

**Announcements for the week of
March 7-14, 2010**

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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of February 28, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,667.00

Feb. Mission Project: GHM \$2,136.00

Worship attendance - February 28:

8:15 a.m. - 115 10:45 a.m. - 203

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m.-Adult Forum (ECHO Food Shelf,
Heritage Room); Coffee (Grounds for Joy);
LIGHT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Gospels
5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. TIMES
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Gather Choir
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Confirmation (with 7:00 svc.)
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Bethlehem Gospels
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Children of Bethlehem
7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Lenten Service - Sanctuary
7:45 - 8:15 p.m. The Messengers

Join us for Wednesday Night Suppers
in the dining room from 5:00-6:30.

Cost remains at \$4.00 for
adults and \$3.00 for students.

Menu for March 10:

Meat loaf with baked potatoes

TIMES SCHEDULE

*(Teens In Mission
Enthusiastically Serving)*

5:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings
in Grounds for Joy (unless off-site)

March 10 - Bake sale fundraiser

March 17 - Dog walking at the
Humane Society

March 24 - Easter party for BLC kids

March 31 - Holy Week - **NO** TIMES

CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS

The BCCC will hold a McEducator Night
from 5-7 p.m. every second Monday through
May. Eat at McDonald's on Adams Street on
March 8, leave your receipt with one of our
volunteers, and 15% of sales will go to the
BCCC. Proceeds will go for a new play-
ground, upgrading toys, books, etc.

~ Marsha Madigan & Staff



RADIO BROADCAST



To sponsor a radio broadcast in
honor of or in memory of someone,
sign up on the bulletin board near
the church office. The 8:15 a.m.
service is broadcast on KTOE 1420
AM every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

During the month of March,
we'll be collecting personal care items.

**Bethlehem's Mission Project for March:
ECHO Food Shelf**

ECHO Food Shelf needs your help!
ECHO is joining food shelves across
Minnesota to collect donations of food and
funds. Our collections will be used in Blue
Earth County and North Mankato. We
encourage donations to help us provide
food assistance to our neighbors who need
it. All financial donations collected in
March are matched proportionally by the
Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign
and the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation,
making your donation more valuable.

You can help fill the brown bags!

Look for them in the narthex!

~ Community/Global Mission Board

We do NOT need any more egg cartons!

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Children's Magazines

Zoobooks has been subscribed to by
the library for many years. Each issue is
completely about a certain animal.
Examples of a few we have are: koalas,
hippos, and apes. Each issue also has
puzzles and activities.

The Little Lutheran is a harder page
magazine for little fingers. It contains
prayers, stories, articles about children
around the world, and puzzles.

This year, we have added The Little
Kids magazine, which is published by
National Geographic. There is a
variety of activities, recipes, science
experiments, learning puzzles, and other
activities.

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LECTIONARY FOR 3/14/10

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms: 32

Second Reading: 2 Cor. 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

IN OUR PRAYERS

Dawn Hernandez	Glenn Saxton
Arlene Stenzel	Con Sletta
Helen Schwanke	Bernice Wornson
Willie Hoppe	Janyce Struss
Brenda Wold	Jean McDowell
Richard Bahner	Eric Barnes
Marilyn Price	Gary Morphew
Dolores Krause	Chloe Elmgren
Kent Skarpohl	

*(Prayer request forms are in the pews and the office.
Please place the completed form in the offering plate or
in the Prayer Requests box in the narthex.)*

Included in our prayers each week are several
"sister" congregations of our SE Minnesota
Synod of the ELCA. The Synod is focusing
upon prayer this year, "A Synod Joined in
Prayer," and is encouraging congregations to pray
for one another. This week we pray for:

Evanger Lutheran in Sargeant
Bricelyn Lutheran in Bricelyn
Dennison Lutheran in Dennison
Faith Lutheran in Janesville
San Marcos Lutheran in Columbia
Issuna Lutheran in Tanzania

There will be a **Dad's Belgian Waffle Benefit**
at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church basement
TODAY from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is a
benefit for Theresa House, a women's and
children's homeless shelter. Tickets may be
purchased at Bethlehem's office, several other
church offices, Theresa House, Loyola School,
or the Welcome Inn.



**Habitat for Humanity
ReStore** presents "Home
Tweet Home" wine tasting
and one-of-a-kind birdhouse
auction on **Saturday,
March 20, from 7:00-9:00**

p.m. at the AmericInn Hotel & Conference
Center in Mankato. Tickets are \$15 and may
be purchased at the ReStore, 1751 Basset
Drive, Mankato (388-6682).

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle will meet at **12:30 p.m. on
Monday, March 15**, at Myrtle Bidgood's
home (207 Thayer). Mary, Martha, Rachael,
and Lydia Circles will hold joint meetings at
9:30 a.m. on March 17 in Grounds for Joy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent 2010 ~ To Fear and to Love... Luther's Small Catechism

Join us for worship throughout the forty days of Lent as we gather around the Word and Sacrament in this season of repentance, fasting, prayer, acts of love, and renewal. Our worship will be built around Luther's Small Catechism, written to stir the gift of faith to fear and to love God. We will worship at noon and 7 p.m. each Wednesday throughout the season and share our pulpit with the Rev. Orlin Mandsager, interim pastor at Grace. Our schedule:

March 10-The Lord's Prayer

March 17-Sacrament of Holy Baptism

March 24-Sacrament of
Holy Communion

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PATHSTONE LIVING

* **Front desk receptionist** opportunities. This position involves greeting visitors, answering the phone, and directing calls.

* **Piano players and devotion assistants** on Sundays from 10:30 a.m.-noon. This position involves playing two or three hymns during the service, or assisting residents to the service and handing out hymnals.

**Please call Chris Bode at 385-4371
for more information.**

On March 14, Bethlehem will provide/serve the **Sunday noon meal at Salvation Army**. One of Bethlehem's 4 teams will be in charge, but additional donations always are needed & appreciated. We prepare enough food for 130 guests. If you can donate food, money, or time, let us know. The menu includes casseroles, stews, salads, bread, bars, & milk. Volunteers can arrive after 11:00 a.m. that day. We will serve the meal from 12 noon to 12:45. The cleanup usually goes quickly. Thank you for helping people in our community. Bob & Susan Brown, Bethlehem's Coordinators of the Sunday Noon Program (387-2976).

Bethlehem college scholarships are available to those who are members of our church. **Application deadline is May 1, 2010; applications after that date will be denied without exception.** Students who have benefited from Bethlehem scholarships have been very appreciative, and many continue to be active at Bethlehem. Contact Mavis Saxton, Chair, at 387-3346 if you have any questions. Forms are in the office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In case of inclement weather on **Sunday** mornings, listen to **KTOE 1420 AM** for **cancellation announcements for worship and church activities.**



In case of inclement weather on **Wednesdays**, our evening events will follow the cancellation decision of the **Mankato Public Schools.**

Milestone Ministry News: Today, the 5th graders with their teachers, Sandy Abild and Lynae Flom, will meet in the sacristy to see how communion is set up. Thank you to our communion assistants, Eunice and Florence Sassenberg, for explaining how communion is set up and the special way the blessed wine is disposed of in our church.

GO GREEN!

A "Green" committee is beginning to form at Bethlehem. Anyone who is interested in the care of God's creation or Earth Stewardship is invited to join us on **Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.** At this time, we are in the brainstorming phase, considering the purpose and tasks that this group can do to encourage good use of resources both at Bethlehem and as members go out into their lives. Interested? Contact Marcia Nagel, Marsha Qualset, Melissa Matthies, Barb Girtz, or Linda Engstrom.



Good
Friday
Music

SPECIAL OFFER! This is a one-time, limited offer to be a part of something really great! You are invited to participate with the Chancel Choir on Good Friday as they present "**A Service of Shadows**". Practice is on Wednesday nights downstairs in the choir room from **5:15-5:45**. See how just one half-hour for the next few weeks will open a whole new Lenten experience for you.

Come on! You know you want to sing!!!

MS Awareness Week, March 8-14

Walk MS will take place on May 2. If you register to walk now, you'll have the chance to win awesome prizes during MS Awareness Week. Go to www.walkMSmn.org or call 800-582-5296. Join Bethlehem's team, "Moving for Melissa", in honor of Melissa Matthies.

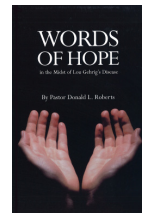


**GROUNDS FOR JOY
needs some more
coffee cups!!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for the Pastor Don Bible Study once a month in the Youth Room as part of **Connection** (the 9:30 Sunday School hour for grades 7-12). This Bible study is based on the book Words of Hope in the Midst of Lou Gehrig's Disease by Pastor Donald Roberts. **Connection** dates for this study are **March 14, April 11, and May 9.**

ALL are welcome to attend!



DEAD SEA SCROLLS EXHIBIT

There are 13 seats left on the bus to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota! Sign up in the office as soon as possible if you're interested! Please see the March issue of the Bethlehem Star for more details.



Calling All Cooks!

The Mom's Circle will be publishing a Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cookbook, and we need your help! We are looking to treasure the prized recipes, history, and traditions of our members. We would like to collect 150-200 recipes. To submit a recipe, please fill out the "Recipe Collection Sheet" in the church office. All proceeds raised will be donated to the Bethlehem Women to be disbursed amongst various missions. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Garry.



Girlfriends Unlimited

Next meeting: March 11 at 7:00 p.m.
in Grounds for Joy
Join us for knitting and sewing!