

**Announcements for the week of
April 11-18, 2010**

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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of April 4, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$12,565.00
April Mission Project - LWR: \$507.00

Worship attendance - April 4:
8:15 a.m. - 275 10:45 a.m. - 311

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum (Lutheran World Relief - Heritage Room); Coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT
6:30 p.m. ~ Book of Faith: Galatians, with Pastor Jay - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Wednesday Night Schedule - April 14
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Gospbells
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Children of Bethlehem
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. TIMES
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Confirmation
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Gospbells
NO Gather Choir rehearsal!
7:45-8:30 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 April 14:
Chicken/rice hot dish, hot dogs

TIMES SCHEDULE

**(Teens In Mission
Enthusiastically Serving)**

5:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings
in Grounds for Joy (unless off-site)
April 14 - Scavenger hunt
April 21 - Spring clean-up walk
April 28 - Frisbee golf
May 5 - Dog walking at the Humane Soc.

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 **April 12**, leave your receipt with one of our volunteers, and 15% of sales will go to the BCCC. Proceeds will go for a new playground, upgrading toys, books, etc.
~ Marsha Madigan & Staff



RADIO BROADCAST



**RADIO
MINISTRY**

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Alice Haugen in appreciation of the radio broadcasts. 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 April, we'll be collecting cereal.

**Bethlehem's Mission Project for April:
Lutheran World Relief**

LWR has been in operation since 1945, shortly after the end of World War II. Their vision statement is: "Empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, we envision a world in which each person, every community, and all generations live in justice, dignity, and peace." During April, our offerings will go to the ongoing work of LWR. Make your checks out to Bethlehem and indicate LWR on the memo line. Please see the April Star for more details.

~ Community/Global Mission Board



Plan to attend our Spring Tea at **noon on Wednesday, May 12**, in the Heritage Room.

Entertainment will be by Jan Ahlness (apron presentation). Please sign up in the church office. Cost is \$7.00. For the mission project, please bring towels or a contribution for the midwives' kits.

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LECTIONARY FOR 4/18/10

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm: 30
Second Reading: Rev. 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

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	Chloe Elmgren
Dolores Krause	Shelly Matthies
Kent Skarpohl	Harvey Menk
Donna 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:

Our Savior Lutheran in Cleveland
People of Hope in Rochester
Hadzabe Tribe Mission in Tanzania
(partnered with People of Hope)
Grace Lutheran in Peterson
Little Cedar Lutheran in Adams
Mugandu Mission in Tanzania



Nursery Attendant

Needed!!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has an opening in the Church Nursery. We are looking for a Nursery Attendant. This is a part-time paid position to be negotiated upon hire. Hours are:

- * Sundays from 8:00-12:00 and Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 during the school year (6 hours).
- * Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 and Sundays from 9:15-11:15 during the summer months (3 hours).
- * Additional hours as needed for special events.

Must have experience working with young children and be over the age of 18. A background check will be required. To apply, please contact Leah Garry at 507-382-2205 or lgarry@hickorytech.net
by April 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VINE Service Opportunity!

Your help is needed with Spring Clean-Up Days! Participate in this important service project and experience the satisfaction of assisting others. Help older homeowners get their house and yard ready for spring. Organize a group from your church, school, family or civic organization to help. We'll provide the rakes and supplies and can haul away yard waste. Call VINE about flexible scheduling of projects. Download a registration form from www.vinevolunteers.com or call 387-1666 to sign up.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Visit your library this week, April 11-17, which is National Library Week. Libraries are a hub of activity where communities thrive. In tough economic times, libraries give free access to books, audio tapes, and magazines. Any week is right to visit Bethlehem's library. You are always welcome to come in and find just the book you are looking for.




Please pick up your first quarter contribution report in the narthex.

Book of Faith: Galatians

Galatians is a compelling book, which along with Paul's letter to the Romans, might best define what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. It has been called the Magna Charta of Christian Freedom, comparing it to the charter that guaranteed liberties in England in 1215. Martin Luther loved Galatians so much he dubbed it, "My Katie," in honor of his wife. This short book has inspired Christians for nearly 2,000 years to celebrate the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord. We will meet to read and discuss the book of Galatians on **four consecutive Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room starting tonight, April 11.** Cost of the Learner Guide is only \$6. Sign up by contacting the office, or just come tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The youth will have a "Noisy Sunday" on April 18 at both services. Please collect your  and change off of the dresser and donate it to a worthy cause. We want to support LSS with their new storefront to minister to homeless youth in the Mankato area. We will follow the ushers' regular offering and you can deposit your change in the Noisy Sunday can. Thanks for your support.



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT TARGET FIELD!

Come and see the Minnesota Twins play the Chicago White Sox on August 18! A sign-up sheet with more information is in the church office.

Looking For A Great Career? When you join the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans team, you'll be part of a values-based, Fortune 500 organization committed to excellence in financial services & caring for others. As a Thrivent Financial representative, you'll help people reach their financial goals and be a part of an organization that's committed to doing good in communities, congregations, & around the world. Live your values every day in a career that's more than work - it's Work With Purpose. Contact Jenny Chose, 507-951-4321 or e-mail jenny.chose@thrivent.com. Also visit www.thrivent.com/careers for more information.



Come and join Girlfriends Unlimited night!

- no age restriction
- no attendance minimum
- positive, supportive, stress-free atmosphere
- different subject each month
- ALWAYS the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- consistently fun!

May 13: Essential Oils of the Bible



The Care Ministry Team will meet in Grounds for Joy on April 15 at 12:30 p.m. for coffee and fellowship.

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 **TODAY and May 9. ALL are welcome to attend!**

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.

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.



Help us out, Bethlehem! We need more walkers for the 2010 D'Feet ALS Walk next Saturday, April 17, at West High School. Registration is at 9:00 a.m., and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Participants do not have to walk the entire 3 miles. Checks should be made out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with an ALS notation on your check. You do not need to walk to make a donation. We are again walking to honor Pastor Don Roberts, and to benefit the excellent resources offered by the ALS Association. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated! Call Lori Ruthenbeck at 388-7140 or Sandy Birkholz at 388-7604.

