

Announcements for the week of  
April 18-25, 2010

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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

**Week of April 11, 2010:**

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,609.00

April Mission Project - LWR: \$672.00

**Worship attendance - April 11:**

8:15 a.m. - 125    10:45 a.m. - 180

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services

9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum (Fair Trade -  
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 21**

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Gospbells

5:15 - 6:15 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

6:45-7:45 p.m. Gather Choir

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 21:

Lasagna

### TIMES SCHEDULE

*(Teens In Mission  
Enthusiastically Serving)*

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

April 21 - Spring clean-up walk

April 28 - Frisbee golf

May 5 - Dog walking at the Humane Soc.

May 12 - Sand volleyball

### 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  
**May 10**, 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.

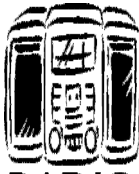
~ Marsha Madigan & Staff

# Bethlehem

Lutheran Church ELCA

Mankato, MN

### RADIO BROADCAST



**RADIO  
MINISTRY**

Today's broadcast is  
sponsored by **Roger and Dee  
Saman in honor of their 55th  
wedding anniversary on  
April 17.** 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



**Women's  
Tea** 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 contribu-  
tion for the midwives' kits.

***The deadline to sign up is May 10.***

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### LECTIONARY FOR 4/25/10

**First Reading:** Acts 9:36-43

**Psalms:** 23

**Second Reading:** Rev. 7:9-17

**Gospel:** John 10:22-30

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Dawn Hernandez**

**Arlene Stenzel**

**Helen Schwanke**

**Willie Hoppe**

**Brenda Wold**

**Richard Bahner**

**Marilyn Price**

**Kent Skarpohl**

**Donna Skarpohl**

**Harvey Menk**

**Glenn Saxton**

**Con Sletta**

**Bernice Wornson**

**Janyce Struss**

**Jean McDowell**

**Eric Barnes**

**Chloe Elmgren**

**Shirley Ferris**

**Dorothy Isdahl**

**The family of**

**Dolores Krause**

*(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:

First Lutheran in Albert Lea

Lunder Lutheran in Twin Lakes

Augustine Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered  
with Lunder, Twin Lakes)

Spring Garden Lutheran in Cannon Falls

Kiomboi Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered  
with Spring Garden, Cannon Falls)

St. Paul Lutheran in Meriden



**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 Wednes-  
days 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 back-  
ground 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](http://www.vinevolunteers.com) or call 387-1666 to sign up.

## FROM OUR LIBRARY

Our library has two series of Bible studies: the Augsburg Commentary on the New Testament, and the Daily Study Bible Series, which also includes the Old Testament. These commentaries are a great resource for Bible study at home and at church. If you are attending the Sunday evening study of Galatians or studying Romans in a circle, you will appreciate these study helps (222-227).



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

*Thank You!*

I wish to thank everyone for making my 90th birthday an extra special celebration. ~ Deloris Guenther



Come support the March of Dimes and get exercise, too! **Join us for the March for Babies**, a 4-1/2 mile walk or run on Sunday, April 25, at 2 p.m. at Wheeler Park in North Mankato. If you would like more information, you can log on to [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org) or contact Amanda Klanderma at 345-1047.

**Hope to see you there!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The youth will have a "Noisy Sunday" TODAY at both services. Please donate your loose change 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.



**In honor of Earth Day, Habitat for Humanity ReStore** will be hosting an Earth Day celebration on **April 24** from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the ReStore, 1751 Basset Drive, Mankato (388-6682). This will feature kids' recycled crafts, organic and locally grown snacks, and the opportunity to learn about easy ways to save energy and money at home. The event is free and open to the public.

**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](mailto:jenny.chose@thrivent.com). Also visit [www.thrivent.com/careers](http://www.thrivent.com/careers) for more information.

### Fair Trade Handcrafts Sale Sunday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the narthex

Buying fair trade items means being good stewards, putting your faith into action through Lutheran World Relief. At the sale on **May 2**, you can choose from a variety of baskets, decorative items, scarves, jewelry, woven textile items, soup mixes, recycled crafts, and much more. We will also have the coffees, teas, and chocolates that you see displayed in the office. **Give the gift of fair trade!**



The five choirs of the Mankato Children's Chorus will present "A Garden of Music" at 3:00 TODAY. The concert will be at Christ Chapel, GAC. Admission is \$10/adults and \$7/seniors.

## 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. The final date for this study is **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.



**Bethlehem Gospbells**

### **Bell Choir Flower Fundraiser:**

Place your order at the kiosk today for the Mother's Day flower bouquets.

The price remains at \$5, the same as they were in 1994!

The Gospbells encourage your continued support by purchasing one or more bouquets in honor of their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The bouquets will be distributed in the narthex following each service on Mother's Day, May 9.

**Thank You!**