

Announcements for the week of  
April 25-May 2, 2010  
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**WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE**

**Week of April 18, 2010:**

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,475.00  
April Mission Project - LWR: \$942.00  
Noisy Sunday LSS Homeless Youth: \$696.91  
ALS Walk to Defeat ALS: \$3,165  
**Worship attendance - April 11:**  
8:15 a.m. - 129 10:45 a.m. - 254

**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**

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 28:  
Cook's Choice!

**TIMES SCHEDULE**

**(Teens In Mission  
Enthusiastically Serving)**

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

April 28 - Frisbee golf

May 5 - Dog walking at the Humane Soc.

May 12 - Sand volleyball

May 19 - Mini-golf

**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

**RADIO BROADCAST**



Today's broadcast is  
sponsored by Jane Sletta and  
daughters Sarah & Laura in  
honor of Con Sletta's 84th  
birthday on April 23. To  
sponsor a radio broadcast in  
honor of or in memory of  
someone, sign up on the bul-  
letin 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.  
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." In April, our  
offerings will go to the ongoing work of  
LWR. Make your checks out to Bethlehem  
and indicate LWR on the memo line.

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

**REMEMBER ME: VOICES OF THE  
SILENCED IN COLOMBIA,** an

interactive exhibit, brings to life stories,  
experiences, and struggles of the people of  
Colombia (one of our two companion  
synods). Nearly four million people have  
been displaced (primarily women and  
children) in the conflicts for peace in that  
country. This LWR traveling exhibit opened  
at Central Lutheran in Minneapolis on April  
18. The next stop will be in Rochester at the  
SE MN Synod Assembly. For more informa-  
tion, visit remember.lwr.org.

**LECTIONARY FOR 5/02/10**

**First Reading:** Acts 11:1-18  
**Psalm:** 148

**Second Reading:** Rev. 21:1-6  
**Gospel:** John 13:31-35

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Arlene Stenzel	Glenn Saxton
Helen Schwanke	Con Sletta
Willie Hoppe	Bernice Wornson
Brenda Wold	Janyce Struss
Richard Bahner	Jean McDowell
Marilyn Price	Eric Barnes
Dolores Krause	Chloe Elmgren
Kent Skarpohl	Shirley Ferris
Donna Skarpohl	Harvey Menk
The family of	The family of
Dolores Krause	Dorothy Isdahl
The family of	
Willard Boettcher	

*(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:

St. John Lutheran in Owatonna  
Henrytown Lutheran in Canton  
Our Savior's Lutheran in Rochester  
Hayward Lutheran in Hayward  
Kigaa Lutheran in Tanzania  
Kisiriri Lutheran in Tanzania

**Don't miss today's adult forum** at 9:30  
in the Heritage Room. Bring your coffee  
and meet not Tony Blair, England's  
leader, but our own Paul Renshaw from  
England, who is now living in Mankato.  
Paul has provided our churches and  
community with experience and leadership  
in promoting **Fair Trade** products.



Please join the Stewardship  
Board on Sunday, May 2,  
after the 10:45 service for a  
potluck. We loved the last  
one so much, we decided  
that we should do it more  
often so that we can enjoy  
all of the good cooks of Bethlehem! We  
would like to thank and celebrate all of the  
people who contribute their time and talents  
to help make our church family as special as  
it is. There will be door prizes all created  
and shared by members!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENTION ALL 6th-12th GRADERS!!

Looking for some adventure this summer? Have we got the solution for you! Join us as we tower through the trees over 200 feet in the air, canoe down a river, climb rock walls, hike, bike, goof-off, and have a great time at Eagle Bluff in Laneburo, MN, July 9-11. Lodging in a dorm-type setting for two nights, with all meals and activities included. How much would you pay for this adventure of a lifetime? Act now and you can get all of this for the low, low price of only \$60! That's right--you get all activities, meals, lodging, and supervision by some really cool adults for the low price of \$60! Act now and you may get the opportunity to play some practical jokes on a certain youth director. Sign up now!

## FROM OUR LIBRARY

The library heartily recommends three books by a favorite author: Charles Ludwig (Fic-Lud): Queen of the Reformation; Champion of Freedom; and Mother of an Army. Good reading!



The Care Ministry Team will gather at Gus Johnson Plaza on **Thursday, May 20**, for communion, fellowship, coffee, and treats at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

**★Thank You!★** I would like to thank all who walked, participated, or contributed in the ALS Walk last Saturday. I don't know when a cure will be found, but your participation will make it sooner. We raised \$3200, and 80 people participated. Thank you very much.

~ Pastor Don Roberts

Thank you to all who contributed to the Cloth Napkin Project. We've received 167 napkins -- a goodly number of white and off-white ones and a happy bunch of colors and prints. We now have enough napkins to begin the project, so we will need no more. Thanks.

-- BLC Earth Stewards

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Student Council for Exceptional Children**, a student-based non-profit organization with the goal to raise awareness and tolerance for people with disabilities as future educators, presents an ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST with 1 side of sausage and eggs and a Silent Auction **TODAY, April 25**, at the American Legion Club Post #11, 222 E. Walnut St., Mankato, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Children 3 & under eat free, children ages 2-7 are \$4, and ages 8 - adult are \$7. We hope you can support this great cause!

In just three weeks we will celebrate Bring a Friend to Worship Sunday. We are asking everyone in our church to invite at least one friend or relative, inactive, or shut-in to join us. Begin now to pray for Bring a Friend Sunday and for the person you hope to bring. The difference you can make in your friend's life may be the greatest gift of all! Love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27



The Blue Earth County Historical Society is hosting a Victorian Tea at St. John's Episcopal Church, followed by guided tours of the historic Hubbard House on

**Saturday, May 1**. This is an all-ages event which includes afternoon tea, a silent auction, May Day crafts, and Victorian keepsake photographs. This is a perfect opportunity to take a step back in time and experience tea in a unique and historical way. Cost is \$15 for BECHS members, \$20/non-members, \$10/children ages 5-17, and \$5/ children under 5. Contact BECHS for tickets at 345-5566.

### 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!**



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for the Pastor Don Bible Study 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 Don Roberts. The final date for this study is **May 9. ALL are welcome!**

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! 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.



The OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lively Lutheran Seniors) will gather on **May 19 at 1:00** in Grounds for Joy, for a quick cup of coffee and treats. We will then carpool to the Reindeer Farm in Lake Crystal. The hostess will be Joan Stoffel.



### **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!**