

Announcements for the week of
April 4-11, 2010

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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of March 28, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,219.00
March Mission Project: ECHO \$3,302.00
Worship attendance - March 28:
8:15 a.m. - 196 10:45 a.m. - 245

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. ~ Easter breakfast in the
Dining Room (youth fundraiser)

NO Adult forum, no coffee
in Grounds for Joy, no LIGHT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Wednesday Night Schedule - April 7
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
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. TIMES
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Confirmation
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Children of Bethlehem
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Gospbells
6:45 - 7:10 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 7:

Soup, salad bar, and sandwiches

TIMES SCHEDULE

(Teens In Mission Enthusiastically Serving)

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

April 7 - Kids Against Hunger

April 14 - Scavenger hunt

April 21 - Spring clean-up walk

April 28 - Frisbee 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
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 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 Deloris
Guenther in celebration of
her 90th birthday.

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 contribution for the
midwives' kits.

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LECTIONARY FOR 4/11/10

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm: 118:14-29 or 150

Second Reading: Rev. 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31

IN OUR PRAYERS

Dawn Hernandez
Arlene Stenzel
Helen Schwanke
Willie Hoppe
Brenda Wold
Richard Bahner
Marilyn Price
Dolores Krause
Kent Skarpohl
Donna Skarpohl

Glenn Saxton
Con Sletta
Bernice Wornson
Janyce Struss
Jean McDowell
Eric Barnes
Chloe Elmgren
Shelly Matthies
Harvey Menk

(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.

Alleluia!
He is Risen!



News
from THE
Nursery

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

The Southeastern MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission invites you to the Eighth Annual "Breakfast with the Bishop" on Saturday, April 24, from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at Cabela's in Owatonna (on I-35 north of Owatonna). The keynote speaker will be Dr. Anton Armstrong, Professor of Music at St. Olaf College and conductor of the St. Olaf Choir, who will speak about "Music - Messages of Hope & Love". Bishop Harold Usgaard will do the opening prayer. Cost is \$10/person. Please send reservations and a check by April 9 to: Nick Nikoley, 350 - 22nd Street SE, Owatonna, MN 55060. If you have any questions, please call 507-451-6335.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Here are five books that are numbered 291 in our library. These are part of our Religion collection, and you will certainly find one of interest for your reading pleasure.

1. The Culture of Disbelief, by Stephen L. Carter
2. Everyday Sacred, by Sue Bender
3. A History of God, by Karen Armstrong
4. God in All Worlds, by Lucinda Vardey
5. Gifts of the Spirit, by Zaleski & Kaufman



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 on April 11.** Cost of the Learner Guide is only \$6. Sign up by contacting the office, or by just coming the first night of our study. See you on April 11!

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Please join us at an **Open House in honor of Deloris Guenther's 90th birthday!** The Open House will be on **Saturday, April 10, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.** No gifts, please!

Evangelism Thought for the Week:

"Evangelism is not a program of the Church; rather, it is the essential work of the Church. It is not an option for Christians but an obligation, a fundamental commission of their Christ. Mission infuses all that the Church does. No person living richly and fully in his or her faith can ignore the call to make disciples of others." ~ Bishop Claude Payne and Hamilton Beazley, Reclaiming the Great Commission



Bethlehem's Earth Stewards (formally Green team) are looking for your donated cloth napkins and placemats for Wednesday night suppers, funerals, & church potlucks. This is our first step towards moving away from paper & styro-foam products in an effort to be more EARTH friendly. Thanks in advance for your help!



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!

April 8: Seed saving & gardening tips
May 13: Essential Oils of the Bible

The Care Ministry Team is invited to the Pathstone Living Dining Room for their Volunteer Tea on **Wed., April 14, at 2 p.m.** Please **RSVP by April 9** to 385-4371.

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 **April 11 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.



Are you ready to walk in Mankato's 3-mile D'Feet ALS Walk on Saturday, April 17, at West High School? Once again we are honoring Pastor Don Roberts. Sign up now in the church office and order your free T-shirt (S, M, L, XL, XXL). Registration is at 9:00 a.m., with the walk beginning at 10:00 a.m. Checks should be made out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with an ALS notation on your check. There is no need to walk the entire 3 miles. All ages are welcome! Questions: Call Lori Ruthenbeck at 388-7140 or Sandy Birkholz at 388-7604.