

**Announcements for the week of
May 2-9, 2010**

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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of April 25, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,128.00

April Mission Project - LWR: \$1,082.00

Worship attendance - April 25:

8:15 a.m. - 174 10:45 a.m. - 126

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.~Fair Trade sale, narthex
9:30 a.m. ~ Reception for new members
(Heritage Room); Coffee (Grounds for Joy);
LIGHT

Noon ~ Potluck luncheon, Dining Room

6:30 p.m. ~ Book of Faith: Galatians, with
Pastor Jay - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Wednesday Night Schedule - May 5

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Children of Bethlehem

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 - 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 May 5:

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)

May 5 - Dog walking at the Humane Soc.

May 12 - Sand volleyball

May 19 - Mini-golf

May 26 - end-of-the-year picnic

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



To sponsor a radio broadcast in
honor of or in memory of
someone, sign up on the bulle-
tin 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 May,
we'll be collecting personal care items.

Bethlehem's Mission Project for May:

Iambi Secondary School

Iambi SS is a boarding school in the small
rural town of Iambi in Tanzania. They
provide education for the first four years of
secondary school. Student scholarships help
students from poor farm families to get an
education beyond primary school. To help
provide scholarships for students, make a
check out to Bethlehem and indicate "Iambi
SS" on the memo line.

~ Community/Global Mission Board



Today we are celebrating
the wonderful time and
talents that Bethlehem's
members share every day!
It takes more than money
to make a church vibrant--
it takes people willing to share their gifts,
and Bethlehem is blessed with many
people that do! Please join us downstairs
for a potluck in the basement (it doesn't
get any more Lutheran than that!) at noon
TODAY! You may even come away with
a prize!

BAKED BEAN CONTEST!

Enter your best baked bean
recipe at the Fellowship Carni-
val on May 23! Sign up in the
office, then submit a 10-serving
dish of your best beans in the
Heritage Room by **9:30 a.m.
on May 23**. Your beans will be judged by
the BLC Council and then served during the
Fellowship Carnival. The winner will be
announced during the second service and
awarded a custom-made chef's hat!



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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
Helen Schwanke
Willie Hoppe
Richard Bahner
Kent Skarpohl
Donna Skarpohl
The family of
Dolores Krause
The family of
Willard Boettcher

Glenn Saxton
Con Sletta
Janyce Struss
Jean McDowell
Eric Barnes
Chloe Elmgren
Harvey Menk
The family of
Dorothy Isdahl

*(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:

All Synod Assembly Voters,
the Planning Committee and Volunteers,
Guest Speakers, and Synod Staff who prepare
for the Synod Assembly

Bethlehem Women May Luncheon

Sign up & pay for the May 12 luncheon,
which will be held at noon in the Heritage
Room. Every woman of Bethlehem is
welcome! Deadline for reservations is
May 10.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lutheran Hour Golf

The Lutheran Hour Golf

Save **Sunday, June 13**, for our annual Lutheran Hour golf outing at the Minneopa Golf Course. Tee-off

time is 3:00 p.m., with hamburgers and dessert to follow at 5:30. A sign-up sheet will be in the office. If you have any questions, contact Dee or Roger Saman at 388-6756.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Happy Mother's Day Reading!

- 1) Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul, by Jack Canfield (158 Can)
- 2) Peanut Butter on My Pillow, by Rita W. Kramer (306.8 Kra)
- 3) A Grandma's Letters to God, by Ruth Nelson (242 Nel)
- 4) A Cup of Comfort for Mothers and Daughters, by Colleen Sell (306 Sel)
- 5) Devotions for Moms, by Ellen Elwell (242 Elw)

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Christ's Servants Involved

Our Bethlehem Youth want to help! Are you wondering what to do with that old couch? It's too good to put on the curb! Donate it to the Vine Furniture Thrift Store. They take *home décor; lamps, linens, & pillows; most pictures/frames/mirrors; chairs; sofas; love seats; side/end/TV tables; bookcases; dining tables; chair sets; newer appliances; etc.* (If you don't know if it is needed, call the store at 507-387-2699.) Tax receipts are available. Sign up in the office or call Lance at 507-317-2181. Pick up date: Saturday, May 15. With God, We Can Make a Difference!



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Thank You!

Thank you for the wonderful support we have received during Con's surgery and Hospice care. We are so appreciative of the prayers, cards, and special acts of kindness shown to us by our Bethlehem church family! God bless you all.
~ Con & Jane Sletta

In just two 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

JOSEPH "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be presented here at Bethlehem on Sunday, June 6, at our 9:30 worship service. Thank you to Roger & Dee Saman's daughter, Sara, of St. John's Church in Shakopee for this joint ministry effort.



Thank you to **Alysen Pettis** for singing "Jesus Loves Me" with the Gather Choir at 10:45 this morning.

Fair Trade Handcrafts Sale TODAY - 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!*

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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!**

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.

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 20th Anniversary. The bouquets will be distributed in the narthex following each service on Mother's Day, May 9.

Thank You!