

**Announcements for the week of  
May 23-30, 2010**  
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**WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE**

**Week of May 16, 2010:**  
**Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,330.25**  
**May Mission Project - Iambi SS: \$951.00**  
**Angel Fund: \$4,160.00**  
**Worship attendance - May 16:**  
**8:15 a.m. - 161 10:45 a.m. - 162**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum (Conversation with the Council, Heritage Room); Coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT  
Noon ~ Fellowship Carnival, parking lot

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday Night Schedule - May 26**  
**5:30 - 7:00 p.m. TIMES**  
**6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Confirmation Picnic at Highland Park**

**TIMES SCHEDULE**

**(Teens In Mission  
Enthusiastically Serving)**  
5:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in Grounds for Joy (unless off-site)  
May 26 - end-of-the-year picnic  
June 2 - finals week - no TIMES  
June 9 - Senior celebration at Bray Park



**Care Ministry**  
You are invited to share coffee and fellowship with our members residing at Pathstone Living Center. The event is on **Tuesday, June 8**. Join us for monthly communion at 10:15 a.m. and/or the coffee at 10:45. The Bethlehem Care Ministry Team hosts these periodic coffees to refresh our fellowship with our members who are unable to attend services on Sundays.

**Together We Can End Hunger in Minnesota!** After their Missing Meals study in 2007, Second Harvest Heartland set 3 goals to end hunger in MN: increase participation in local food shelves; increase summer feeding programs; and increase participation in the Federal Food Support program. You can help! Support your local food shelf – every dollar you give is worth \$9 in food. You or someone you know may qualify for food assistance. For more information, or to see if you qualify, contact Sydelle at (507) 993-9187. Our mission is to end hunger through community partnerships. Please be a partner in ending hunger in Minnesota.

**RADIO BROADCAST**



This morning's radio broadcast is sponsored by **Marvis Glick in honor of Forrest Glick's 76th 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 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



**The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists** invites all to attend its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recital Series at Bethlehem, held at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning on June 15 and concluding on August 24. This long-standing tradition in the Mankato area features performers from the Sioux Trails Chapter, as well as friends from other chapters. **Recitals are 1/2 hour long and open and free to all!**  
**Performers:**  
June 15 Ron Shilling  
June 22 Verda Pape  
June 29 Ames Anderson  
July 6 David Mertesdorf  
July 13 Nicholas Schmelter  
July 20 Chad Winterfeldt  
July 27 Charles Luedtke  
August 3 Aaron Hirsch  
August 10 Chad Fothergill  
August 17 Matt Gerhardt  
August 24 Christine Schulz

**LECTIONARY FOR 5/30/10**

**First Reading:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
**Psalm:** 8  
**Second Reading:** Romans 5:1-5  
**Gospel:** John 16:12-15

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

<b>Willie Hoppe</b>	<b>Janyce Struss</b>
<b>Glenn Saxton</b>	<b>Jean McDowell</b>
<b>Con Sletta</b>	<b>Eric Barnes</b>
<b>Arlene Stenzel</b>	<b>Chloe Elmgren</b>
<b>Rae Allan</b>	<b>Harvey Menk</b>
<b>The family of</b>	<b>Kathy Yale</b>
<b>Kent Skarpohl</b>	

*(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's Lutheran in Lyle
- Grace Lutheran in Fairmont
- Katesch Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Grace in Fairmont)
- Our Savior's Lutheran in Faribault
- Manyoni Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Our Savior's in Faribault)
- St. John Lutheran in Montgomery
- Choma Lutheran in Tanzania

**FELLOWSHIP CARNIVAL TODAY!**



**Join us immediately following the 10:45 service for a carnival in Bethlehem's parking lot. There will be carnival games, candy making, face painting, a bounce house, etc. Hot dogs, popcorn, and lemonade will be available for a free-will offering.**



## 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 Lanesboro, 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!

### Dinner for Six (or Eight!)

It's time to sign up for our third session of Dinner for Six and be reassigned to a new group. We welcome new and old Bethlehem members, singles or couples, to consider joining this social event. There are no special requirements to participate, other than a desire to become better acquainted socially and to enjoy fellowship with one another at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Summertime is a great time for grilling out, and brunch works well, too. It doesn't always have to be a dinner, and you only host your group once. A sign-up sheet is in the office. Won't you please join us? The next session starts **July 1**. If you have any questions, please call Dee & Roger Saman at (507) 388-6756.



## FROM OUR LIBRARY

### Summer Kids' Summer Reading Program Begins Today!

Did you see the library cart in the narthex? Beginning today, Sunday School children can choose books to check out. There will be someone from the library before and after services to help you sign out your book. Stop by the cart and see all the good books.



Reading Program

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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.

A baptismal font has been added to the northeast corner of the sanctuary. There is water in both baptismal fonts should you want to remember your baptism and cross yourself as you prepare for worship.



**JOSEPH "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"** will be presented here 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!

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and condolences after the passing of my mother, Esther Carlson.  
~ Shirley Ruby



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Angel Fund!!

A member of Bethlehem has offered a generous gift of **\$10,000** if we step up to match this money for needed building repairs and maintenance. The projects include installing a new air conditioner in Grounds for Joy; updating the ladies' restrooms on the main and lower levels; completing State-mandated updates to our elevators; and repairing the sanctuary roof. Please make checks payable to Bethlehem and write "**Angel Fund**" on the memo line. Contact Jim Halbur (243-4115) or Bob Brown (387-2976) if you have any questions.



Join us on June 10 at 7:00 p.m. for Tai Chi (stress-free pain control). Remember: **Girlfriends Unlimited** is open to anyone for one time or every time.



The **OWLS** (Older, Wiser, Lively Lutheran Seniors) will gather on **Thursday, June 17, at 11:30 a.m.** in the Heritage Room for a potluck picnic without ants. Our entertainment for this event will be three magnificent performers: Jill Evenson, Laurie Rossow, and Christine Schulz. Please wear your name tags, as we are inviting Grace's seniors to join us. This is one great party that you won't want to miss! The hosts will be Bruce & Marilyn Barklow and Gary & Carole Morphew.

Bethlehem will serve the Sunday noon meal at Salvation Army on **June 6**. Tom and Betty Sanger and their team are in charge this time. They welcome help from other members, too. If you want to donate food, funds, or your time, call the Sangers @ 388-5626. If you want to be on one of Bethlehem's 4 teams, call Bob and Susan Brown @ 387-2976. Each team provides and serves a Sunday meal to as many as 130 guests. Our participation in this community service opportunity is appreciated by many!