

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 or Roger Saman at (507) 388-6756.



FROM OUR LIBRARY

On Growing Older

1. Still Alice, by Lisa Genova. A moving and vivid depiction of life with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. This is a New York Times best seller.
2. Aging With Grace, by David Snowdon, Ph.D. Our own Mankato nuns' study, which teaches us about leading longer and more meaningful lives.

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Thanks Dad!

Happy Father's Day! We have special altar cloths in honor of Father's Day. A few years ago, the quilters of our church asked members to donate old neck ties. With all of these ties, they made our altar cloths to honor all the fathers in our congregation. We want to thank the quilters for all their hard work in making these special cloths and also thank all the fathers in our congregation for their love and support of their families.

The Elizabeth Circle will have a potluck meeting at noon tomorrow, June 21, at the home of Shirley Davis, 138 South Skyline Drive, Mankato.



Choir Concert

The 2010 Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir, making its 41st annual tour, will present a concert on **Tuesday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m.** at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 700 South Broadway, in New Ulm. About 40 Lutheran young people, chosen through auditions from all over the state, will be performing a wide variety of music from the classics to gospel. The choir has attained wide acclaim with its fine choral technique and unique style of performance and is in great demand each summer as it tours through Minnesota. The conductor of the Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir is Dr. Thomas Rossin. The concert is free and open to the public.



"What did Cain and Abel give him for Father's Day if it wasn't a tie?"

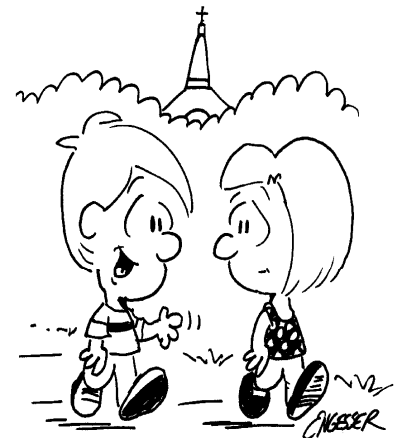
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Angel Fund!!

Wow! We made it! We exceeded our goal! As of this time, our total giving is \$11,400. Congratulations to the congregation! Our projects will 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. ~ Facilities Board



Come join the Fellowship Team and support the Bethlehem Stars on **Monday, July 12**, at Jaycee Field. There will be a big double-header at **6:15 and 7:15**. Come and cheer them on!!!!!!



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."



MN Teen Challenge here next week!

Minnesota Teen Challenge is a faith-based residential chemical dependency program for teens and adults with chronic alcohol, drug and other life-controlling problems. **During our 9:30 a.m. service on June 27**, individuals from the group will share their addiction and recovery stories through testimonials and song. After the service, there will be a congregation potluck/brunch in the dining room sponsored by the Fellowship Committee and the June serving group. Please bring a little extra food for our MN Teen Challenge guests.

Announcements for the week of
June 20-27, 2010
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of June 13, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$8,156.00

June Mission Project --

Habitat for Humanity: \$364.00

Angel Fund: \$11,400.00

Worship attendance - June 13:

9:30 a.m. -- 251

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service

10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee (Grounds for Joy)

Green Lake Day Camp starts today

SAVE the DATES!

When: Wed., July 21 – Sun., July 25,
5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wed.-Fri., &
Saturday morning rehearsal

What: Choir Camp

Who: Youth of all ages!!

We will learn a musical/cantata during the evenings Wed – Fri. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday morning, and we will present it in church on Sunday! Contact Laurie Rossow at <ljam@hickorytech.net> about signing up.

CHOIR CAMP



Youth/Family Picnic and Family Fun!

All youth, children, and their families are welcome to join us on Sunday, July 18, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Sandersfeld residence, 1208 Lake Street, in lower North Mankato. Bring your lawn chairs and any lawn games to play, along with a dish to pass. We will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, serving utensils/plates, and smores. The evening will start with a fun game of group Kick Ball (softball), followed by fellowship over a nice meal. We'll end the evening by making smores over a bonfire! ~ Lance and Leah

RADIO BROADCAST



To sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of or in memory of someone, sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. The 9:30 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 June, we'll be collecting personal care items.

Bethlehem's Mission Project for June:

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity invites you to participate in the "Get on the Beam" Campaign. The "beam" is a 2 x 4 located in the narthex. Please sign your name on the 2 x 4 when you donate in the attached bank. The "beam" becomes part of the framework for a Habitat house. The donations purchase materials. Thank you for your contributions. We are also organizing "Bethlehem Build Crews" and "Bethlehem Lunch Crews". You can sign up for these crews in the office where you'll find the dates listed.

~ Community/Global Mission Board



ECHO FOOD SHELF

School is out for the summer, and the ECHO Food Shelf needs YOUR help!

For many families, summer means the absence of the school lunch program. ECHO has created a special breakfast/lunch package to include with general food orders for families with school-aged children. We will distribute these packages through the summer until the school lunch programs start up again. Our packages include food that will provide breakfast and lunch for a child for one week. They include: breakfast cereal, milk, bread, peanut butter, jelly, sandwich meat, and eggs. We estimate that we will distribute 2,400 of these nutrition packages during the summer and that it will cost \$9.45 for each. Please help keep our kids from going hungry this summer and donate what you can. Every dollar donated to ECHO can result in \$9 worth of non-perishable food purchased through Second Harvest, our regional food bank.

LECTIONARY FOR 6/27/10

First Reading: I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm: 16

Second Reading: Gal. 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willie Hoppe

Glenn Saxton

Con Sletta

Arlene Stenzel

Rae Allan

Janyce Struss

Arnold Wornson

Lance & Donna

Quick (Lance's

mother passed away)

Jean McDowell

Eric Barnes

Chloe Elmgren

Harvey Menk

Al Eichers

Denny & Shirley

Ferris

(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:

Holden Lutheran in Kenyon

Our Savior Lutheran in Owatonna

Merya Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with

Our Savior, Owatonna)

Greenfield Lutheran in Harmony

Marshall Lutheran in Adams

Ilongero Lutheran in Tanzania



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 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