

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!



Earth Stewards

The next meeting of the Earth Stewards will be on Tuesday, July 20. We will be brainstorming for ideas that will help Bethlehem be more environmentally friendly and use its resources more effectively. As always, you are all invited to join us!

The Earth Stewards will always meet at **6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month**, unless otherwise notified.

TIP OF THE WEEK:

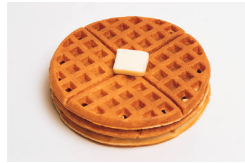
Launder only large loads of clothes.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Books of Interest

1. I'm Not as Old as I Used to Be, by Frances Weaver. A humorous look at strife we face as we grow older.
2. The Sandwich Generation, by Charles Root. Caregivers, parent care, elder abuse, helping agencies, and other topics to help cope with this generation.
3. If a Lion Could Talk, by Mildred Walker. A daughter of a Puritan family is the first white woman to go to the wilderness of upper Missouri. She seeks to convert the Blackfoot Indians to Christianity.

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Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast

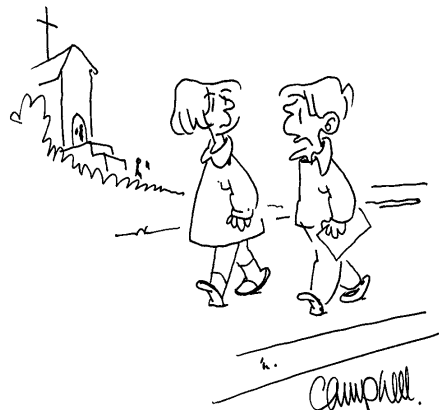
Epiphany Lutheran Church, 605 Parkway, Eagle Lake, is again hosting Dad's Belgian Waffles. Please join us on Sunday, July 18, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for all-you-can-eat waffles, sausage, flavored syrups, and beverages. Carry-out meals are available. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children ages 5 and under can eat for free.

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study continues to meet during the summer on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Grounds for Joy.



Evangelism Thought for the Week

*Exercise daily ~
walk with the Lord.*



"He follows your 'tweets.' That's how God always knows what you're doing."

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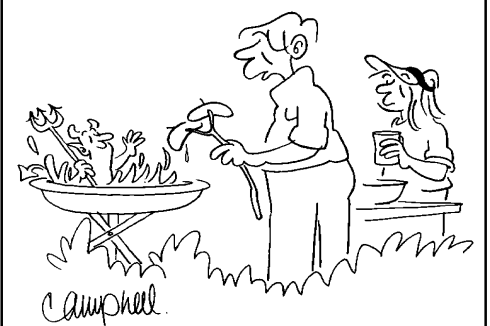
Fellowship Fun at the Mankato Moon Dogs!

Let's celebrate Bethlehem with a good old-fashioned baseball game! We have 50 tickets reserved for a discounted price of \$5.00 for children/seniors & \$6.00 for adults for Sunday July 25 at 6:05 p.m. Sign up in the church office by July 10. **Money is due at sign up.** Questions? Please contact Leah Garry.

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!!!!!!



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.



"I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL PRETTY BAD ABOUT SKIPPING CHURCH FOR A PICNIC."



MN Teen Challenge here TODAY!

MN 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 service today, individuals from the group will share their addiction and recovery stories through testimonials and songs. After the service, there will be a congregation potluck/brunch in the dining room sponsored by the Fellowship Committee and the June serving group.

Announcements for the week of
June 27-July 4, 2010
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of June 20, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,096.00
 June Mission Project --
 Habitat for Humanity: \$519.00

Angel Fund: \$11,945.00

Worship attendance - June 20:
 9:30 a.m. -- 198

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service
 NO coffee in Grounds for Joy
 10:30 a.m. ~ Potluck for MN Teen
 Challenge, Heritage Room

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 <1jam@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



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Elaine Kunz in honor of the Bethlehem staff and volunteers. 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 7/04/10

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm: 66:1-9
Second Reading: Gal. 6:[1-6] 7-16
Gospel: Luke 10:1-11,16-20

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willie Hoppe	Jean McDowell
Glenn Saxton	Eric Barnes
Con Sletta	Chloe Elmgren
Arlene Stenzel	Harvey Menk
Rae Allan	Al Eichers
Janyce Struss	Denny & Shirley
Arnold Wornson	Ferris
Lance & Donna	Tim Rossow
Quick (Lance's mother passed away)	

(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:

- Looney Valley Lutheran in Houston
- Red Oak Grove Lutheran in Austin
- Mansfield Lutheran in Alden
- St. Ansgar Lutheran in Cannon Falls
- Mrumba Lutheran in Tanzania
- La Gracia Mission in Colombia



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:

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| 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 |