

Announcements for the week of
July 18-25, 2010
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of July 11, 2010:
 Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,605.00
 July Mission Project --
 The Jacobsons in Tanzania: \$451.00

Worship attendance
July 11: 9:30 a.m. -- 260
Thursday evening, July 8: 34

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service
 10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee (Grounds for Joy)
 Noon-7:30 p.m. ~ Bowlathon fundraiser
 at the WOW Zone
 5 p.m. ~ Family fellowship at Sandersfelds

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 TODAY 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 July, we'll be collecting vegetables.

**Bethlehem's Mission Project for July:
 The Jacobsons in Tanzania**

Bethlehem has been a long-term supporter of the Jacobsons' medical work in Tanzania. Before the service today (there will be NO adult forum after the service), we will be showing a video about the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center that Bethlehem helped to build and the healing that goes on there. You can make donations to support the Jacobsons' work by using the envelopes in the pews.



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 7/25/10

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm: 138

Second Reading: Col. 2:6-15 [16-19]
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willie Hoppe	Eric Barnes
Glenn Saxton	Chloe Elmgren
Arlene Stenzel	Harvey Menk
Rae Allan	Denny & Shirley
Jean McDowell	Ferris
Tim Rossow	The family of
Kathy Yale	Lon Coulter
Janyce Struss	The family of
The family of	Con Sletta
Arnold Wornson	

(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:

North Blue Earth Lutheran in Bricelyn
 St. Luke Lutheran in Goodhue
 St. Peter Lutheran in Otisco
 Our Savior Lutheran in Spring Valley
 Nuru Itaja Lutheran in Tanzania
 Gumanga 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 throughout the summer, 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:

July 20	Chad Winterfeldt
July 27	Charles Luedtke
August 3	Aaron Hirsch
August 10	Chad Fothergill
August 17	Matt Gerhardt
August 24	Christine Schulz



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"They joined the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, and everything was fine 'til they got to apple."



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:

Purchase recycled paper products whenever possible and encourage stores to carry them.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Our Bodie and Brock Thoene Series

Together, the Thoenes have Ph.D. degrees in creative writing and history, respectively. They are the authors of 32 Christian novels. Together, they have won eight Evangelical Gold Medallion writing awards for their books, including the Zion Chronicles and the Zion Covenant. We have many of their award-winning books in our library (Fic Tho).



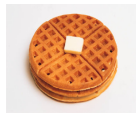
Reading Program

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We wish to say "goodbye", as we are moving to N. St. Paul. It has been good to worship and to serve at Bethlehem for the past 24 years. Thank you to all of you for welcoming us into this community of saints. May we leave you with a verse from Micah (6:8), which has guided us these many years: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God".

~ Richard & Lois Wintersteen



Epiphany Lutheran Church, 605 Parkway, Eagle Lake, is again hosting Dad's Belgian Waffles. Please join us

TODAY 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 Thoughts for the Week

*For all you do,
His blood's for you.*

*God loves you,
and he approved this message.*

*To prevent sunburn,
Use sunscreen.*

God chooses to love us.

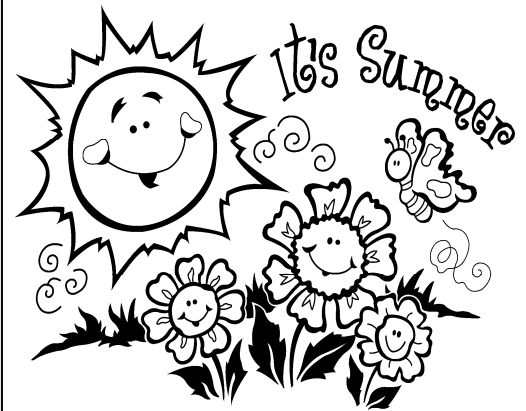
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Good News! Thrivent sponsored our MoonDogs Game on Sunday, July 25!

Thrivent will provide tickets and \$5 food certificates to the first 35 who sign up. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. with Thrivent Financial and introduce them at the Church, where we will hand out tickets for the 6:05 p.m. game. See Lance / Leah for questions! Sign up is in the office.

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.



Volunteer Opportunity:

Old Main Village is in need of a **volunteer pianist** to accompany devotions every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Mel Alms at 625-4913.



Please pick up your second quarter contribution reports in the narthex.