

Announcements for the week of
July 4-11, 2010
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of June 27, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$3,358.00
 June Mission Project --
 Habitat for Humanity: \$559.00
 MN Teen Challenge: \$1,851.00
Worship attendance - June 27:
 9:30 a.m. -- 169

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service
 10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee (Grounds for Joy)

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



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Harvey and Alice Kollos in celebration of their wedding anniversary. 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. During the adult forum on July 18, we will be showing a video about the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center that Bethlehem helped to build and the healing that goes on there. Tom & Linda Engstrom will have pictures of their trip to Arusha last fall when Dr. Jacobson gave them a tour through the hospital. You can make donations to support the Jacobsons' work by using the envelopes in the pews.
 ~ 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 7/11/10

First Reading: Deut. 30:9-14
Psalm: 25:1-10
Second Reading: Col. 1:1-14
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

(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:

- Mount Olive Lutheran in Rochester
- Kijota Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Mount Olive in Rochester)
- Good Shepherd Lutheran in Wells
- Kinambeu Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Good Shepherd in Wells)
- Minneola Lutheran in Goodhue
- Redeemer Lutheran in Good Thunder



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 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



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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:

Compost your organic waste.

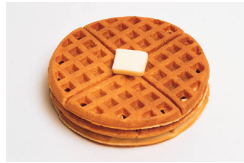
FROM OUR LIBRARY

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

There is a major new biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy, by Eric Metaxas. Bonhoeffer, who was Lutheran, was a giant of faith and gave his life in a failed plot to assassinate Hitler. Although we don't have this latest Bonhoeffer biography, we do have an excellent selection of books on Bonhoeffer, including these four:

1. A Testament to Freedom (230 Bon).
2. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Meditating on the Word (248 Bon).
3. Liberating Faith (230 Kel).
4. Letters and Papers from Prison (BC Bon).

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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

"The test of a preacher is that his congregation goes away saying, not, 'What a lovely sermon!' but 'I will do something.'" ~ Billy Graham



Thank you for your cards and for your thoughts and prayers over the loss of my mother. I have always felt at home as part of Bethlehem, but never more so than when we are supported during a personal loss. Thanks for your kindness and prayers. Lance and Donna Quick



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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.



Memorial Service For Muriel Penne

There will be a memorial service for long-time Bethlehem member Muriel Penne on Saturday, July 17, at 2:00 p.m. Members of the choir (past and present) have been asked to sing for the service. **We will have a choir rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, in the sanctuary.** Memorials are preferred to Bethlehem's choirs.



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.