

Announcements for the week of
August 15-22, 2010
www.bethlehemmankato.org

WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of August 8, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,220.00
August Mission Project --
Bethlehem Child Care Center: \$1,245.00

Worship attendance

August 8: 9:30 a.m. -- 283
Thursday, August 5, 7 p.m.: 21

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service
10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee (Grounds for Joy)
10:30 a.m. ~ BCCC Open House
6:30 p.m. ~ Invitation to ALPHA
(Heritage Room)



Assistive phones are available at no cost to you! Do you have trouble hearing on the phone or find you're missing calls because you didn't hear the phone ring? Do you find it difficult to hold onto the handset or dial out? Do you find yourself speaking loudly in order for the caller to hear you? If one of these prevents you or someone you know from using the phone, contact Minnesota's Telephone Equipment Distribution Program (TED). The TED program provides assistive phone equipment at no cost to eligible Minnesotans of all ages who have a hearing loss or a speech/physical disability. To request an application, or to learn more, visit our website at www.tedprogram.org, or call us at 1-800-657-3663.

Thank you to Bethlehem members who have expressed sympathy and condolences, and to Pastor Jay for his many prayers during the illness and death of my daughter-in-law, Teresa Roberts.

~ Verona Roberts



Mark your calendar and plan to join the OWLS on **September 16 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Heritage Room. Our program will be "An Arm Chair Tour of Churches". We will be showing the interiors and exteriors of some of the beautiful historic churches in Minnesota, Norway, and Germany.

Everyone is welcome!



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 morning at 11:00 a.m.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

During the month of August, we'll be collecting pasta.

Bethlehem's Mission Project for August:
Bethlehem Child Care Center

Bethlehem Child Care Center, a Three Star Parent Aware facility, is a full-service child care serving children ages 6 weeks to kindergarten age Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Center has had a good 2010, with enrollment up for the first half of the year -- but many children are taking the summer off, and the BCCC board and staff are working hard towards maintaining an even cash flow. BCCC is working with several boards of BLC to help maintain the cash flow, and we appreciate everyone's efforts in this endeavor. BCCC wishes to thank everyone at BLC with their continuing support. The contributions (money, time, etc.) are so much appreciated in operating this mission of the church.

HOW BCCC WILL USE FUNDS FROM THE AUGUST MISSION PROJECT:

1. Complete the installation of the matting in the playground area (\$1,700.00) & BCCC's portion of the cost of the matting (\$3,250 - a grant paid for the rest).
2. Purchase a climber for the preschoolers (\$3,000.00).
3. General fund of the Center to help cash flow.
4. Scholarship fund. BCCC appreciates all the support given by the congregation in the past year. Scholarships resulting from last year's mission project were used to help out struggling families as their financial situations changed due to job loss or hours cut, etc. Recruiting more children for the program is essential for the success of BCCC. Besides the monetary support congregation members provide, getting the word out about our Center to people in the community, family, friends, and members of our church is the support that is needed to maintain and see growth.

720 S. Second St., Mankato, MN 56001
Ph. 507-388-2925 Fax. 507-388-6920
E-mail: blchurch@hickorytech.net

LECTIONARY FOR 8/22/10

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm: 103:1-8
Second Reading: Heb. 12:18-29
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

IN OUR PRAYERS

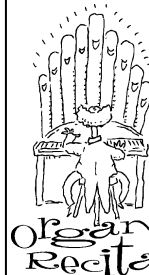
Willie Hoppe
Glenn Saxton
Arlene Stenzel
Forrest Glick
Rae Allan
Janyce Struss
Marcie Hillegas

Jean McDowell
Eric Barnes
Chloe Elmgren
Harvey Menk
Tim Rossow
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:

Chatfield Lutheran in Chatfield
Stordahl Lutheran in Zumbrota
Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna
Dinka Sudanese Chapel in Rochester
Nduguti Lutheran in Tanzania
Santisima Trinidad Mission in Columbia



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.

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! Only two recitalists remain!**

Upcoming Performers:

August 17 Matt Gerhardt
August 24 Christine Schulz



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUPPLIES NEEDED

The LIGHT program is in need of the following supplies for the 2010/2011

LIGHT year: washable markers, glue sticks, little kid scissors, adult scissors, 2-pocket folders, and snack food -- i.e., pretzels, graham crackers, animal crackers, etc. Please leave donations in the church office. Thank you.



Earth Stewards

TIP OF THE WEEK:

Microwave cooking is more energy efficient than your stove.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Gone Missing from Our Library

Can you help?!?

These books are really missed.

1. Shack, by William Young
2. Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson
3. Road Less Traveled, by Scott Peck



School Bags Available

What better time to assemble a LWR (Lutheran World Relief) school bag than now, when supplies are abundant and affordable! Help educate students who have no tools for learning, who are poverty stricken, in refugee camps, or need literacy classes. The "bag lady" is busy making school bags for you to use in assembling kits containing the school supplies. Follow these directions:

1. Pick up a bag/bags and sign your name on the clipboard located on the table in the narthex. Indicate the number taken.
 2. A list of supplies needed is attached to each bag.
 3. Return the assembled bag/bags during the month of August. Place in the box provided at the table.
 4. Check off your name on the clipboard.
- Bless you!

~ Community & Global Mission Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS to Don & Marilyn Wolner on 57 years of marriage today!



NORDIC BAZAAR CHAIR MEETING

on August 23 at 10:00 a.m. in

Grounds for Joy. All booth chairs and interested vendors are welcome to attend.

WANTED: clean household items, such as beds/mattresses, couches, chairs, desks, tables, bookshelves, lamps, dishes, silverware, small appliances, bikes, etc.,

for the 8th Annual MSU International Student Furniture Giveaway. The giveaway will take place on Saturday, August 21, at Bethel Baptist Church, 1250 Monks Avenue. You can donate from 8-11 a.m. that day or call Steve Baty (651-829-0645). Volunteers with trucks would be appreciated. Thank you!

~ Intersarsity Christian Fellowship



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

Jesus invested his life in yours ~ have you shown any interest?

CORRECTION!

The final Thursday Summer Worship service will be held at Sibley Park on **August 26** at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us before the service at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck picnic! Bring a dish to share and enjoy delicious dishes from others. **See you at the park!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

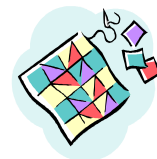
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is celebrating its 145th anniversary! As a strong supporter of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, we have been invited to participate in this gala event. The LSS Celebration for Changing Lives is **Saturday, September 18, 2010, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Hilton Minneapolis.** It promises to be a wonderful evening. Here are some of the highlights:

Jim Klobuchar and his daughter, **U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar**, will be featured in a father-daughter conversation about what it means to grow up in Minnesota and how values are passed on from one generation to the next. Inspiring client stories will be shared. Great entertainment will be enjoyed as we present **Jearlyn Steele** on vocals, accompanied by her brother, **Billy Steele!** A fund-the-need auction will raise much needed support for our services. And, in addition, we will be celebrating our 145th anniversary—quite a milestone!

For more information about the LSS Celebration for Changing Lives, please contact our LSS Ambassador, Shannon Butler, who will also be able to provide information about how Bethlehem Lutheran Church is participating in this event.

Citizens connect at Night to Unite, an annual event which celebrates and strengthens neighborhood and community partnerships, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31. Hosting a Night to Unite event is an opportunity to spend the evening outside with neighbors and city staff. Some event ideas include block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, or youth activities.

Register an event by contacting City of Mankato staff at (507) 387-8790.



Two quilts that were donated by Bethlehem's quilters were sold at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries 26th annual quilt auction.

"Christmas Memory" sold for \$400, and "Gesundheit!" sold for \$75. This year's auction generated total proceeds of \$53,633.