

Announcements for the week of
August 22-29, 2010
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of August 15, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,714.00
August Mission Project --
Bethlehem Child Care Center: \$2,451.00

Worship attendance

Sunday, August 15: 9:30 a.m. -- 276
Thursday, August 12, 7 p.m. -- 11

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service
10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee (Grounds for Joy)
4 p.m. ~ 5-year planning task force mtg.
5 p.m. ~ family fellowship grill/potluck/
kickball at Sandersfelds



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.



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
Three Star Parent Aware Program**

Bethlehem Child Care Center has a loving and caring spot just waiting to be filled by your child. We currently have openings in infant, toddler and preschool. The curriculum is a religious one, and children get kindergarten ready while they are learning about Jesus. The center is open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with trained teachers and loving aids. If you have a need for child care or know someone who does, please call Marsha at 345-3423 now. If you are looking for an exciting volunteer opportunity, readers, lunch aids, and noon hour and nap helpers are always welcome. This is a mission of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Feel welcome to check it out!

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. 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.

LECTIONARY FOR 8/29/10

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalms: 112
Second Reading: Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

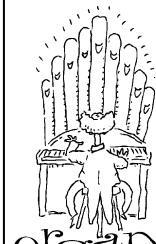
IN OUR PRAYERS

Willie Hoppe	Jean McDowell
Glenn Saxton	Eric Barnes
Arlene Stenzel	Chloe Elmgren
Forrest Glick	Harvey Menk
Rae Allan	Tim Rossow
Janyce Struss	Kathy Yale
The family of	Tyler Adams
Marcella Hillegas	Pauline Halvorson
The family of	
Fran Phelps	

(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:

St. Olaf College Student Congregation in Northfield
Winona State University Campus Ministry
Minnesota State University-Mankato Campus Ministry
Ihanja Secondary School in Tanzania



The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites all to attend the final program of the 2010 summer organ recital series on **Tuesday, August 24 at 12:10 p.m.**, which will be given by Christine Schulz. The recital is open and free to all!

The Sioux Trails AGO Chapter would like to thank everyone for their support and attendance this summer, with a special "thank you" to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for allowing us to use their beautiful sanctuary and pipe organ (and the air conditioning!).



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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:

Re-use store bags (paper or plastic) as wastebasket liners to save oil and trees.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Make your book choice from this eclectic group:

1. Cookbook of Foods from Bible Days (641.5 McK)
2. Keeping Life Simple (646.7 Lev)
3. Lutheran Church Basement Women (841.59 Mar)
4. Loon Magic (598.4 Kle)



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

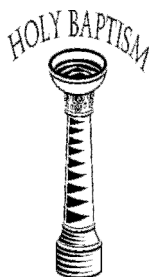
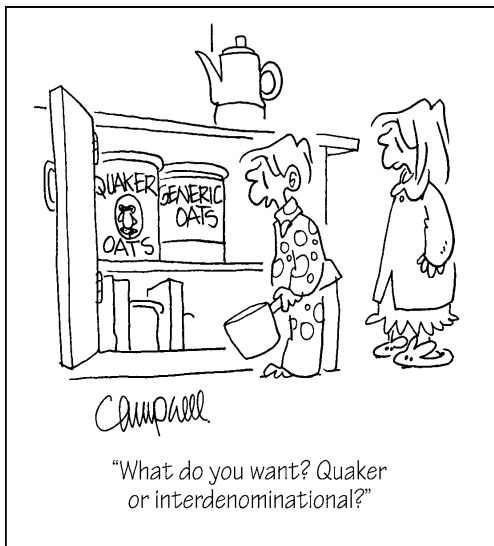
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NORDIC BAZAAR CHAIR MEETING

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

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



A baptismal font has been added to the northeast corner of the sanctuary. There is water in the font should you want to remember your baptism and cross yourself as you prepare for worship.

Evangelism Thought for the Week

It is possible to do evangelism without planting churches, but it is not possible to plant churches without doing evangelism.

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!**

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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.

