

Announcements for the week of  
August 29-September 5, 2010  
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**WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE**

**Week of August 22, 2010:**

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,898.00  
August Mission Project --  
Bethlehem Child Care Center: \$3,121.00

**Worship attendance**

**Sunday, August 22, 9:30 a.m. -- 212**  
**Thursday, August 19, 7 p.m. -- 10**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

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



**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](http://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!**

**Important Dates!**

**Wednesday, September 8**

Wednesday Night Suppers, choir rehearsals, and other activities begin

**Monday, September 13**

Monday night worship services in the Chapel begin at 7 p.m. (enter through front doors; office door will be locked)

**RADIO BROADCAST**



**RADIO MINISTRY**

Today's broadcast is sponsored by **Al and Joan Eichers** in memory of **Joan's mother, Gina Klitzke**. The August 22 broadcast was sponsored by **Chuck Heaberlin** in memory of his son, **George**. 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 MEMBERS**  
**TO GET A COST BREAK**  
**IN THE CHILD CARE CENTER**

Bethlehem Child Care Center is a full-time care center with a religious curriculum and tender loving care Monday through Friday in the church building. If you are a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, you also will get a significant break on child care costs for the first six months you are in the center. This option was just passed at our August meeting to coincide with the August mission project at Bethlehem. Infant care will be billed as toddler (\$155 rather than \$175 per week); toddler care will be billed as preschool (\$140 rather than \$155 per week), and preschool care will be billed at \$130 rather than the usual \$140 per week. PLEASE CHECK US OUT! We think you will be impressed! Call Marsha Madigan at 345-3423.



**Coffee Fellowship**

**Care Ministry Team** will gather at Gus Johnson Plaza on **Thursday, September 23**, for communion, fellowship, coffee, and treats at 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us.

**LECTIONARY FOR 9/05/10**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**Psalms:** 1

**Second Reading:** Philemon 1-21

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Willie Hoppe**

**Glenn Saxton**

**Arlene Stenzel**

**Forrest Glick**

**Rae Allan**

**Janyce Struss**

**Pauline Halvorson**

**Jean McDowell**

**Eric Barnes**

**Chloe Elmgren**

**Harvey Menk**

**Kathy Yale**

**Jean Benson**

**Tyler Adams**

*(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:

Wanamingo Lutheran in Wanamingo  
United Lutheran in Walters

La Victoria Mission in Colombia (partnered with United Lutheran in Walters)

Trinity Lutheran in Kiester

St. Michael Lutheran in Waltham

Nkalakala Lutheran in Tanzania

**Wednesday Night Suppers**

Back to good food & good fellowship starting **September 8** in the dining room from 5:00 to 6:30. Cost remains at \$4 for adults, \$3 for students through confirmation age, and \$11 for families. Join the fellowship! Nourish your body and your mind as you converse and relax with others before you go to choir, bells, confirmation, etc. Five serving teams are established, with room for more volunteers. Volunteers serve six times during the year. Call the church office to get on a list. **BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.** This is an opportunity for fellowship with members for Bethlehem and a community outreach. 2500 meals were served last year as people enjoyed good food and friends. **Let's make Wednesday night BETHLEHEM NIGHT!** Volunteers from team #5 will begin the rotation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Starting on **Monday, September 13**, we gather in the evening to receive and worship Christ in Word and Sacrament. Each Monday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel, from fall to the beginning of Advent, you are invited to join us in confession, praise and thanksgiving, and petition before God and with one another. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated every Monday night. For all you wearied and heavy burdened with weekend tournaments, work obligations, and domestic drudgery, come and find rest and refreshment for your souls. Christ will be among us--how about you?

## FROM OUR LIBRARY

**Tracie Peterson** is a prolific best-selling author of both historical and contemporary novels. Her avid research resonates in her stories. We have four of her books for your reading pleasure (Fic Pet):

1. [A Dream to Call My Own](#)
2. [Morning's Refrain](#)
3. [A Promise to Believe In](#)
4. [A Love to Last Forever](#)



### 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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Each year, Gustavus offers their "Exploring Religious Questions Series" to the public. This year, the topic is "The Dead Sea Scrolls, Jesus, & Judaism." The cost to attend the series is \$35 per person. The series runs 5 consecutive Monday nights starting on October 11. Please stop by the BLC office to pick up a flyer with detailed program and registration information, or visit [www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations](http://www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations).



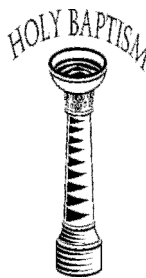
Starting in September, communion will be done by intinction on the first Sunday of each month and at the altar railing on the third Sunday of each month.



**Earth Stewards**

### **TIP OF THE WEEK:**

Install a water filter for your faucet instead of buying bottled water.



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**

**Prayer: wireless connection to God with no roaming fee.**

#### *Women's Circles*

**Rachael Circle** - 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday,

September 15, in Grounds for Joy

**Elizabeth Circle** - 2 p.m. on Wednesday,

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**Deborah Circle** - 9 a.m. on Saturday,

September 18, at 101 Main

**Lydia Circle** - 2 p.m. on Tuesday,

September 28, in Grounds for Joy

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*Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is celebrating its 145<sup>th</sup> 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 145<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HELP WANTED!** The Facilities Board is looking for volunteers to help maintain the Bethlehem Child Care Center! Flexible hours! (You pick them during regular hours.) Job description: fix, repair, assemble, tighten, and adjust! Compensation: children's smiles! Call Bob Brown, Facilities Chair (387-2976).

**SUNDAY NOON MEAL AT THE SALVATION ARMY:** Bethlehem will serve again on **Sunday, September 26**. If you are interested in providing food, cash, or your time, call team captains Ron & Etta Poole (387-7398). For more information about this meaningful mission project here in our own community, call Bob and Susan Brown (387-2976).