

**Announcements for the week of  
August 8-15, 2010**  
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**WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE**

**Week of August 1, 2010:**  
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$9,193.00  
August Mission Project --  
Bethlehem Child Care Center: \$120.00  
**Worship attendance**  
**August 1: 9:30 a.m. -- 253**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee (Grounds for Joy)  
5:30 p.m. ~ Vacation Bible School begins



**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.



Please do not park in the side parking lot closest to the church office after 5:00 p.m. from August 8-August 12. Vacation Bible School will be utilizing the side lot by the office for games that week, and many small children will be running about. Thank you!

**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**

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. Please see the August STAR for more information.



**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 8/15/10**

**First Reading:** Jer. 23:23-29  
**Psalm:** 82  
**Second Reading:** Heb. 11:29-12:2  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-56

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

<b>Willie Hoppe</b>	<b>Jean McDowell</b>
<b>Glenn Saxton</b>	<b>Eric Barnes</b>
<b>Arlene Stenzel</b>	<b>Chloe Elmgren</b>
<b>Forrest Glick</b>	<b>Harvey Menk</b>
<b>Rae Allan</b>	<b>Tim Rossow</b>
<b>Janyce Struss</b>	<b>Kathy Yale</b>
<b>The family of Dorothy Pfeffer</b>	

*(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:

Urland Lutheran in Cannon Falls  
St. Paul ELCA/UCC in Lewiston  
Trinity Lutheran in Blue Earth  
Iguguno Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Trinity in Blue Earth)  
Vang Lutheran in Dennison  
Mwangeza 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!**

**Upcoming Performers:**

August 10	Chad Fothergill
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

#### TIPS OF THE WEEK:

Take a shorter shower to reduce water taken from the Great Lakes.

Recycle ALWAYS,  
not just when it is convenient.

## FROM OUR LIBRARY

Here are four books that are among the most popular titles from the national church librarians' publication. They can be found in our library, too.

1. Gilead, by Marilynne Robinson (Fic Rob).
2. A Thousand Splendid Suns, by Khaled Hosseini (Fic Hos).
3. A Painted House, by John Grisham (Fic Gris).
4. Light From Heaven, by Jan Karon (Fic Kar).

### 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



Christian comedian Jeff Allen will be at Crossview Covenant Church, 2000 Howard Drive, North Mankato, on Thursday, August 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Jeff Allen is best at what he does -- making people laugh as hard as humanly possible. Jeff combines clean, hilarious humor with inspiration like no other comedian working today. He performs on television and radio, in night clubs and large churches, and as a keynote speaker for corporations.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$12 at the door. A freewill offering for Kids Against Hunger will be collected. Call 387-5606 for more information.

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

Being an extrovert isn't essential to evangelism -- obedience and love are.

~ Rebecca Pippert

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God loves you,  
whether you like it or not.

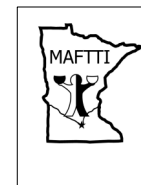
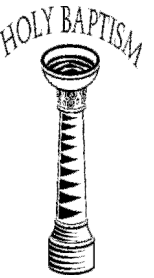
### CORRECTION!

The last 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 145 years of service! The event, Celebration for Changing Lives, will be on **Saturday, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel. The cost is \$75/person (\$40 is tax deductible). Entertainment will be stories from people whose lives have been changed with support of LSS: Jim Klobuchar and his daughter, Senator Amy Klobuchar, and vocalists Jearlyn and Billy Steele. You can call 888-745-0013 or e-mail [celebration@lssmn.org](mailto:celebration@lssmn.org) to order a ticket. Think about organizing a table of 10 and carpooling to this event. There is a sign-up sheet in the church office of people who have purchased a ticket and wish to share a table.

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.



### Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative (MAFTTI)

is pleased to present **THE FAIR TRADE**

What is your life worth?

This 58-minute innovative feature documentary film explores issues of fair trade, social justice, healing, and a meaningful life. The story centers on a young American woman, Tamara Johnston, who, to her surprise, finds in Fair Trade a means of moving beyond a deeply personal tragedy. Afterwards, Melissa Kruse, a local entrepreneur, will talk about her experiences developing her Naked Beauty products that use Fair Trade shea butter, one of the ingredients in the Fair Trade skin care business that features in the film. Where? North Mankato City Hall Community Room, 1001 Belgrade Avenue. When? **Thursday, August 12.** Refreshments are at 7:15 p.m., with the film at 7:30 p.m. Entrance to the Community Room is via the lower level north door next to the garage.