

Announcements for the week of  
September 26-October 3, 2010  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

#### Week of September 19, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,716.00  
September Mission Project --  
Evangelical Luth. Church-Colombia:  
\$601.00

Worship attendance-Sunday, 9/19/10:  
8:15 - 98 10:45 - 150  
Monday evening, 9/20/10: 19

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. ~ Education Hour (Forum:  
Bethlehem Gospbells); Coffee (Grounds  
for Joy)  
6-8 p.m. ~ ALPHA and ALPHA Sprouts

**Endowment News:** YOU'VE GOT TWO WEEKS! The Endowment Committee will host an informative forum on **Sunday, October 10**. Bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions for discussion. Thus far in 2010, Endowment funds have been given for twenty-two scholarships plus needs within Bethlehem as well as our outside community. Call Mavis Saxton at 387-3346 if you have any questions.

Have you started bringing your super-market check-out receipts to church yet? Please do so. There is information about the MAFTTI Supermarkets Campaign by the designated basket in the narthex.

### Earphones in the Sanctuary

There have been some issues with the ear-phones in the sanctuary used to enhance sound during worship. Because they are so often used, the wires get stretched or broken, causing the entire set to appear as not working. To correct this problem, please consider purchasing your own earphones. For \$15, you can have your own earphones. Each week, bring your personal earphones with you to services and connect them to the provided hearing set. If you are interested in purchasing the entire hearing set, they are available for \$80. Please contact Casey in the office to place an order. Thanks!



Lefse! October is the time to make lefse for the Nordic Bazaar. On Mondays, people are needed to mix and set up the baking stations. Rolling and baking are done on Tuesdays beginning at 9 a.m. A sign-up sheet is in the office. **Come and join the fun!**

### RADIO BROADCAST



Today's broadcast is sponsored by **Elizabeth Englin in memory of her sister, Emily Jane Englin**. To sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of or in memory of someone, sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. The 8:15 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 September, we'll be collecting personal care items.

#### Our Mission Project for September:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia**  
This month's mission focus at Bethlehem brings us a new opportunity to learn about and advocate for another area of the world. The Southeastern MN Synod website, [www.semnsynod.org/globalmission](http://www.semnsynod.org/globalmission), has outstanding resources for learning about the nation of Colombia including its history, the plight of its political unrest, and humanitarian needs. To help and support the humanitarian crisis, IELCO (Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia) has focused one of its financial priorities on the support of women and youth. There is a need for youth programming for those in their teens and early 20s. As a congregation at Bethlehem, let us learn and accompany our fellow congregations in Columbia, for **"When we know one another, we can move forward together."**

### LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC

**CONDITIONS** workshops - "Put Life Back in Your Life" - starting on Wednesday, October 6, at 1:00 p.m. The workshops will be at Primrose Retirement Communities, 1360 Adams Street, Mankato, and will last two hours per week for six weeks. Get practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, understand new treatment choices, and learn better ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health. You will learn from trained volunteer leaders with health conditions themselves. To sign up for classes, call 345-2985.

### LECTIONARY FOR 10/03/10

**First Reading:** Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
**Psalms:** 37:1-9  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:1-14  
**Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10

### IN OUR PRAYERS

<b>Willie Hoppe</b>	<b>Eric Barnes</b>
<b>Glenn Saxton</b>	<b>Chloe Elmgren</b>
<b>Arlene Stenzel</b>	<b>Harvey Menk</b>
<b>Forrest Glick</b>	<b>Jean Benson</b>
<b>Rae Allan</b>	<b>Tyler Adams</b>
<b>Janyce Struss</b>	<b>Roger Barnes</b>
<b>Pauline Halvorson</b>	<b>The family of</b>
<b>Julie Schrader</b>	<b>Jean McDowell</b>
<b>Arnie Bentdahl</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:

United Lutheran in Red Wing  
St. Matthew Lutheran in Granger  
Solo por Fe Lutheran in Colombia (partnered with St. Matthew)  
Zion Lutheran in Stewartville  
Wanzelya Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Zion)  
St. Paul Lutheran in Conger

### Wednesday Night Suppers

Back to good food & good fellowship 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! BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS! **Let's make Wednesday night BETHLEHEM NIGHT!**

**Menu for Sept. 29: Ham and cheesy potatoes with peas and carrots**

### Foster Grandparent Volunteers

**Needed:** The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for individuals 55 years of age or older who enjoy children and have 15 hours per week or more to share in Mankato at Bethlehem Lutheran Day Care or at Hoover Elementary School. There is a small tax-free stipend plus mileage reimbursement. For more information, contact Gail at 507-530-2295 or 507-337-0382.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Every **Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.**, we will gather in the Chapel to receive and worship Christ in Word and Sacrament. 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

We are happy to invite you to the library to see our new children's reading table. It is brightly painted and very sturdy. It was purchased in memory of Dorothy Isdahl, a long-time library board member. Dorothy loved reading and children.



### The Caregiver's Toolbox

This five-session education series facilitated by Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan, Professor of Psychology at MSU, Mankato, is **targeted towards family members who are caring for a loved one diagnosed with dementia**. Each class will begin with a story or case study. Participants will be encouraged to share ideas and techniques they have found to be effective. There will be an emphasis on how the information can be utilized in every day situations. All classes will meet on the second Monday of the month (October 2010 - February 2011) from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per class session. Respite care is available. For more information and a complete class syllabus, contact Mary O'Sullivan at VINE at 387-1666 or [maryo@vinevolunteers.com](mailto:maryo@vinevolunteers.com).

### Women's Circles

**Lydia Circle** - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28, in Grounds for Joy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).



### TIP OF THE WEEK:

Set your hot water heater to no more than 120 degrees and use an insulating blanket.

### Evangelism Thought for the Week

*The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.*



### RIVER BEND BELLS,

Mankato's Community Handbell Ensemble, will be presenting their 9<sup>th</sup> annual concert on Sunday, October 3, at 3 p.m. at Belgrade United Methodist Church, North Mankato. This year's concert is entitled "RHYTHM 'N BELLS" and the music will take you on a journey of locations and seasons. The rhythms will have you clapping your hands & tapping your toes! Tickets (\$5 per person) will be sold at the door or may be purchased from Jane Sletta (ages 10 & under are FREE).



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cookbooks will be here soon! We are taking **RESERVE** orders **NOW**. To reserve a copy (or multiple copies), please fill out the advance order form located in the church office. These make great Christmas gifts! The cost is \$12.00 each. They are hardcover books and feature 250 recipes. We only have 300 copies, and what does not sell first to members will be on sale for the public at the Bazaar. All proceeds will go to support various missions supported by Bethlehem Women. -- *The Mom's Circle*

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**Feeding the Hungry** TODAY Bethlehem is serving the Sunday noon meal at the Salvation Army. Ron & Etta Poole and their team are providing and serving the meal. Stop in to see how this local mission project works. Volunteers arrive at about 11 a.m., and the food is served from 12-1 p.m. If you want to join one of Bethlehem's four teams, call Bob and Susan Brown (387-2976). This program makes a difference in people's lives.



### Book Club:

The Bethlehem Book Club meets the 3rd Friday of every month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the church library. **New members are very welcome.** The book for October 15 is **Enrique's Journey**. It may be checked out from the book bag, which is on a hook just inside the library. Simply take a book and sign your name to the sign out sheet inside the blue folder, which is also in the book bag. Come for stimulating discussion and sharing of ideas!



Come to the Bethlehem Women of the ELCA Thank-Offering service on October 13 at 11:30 a.m. The service will be led by Pastor Tammy Dahlvang and will be followed by an old-fashioned ladies' aid Lutheran lunch in the Heritage Room. Sign up in the church office!

### Student Bags and Newborn Kits

On Thursday, September 16, deliveries of mission kits were made to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries. Because of your generosity and commitment to mission, the following donations of in-kind gifts were made to LWR: 188 school bags, complete with supplies; 15 layettes; and 67 bars of soap. Donations to GHM: 401 newborn layettes; 36 pillow cases; 18 rolled bandages; and 1500 examining gloves. To everyone who contributed in any way, we say, "Thank you and God bless you for responding!". Thanks to Barb & Al Girtz, Deloris Guenther, Lynor Blom, and Tom & Betty Sanger for assembling and delivering the charitable gifts. Are you interested in projects such as these? Contact the Community and Global Mission Board.