

Announcements for the week of
September 5-12, 2010

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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of August 29, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,565.00

August Mission Project --

Bethlehem Child Care Center: \$3,346.00

Worship attendance

Sunday, August 29, 9:30 a.m. -- 196

Thursday, August 26, 7 p.m. -- 48

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service

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



Medo Lutheran Church Annual Buffalo Roast September 19, 2010

4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

14193 - 626th Ave.

3 miles south of Pemberton
on County Road 53

Buffalo, ham, mashed potatoes,
gravy, beans, coleslaw, bread,
beverage, and dessert

Adults \$9, Children 5-12 \$5,

Children under 5 free

No reservations required.

Take out will be available.

Medo Lutheran Church
is wheelchair accessible.

If you have questions,
please call 869-3161.



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!



Want to make lefse??

Lessons in lefse making will be offered during the first two weeks in September. Times will be arranged. If you are interested, call Betty Sanger

(388-5626) or Diana Olson (389-8975).

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Lutheran Church ELCA
Mankato, MN

RADIO BROADCAST



RADIO
MINISTRY

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 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 where we have the chance to expand our borders and support God's work in Latin America. The Southeastern MN Synod website, 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. Colombia, a nation long known for its violent political history where the #1 cause of death for men ages 15 to 45 is murder, is faced with a dramatic number of displaced people. 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. The Department of Mission and Development designates funds to this area where their mission is "Working for sustainable development and well-being of families." 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.**"



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.

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LECTIONARY FOR 9/12/10

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms: 51:1-10

Second Reading: I Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willie Hoppe

Glenn Saxton

Arlene Stenzel

Forrest Glick

Rae Allan

Janyce Struss

Pauline Halvorson

Julie Schrader

Jean McDowell

Eric Barnes

Chloe Elmgren

Harvey Menk

Kathy Yale

Jean Benson

Tyler Adams

Roger Barnes

(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 Frost

Salem Lutheran in Albert Lea

Ngimu Congregation in Tanzania
(partnered with Salem in Albert Lea)

Trinity Lutheran in West Concord

Vista Lutheran in New Richland

Nkinto 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. Menu for Sept. 8: **hamburgers and potato salad.**

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

New Sports Books!

These are going to be popular titles, so if you would return them as soon as possible for other to enjoy, it would be appreciated.

Joe Mauer: From Hometown Hero to MVP.

162-0 -- Greatest Wins!, by Dave Wright
 Always\$ on Sunday, by Jim Klobuchar with Bud Grant.



Did you know only 3% of jobs are landed through newspaper ads, 8% are satisfied through internet advertisements, but over 70% are secured through networking?

Mankato Job Seekers Network and Support Group

You are invited to attend a faith-based job networking and support group meeting beginning on **September 13, 2010**, at Hillside Church. Everyone is welcome!

What: Mankato Job Seekers Network and Support Group

Where: Hillside Church – Multi-function Room, 502 South Victory Drive, Mankato

When: Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Agenda: Networking, mapping a plan
 Bring your ideas, resumes, cover letters, notebook, and Bible. Wi-Fi access is available. If you have questions, would like to be a networking resource, or have job leads, please drop a note to Michael Perron at mankatjobseeker@yahoo.com

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. ~ Ecclesiastes 4:12

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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.



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:

As your light bulbs wear out, switch to compact fluorescent to increase energy efficiency & light output.

Evangelism Thought for the Week

Evangelization is a process of bringing the gospel to people where they are, not where you would like them to be. When the gospel reaches people where they are, their response to the gospel is the church in a new place. ~ Vincent Donovan

Women's Circles

Rachael Circle - 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, in Grounds for Joy

Elizabeth Circle - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, in Grounds for Joy

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

Jean Benson recently moved to Bemidji. Her new address is:

Jean L. Benson
 WoodsEdge/WindSong
 1010 Anne Street NW
 Bemidji, MN 56601



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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.

The Facilities Board will NOT meet on Tuesday, September 7.

Synod Hearing on the Draft Social Statement on Genetics

All Bethlehem members are invited to provide feedback on the ELCA's draft Social Statement on Genetics. This event will take place at 7:00 p.m. on September 21 at Bethel Lutheran Church (in the chapel), 810 Third Avenue SE, Rochester, MN. You can get more information and see the draft at www.ELCA.org/genetics. Single copies of the statement can be ordered by calling 800-638-3522, ext. 2996.

SUNDAY NOON MEAL AT THE SALVATION ARMY: Bethlehem will serve again on **Sunday, September 26**. If you are interested in providing food, money, or your time, call team captains Ron & Etta Poole (387-7398). The meal is served from noon-1 p.m. Clean-up doesn't take long because there's usually a big crew to help!