

Announcements for the week of
April 10-17, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of April 3, 2011:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$12,750.00
April Mission Project:
Bethlehem Child Care Center - \$890.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 4/03/11:
8:15 a.m.: 125 10:45 a.m.: 166

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. - Education Hour; Adult Forum;
Healing Touch (Heritage Room); Coffee
(Grounds for Joy); LIGHT
5-7 p.m. - Bible Study (Heritage Room)



The people of Bethlehem are invited to celebrate with our campus community the installation of the

Rev. Tammy Dahlvang as Pastor at Lutheran Campus Ministry-Crossroads. On Sunday, April 17, an Open House will begin at 2:30; worship starts at 4 p.m. with Bishop Harold Usgaard preaching. All are welcome!

On Saturday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m., the vocal ensemble **From Age to Age** will be giving a concert in the chapel at Good Counsel, Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. It will feature music centered on Mary's experiences during the time of Lent. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

This week during Lent, choose to use at least two of the following TRANSPORTATION energy saving tips:

- *Did you know that one of the biggest transportation energy saving tips is to accelerate and brake your vehicle gently? Quick starts and stops can decrease mileage by up to 12%.
- *Idling in the drive-through at banks and restaurants wastes gasoline. Park outside and walk in. It's often faster, and you'll get a little exercise.
- *Drive the speed limit. A passenger car getting 30 mpg at 55 mph gets only 27 mpg at 65 mph, 25.5 mpg at 70 mph.
- *Combine the week's errands into one trip to save fuel and time.
- *Walk, bike, or ride the city bus to save gas and stay in shape.
- *Share a ride. You'll make new friends and save fuel.

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 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 April, we'll be collecting cereal.

**Our Mission Project for April:
Bethlehem Child Care Center**

On Wednesday, April 13, come to the Bethlehem supper to celebrate the Week of the Young Child! Dine with children, families, and teachers from the Bethlehem Child Care Center and say "thanks" to all of the great staff who care for the children.

Volunteers are needed at the BCCC for rocking babies, playing games with and reading to children, helping in the office, or fundraising. The volunteer sign-up sheet is in the church office.



WE NEED YOU!!

Six more days until our big ALS walk! Registration is on Saturday, April 16, at West High School beginning at 9:00 a.m., with the walk beginning at 10:00 a.m. Come register, have some coffee, rolls, cookies, and other goodies. Walkers, WE NEED YOU -- but we also need our non-walkers to cheer us on. Donations are still cheerfully accepted -- make your checks out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the notation "ALS" on the bottom of your check. Thanks to all who have already signed up or donated -- we still have room for more! It will be a truly meaningful experience -- one you won't want to miss. If you have questions, please call Lori Ruthenbeck (388-7140), Ginger Erlandson (278-3007), or Jean Bender (243-4453).



The Luther College Jazz Orchestra will perform in concert TONIGHT at 7 p.m. at the Mankato West High School auditorium. A free-will offering will be taken.

LECTIONARY FOR 4/17/11

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm: 31:9-16
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel	Harvey Menk
Forrest Glick	Donna Smesrud
Eric Barnes	Elizabeth Englin
Glenn Saxton	Dixie Ortley
Eileen Dalluge	Virginia Asleson
Paul Sullivan	Rebecca Schreiner

(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:

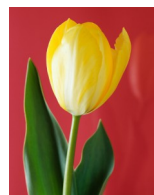
First Lutheran in Albert Lea
Lunder Lutheran in Twin Lakes
Augustine Lutheran in Tanzania
(partnered with Lunder Lutheran)
Spring Garden Lutheran in Cannon Falls
Kiomboi Lutheran in Tanzania
(partnered with Spring Garden)
St. Paul Lutheran in Meriden

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.! Cost is \$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 April 13:

Baked fish (cod), baked potatoes, cole slaw, peaches



The Music & Worship Board will be taking Easter flower orders at the kiosk in the narthex between services and after the 10:45 service today. **The**

deadline for ordering flowers is TODAY. Forms are available at the kiosk.



Please pick up your quarterly contribution reports in the narthex!

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Shawl Ministry Do you knit or crochet? Prayer Shawl Ministry is running low on shawls, and we need your help! Yarn is furnished (three skeins per shawl) and is available in the prayer shawl closet in the office hallway. Directions for making the prayer shawls can be found on the kiosk in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Kathryn Hanson (385-0220), Alice Haugen (387-7166), or Kathy Crosswell (388-2002).

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING

All Bazaar coordinators and all interested persons are asked to make note of the upcoming planning session at **10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 2**, in Grounds for Joy. Please come prepared with ideas, questions, and suggestions.



Sign up in the office to come to the Minnesota Twins game (Lutheran night) on **Tuesday, August 23!** The bus leaves at 4 p.m., with the game beginning at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$25 for those 12th grade and under. **Payment reserves your spot.**

Earth Stewards Tips

Drip, drip, drip. Please be the one to save a drop. Many peoples of this world live with drought and the scarcity of potable (fit to drink) water. We are fortunate to live with a clean and abundant supply of water. Remember, water is not cheap or limitless. *Dear Heavenly Father, help us to be good stewards of this precious resource of water that you have given us. Help us to be aware and careful in our everyday use of water. Amen.* Check out the Earth Stewards display in the narthex for suggestions of ways you can reduce your use. Search "water usage" or go to www.wateruseitwisely.com for more information and ideas.



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING! Don't miss Bethlehem's semi-annual meeting on **April 17!** We will meet downstairs in the dining room following the 10:45 service. A light lunch will be provided.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Evangelism Thought for the Week

"You may never know what results come from your actions. But if you do nothing, there will be no result." ~ Mahatma Gandhi
We can invite a neighbor to worship or share a reason why we enjoy worship. We can call/write an inactive member and convey a thoughtful, caring message. We can share with a co-worker how a Sunday sermon, anthem, or worship service lifted us up.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Books About Travel

1. 1,000 Places to See Before You Die, by Patricia Schultz. This was an international best-seller with millions of copies sold. (917.304Sch)
2. A Life on the Road, by Charles Kuralt. This is a delightful account of the author's love for the road. (917.304Kur)
3. Chasing the Glory, by Michal Parfit. Travels across America. (917.3Par)
4. Reflections on Door County, by Grace Samuelson. A nostalgic return visit for anyone who has been there and a wonderful introduction for those who have not. (917.75Sam)

The Endowment Board reminds high school seniors and returning college students that you have THREE WEEKS to submit your scholarship request. Requests received after May 1 will be denied. Please call Mavis Saxton at 387-3346 if you have any questions.



McEducator Nights!

The Bethlehem Child Care Center will receive a portion of funds from all in-store purchases at the Adams Street McDonald's from **5-7 p.m. on the second Monday (April 11) of each month through May**. We like to call the second Monday "McBethlehem Night".



Hello, Girlfriends!

We are going to have a sip of wine and some hors d'oeuvres on Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at the home of Melissa Matthies, 123 Center Street, Mankato. Bring a snack to share, along with your wonderful personality!

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The Mankato Children's Chorus spring concert, "Think on These Things", will be held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, on **Sunday, April 17, at 4 p.m.** All five of the MCC choirs will perform.

Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospice Sponsors: Men's Grief Support Network - a supportive social gathering for men who have lost a spouse or significant other.

First and third Sundays of each month from 5:30-7 p.m. at a local restaurant.

Journey Through Grief - an 8-week grief group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Monday evenings through May 9
6-8 p.m. at First Congregational UCC
150 Stadium Court, Mankato

Journey Through Grief - an 8-week grief group for people over 60 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Thursdays through May 12
10 a.m.-noon at Christ the King Lutheran
222 Pfau Street, Mankato

There is no charge for these programs, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Hospice office at (507)385-2989 or 800-327-3721, extension 2989.



CARE MINISTRY

The Bethlehem Lutheran Care Ministry Team is hosting a fellowship coffee party at Pathstone Living **Coffee Fellowship on Tuesday, April 12**. Communion will be at 10:15 a.m., with coffee and fellowship to follow. We hope you can join us!



Stop to look at the changes in the display cases in the Heritage Room! They are still works in progress, so ideas and Bethlehem artifacts are appreciated. Bob Isdahl created a two-tiered display shelf out of extra pew ends. Vee Williams is working on a Milestones Ministry display. Bryce Stenzel has researched the colors and symbolism of the seasons of the church year for signs in the case. The History Keepers will be meeting on **Thursday, April 14, from 1:00-3:00 in the Heritage Room**. Join us!