

Announcements for the week of  
April 17-24, 2011  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

#### Week of April 10, 2011:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,731.00

April Mission Project:

Bethlehem Child Care Center - \$2,490.00

Worship attendance - Sunday, 4/10/11:

8:15 a.m.: 135 10:45 a.m.: 179

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services

9:30 a.m. - Education Hour; Adult Forum:

The Easter Story with Pastor Jay (Heritage Room); Coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT

NOON - Semi-annual meeting, Dining Rm.

4 p.m. - Rev. Tammy Dahlvang's installation

5 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 TODAY. An Open House will begin at 2:30; worship starts at 4 p.m. with Bishop Harold Usgaard preaching. All are welcome!

#### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING!

Don't miss Bethlehem's semi-annual meeting TODAY! We will meet downstairs in the dining room following the 10:45 service. A light lunch will be provided.



#### Milestone Ministry News:

Today, we want to thank our fifth graders and their teachers, Sandy Abild and Lynae Flom, for making the bread that will be used for communion on Holy Thursday. This is a part of their study of the Sacrament of Communion. Their banners of "What Communion Means to Me" will be displayed in the narthex.

#### Caring for the Earth Lenten Journey

Our hope is that you have taken the Caring for the Earth walk with us. During Holy Week, take some time to be grateful for this earth we care for and live on. Give back some of your time volunteering on your favorite cause or cleaning up your neighborhood. We're all in this together. Stewardship -- don't leave home without it.

### 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

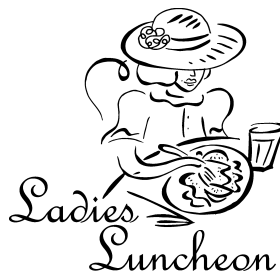
#### Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

During the month of April, we'll be collecting cereal.

#### Our Mission Project for April:

##### Bethlehem Child Care Center

The Bethlehem Child Care Center is our mission of the month. Did you know that in the last three years we have added three preschool rooms? Wow! What a great mission of God - children growing in faith through Bethlehem. We should be full of pride for the joy we see in the shining faces of all the children who are cared for by BCCC! All of you are a great part of this spiritual journey of caring for our families. The money raised will be used for scholarships, playground, and essentials. Please write your check to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and put Bethlehem Child Care Center on the memo line. We appreciate any amount, big or small. BCCC is currently accepting applications for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years.



**SIGN UP NOW FOR THE  
BETHLEHEM WOMEN'S  
SPRING LUNCHEON!**

Please sign up for the Bethlehem Women of the ELCA Spring Luncheon in the church office. The cost is \$7.00. The meal is at noon in the Heritage Room. Paula Krause and family will provide a music program. Come for this fellowship event!

### LECTIONARY FOR 4/24/11

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel

Forrest Glick

Eric Barnes

Glenn Saxton

Eileen Dalluge

Paul Sullivan

Harvey Menk

Elizabeth Englin

Dixie Ortley

Virginia Asleson

Rebecca Schreiner

Gary Zimmerman

The family of

Donna Smesrud

*(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:

**St. John Lutheran in Owatonna  
Henrytown Lutheran in Canton  
Our Savior's Lutheran in Rochester  
Hayward Lutheran in Hayward  
Kigaa Lutheran in Tanzania  
Kisiriri Lutheran in Tanzania**

### 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!

**THERE WILL BE NO SUPPER  
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.**



**The Bethlehem Gospbells** will be selling Spring Flower Bouquets again this year on Mother's Day, May 8. This year, since Easter is

late and Mother's Day is early, there is only Sunday left to place orders! Plan to order your flowers at the kiosk on Sunday, May 1. The cost of flowers has gone up just like the gas prices! The price of each bouquet will be \$6 and will be distributed in the narthex following each service on Mother's Day, May 8. **Thank you** for continuing your support of the bell choirs!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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).

*"...To Bind Up the Nation's Wounds..."*  
**Lincoln's Last Days**  
**Dramatic Play**

**Written and Directed by: Bryce O. Stenzel**  
**Published in 2007 by Minnesota Heritage Publishing of Mankato, MN**

The title of this play, "To Bind Up the Nation's Wounds," was derived from Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. This phrase set the tone for what he hoped to accomplish in his second term as President of the United States. Tragically, Lincoln's dream for a "just and lasting peace" was cut short by the fanatical, misguided actions of John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre. Although Lincoln is the central figure in the drama, it is being told through the eyes of his faithful bodyguard, William Crook; through the eyes of his military officers: General Grant, General Sherman and Admiral Porter; and through the eyes of his wife Mary and sons, Robert and Tad. Of all the characters, Tad grew the most in appreciation for his father. Please join our talented troupe of child actors and community members from the greater Mankato area in the Dining Room of Bethlehem Lutheran Church as they bring the story of Lincoln's Last Days to life. Performance dates are **Saturday, May 21, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students 5-16. Children under 5 are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Checks may be made out to: "Abraham Lincoln Dramatic Play." Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for future productions and to cover rental fees. (Please note: a copy of the play is available for review in Bethlehem's Library.)



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### Evangelism Thought for the Week

"Many of us equate evangelism with nervousness and artificial boldness. But when we look at how Jesus related to others, we see that he equated evangelism with love. He showed a natural interest in people by asking questions and paying attention, he wasn't frenzied or rushed, and he was approachable. As Christians, we can relate to others with the same sense of security and freedom. We can try something small, making ordinary attempts to show others the love of Jesus." ~ Jim Henderson, Evangelism Without Additives.

## FROM OUR LIBRARY

Profound insights and practical down-to-earth advice for child rearing.

1. Teaching Your Children Values, by Linda and Richard Eyre (649.1).
2. How To Live Happily With a Teenager, by Lois & Joel Davitz (649.1).
3. Kids Who Have Too Much (649.1).
4. The Strong-Willed Child, by James Dobson (649.1).
5. How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, and Listen So Kids Will Talk, by Faber and Mazlish (649.1).

**The Endowment Board reminds high school seniors and returning college students that you have TWO 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.**



• 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.**

### **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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Mankato Children's Chorus spring concert, "Think on These Things", will be held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, **TODAY 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.



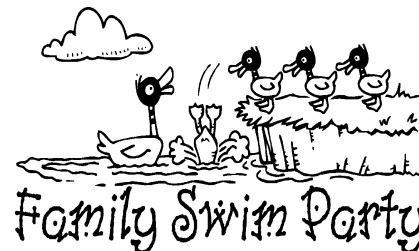
Coffee Fellowship

### CARE MINISTRY

The Care Ministry Team quarterly meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 5, at 12:30 p.m. in Grounds for Joy.** Chaplain Gary Creech from ISJ will be our speaker. Come for coffee and fellowship! Blessings - Kathy Crosswell, Florence Sassenberg, & Pastor Jay.

### Wednesday, April 27 **Family Swim Day!**

Join us at the Mankato Family YMCA for a swimming party on Wednesday, April 27, from 5:30-7:00! Cost is \$1 per non-member. Please RSVP to Leah Garry at 507-382-2205 or [lgarry@hickorytech.net](mailto:lgarry@hickorytech.net).



Family Swim Party