

Announcements for the week of
April 24-May 1, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of April 17, 2011:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$10,615.00
April Mission Project:
Bethlehem Child Care Center - \$3,976.00
ALS Walk: \$3,073.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 4/17/11:
8:15 a.m.: 107 10:45 a.m.: 270

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. - NO Education Hour or Adult Forum. Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be served in Grounds for Joy between services.



HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Are you willing to open your home to three college students from Green Lake? They will be here hosting Green Lake Day Camp for the children of Bethlehem from June 12-16, and they need a "home". Please consider opening up your home to them. Contact Leah Garry at 507-382-2205 if you're interested.



Thank you to those who walked and contributed to the ALS Walk on Saturday, April 16. It creates public awareness of ALS and hastens its cure. Thank you very much. ~ Love, Pastor Don Roberts

History Keepers

Heritage Room Display Cases

Eunice Sassenberg found a Swedish costume which is now in the Scandinavian display case. We think this pants costume was worn by a man, but notice the lace cuffs and decorative ribbon details. Mary Sherwood displayed two pieces of her Norwegian rosemaling, including a large platter and a kiva, which was used to carry picnic food, a casserole, or sewing supplies. Bob Brown told our committee about a bronze plaque listing Bethlehem WWI veterans, which we found in the sacristy closet. Bryce Stenzel donated a 48-star American flag from the WWI era to put in the display case. Jan Ahlness found a book, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, in the World War, in the North Mankato Library with additional information about these brave men and one woman. Betty Cords has donated three beautiful frames for our displays. We'll be adding signs and working on more displays on **Thursday, April 28, from 1-3 p.m. in the Heritage Room.** Join us!

RADIO BROADCAST



Today's broadcast is sponsored by Bob & Ginger Erlandson in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary on April 25. 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 on **May 11 at noon** in the Heritage Room. Paula Krause and family will provide a music program. Come for this fellowship event!

LECTIONARY FOR 5/1/11

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm: 16
Second Reading: I Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel
Forrest Glick
Eric Barnes
Glenn Saxton
Eileen Dalluge
Paul Sullivan
Harvey Menk

Elizabeth Englin
Dixie Ortleby
Virginia Asleson
Rebecca Schreiner
Gary Zimmerman
Hazel Neubert



EASTER

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 27:

Chicken rice hot dish with broccoli, dinner rolls, and a fruit cup

May 4 - Cook's Choice
(final supper until September)



The Bethlehem Gospbells will be selling spring flower bouquets again this year on Mother's Day, May 8.

Plan to order your flowers at the kiosk next Sunday, May 1. The \$6 bouquets will be distributed in the narthex following each service on Mother's Day. **Thank you** for continuing your support of the bell choirs!

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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 Crowell (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

"Evangelism is not a program of the church; rather, it is the essential work of the church. It is not an option for Christians but an obligation, a fundamental commission of their Christ. Mission infuses all that the church does. No person living richly and fully in his or her faith can ignore the call to make disciples of others." ~ Bishop Claude Payne and Hamilton Beazley, Reclaiming the Great Commission.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

This is a selection of books that covers a wide variety of poetry. They are found in the 800 section of our library.

1. Sitting By My Laughing Fire, by Ruth Bell Graham (808.1Gra).
2. Prose, Poetry, and Palaver, by Verna Larsen (808.81Lar).
3. Sketches Against the Dark, by Gracia Grindal (808.1Gri).
4. If I Had My Life to Live Over, by Sandra Martz (808.1Mar).

The Endowment Board reminds high school seniors and returning college students that this is it! You have ONE WEEK to submit your scholarship request. Remember that requests received after May 1 will be denied. Please call Mavis Saxton at 387-3346 if you have any questions.

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.



"What could I say? They are her most Easterly shoes."

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Earth Stewards

Earth Stewards Ideas
* The "Re-Store" on Bassett Drive will accept excess or reusable building materials. You also save \$\$ by shopping there! * Recycle always, not just when it is convenient.

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 Crowell, 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.

