

Announcements for the week of
April 3-10, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of March 27, 2011:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,194.00

March Mission Project:

ECHO Food Shelf - \$2,801.00

ELCA Disaster Relief-Japan: \$400.00

Worship attendance - Sunday, 3/27/11:

8:15 a.m.: 129 10:45 a.m.: 186

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. - Education Hour; Adult Forum;
Bethlehem Child Care Center open house;
Coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT



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!

Feeding the Hungry



On March 20, 19 Bethlehem members and friends were at the Salvation Army serving the Sunday

noon meal to 102 guests. Fifty-one of those guests went through the line for seconds! We served goulash and lasagna, cole slaw, fresh fruit, French bread, dill pickles, bars, and milk. Our congregation makes a difference in our community when we serve a meal to others. Bethlehem has been participating in the Sunday noon dinner program since it began in 1989! **Thank you, everyone, for sharing your time, food, and money on March 20:** Chuck & Kathy Piehl; Wayne & Gail Date; Gert DeRemer; Ben & Joanne Kirchner; Arlene Kirchner; Rod & Bonnie Torgerson; Steve & Lynette Freyberg; Roger, Deb, & Emily Pipes; Bruce, Sandy, Rose, & Jayd Abild; Melissa Elkins; Olivia Klehr; Alice Rocksvold; Newt Moen; Harvey & Alice Kollos; Ken & Julie Schrader; Mary Hall; Bruce & Marilyn Barklow; Rae Allan; Jay Backstrom; Aileen Eick; Randy & Rachel Wood; Elaine Kunz; and Bob & Susan Brown. **Bethlehem will serve again on July 3.** Call Bob and Susan Brown at 387-2976 to volunteer or donate.

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 BCCC will host an Open House between services **TODAY from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.** Stop by to see how well our building is used for caring for and teaching infants, toddlers, and preschool children.

On Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m.-noon, help us kick off the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Week of the Young Child. Our local early childhood professional organization, the MN Valley Association for Early Childhood Educators, will be in the play lab (in the old Pier 1 building) with resource tables & activities for children.



FEELING GROOVY?

Help us out, Bethlehem! We need more walkers for the 2011 Mankato Walk to D'Feet ALS on **Saturday, April 16**, at West High School. Sign up in our church office now and groove your bodies! Registration is at 9:00 a.m., and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Participants do not need to walk the entire three miles. All checks should be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with an ALS notation on your check. You do not need to walk to make a donation. We are again walking to honor Pastor Don Roberts and to benefit the excellent resources offered by the ALS Association. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated! 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 on **Sunday, April 10**, at 7 p.m. at the Mankato West High School auditorium. A free-will offering will be taken.

LECTIONARY FOR 4/10/11

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel

Forrest Glick

Eric Barnes

Glenn Saxton

Eileen Dalluge

The family of

Helen Lofroth

(Chuck Heaberlin's sister)

Harvey Menk

Donna Smesrud

Elizabeth Englin

Dixie Ortley

Virginia Asleson

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:

Our Savior Lutheran in Cleveland
People of Hope in Rochester
Hadzabe Tribe Mission in Tanzania
(partnered with People of Hope)
Grace Lutheran in Peterson
Little Cedar Lutheran in Adams
Mugandu Mission 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!**

Menu for April 6:

Baked ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, bananas



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 and April 10.

The deadline for ordering flowers is April 10. Forms are available at the kiosk.

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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.



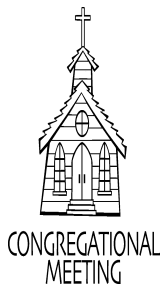
Nationally renowned organist, **David Cherwien**, will present a festival of hymns at Union Presbyterian Church in St. Peter, MN, **TODAY at 4:00 p.m.** The festival, entitled "Pilgrimage", will include hymn singing by the church choir and congregation and feature Dr. Cherwien's improvisational style of musical performance. The event is free and open to the public.

Earth Stewards Ideas

Eat healthy! Reducing the amount of animal protein in the diet reduces a large amount of oil and water used in the U.S. If you are like most people and not ready to become a vegetarian, try having one or two meals a week that use other proteins like fish and beans, or milk and egg products. Use the idea of Meatless Mondays. Good for the environment and the pocketbook. Homemade Mac and Cheese? Yes, please!

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

"The purpose of evangelism is not just to save people from dying without Christ, but to save them from living without him."
~ George E. Sweazy, The Church as Evangelist.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

1. Spiritual Investments, by Gary Moore. Stewardship is the key: the knowledge that everything we have and acquire is only ours in trust, and that we express and build our character as we employ those assets responsibly (332.6Moo).
2. The Miracles of Barefoot Capitalism, by Klobuchar and Wilkes. This book is a powerful case for microcredit, with a bonus: it's a first-rate read (322.Klo).
3. The Overspent American, by Juliet Schor. This book describes people who are finding balance by getting their lifestyles in sync with their values (339.4Sch).
4. God the Economist, by Douglas Meeks. Finally, an informed and well-written theological treatment of economics (338.9Mee).

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

As one of our mission partners, we would like to invite your members to join with us in celebrating 25 years of ministry at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake.

Today ~ Sunday, April 3, 2011

Schedule for the day:

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Guest Speaker - Bishop Harold Usgaard

Pastor Mary Iverson

11:15 a.m. - Celebration Meal

12:30 p.m. - Anniversary Program

Please join us!



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 flowers in the sanctuary today are in honor of **Janice Ahlness**, whose birthday is on April 6. They are from her children -- Sherri, Dan, and Eric, and their families.

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!



New Bible Study Series

You are welcome to our Book of Faith: Exodus Study, beginning **Wednesday, April**

6. We meet on Wednesdays for six sessions at 10:30 a.m. to discover how God acted in history to free a powerless people and to bring them in covenant relationship. Sign up by contacting the church office.