

Announcements for the week of  
May 1-8, 2011  
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**WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE**

**Week of April 24, 2011:**  
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$8,188.00  
April Mission Project:  
Bethlehem Child Care Center - \$6,187.00  
Worship attendance - Sunday, 4/24/11:  
8:15 a.m.: 276 10:45 a.m.: 352

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. - Education Hour; Adult Forum;  
Presentation by House of Hope (Heritage  
Room); Coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT



**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.

**Milestone News**

The fifth graders will be having communion as a class with their families and guests today. This is the final session of six on the study of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This included a session with Pastor Jay, two classroom sessions, a trip to the sacristy for the set-up of communion, making their banners of "What Communion Means to Me", and the making of today's communion bread. Their teachers, Sandy Abild and Lynea Flom, have done an excellent job this year with these students. They volunteer every year to teach the communion sessions for our fifth grade classes, which is greatly appreciated.

During the Sunday School hour, the families of the babies that were baptized at Bethlehem last year in 2010 met for a class about teaching their baby the beginning steps of their faith. Pastor Jay taught them how to bless their baby every night as a beginning prayer ritual. Leah Garry explained LIGHT (our Sunday School program). Each family was given a parent handbook that contains simple songs and prayers, and a "Jesus Loves Me" small bear was given to each child.

**RADIO BROADCAST**



Today's broadcast is sponsored by Robert & Lorraine Smesrud in memory of their daughter, Donna Kay Smesrud. 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 May, we'll be collecting tuna and canned meat.

**Our Mission Project for May:**

**The Jacobsons in Tanzania**

For many years, Bethlehem has supported Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson's medical mission in Tanzania. Dr. Mark is truly a great physician who has led the development of two hospitals (Selian and Arusha Lutheran), developed treatment programs for children affected with excess fluoride in their water, and implemented AIDS prevention programs plus many more. We've included their Christmas letter on this page and posted more information about their medical mission in the Narthex. We are hoping that they will come to visit Bethlehem when they are back in the USA this summer. Please contribute to their work.



**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!

**Please sign up in the office  
on or before Sunday, May 8.**

**LECTIONARY FOR 5/8/11**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
**Psalm:** 116:1-4, 12-19  
**Second Reading:** I Peter 1:17-23  
**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

**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

*(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:

**All Synod Assembly Voters,  
the Planning Committee and Volunteers,  
Guest Speakers and Synod Staff  
who prepare for the Synod Assembly**

**Wednesday Night Suppers**

Join us from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. for the final supper until September! Join the fellowship! Bring your neighbors and friends! Let's make Wednesday night BETHLEHEM NIGHT!

**Menu for May 4 - Cook's Choice**



**Order your Mother's Day flowers at the kiosk TODAY! This is the only Sunday that orders will be taken.** The \$6 bouquets will

be distributed in the narthex following each service on Mother's Day, May 8. The Gospbells **thank you** for your orders and your continued support of the bell choir program!

World Fair Trade Day is Saturday, May 14. Join in a nationwide celebration by drinking Fair Trade coffee here on **Sunday, May 15**, and sharing in the creation of a new record for the World's Largest Coffee Break of 100,000. To educate yourself further on Fair Trade, go to www.maftti.org.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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 a people where they are, their response to the gospel is the church in a new place. ~ Vincent Donovan

**May 16-20** is National Bike/Walk to work week; a week to explore alternate modes of transportation to get us where we need to go. The Earth Stewards encourage you to consider the concept by biking, walking, or ride sharing as a way to get to worship. Getting out of your car helps you to connect with your neighborhood and the environment. Each car trip that you can eliminate saves you about \$.50 a mile, eliminates carbon emissions into the air, and walking or biking helps your health. If you live close, walk or bike; if you live further out, pick up someone on your way. Come as a family in one car and get to know others better as you wait for everyone to go home. Enjoy a nice spring day using your own two feet, a clear head from fresh air, and a chance to build community by connecting to the people and place you live.

### **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.



### 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. On **Thursday, May 19**, the Care Ministry Team will be at Gus Johnson Plaza with communion at **2:00 p.m.** Coffee, treats, and fellowship will follow. We hope you can join us!

**TWINS GAME:** If you signed up for the Twins Game on August 23, please get your payment in. Your payment confirms your seat. If you'd like to be on the waiting list, please leave a message for Elizabeth in the office.

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### **Earth Stewards Ideas**

Reduce chemical use and improve indoor air quality by choosing greener cleaning products. For information: [www.informinc.org/cleanforhealth.php](http://www.informinc.org/cleanforhealth.php)

**Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospice serving families in our community sponsors:**

### **Hospice Volunteer Training**

**May 9, 11, 12, 16, and 18**

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hospice Office

Madison East Center

1400 Madison Avenue, Mankato

If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer experience, please contact Kim Rotchadl, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, for more information at (507) 385-2618 or 800-327-3721, extension 6364 (toll free).

## **GODSPELL**

St. John's Episcopal Church is putting on "Godspell" on **May 5, 6, and 7 at 6:30 p.m.** The public is invited, and there is NO ADMISSION COST! We will be accepting donations to the ECHO Food Shelf and Partners for Affordable Housing, should people desire to do that, though it is not required for admission. These performances by members of St. John's are our gift to the Mankato community. St. John's is located at 302 Warren Street (the corner of Broad and Warren Streets).



***The Phantom Visits Mankato!***

One of the greatest silent films, "Phantom of the Opera", will be shown at **8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20**, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street, Mankato. This classic 1925 movie will not be "silent", thanks to a visiting artist, R. Jelani Eddington, who was Theater Organist of the Year in 2001. Mr. Eddington will watch the movie with the audience and improvise a theater organ accompaniment to go along with events and emotions depicted on the screen -- just like it was done in the 1920s before movies were made with sound. Tickets for this special event will be available at the door: \$7 for adults, and \$5 for seniors and students. The event is presented by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.