

Announcements for the week of
May 8-15, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of May 1, 2011:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$10,370.00
May Mission Project:
The Jacobsons in Tanzania - \$234.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 5/1/11:
8:15 a.m.: 125 10:45 a.m.: 209

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. - Education Hour; Adult Forum:
To Be Announced (Heritage Room); Coffee
(Grounds for Joy); LIGHT
5-7 p.m. ~ How Lutherans Understand the
Bible - Heritage Room



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.

The **Exodus Bible Study group** will meet on Wednesday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. in Classroom A (the old Scout room) downstairs.



On Monday, May 16, at 6 p.m., Thrivent Financial will host an informational seminar in the Otis Room at BW3 downtown. The seminar is about saving for college, kids' life insurance, adult life insurance, 401K, IRA, etc. -- basically anything and everything you've ever wanted to know about being "smart" for the future financially. The event is put on by Thrivent Financial, which is a big supporter of Bethlehem. You can order anything off the menu, including a non-alcoholic beverage. Thrivent Financial asks for each adult to contribute \$5.00 toward the cost of an adult meal and \$2.50 toward a kids' meal. Thrivent will pick up the remaining balance as a "thank you" for attending and participating -- making it a cheap night out! RSVP to Leah Garry at 507-382-2205.

RADIO BROADCAST



Today's broadcast is sponsored by Dixie Ortley in memory of Hilding & Cora Mae Lundin. 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

Bethlehem's Mission Project for May is the work of medical missionaries Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson. For over 20 years, the Jacobsons have lead the effort to improve health care in Tanzania through the development of two hospitals, Selian and Arusha Lutheran, and Bethlehem has supported them financially and through prayer. There is a plaque in the lobby of Arusha Lutheran recognizing those who have contributed to the building of that hospital, and Bethlehem's name appears on that plaque. A picture of the plaque is on display in the narthex. **We are fortunate that the Jacobsons will be visiting Mankato at 5:30 p.m. on June 15 at Messiah Church.** We will be co-hosting a potluck dinner and hearing first-hand about their medical mission. Please plan to attend!



SIGN UP TODAY 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!

Deadline for signing up in the office is TODAY.



Napkins by Nagel

Kudos from the Bethlehem Earth Stewards to **Marcia Nagel**, who was quoted to have said, "I love to do laundry!" and who has volunteered weekly to wash cloth napkins used at Bethlehem's Wednesday night suppers to save some trees. No ironing was allowed.

LECTIONARY FOR 5/15/11

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Psalm: 23
Second Reading: I Peter 2:19-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Virginia Asleson
Rebecca Schreiner
Gary Zimmerman
Hazel Neubert
Kaitlyn Braun

(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 Northfield
El Salvador Lutheran in Colombia
(partnered with St. John in Northfield)
Iambi Lutheran in Tanzania
(partnered with St. John in Northfield)
St. Peter Lutheran in New Richland
North Prairie Lutheran in Lanesboro



Thank you for supporting the 17th Annual Bethlehem Gospbells Flower Sale today! Extra bouquets have been ordered and may be purchased for \$6 while supplies last.



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.maffiti.org.



SUMMER WORSHIP begins on **Sunday, May 29, at 9:45 a.m.** We will also have **Wednesday worship services at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel beginning on June 1.**

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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).

**"...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 John 3:16 in isolation.

**Bike / Walk / or Carpool to worship
on May 15. Have your bike washed also!**

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.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

May we suggest one of these books for your prayer life:

1. Book of Prayers, compiled by R. Vande Weyer. A treasury of prayers through the ages (242.8Fou).
2. Forty Ways to Say Thank You, Lord, by James R. Bjorge (248.3Bjo).
3. Clinging. The Experience of Prayer, by Emilie Griffin (248.3Gri).
4. Prayer, by O. Hallesby -- a world classic to deepen your prayer life (248Hal).



Coffee Fellowship

CARE MINISTRY

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! Blessings - Kathy Crosswell, Florence Sassenberg, & Pastor Jay.



The Bethlehem History Keepers will be meeting in the Heritage Room this Thursday, May 12, from 1-3 p.m. to organize artifacts and files. Join us!!

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Earth Stewards Tip of the Week
New Vision Feeds, Mankato, has the best price in town for corn gluten meal. This product should be applied to lawns this week to help prevent weeds from germinating and to fertilize grass.

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

Hospice Volunteer Training

May 9, 11, 12, 16, and 18

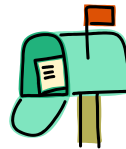
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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).



**Letter Carriers' Food Drive
Saturday, May 14**

Mankato/North Mankato Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food items on **Saturday, May 14**, to help families in need in our community through the ECHO Food Shelf. Please place your food donation at your mailbox on **May 14** before your letter carrier arrives. For more information, call Dave Wortel, 345-4494. Thanks for helping!



***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.