

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: Week of April 26-May 3, 2009

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South Second Street, Mankato, MN 56001**

*For more information, please check our website: [www.bethlehemmankato.org](http://www.bethlehemmankato.org).*

Sunday	4/26	8:15 am	Worship with communion
		9:30 am	Forum: Missions in South America with Kathy Bolin, Synod ofc. - Heritage Room
		9:30 am	Education Hour
		10:45 am	Worship with communion
		Noon	Semi-Annual meeting - Dining Room
	Noon	Youth painting group - Youth Room	
Monday	4/27	8 am-12 pm	LSS - Heritage Room
		10 am	Bazaar planning meeting - Grounds for Joy
		3-8 pm	On My Own - Youth Room
		6-8 pm	TOPS
Tuesday	4/28	7 am	Bible Study - "God Creates & Knows Me" - Dunn Bros., N. Mankato - All are welcome!
		Noon	Bible Study - 101 Main
		1 pm	Library Board - Library
		2 pm	Lydia Circle - Grounds for Joy
Wednesday	4/29	9 am	Staff meeting
		9 am	TOPS
		3:30 pm	Personnel Committee meeting - Library
		5 pm-7:30 pm	<i>See schedule below</i>
Thursday	4/30		
Friday	5/1		SE MN Synod ELCA Assembly, Rochester
Saturday	5/2		SE MN Synod ELCA Assembly, Rochester
Sunday	5/3	8:15 am	Worship with communion
		9:30 am	Forum: Endowment Forum with Mavis Saxton - Heritage Room
		9:30 am	Education Hour
		10:45 am	Worship with communion, baptism
		Noon	Light lunch served in Heritage Room - Every Member Visit/Evangelism Board

### WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5-6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Supper - Dining Room
5-6 pm	Chancel Choir (adults) - Choir Room
5:15-6 pm	Junior Gospbells - Sanctuary
6:00-6:30 pm	The Children of Bethlehem -- choir for 3-year-olds through 4th grade -- Basement, Room H
6 -7:45 pm	Confirmation (7th, 8th, & 9th grade) - Youth Room
6-7:30 pm	TIMES - 10th - 12th grade Teens - Grounds for Joy
6:15-7:30 pm	Bethlehem Gospbells - Sanctuary
6:30-7:30 pm	Gather Choir (adults) -Choir Room
7:45-8:30 pm	The Messengers - 5th grade-12th grade - Chapel

### Week of April 19, 2009:

**Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,432.00**

**Lutheran World Relief: \$1,539.00**

**ALS Walk: \$1,734.00**

**Worship attendance ~ April 19**

**8:15 a.m.: 137      10:45 a.m.: 178**

**Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:** During the month of April, we'll be collecting cereal.



**Manpower Needed** on Sunday, May 17, to set up tables and chairs for the Fellowship Carnival following the 10:45 service. The Fellowship Carnival will feature food, games, a bounce house, and much more!! A set-up crew at 7:00 a.m. is needed and also a tear-down crew at 2:00 p.m. **WE NEED YOU!!** Please contact the church office to sign up.



**Bethlehem's semi-annual congregational meeting will be at NOON TODAY in the dining room. Please -- all members come!!**

### Menu for Wednesday, April 29:

Lasagna, garlic bread stick, and cole slaw. Team 3 will be serving. For more menu information, check out the web page: [www.bethlehemmankato.org](http://www.bethlehemmankato.org).

Thank you to all the generous members and friends who donated their time, money, and food to last Sunday's noon meal at Salvation Army. We served delicious casseroles, salads, French bread, pickles, milk, and bars to over 110 people! Besides sharing a meal with people in our community, we also enjoyed fellowship with fellow members from Bethlehem. Thank you, Ron & Etta Poole (team leaders); Jack Halvorson; Dave & Lori Ruthenbeck; Florence Sassenberg; Ginny Asleson; Sandy Kuper; Verona Roberts; John & Judy Corcoran; Yevonne Flatgard; Dennis & Shirley Ferris; Rae Allan; Aileen Eick; Jim & Marcia Nagel; Nick & Linda Frederick; Violet Johnson; Carl & Rita Schoenstedt; Wally & Sharon McDougall; Denny & Karen Sandersfeld; Bob & Marsha Qualset; Audrey Gatchell; Randy Drager; Jodie & Megan Jones; Nicole & Chelsey Buesing; Shannon & Molly Butler; Joey Ringgenberg; Nancy & Ben Rorem; Andrew Diedrich; Jim, Melissa, & Dalton Matthies; Ryan Erdman; Eric Pipes; Bob & Susan Brown. Bethlehem will serve again on July 19. Tom and Betty Sanger's team will be in charge. Call Bob and Susan Brown (387-2976) if you would like to be part of this local mission opportunity.

Thank you to Shannon Butler and Bethlehem teens for making 4 pans of bars last Wednesday to serve at Sunday's noon meal at Salvation Army. Your generous donation was appreciated by many. It was a pleasure to have so many young people join us on Sunday. Thank you, Ryan, Eric, Dalton, Ben, Andrew, Megan, Nicole, Chelsey, Molly, and Joey!

**There will be a meeting of the Bazaar Coordinating Committee on Monday, April 27, at 10:00 a.m. in Grounds for Joy.**



"I would like to thank everyone who walked in the ALS Walk and who donated money to it. I don't know when we will have a cure, but your participation will hasten its arrival. Thank you all. Love, Pastor Don."

**Radio Broadcast:** Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Bob & Ginger Erlandson in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary. To sponsor a broadcast in honor of or in memory of someone, sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. The first service is broadcast on KTOE 1420 AM every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.



**Lectionary For May 3, 2009:**

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
5/3	Acts 4:5-12	23	I John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18

**In Our Prayers:** (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.)

**The family of Scott Janssen**

**Pastor Al Girtz    Verna Williams    Elaine Kunz    Marjorie Freyberg    Dorothy Isdahl**

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.

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

**From Our Library...**

For those of us who appreciate being able to finish what we are reading in just one sitting, we suggest these book selections. They include classic selections from novels, short stories, essays, and memoirs.




- 1) The North Country Reader, by Jean Ervin (810.ERV);
- 2) Letters From the Country, by Carol Bly (977.BIY);
- 3) Old Songs In a New Café, by Robert Waller (814.WAL);
- 4) A Cup of Comfort for Mothers and Daughters, (306 SEL);
- 5) Every Living Thing, by James Herriot (636.089 HER).

**COME ONE, COME ALL to the first Endowment Forum to be held on Sunday, May 3, between services.** Come with your questions and be prepared to discuss needs inside and outside of Bethlehem. Sharing information and ideas is vital to the growth of our endowment fund. Your Endowment Committee members are Andrew Garry, Newt Moen, Bob Qualset, and Mavis Saxton, Chair.

**A FRIENDLY VISIT!** Between services on May 3, members of the Evangelism Board will be in Grounds for Joy answering questions about making a friendly visit. There will be cards available for the taking with the names of Bethlehem members still waiting for a visit. After the second service, a light lunch will be served in the Heritage Room. If you have made a visit, or if you are thinking about making one and just don't know how to get started, please join us!

**April Mission:** Lutheran World Relief. On Palm Sunday, we learned about how Bethlehem supports quilts, school kits, and Fair Trade coffee and palms. Today, we are going to learn how LWR speaks out for justice -- how we are called by God to speak out for our brothers and sisters in need. LWR seeks to be faithful to the word of God by working with poor and powerless communities to challenge not only the consequences, but also the causes, of poverty and oppression. Advocacy is a faith commitment to be part of God's plan for a just world -- a world where each person's dignity and worth is valued; a world where everyone has a say in decisions that affect their lives. At Bethlehem, we can be a part of correcting these injustices by staying informed about where and why these wrongs are happening, and then responding through prayer and advocacy. We can be a part of helping stop the spread of AIDS in Africa and bringing peace to Columbia if we work for justice.

"MOVING FOR MELISSA" -- 5-MILE WALK FOR MS -- SUNDAY, MAY 3. Registration is at 11:00 a.m., and the walk begins at 11:30 a.m. at the MSU Centennial Student Union. Join our team in supporting Melissa Matthies in her battle against MS! There is a sign-up sheet in the church office. 

**YOUTH ~ TIMES (Teens In Mission Enthusiastically Serving) SCHEDULE:**

**April 29: CADA House Kids (meet at church)    May 6: Mini-golfing (meet at church) - 6:00**



The Bethlehem Women of the ELCA will be having their Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, May 13, at 12:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. The theme is "Baskets of Blessings". The cost for the luncheon is \$7. Musical entertainment will be provided by Laurie Rossow and Christine Schulz. Guests are welcome! There is a sign-up sheet in the office, with the deadline being May 10.

**Rachel Iverson Benefit** — On Sunday, May 3, a benefit is planned for Rachel Iverson, 11-year-old daughter of Pastor Mary Iverson. Rachel suffers from two chronic illnesses: Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome (CVS) and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS). We want to show our love and support to the Iverson family. Please save this date and come enjoy a wonderful meal on May 3 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake. Serving will be from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Funds collected will be used to assist with medical costs.

Any Bethlehem students who are planning on enrolling (or continuing their studies) in an institution of higher education next fall may apply for a Bethlehem Lutheran Church scholarship. Application forms are in the church office. Completed forms must be returned to the office by **May 1**.



Celebrate the Life of Dr. Paul Manz! The Sioux Trails Chapter of The American Guild of Organists presents an all-members' recital featuring music for organ, choir, and brass, composed by Dr. Manz, Lutheran musician extraordinaire! The recital begins at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 3, at Grace Lutheran Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Main, Mankato. Come listen to great music, or come early to participate in the mass choir, directed by Dr. David Dickau. For more information, please contact Chad Winterfeldt at 507-934-3060 or [cwinterfeldt@flcstp.org](mailto:cwinterfeldt@flcstp.org).



**Summer 2009 Baseball Schedule -- All games are at Caswell Park**

Monday, April 27 -- 8:15 p.m. -- Christ the King vs. Bethlehem Stars  
9:15 p.m. -- Messiah Blue vs. St. Joe's II

Monday, May 4 -- 7:15 p.m. -- St. Joe's II vs. Christ the King and Bethlehem Stars vs. Our Sav.  
8:15 p.m. -- Our Sav. vs. St. Joe's II and Christ the King vs. Messiah Blue



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**Fair Trade**

Coffee: \$6 per bag  
Tea: \$3 per box  
Cocoa: \$5 per can  
Candy bars: \$3