

Announcements for the week of June 21-28, 2009

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South Second Street, Mankato, MN 56001
For more information, please check our website: www.bethlehemmankato.org.



The Evangelism Board is looking for 2-3 pictures suitable for the "Welcome Board" in the narthex. If you have a digital photo of, for example, a group of children up front during a children's sermon (or while singing), a youth activity photo, or some other photo during a church service, please contact Jack Halvorson at 388-7839 or <jackh@hickorytech.net>.

Week of June 14, 2009:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$8,316.00

Worship attendance

Saturday, June 13, 5:30 p.m. ~ 28

Sunday, June 14, 9:30 a.m. ~ 166

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis: During the month of June, we'll be collecting tuna and canned meat.

Radio Broadcast: To sponsor a broadcast in honor of or in memory of someone, sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. The service is broadcast on KTOE 1420 AM every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

SATURDAY EVENING SUMMER WORSHIP



5:30-6:00 p.m. ~ Outdoor Worship Service

6:00-6:30 p.m. ~ Fellowship with Food (picnic style)

Jesus' Parables

June 27 ~ Lamp Under a Bowl

July 4 ~ **NO SERVICE (holiday)**

July 11 ~ "The Pearl of Great Price"


SUNDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:00-9:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship with coffee & treats

9:15-10:00 a.m. ~ Children's Church (preschool through 2nd grade)

9:30-10:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service

10:30-11:00 a.m. ~ Forum in Grounds for Joy with coffee & treats

Sign-ups have started for our new pictorial directory! You can sign up at church or online at www.bethlehemmankato.org. Once you enter your home information, click "save" and the available times will be displayed for you. You may also call 1-800-866-2263, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. to schedule an appointment. Each household that comes for photography and portrait viewing will receive a complimentary directory and an 8x10" custom color portrait. **The photography dates are July 22-25, July 29-31, and August 1.** Please participate -- it won't be complete without YOU! 

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.)*

Marjorie Freyberg David Ruthenbeck George Van Lith Dorothy Isdahl Verna Williams

Dawn Hernandez

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.

Holden Lutheran in Kenyon

Our Savior Lutheran in Owatonna

Merya Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Our Savior, Owatonna)

Greenfield Lutheran in Harmony

Marshall Lutheran in Adams

Ilongero Lutheran in Tanzania

Lectionary For June 28, 2009:

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
6/28/09	Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24	30	2 Cor. 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43

Fair Trade

Coffee: \$6 per bag

Tea: \$3 per box

Cocoa: \$5 per can

Candy bars: \$3 each



Vacation Bible School is scheduled from August 9 to August 12. Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to attend our Gadget's Garage program from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a free will offering meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. each night. Children will witness the wonder and workmanship of Jesus, our Savior, through five incredible Bible stories. Enroll today!! **Deadline is July 24.** Forms are available in the church office. Questions?

Please contact Leah Garry at 507-382-2205 or lgarry@hickorytech.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

From Our Library... Blue Earth County History



1. Blue Earth County Century Farms, by Donna Webb. You will find some interesting farm histories in this new book (977.2).
2. History of the Red Jacket Valley, by Julie Schrader. South of Mankato valley history (977.6).
3. Heritage of Blue Earth County, by Julie Schrader (977.21).



2009 SENIOR HIGH RETREAT -- Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Lanesboro, Minnesota. The retreat will begin on Friday, June 26, and end on Sunday, June 28. There is a sign-up sheet, along with more information, in the church office.

Women of the ELCA are invited to attend A Bible Study of Mary, the Woman, on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, here at Bethlehem in Grounds for Joy. The study will be led by Pastor Shelly Olson. The schedule is: 8:30 a.m. -- coffee and juice; 9:00-10:30 -- study and conversation; 10:30 -- break; 10:45-11:30 -- study and conversation; 11:30 -- prayer and song. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Morpew at 387-3973.

Lutheran Hour Golf! Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 28, at Minneopa Golf Course. The time is 3:00 p.m., so come by 2:30. We'll have hamburgers there around 5 p.m. Please sign up in the office for golf and/or supper, or both. If you have any questions, contact Roger or Dee Saman.



Dinner for Six ~ We will start the next session in July, so stop in the narthex and sign up for this fun event. It promotes fellowship and getting acquainted with your fellow Bethlehem members. There will be guidelines available. See Roger or Dee Saman if you have any questions.



Bethlehem Child Care Center has a loving and caring spot just waiting to be filled by your child. We currently have openings in infant, toddler, and preschool. The curriculum is a religious one, and children get kindergarten ready while they are learning about Jesus. The center is open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. right here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church next to the Heritage Room, with trained teachers and loving aids. If you have a need for child care or know someone who does, please call Marsha at 345-3423. If you are looking for an exciting volunteer opportunity, readers and noon hour and nap helpers are always welcome, or other skills you may have to offer. This is a mission of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Feel welcome to check it out.



Summer 2009 Baseball Schedule -- All games are at Caswell Park
Monday, June 22 - 6:15 p.m. -- Christ the King vs. **Bethlehem Stars**; Messiah Blue vs. St. Joe's II
7:15 p.m. -- St. Joe's II vs. Christ the King; **Bethlehem Stars** vs. Our Savior's
Monday, June 29 -- 8:15 p.m. -- Our Savior's vs. St. Joe's II
9:15 p.m. -- Christ the King vs. Messiah Blue



Next Sunday, June 28, don't miss **Age to Age**, which is a 25-voice professional choral ensemble comprised of singers from across Minnesota. They will provide special music for our 9:30 worship service. As part of their summer tour, this group has requested to sing at Bethlehem with no performance fees. CDs will be available for purchase, and a free-will offering will be accepted in the narthex following the service.

The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites all to attend the annual Summer Organ Recital Series held at **NOON on Tuesdays** during the summer, concluding on August 18. This long-standing tradition in the Mankato area features performers from the Sioux Trails Chapter, as well as friends from other chapters or locales. After several years in other places in town, the series returns this year to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Recitals are approximately one-half hour long and are **FREE!**
Upcoming recitalists: **June 23**~Chad Winterfeldt (First Lutheran Church in St. Peter); **June 30**~David Mertesdorf (Twin Cities organist and a native of Vernon Center, MN); **July 7**~Matt Gerhardt (student at St. Olaf); **July 14**~Ron Shilling (Martin Luther College, New Ulm); **July 21**~Mark DeGarmeaux (Bethany Lutheran College); **July 28**~Charles Luedtke; **August 4**~Judith Kresnicka (Bethany); **August 11** ~ Sandra Krumholz (Grace Lutheran in Fairmont); **August 18** ~ Christine Schulz.

