

Announcements for the week of June 28-July 5, 2009

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



We'll be doing a little painting and updating at the **ECHO Food Shelf** from June 29-July 3, and we need some volunteers who can help. If you can wield a paintbrush or cleaning cloth and have a few hours to spare, please call Carolyn Kanyusik at 345-3270. We will be grateful for all helpers. Also, **we're again in need of egg cartons.** We purchase eggs in bulk to save money, and we use the cartons to repackage the eggs. Cartons may be taken to ECHO, 614 North 2nd Street, from 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you!

Week of June 21, 2009:
Offered for the Lord's Work: **\$4,837.00**
Worship attendance
Saturday, June 20, 5:30 p.m. ~ 25
Sunday, June 21, 9:30 a.m. ~ 170

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis: During the month of July, we'll be collecting diapers, wipes, baby food, and formula.

Radio Broadcast: Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Ellie Hayes and family in memory of Dick Hayes. 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

July 4 ~ **NO SERVICE (holiday)**
July 11 ~ "The Pearl of Great Price"
July 18 ~ "The Unforgiving Person"

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.)*

Dorothy Isdahl George Van Lith David Ruthenbeck Verna Williams Marjorie Freyberg
Dawn Hernandez Ellie Hayes

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.

Looney Valley Lutheran in Houston	St. Ansgar Lutheran in Cannon Falls
Red Oak Grove Lutheran in Austin	Mrumba Lutheran in Tanzania
Mansfield Lutheran in Alden	La Gracia Mission in Columbia

Lectionary For July 5, 2009:

Sunday	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
7/05/09	Ezekiel 2:1-5	123	2 Cor. 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13



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... On the Lighter Side for Your Summer Reading



1. Nana's Gift, by Janette Oke. Some things are very expensive, but others are priceless. (FIC Oke)
2. Rain Song, by Phyllis Whitney. As always, she tells a riveting and romantic story of suspense. (FIC Whi)
3. Whispers in the Valley, by Lance Wubbles. From the heart-rending challenges of WWII to the dream of home and family. (FIC Wub)
4. The Wedding Dress, by Marian Wells. It will compel, stir, and move you to tears and to joy before you turn its final page. (FIC Wel)



Also From Our Library... Alexander McCall Smith is a Professor of Medical Law at Edenburg University. He was born in what is now known as Zimbabwe and taught law. He is the author of 50 books variously titled The Number 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (this is a series); Friends, Lovers, Chocolate; Portugese Irregular Verbs; The Finer Points of Sausage Dogs; and more. Check out FIC McC.



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>.



Lutheran Hour Golf! The time is 3:00 p.m. **TODAY**, 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 29 -- 8:15 p.m. -- Our Savior's vs. St. Joe's II

9:15 p.m. -- Christ the King vs. Messiah Blue

Monday, July 6 -- 8:15 p.m. -- Messiah Blue vs. Our Savior's; **Bethlehem Stars** vs. St. Joe's II

9:15 p.m. -- **Bethlehem Stars** vs. Messiah Blue; Our Savior's vs. Christ the King



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 Morphew at 387-3973.



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 they are **FREE!**

Upcoming recitalists: **June 30** ~ David Mertesdorf (Twin Cities organist and a native of Vernon Center); **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** ~ John Baumann (Mt. Olive Lutheran); **August 18** ~ Christine Schulz.