



From Our Library...

Kids: Have you signed up for the children's summer reading program yet? It's never too late. At the end of June, every young reader will receive a prize. Happy reading!



Leaders in Children's Ministry from Bethlehem Lutheran Church are attending a 1-day seminar, "Working on the Dream: Building Family Ministry...out of Parents", at Christ the King Lutheran Church **TONIGHT, June 7**. It's the 15th Anniversary Faithink Road Tour. As part of the nightcap to the seminar, all parents and kids of the congregation are invited to come over to Christ the King for a fun, free family event hosted by Faithink. It will be half stand-up comedy and half practical parenting advice, and 100% just plain fun! It begins at 7:00 p.m. No need to RSVP!

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.

Monthly Mission Project: May's mission project has been extended through **June 14** in order to come closer to meeting our financial goals. Bethlehem has two mission projects with our partners in Tanzania. One is called "Educating the Educators", which involves providing tuition, room, and board for two 4-year college students at a cost of \$3,000 per student per year. These students will continue their second year of education next fall, and there is enough money for one student to return to school. We would like to raise \$3,000 so both students can return to school in the fall. They have committed to return to the Central Diocese to teach when they complete their schooling. The second project is a well for the village of Kijota, Tanzania, with about 1500 people that is located just north of Singida. This is the hometown of Bishop Sima, who has visited Bethlehem in the past. Today, this village's water comes from a small stream that dries up part of the year. A model of the well, a map showing the location of Kijota, and pictures are located in the narthex. You can contribute to both projects or choose which one you wish to support -- just indicate that on the envelope in the pew.



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

Monday, June 8 -- 6:15 p.m. -- Our Savior's vs. St. Joe's II; Christ the King vs. Messiah Blue

7:15 p.m. -- Messiah Blue vs. Our Savior's; St. Joe's II vs. **Bethlehem Stars**

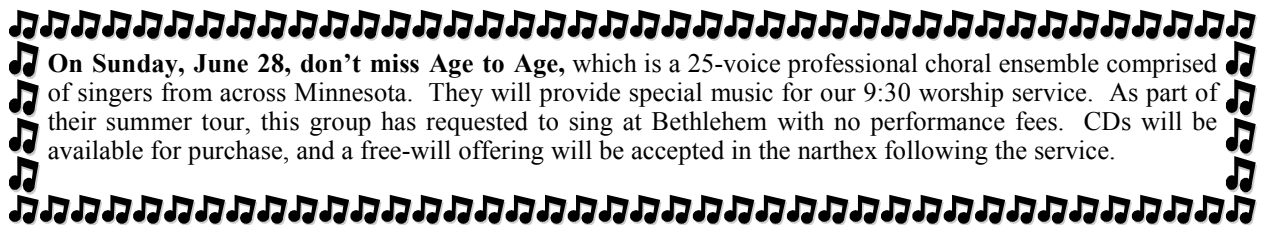
Monday, June 15 - 8:15 p.m. -- **Bethlehem Stars** vs. Messiah Blue

9:15 p.m. -- Our Savior's vs. Christ the King

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



 On 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 its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recital Series held at 12 noon on Tuesdays beginning on June 9 and 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 spaces in town, the series returns this year to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Recitals are one-half hour long and open and free to all!

Upcoming recitalists: June 9 ~ Ames Anderson (former music professor at Martin Luther College, New Ulm); June 16 ~ David Fienen (Gustavus Adolphus College); June 23 ~ Chad Winterfeldt (First Lutheran Church in St. Peter); June 30 ~ David Mertesdorf (Twin Cities organist and a native of Vernon Center, MN).