

Announcements for the week of July 26-August 2, 2009

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

Week of July 19, 2009:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,754.00
July Mission Project (Jacobsons): \$1,261.00

Worship attendance

Saturday, July 18, 5:30 p.m. ~ 16
Sunday, July 19, 9:30 a.m. ~ 185

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



Please pick up your quarterly contribution report in the narthex!

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

August 1 ~ "The Parable of the Yeast"
August 8 ~ "The Sheep and the Goats"
August 15 ~ "The Good Samaritan"

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

If you did not sign up for an appointment for our new pictorial directory, expect a call from Olan Mills to offer you a time. If you have caller ID, it should read "Church Directories". To set or change an appointment, call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.



The remaining photography dates are July 29-31 and August 1.

Remember -- to receive a FREE church directory and 8 x 10" portrait, you have to be in it -- **please participate!**

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.)

David Ruthenbeck Jodi Orchard Ellie Hayes Dawn Hernandez Verna Williams
Jean Thompson Darlene Hines

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.

St. John Lutheran in Elkton
Oakland Lutheran in Oakland
San Mateo Lutheran in Columbia (partnered with Oakland Lutheran in Oakland)

St. Paul Lutheran in Red Wing
Trinity Lutheran in Blooming Prairie
Munguli Mission Area in Tanzania

Lectionary For August 2, 2009:

Sunday	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
8/02/09	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35



Fair Trade

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



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. Questions?

Please contact Leah Garry at 507-382-2205 or lgarry@hickorytech.net. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



From Our Library...Maud Hart Lovelace

Mankato can be very proud that Maud Hart Lovelace shared her childhood memories of growing up in Mankato by writing the Betsy-Tacy series of books that generations of children have enjoyed. Our library has most of the Betsy-Tacy books (JFLOV) and will soon complete our set. Come in and enjoy them!



Today's special music is provided by vocalist Jean Hoppe. Jean and her husband, Roger, live in the country outside of Mankato. They enjoy flying, motorcycling, and snowmobiling. Jean's hobbies include gardening and reading. She has been a member of Bethlehem since 2003. Thank you, Jean!

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Adoption: Join us to learn about the exciting opportunities and recent changes in adoption and how LSS can partner with you to grow your family. LSS can help families adopt children locally and from countries around the world. Call Lynne Haggart at (612) 879-5230 or 1-888-205-3769 to register for the **6:30 – 8:00 p.m. meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, on Tuesday, July 28.** For more information, or to register online, please visit www.minnesotaadoption.org.

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.



Bethlehem's Mission Project for July is Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson, who we have a long history of sponsoring. Last Tuesday evening, over 50 members of Bethlehem and the community shared a meal and learned about the wonderful work that Dr. Mark and Linda are doing in Tanzania. It was especially helpful to hear how the Masai people value being in good relationship with God, community, and the earth. To support the Jacobsons financially, envelopes are provided in the pews for you. They also ask that you pray for them and help tell their story to the community of Bethlehem and Mankato. You can learn more about their mission work at <http://selianlh.habari.co.tz/index.htm>.

FREE CONCERT! All are invited to a free concert by hometown artist Jason Gray and guest Randall Goodgame on **Sunday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m.** The concert will be held at Crossview Covenant Church, 2000 Howard Drive, North Mankato. Jason and Randall will be performing their songs, including some that they wrote for Jason's upcoming new release, "Everything Sad is Coming Untrue". A free-will offering will be collected.



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. Recitals are approximately one-half hour long and they are **FREE!**

Upcoming recitalists: **July 28** ~ Charles Luedtke, with trumpeter Tom Nuessmeier; **August 4** ~ Judith Kresnicka (Bethany); **August 11** ~ John Baumann (Mt. Olive Lutheran); **August 18** ~ Christine Schulz (Bethlehem Lutheran).