

Announcements for the week of August 16-23, 2009

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


Week of August 9, 2009:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,817.00
August Mission Projects
Child Care Center: \$1,907.00
Lutheran Campus Ministry: \$112.00

Worship attendance
Saturday, August 8, 5:30 p.m. ~ ?
Sunday, August 9, 9:30 a.m. ~ 262

Picture Make-Up Day – Our new pastor has been called, and we need everyone's picture in the directory to help him get to know our congregation! **On August 29th from 11-5 p.m.**, Olan Mills will be here for a picture make-up day. Please call **1-800-866-2263** to make your appointment.



Echo Food Shelf Emphasis: During the month of August, we'll be collecting pasta.

 **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 22 ~ "The Rich and Lazarus"
August 29 ~ "The Lost Youth"
(August 29 is the final Saturday summer service)

SUNDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE
8:30-9:15 a.m. ~ New member classes - Pastor Arne's ofc.
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 a.m. ~ Forum: Care Ministry - in Grounds for Joy

Radio Broadcast: Today's broadcast is sponsored by **Elaine Kunz** in honor of the staff and volunteers at Bethlehem. 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.

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.)*

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| Joyce Jorgenson & the family/friends of Gary Van Stelten | | David Ruthenbeck | Elaine Kunz |
| Darlene Hines | Delores Krause | Jean McDowell | Gordon Anderson |
| Andrew Greeley | Willie Hoppe | Dawn Hernandez | Vi Hanson |

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.

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| Chatfield Lutheran in Chatfield | Nduguti Lutheran in Tanzania |
| Stordahl Lutheran in Zumbrota | Santisima Trinidad Mission in Columbia |
| Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna | |

Lectionary For August 23, 2009:

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
8/23/09	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69

Today's Adult Forum is all about Care Ministry. Please come to Grounds for Joy at 10:30 a.m. to learn more about it! **Thank you** to the following people who are on Bethlehem's Care Ministry Team: Melvin Alms, Jean Benson, Mary Bliesmer, Jan Boyum, Lavon & Sally Burdick, Gert DeRemer, Joan Eichers, Aileen Eick, Cherryl Eigen, Pastor Al Girtz, Ardis Grotta, Deloris Guenther, Mary Hall, Alice Haugen, Carole Morphew, Etta Poole, Dave & Lori Ruthenbeck, Roger & Dee Saman, Betty Sanger, Florence Sassenberg, Mavis Saxton, and Amber Steen.



From Our Library...Summer Reading Kids

We are in the last month of our summer reading program -- but it is not too late to read some more good books! Be sure the books you have read are listed on your sheet at the book cart. The lady at the book cart will be glad to help you. Don't forget to return your books **by August 30.**



Bethlehem's Mission Projects for August

Bethlehem Child Care Center and Crossroads Campus Ministry, ELCA



Please join Marsha Madigan, Executive Director of the BCCC, in the Heritage Room on **Sunday, August 23, at 10:30 a.m.** Enjoy coffee and refreshments and watch a slide show of the Child Care Center. Afterwards, take a tour of the beautiful BCCC and preschool. Please help us by giving money that can be used for scholarships to help families in need send their children to our center.

Crossroads Campus Ministry at MSU-Mankato is "a Christian community seeking to understand the intersection of faith with life" with Sunday evening worship, a Wednesday evening meal and Bible study, fellowship events, and mission outreach. Financial gifts to Lutheran Campus Ministry help to ensure that lives will continue to be touched as they proclaim the Gospel, nurture faith, and inspire leaders on campus.



Attention, senior citizens of Bethlehem! On August 19 at 1:00 p.m., you are invited to Grounds for Joy for the first meeting of a new monthly fellowship for those 65 and older. The purpose is to provide opportunities for fellowship, good conversation, and some stimulating learning and inspiration. Dessert and coffee will be served. Please join Pastor Arne and Pastor Al for this important meeting!

A BIG THANKS to Newt, Carl, Randy, and Mike for helping the Hagen family get their fire-damaged house ready to move in by September! You can help sheetrock, paint, or move on Saturday, August 22. Please call Carl Schoenstedt for more information at 345-3003. We'll meet at the church for carpooling at 8:00 a.m. each Saturday. Please plan to stay for lunch and fellowship at noon.



The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites everyone to attend the final recital of the annual Summer Organ Recital Series held at **NOON on Tuesday, August 18.** The recitalist will be Christine Schulz, who is also secretary of the chapter. Thanks to all who have attended and supported the summer series this year!

The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for individuals 55 years old or older who enjoy children and have time to share in Mankato at Kennedy Elementary School. By giving 15 hours a week of your time, you could help children in schools succeed. At the same time, you would supplement your retirement income with tax-free financial reimbursement as well as travel costs and insurance coverage. Contact Gail Sumerfelt at 507-337-0382 or 507-530-2295.

Thank you so much to all of you Bethlehem friends for your prayers while I was sick. I am feeling better now, thanks to your prayers. *Sincerely, Jan Struss*

Fair Trade

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



A card shower is planned to honor Hazel Neubert of Mankato for her 85th birthday TODAY, August 16. Greetings may be sent to her at 700 Agency Trail, #108, Mankato, MN 56001.