

Announcements for the week of August 2-9, 2009


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

Week of July 26, 2009:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,457.00
July Mission Project (Jacobsons): \$3,389.00

Worship attendance
Saturday, July 18, 5:30 p.m. ~ 45
Sunday, July 19, 9:30 a.m. ~ 223

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

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Next Sunday, August 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, we will vote whether or not to extend a Letter of Call to the pastor who has been selected and is being recommended by the Call Committee. Please plan to be present for this important meeting!

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 8 ~ "The Sheep and the Goats"
August 15 ~ "The Good Samaritan"
August 22 ~ "The Rich and Lazarus"

SUNDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE
8:30-9:15 a.m. ~ New member classes - Grounds for Joy
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. ~ The ice cream social and TODAY's forum with the Council and Call Committee will be outside in front of the church.

Praying With Others -- Sometimes it is nice to have someone to pray with you -- to pray either for others or for yourself. Today, we are starting a prayer ministry. Every Sunday, starting today, there will be one or more persons at the altar rail to pray with anyone who comes forward at the end of the service. As others are leaving, simply come up and you will find persons ready to pray with you. Pastor Arne and Pastor Al have met with and trained a prayer team to do that. If you would like to be on the prayer team, please speak with one of the pastors.



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 Vi Hanson
Jean Thompson Darlene Hines Delores Krause Jean McDowell Darlene Nelson Elaine Kunz
Shirley Ferris Andrew Greeley Willie Hoppe John Odegard Mary Nelson

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.

- United Redeemer Lutheran in Zumbrota Trinity Lutheran in Albert Lea
St. Paul Lutheran in Harmony Emaus Mission in Columbia
Zumbro Lutheran in Rochester Mkalama Lutheran in Tanzania

Lectionary For August 9, 2009:

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
8/09/09	I Kings 19:4-8	34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51

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



Vacation Bible School starts tonight and runs through 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...

Last Sunday, Pastor Jessen quoted M. Scott Peck, M.D., from his book The Road Less Traveled, which has been described as the most influential book of spiritual growth of our age. Our library has eight of Dr. Peck's books. Refer to the Adult Book notebook on the file cabinet under Peck to see the listing and numbers of all of his books.



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.

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 Minnesota State University, 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.



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 everyone to attend the final month of the annual Summer Organ Recital Series held at **NOON on Tuesdays**, which concludes 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: **August 4** ~ Judith Kresnicka (Bethany); **August 11** ~ John Baumann (Mt. Olive Lutheran Church); **August 18** ~ Christine Schulz (Bethlehem Lutheran Church).