

Announcements for the week of August 30-September 6, 2009
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South Second Street, Mankato, MN 56001
 For more information, please check our website: www.bethlehemmankato.org.

Week of August 23, 2009:
 Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,345.00
August Mission Projects
 Child Care Center: \$4,230.00
 Lutheran Campus Ministry: \$585.00

Worship attendance
 Saturday, August 22, 5:30 p.m. ~ ____
 Sunday, August 23, 9:30 a.m. ~ 198

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 a.m. ~ Forum: Report on the ELCA Assembly, with Jim Nagel -- in Grounds for Joy

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis: During the month of September, we'll be collecting canned fruit.

Radio Broadcast: Today's broadcast is sponsored by **Al and Joan Eichers** in memory of Joan's mother, Gina Klitzke. 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.



"I want to thank all members and friends who wished me birthday greetings by cards and verbally. It was greatly appreciated."
 ~ Hazel Neubert

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.)*

		Bill Gushurst	David Ruthenbeck	
Delores Krause	Jean McDowell	Dawn Hernandez	Vi Hanson	Elaine Kunz
Norma Miller	Gordon Anderson	Andrew Greeley	Willie Hoppe	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.

Wanamingo Lutheran in Wanamingo	Trinity Lutheran in Kiester
United Lutheran in Walters	St. Michael Lutheran in Waltham
La Victoria Mission in Columbia (partnered with United in Walters)	Nkalakala Lutheran in Tanzania

Lectionary For September 6, 2009:

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
9/06/09	Isaiah 35:4-7a	146	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37

NEW SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Jay M. Dahlvang has accepted the call extended by the Bethlehem congregation at its special meeting held on Sunday, August 9, 2009. In his letter, he writes, *"With thanksgiving to you and to our Lord for your invitation, and with great hope for our future together in Christ, I accept your call to exercise the ministry of Word and Sacrament as Senior Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran. I am honored and humbled that you have chosen me to proclaim Christ and to share your lives, and I know that God's grace, peace, and strong presence will guide our ministry, mission, proclamation, and fellowship. I will join you on October 13. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers, as you are in mine. Grace and Peace, Rev. Jay M. Dahlvang."*

Some important dates: September 27 – Farewell to Pastor Arne Jessen and Pastor Al Girtz
 October 13 – Pastor Jay Dahlvang's first day at Bethlehem
 October 18 – Pastor Jay Dahlvang's Installation at Bethlehem by Rev. Linda Gunderson, Synod Minister



From Our Library...

Nicholas Sparks (**FIC Spa**) is the author of many New York bestsellers. You will enjoy any one of these books for your end-of-summer reading: The Guardian; At First Sight; Nights in Rodanthe; A Walk to Remember; True Believers; and The Notebook.



Bethlehem's Mission Projects for August

Bethlehem Child Care Center and Crossroads Campus Ministry, ELCA



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.



Wednesday Night Suppers Continue starting **September 16** in the dining room from 5:00 to 6:30. Cost remains at \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students through confirmation age. Join the fellowship! Nourish your body and your mind as you converse and relax with others before you go to choir, bells, confirmation, etc. Five serving teams are established, with room for more volunteers. Volunteers serve six times during the year. Call the church office to get on a list. **BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!** This is an opportunity for fellowship with members of Bethlehem Church and a community outreach. Over 3,000 meals were served as people enjoyed good food and friends last year.

LET'S MAKE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BETHLEHEM NIGHT!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a job opening for a part-time evening/weekend janitor. The schedule is a week-long rotational schedule that runs from Thursday-Wednesday every third week. During the week of work, the evening/weekend janitor covers all events that take place at the church during the weekends and in the evenings of the weekdays. Main duties include keeping the building secure, set up and tear down of events, sound system operation, & cleaning. The job is open to people ages 14 and older, however, anyone under 18 must have parents sign a liability waiver form. Please stop in the office for a job application and a complete job description. **Applications are due on September 1.**

On September 19, the family of **Dawn Hernandez** will be having a surprise open house/thank you party. This is to thank everyone for showing their support throughout these past nine months. However, it is also a surprise for Dawn to celebrate the end of her chemo and continue showing our support. It will be from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the dining room downstairs. If you would like to attend, we ask that you **please RSVP by September 12.** You can do so by contacting Melissa Hernandez at 507-469-2628. We hope to see you there!



Fair Trade

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



Care Ministry

The Bethlehem Lutheran Care Ministry Team plans to host a fellowship communion service and coffee party at Old Main Village on Tuesday, September 1, at 1:00 p.m.