

**Announcements for the week of August 9-16, 2009**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South Second Street, Mankato, MN 56001  
For more information, please check our website: [www.bethlehemmankato.org](http://www.bethlehemmankato.org).

**Week of August 2, 2009:**  
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$9,994.00  
**August Mission Projects**  
Child Care Center: \$637.00  
Lutheran Campus Ministry: \$112.00  
  
**Worship attendance**  
Saturday, August 1, 5:30 p.m. ~ 20  
Sunday, August 2, 9:30 a.m. ~ 212

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
  
TODAY 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! The nursery will be open late today until after the meeting.

**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 15 ~ "The Good Samaritan"  
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. today ~ Special congregational meeting**

**Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast is sponsored by Teddy Ollrich in honor of our pastors. 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.)*

**The family of Verna Williams**

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| <b>David Ruthenbeck</b> | <b>Ellie Hayes</b>    | <b>Dawn Hernandez</b> | <b>Vi Hanson</b>      | <b>Elaine Kunz</b>     | <b>Willie Hoppe</b> |
| <b>Jean Thompson</b>    | <b>Darlene Hines</b>  | <b>Delores Krause</b> | <b>Jean McDowell</b>  | <b>Gordon Anderson</b> |                     |
| <b>Shirley Ferris</b>   | <b>Andrew Greeley</b> | <b>John Odegard</b>   | <b>Darlene Nelson</b> |                        |                     |

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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| Urland Lutheran in Cannon Falls | Iguguno Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Trinity in Blue Earth) |
| St. Paul ELCA/UCC in Lewiston   | Vang Lutheran in Dennison   |
| Trinity Lutheran in Blue Earth  | Mwangeza Lutheran in Tanzania                                       |

**Lectionary For August 16, 2009:**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
8/16/09	Proverbs 9:1-6	34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58

**Vacation Bible School starts tonight and runs through August 13.** 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 in Grounds for Joy 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](mailto:lgarry@hickorytech.net). It's not too late to join in!

**NOTE:** The side parking lot will be CLOSED each night during VBS from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The nursery will be open each night during VBS from 5:30-8:00 p.m.





### From Our Library...

Our library has a collection of books on prayer (242. and following). In a sense, we are beginners at prayer -- there are no experts. The Everyday, Anytime Guide to Prayer by Walt Kallestad (242.2 Kal); Life is Good, Life is Hard, by Judith Mattison (242. Mat); Where is God in My Praying?, by Daniel Simundson (248.3 Sim); and Famous Prayers, by Veronica Zundel (242. Zun).



A HUGE thank you to all of our Bethlehem friends for the anniversary cards. You made our 50th a memorable day!  
Sincerely, Bruce & Marilyn Barklow

**CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth Molina, who has served Bethlehem as the financial secretary for 10 years today!**



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

**Sunday Noon Meal at the Salvation Army:** Bethlehem served 125 meals at the Salvation Army on July 19. The 15 workers enjoyed the delicious meal, too! The menu featured grilled chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, bananas, cookies, bread, and milk. **Thank you** to team leaders Tom and Betty Sanger and their team: Chris Deike; Kay Hubbard; Bob & Bev Kulseth; Bob & Deloris Singelstad; Gordy & Jan Struss; Ruth Bell; Brad, Shannon, & Molly Butler; Marlene Barnes; Ethel Medalen; Dave & Shirley Ruby; Gordy & Marilyn Larson; John & Kathy Crosswell; Lance & Donna Quick; Lois Swanson; Arlo & Carolyn Hovick; Dianne Cory; Carol Knutson; Rae Allan; Jim, Melissa & Dalton Matthies; and Pastor Arne & Meryl Jessen. For 20 years, Bethlehem has generously and faithfully participated in the Sunday noon meal program in Mankato. Call Bob & Susan Brown (387-2976) if you'd like to be called for the October 18th meal.

### 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.



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 15, and/or 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 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 11 ~ John Baumann (Mt. Olive Lutheran Church); August 18 ~ Christine Schulz (Bethlehem Lutheran Church).