

## Announcements for the week of September 13-20, 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 September 6, 2009:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$9,166.00

#### September Mission Project

Iambi Secondary School: \$342.00

#### Worship attendance

Sunday, September 6, 9:30 a.m. ~ 182

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. ~ Worship service

9:30 a.m. ~ Reception of New Members (Heritage Room); coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT (downstairs)

10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service

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



**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 8:15 a.m. service is broadcast on KTOE 1420 AM every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

### Wednesday Night Schedule

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper

5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Gospels

5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. TIMES

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Confirmation

6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Children of Bethlehem

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Gospels

6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Gather Choir

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. All Saints Class (beginning Oct. 7)

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. The Messengers

Needed: Someone to be in charge of serving the Sunday noon meal at Salvation Army on October 18th. Aileen Eick has kindly offered to do the phone calling for food and workers. Bethlehem members generously donate food and are eager to serve the meal ~ but we still need someone to be the "go-to person" that day! Call Bob and Susan Brown (387-2976) if you can help and if you'd like to donate food. Thank you!

**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**

**Fran Phelps**

**Norma Miller**

**Gordon Anderson**

**Andrew Greeley**

**Willie Hoppe**

**Dorothy Ringgenberg**

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.

Trinity Lutheran in Ostrander

Shiloh Lutheran in Elmore

Trondhjem Lutheran in Lonsdale

Sepuka Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with

Trondhjem, Lonsdale)

Zion Lutheran in Lake Crystal

Kisonga Lutheran in Tanzania

### Lectionary For September 20, 2009:

**Sunday**

**First Reading**

**Psalm**

**Second Reading**

**Gospel**

9/20/09

Jeremiah 11:18-20

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James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospice will sponsor a seminar entitled "Children: Experiencing Loss & Grief" on Thursday, September 17, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. here at Bethlehem. There is no charge for the seminar, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call Kate Cox at 507-385-2989 or 800-327-3721, extension 2989.

North Point Senior Living Community is looking for individuals who would like to volunteer some of their time to make a difference -- little or big -- in another's life. We are looking for individuals of all ages who may run activities, spend time with residents, or bring special skills that they may want to share. Please contact Nissa Bissonette (Activity Director) at 507-344-0059.



Ready to get messy?!? It's time to complete the unfinished murals in the basement of Bethlehem. We have 2 murals to go! Please consider donating your time on Saturday, September 19. We will paint from 8:00 to 12:00. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

### From Our Library...Three New Books in Our Library



1. Breath, by Lisa Bergren (FIC Ber). This is a tale of faith and love on a new frontier just coming into its own; a novel of Colorado.
2. Still Alice, by Lisa Genova (FIC Gen). This is a New York Times bestseller about a successful woman who becomes increasingly disoriented and forgetful and receives a tragic diagnosis.
3. A Gift of Grace, by Amy Clipson (FIC Cli). She is a member of American Christian fiction writers.

### Bethlehem's Mission Project for September: Iambi Secondary School

Bethlehem has been partnered with Iambi SS since 2007, a relationship fostered by visits from Dr. Richard and Lois Wintersteen, members of Bethlehem. Iambi is a Lutheran Secondary School where students are boarded in dormitories, with much of the cost coming from food for the students. For more details, please see the September issue of the Bethlehem Star, which includes a letter that we received in May from Allan Kingu (the headmaster at Iambi). A second letter from Allan, also included in the Star, highlights the hunger challenges brought on by drought in much of East Central Africa. The six-month food budget is included in shillings and dollars. We are requesting that you keep Iambi in your prayers and make a donation to Iambi. In the narthex is a bicycle carrying the type of food used at the school, as well as pictures of the school.



Peace to all ~ *Bethlehem Community and Global Mission Board*



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!**

Lefse, Lefse, Lefse! Why not learn to make it? Sign up in the office and arrangements will be made for small group or personalized instructions here at Bethlehem. Men and women are welcome. All ingredients and equipment will be provided. Co-instructors are Diana Olson and Betty Sanger.



There will be a contemporary Christian Rock/Pop concert at Crossview Covenant Church in North Mankato on **Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m.** Go to [www.crossviewcov.org](http://www.crossviewcov.org) and click on "Events & News" for more information about the tour (videos, images, map, etc.).

### Important Dates



**September 27** -- at noon, we will have a farewell "thank you" coffee reception in the Heritage Room for Pastor Arne Jessen and Pastor Al Girtz.

**October 18** -- we will have a welcome potluck for Pastor Jay Dahlvang and his family. The potluck will be at noon in the dining room, and everyone should bring a dish to pass.



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



**TIMES (Teens In Mission Enthusiastically Serving)**  
6:00-7:45 p.m. Wednesday evenings in Grounds for Joy  
**September 16** - Scavenger hunt/pizza party  
**September 23** - Walking dogs at the Humane Society  
**September 30** - Fall clean-up walk