

## Announcements for the week of September 20-27, 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 13, 2009:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,957.00

September Mission Project

Iambi Secondary School: \$472.00

Worship attendance

September 13, 8:15 a.m. ~ 120 10:45 a.m. ~ 169

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. ~ Worship service

9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum - Time/Talent Survey  
(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 - 7:45 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.)

The family of David Ruthenbeck

The family of Bill Gushurst

Fran Phelps

Janyce Struss

Delores Krause

Jean McDowell

Dawn Hernandez

Vi Hanson

Elaine Kunz

Bob Kulseth

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.

Scheie Lutheran in Mabel

West St. Olaf Lutheran in Byron

South Blue Earth Lutheran in Bricelyn

Zion Lutheran in Lemond

Ntwike Lutheran in Tanzania

Nzegu Lutheran in Tanzania

### Lectionary For September 27, 2009:

Sunday

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

9/27/09

Jeremiah 11:18-20

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

Mark 9:30-37



**RIVER BEND BELLS – Mankato's Community Handbell Ensemble** presents its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual community handbell concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at Belgrade United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Sherman Street & Belgrade Avenue in North Mankato. This year's concert theme is titled "Our Favorites" and will feature music ranging from soft and melodic tunes, new and old favorite hymns, as well as upbeat and 'toe-tapping' rhythms. The music for this year's concert has been selected by the member ringers, who were asked to submit a piece of handbell music that has been fun, exciting, challenging, or inspirational to them. Adding new handbell techniques, handchimes, and other musical instruments are certain to provide you, the audience, with a concert that will be one of your 'Favorites'! Come relax and enjoy the fun! Tickets are \$5 per person (age 10 & under are free) and are available at the door.

**BAZAAR PLANNING!** Booth chairpersons and the Coordinating Board will meet on Monday, September 21, at 10:00 a.m. in Grounds for Joy to finalize plans for the Bazaar (November 4).

## From Our Library...Sharing Bible Stories With Our Youngest Members



1. My Giant Fold-Out Book of Bible Stories (E Zob)
2. God, I've Gotta Talk to You! (E Jen)
3. Thank You, God (E Cal)
4. Joseph and His Many Colors (E Fri)
5. Great Bible Stories - Joseph in Egypt (E Nod)

## 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. We are requesting that you keep Iambi in your prayers and make a donation to Iambi. In the narthex are examples of the type of food used at the school, as well as pictures.



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

A special "thank you" reception is planned for Robin Freyberg on September 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Robin was the confirmation coordinator for 9 years. We'll be celebrating with her favorite food -- chocolate cake! Please come and say "thank you" to Robin for her years of dedicated service.



Join us for Wednesday Night Suppers in the dining room from 5:00 to 6:30. Cost remains at \$4.00 for adults/\$3.00 for students through confirmation age. Over 3,000 meals were served last year as people enjoyed good food and friends. Please fill out the survey handed out by the ushers today. Menu for Sept. 23: Baked chicken, rice, and California-blend vegetables.

**LET'S MAKE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BETHLEHEM NIGHT!**

**Thank you** to all who brought stones or rocks to church on Rally Sunday. They are now in front of the lectern and will soon be put in a special area outside of church. The stones and rocks represent the base for building a new pathway into the future of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



**Lefse, Lefse, Lefse!** Why not learn to make it? 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. In October, we will begin to make the lefse for the Nordic Bazaar. On Mondays, we need people to mix and set up the baking stations. Rolling and baking begins at 9 a.m. each Tuesday in October. A sign-up sheet is in the office.

The Bethlehem Women will have their annual Thankoffering Service at **noon on Wednesday, October 14**. The service will be in the chapel, followed by a luncheon in the Heritage Room. Cost for the luncheon is \$5. Please sign up in the church office if you will be attending.



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.).

**Milestone Activities:** Today the third graders and their parents will start the study of how to use their Bibles during the LIGHT education hour. The third graders should go to the chapel first and then join their parents in classroom A. These classes will be for three weeks, with their Bible presentation on October 11 at the 10:45 service. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will get "used" Bibles, as they have already learned how to use their Bibles from the classroom sessions. On Sept. 27 at the 10:45 service, the seventh graders will be blessed as they start confirmation. This is part of the Milestone Ministry program.

### **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 23 - Walking dogs at the Humane Society  
September 30 - Fall clean-up walk  
October 7 - Fall Festival planning/posters/TIMES bulletin board