

Announcements for the week of September 6-13, 2009

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

Week of August 30, 2009:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$3,926.00
August Mission Projects
Child Care Center: \$15,903.00
Lutheran Campus Ministry: \$668.00

Worship attendance
Saturday, August 29, 5:30 p.m. ~ 31
Sunday, August 30, 9:30 a.m. ~ 221

RALLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE
8:15 a.m. ~ Worship service
9:30 a.m. ~ Welcome reception for new members (Heritage Room); LIGHT (downstairs)
9:30 a.m. ~ Flapjacks, fellowship, and fun for youth (Grades 7-12) in the Attic
10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service; reception of new members during the service; Milestones

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



Radio Broadcast: Today's broadcast is sponsored by **Charles & Lorene Heaberlin in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.** 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.

Wednesday Night Schedule (beginning on September 9)

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| 5:00 - 6:30 pm | Wednesday Night Supper (Sept. 16) | 6:15 - 6:45 pm | Children of Bethlehem |
| 5:15 - 6:00 pm | Junior Gospbells | 6:15 - 7:30 pm | Bethlehem Gospbells |
| 5:15 - 6:15 pm | Chancel Choir | 6:45 - 7:45 pm | Gather Choir |
| 6:00 - 8:00 pm | TIMES | 7:00 - 8:00 pm | All Saints Class (beginning Sept. 27) |
| 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Confirmation Orientation | 7:45 - 8:30 pm | The Messengers |

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 Fran Phelps

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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| United Lutheran in Frost | Trinity Lutheran in West Concord |
| Salem Lutheran in Albert Lea | Vista Lutheran in New Richland |
| Ngimu Congregation in Tanzania (partnered with Salem, Albert Lea) | Nkinto Lutheran in Tanzania |

Lectionary For September 13, 2009:

| Sunday | First Reading | Psalms | Second Reading | Gospel |
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| 9/13/09 | Isaiah 50:4-9a | 116:1-9 | James 3:1-12 | Mark 8:27-38 |

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.

The New Jersey Synod Council and The Office of the Bishop on behalf of the New Jersey Synod ELCA announce a **Service of Ordination for Kristin Marie Engstrom** on Sunday, September 13, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. The ordination will take place at St. David the King Roman Catholic Church, 1 New Village Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey.



From Our Library...

Amy Tan's work has been translated into more than 25 languages. She has a Master's degree in Linguistics and has worked as a language specialist. Her books are found in our library as (FIC Tan): The Bonesetter's Daughter; The Kitchen God's Wife; and The Hundred Secret Senses.



Bethlehem's Mission Project for September: Iambi Secondary School

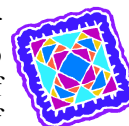
Bethlehem has been partnered with Iambi SS since 2007, a relationship fostered by visits from Dr. Richard and Lois Wintersteen, members of Bethlehem. Iambi is a Lutheran Secondary School where students are boarded in dormitories, with much of the cost coming from food for the students. For more details, 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.

From Green Lake Lutheran Ministries: Thank you for your donation of "Gathering Baskets" for our 25th annual quilt auction. Your item sold for \$500. We appreciate your continued willingness to participate in this, our largest fundraising event. High honors went to First Lutheran Church of Hector and their hand-stitched "Double Wedding Ring" quilt, which sold for \$3,700. It was made of cotton 1930's fabrics with yellow and blue setting corners. This year's auction was well attended and generated total proceeds of \$59,364.45. *Sincerely, Jackie Grothe, Quilt Auction Coordinator*



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 and click on "Events & News" for more information about the tour (videos, images, map, etc.).

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



A card shower has been planned for **Chuck & Lorene Heaberlin** to celebrate and congratulate them on their 60th wedding anniversary on September 10. Cards can be sent to them at 105 Caron Drive, Mankato, MN 56001.