

Announcements for the week of
August 28-September 4, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of August 21, 2011:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,048.00
August Mission Project:
Lutheran World Relief kits - \$4,107.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 8/21/11:
9:45 a.m.: 196

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:45 a.m. ~ Coffee in Grounds for Joy
9:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service
3 p.m. ~ Lutheran Hour Golf at the
Minneopa Golf Course



SUMMER WORSHIP

Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m., with coffee being served in Grounds for Joy from 9:00-9:45. We also have **Wednesday worship services at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel** during the summer. (On the last Wednesday of August, the service will be at Sibley Park.)



Please join us in praying for the faithful use of all God has given us. From September 1 to Celebrate Generosity Sunday on October 16, we hope all of Bethlehem will pray daily for the stewardship life of the church. There is a sign-up poster in the narthex for you to show your intent to pray for our life together.

~ The Bethlehem Stewardship Team



Following the worship service **TODAY**, you can have your blood pressure checked by a registered nurse in Grounds for Joy.



A congregational meeting to approve the replacement of the security/fire alarm system in the north side of the building will be convened on **Sunday, September 4, at 10:45 in the sanctuary.** This meeting will be held in accordance with the Bethlehem constitution, which requires all non-budgeted expenditures greater than \$10,000 be approved by congregational vote.

~ Bethlehem Church Council

RADIO BROADCAST



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by **Joan and Al Eichers in memory of Gina Klitzke (Joan's mother).** To sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of or in memory of someone, sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. The 9:45 a.m. service is broadcast on KTOE 1420 AM every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

During the month of August, we'll be collecting pasta.

Our Mission Project for August:

Lutheran World Relief

The August Mission of the Month is Lutheran World Relief. Children and adults from Vacation Bible School and Christ's Servants Involved assembled 2,038 school kit bags, which were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul, and will be shipped to needy children (probably in Africa). The shipping cost is \$1.42 per bag. Please write a check to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with "School Kits" on the memo line, to help pay the \$2,894 cost of shipping these bags overseas. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has agreed to match our gifts by giving 50 cents for each dollar we give, with their match maximum of \$1,000. **Thank you!**

~ Community and Global Mission Board



Mankato could be the first Fair Trade Town in Minnesota!

Bethlehem is already a Fair Trade church, as are several other churches. MAFTTI brings together community groups, businesses, and individuals to raise awareness of and promote Fair Trade in the Mankato area. If you support this concept (to enhance the opportunities of producers and artisans in the developing world), please stop by the kiosk after church and sign the petition to make Mankato/North Mankato Fair Trade Towns. More information is available at the kiosk!

LECTIONARY FOR 9/04/11

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalms: 119:33-40
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel	Lorene Heaberlin
Forrest Glick	John Hansen
Eric Barnes	Rebecca Schreiner
Glenn Saxton	Pauline Halvorson
Paul Sullivan	The families of
Harvey Menk	Geraldine Goodge
Barry Bliesmer	& Eleanor Knutson

(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.)

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. This week we pray for:

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



Are you expecting a new addition to your family? Or do you know someone who is? Let the Mom's Circle of Bethlehem help by getting some home-cooked meals to you through the Meals for Moms program. Bringing home a new baby is an overwhelming & stressful time for many, especially during the first two weeks. Hopefully by providing meals, we can make that transition period smoother for the families. If you're interested, please contact Kami Matteson at klmatteson3@gmail.com.



We Welcome Children! We want children to know they are welcome in our church. We offer children's worship bags with activities each week as well as a children's bulletin to help them with their worship experience. Please see the ushers for bags & bulletins. We also have a professionally-staffed nursery with a parent paging system available. *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR GOLF

TODAY is the day for our annual Lutheran golf outing at the Minneopa Golf Course. Tee-off time is 3:00, with hamburgers and dessert to follow at 5:30 p.m. Sign up in the office.



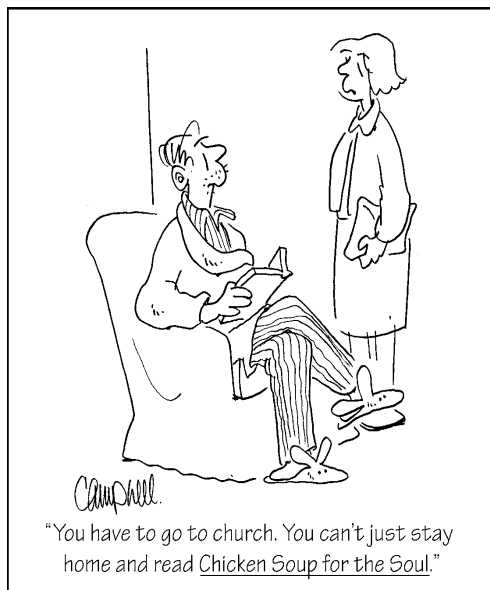
Thank you for wearing your name tags! We have been blessed by a new pastor and many new members joining us. They want to know who you are -- please help them by consistently wearing your name tags. ~ *Evangelism Board*

FROM OUR LIBRARY



Even though you haven't had occasion to read an "easy" book lately, come into the library and see what wonderful "easy" books we have.

1. My Favorite Time of Year, by Susan Pearson (E Pea).
2. Happy Birthday, Gampie, by Susan Pearson (E Pea).
3. Grandma Maxine Remembers, by Ann Morris (E Mor).
4. The Lord's Prayer, by Thomas Kinkade ("Painter of Light") (E Lor).



"You have to go to church. You can't just stay home and read Chicken Soup for the Soul."

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Evangelism Thoughts for the Week

**Can't sleep?
Try counting your blessings!**

**Aspire to inspire
before you expire.**

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice sponsors:

Journey Through Grief -- this is an 8-week grief group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one.

**Thursdays, from Sept. 15-Nov. 3,
6-8 p.m.**

Crossview Covenant Church
2000 Howard Drive, North Mankato

Journey Through Grief -- this is an 8-week grief group for people over 60 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

**Thursdays, from Sept. 15-Nov. 3,
10 a.m. - noon**

Christ the King Lutheran Church
222 Pfau Street, Mankato

There is no charge for these programs, but pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, please call the Hospice office at 385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, extension 2989.



Men's Tuesday Noon Bible Study will resume on **September 6** at 101 Main.



Mankato MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) invite you to their first meeting on **Tuesday, September 20, at 9 a.m.** Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month throughout the school year at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Child care is provided. For more information, please visit www.mankatomops.blogspot.com.

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The Earth Stewards Committee has set up a table in the narthex labeled Sharing the Harvest. The table will remain up for most of the summer. When those cucumbers and zucchinis get to be more than you can handle (you can only bake so much zucchini bread, right?), feel free to bring it in and leave it on the table. If you have any produce that would otherwise go unused (don't let it go to waste), please share the bounty that God gives us every summer.

Whether your marriage is rocky or rock solid, you'll be glad you attended a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Presentations by lay and clergy leaders give you tools and information to deepen your understanding, communication, and compassion. The fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 14-16 in Duluth and November 18-20 in Brooklyn Center. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575, or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.



The **Bethlehem Child Care Center** is now

enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Play, laugh, and grow in a Christian environment. Our rates are as follows:
infants - \$175/week;
toddlers - \$155/week; preschool - \$150/week. Members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church are eligible to receive a discount of \$10 per week. Discounts are also available for families with multiple children (only one discount option may be utilized). For more information, visit the Child Care Center bulletin board in the entry way. Contact Beth Webb to schedule a tour - (507) 345-3423. We look forward to meeting you and your little one!



In our four-week Book of Faith Study for August, we will share the story of Jonah, the reluctant prophet, and his harrowing adventure. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays through August 31. The cost of the book is \$8, and you can sign up in the office.