

Announcements for the week of
January 8-15, 2012
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of January 1, 2012:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,585.00
January Mission Project:
CADA House - \$60.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 1/1/12:
9:45 a.m. - 136
Wednesday, January 4, at 6 p.m.: ___

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. ~ Education Hour; Adult Forum:
Community Representatives panel with
local government leaders -- Heritage
Room; coffee and cake reception to
celebrate National Choir Appreciation
Sunday -- Grounds for Joy
6:30 p.m. ~ Financial Peace University -
Heritage Room

Wednesday Night Suppers are in the
dining room from 5:00-6:30. The cost
is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for
students through confirmation age. Join
the fellowship! Bring your neighbors
and friends! All are welcome!

Menu for January 11, 2012:
Baked ham, cheesy potatoes,
peas & carrots

Team 5 will be serving.



Bethlehem Women Bible Study

Pastor Jay will lead a Bible
study on **Wednesday,**
January 18, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in
Grounds for Joy. All women are
welcome. Invite your friends! Also save
the dates of **February 15 & March 21.**

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members and friends, informing
them of all that is happening in and
around Bethlehem. Do you get the
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RADIO BROADCAST



Today's radio broadcast is
sponsored by **Laurie Rossow** in
honor of our choirs and National
Choir Appreciation Sunday.
To sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of
or in memory of someone, sign up on the
bulletin board near the church office. The
8:15 service is broadcast on **KTOE 1420
AM or KTOE 102.7 FM** every Sunday
morning at 11:00.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:
During the month of January,
we'll be collecting pasta.

Our Mission Project for January: CADA House

Bethlehem's monthly mission project for
January is CADA House. CADA stands
for the Committee Against Domestic
Abuse. Their Mission Statement is: To
provide safety and support to victims of
domestic violence and sexual assault
through education, advocacy, and shelter.
CADA provides 24-hour crisis interven-
tion, emergency safety shelter, short- and
long-term safety planning, legal advocacy,
a supervised parenting time center,
support groups, community education,
information, and referrals. CADA serves
not only Nicollet County and Blue Earth
County, but the counties of Brown,
Waseca, Watonwan, Faribault, LeSueur,
and Sibley as well. For many in crisis,
CADA may be the only place they can
turn to. Please join us for an Adult Forum
to be given by Tammy Wachtel on
January 15 to learn more about CADA's
work and how you can help.

~ Bethlehem Community &
Global Missions Board



The Sunday volunteer
schedule is now on the BLC
website:
www.bethlehemmankato.org

LECTIONARY FOR 1/15/12

First Reading: I Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm: 139:1-6, 13-18
Second Reading: I Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: John 1:43-51

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel	Fred Otsea
Forrest Glick	Jean Beito
Eric Barnes	Donavon Johnson
Glenn Saxton	Jon Ringgenberg
Paul Sullivan	Richard Bahner
Pauline Halvorson	Deloris Guenther
Bill Preiss	
Rachel Iverson	
Lorene Heaberlin	

*(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:

Bethlehem Lutheran in Myrtle
Dale Lutheran in Kenyon
Epiphany Lutheran in Eagle Lake
Mungaa Lutheran in Tanzania
(partnered with Epiphany in Eagle Lake)
Mgori Lutheran in Tanzania



Dinner For Six (or Eight!)

Starting in the New
Year, new groups
will be forming. We
shall have a sign-up
sheet in the narthex on Sundays; during
the week, the sheets will be on the
counter in the church office. We
encourage all of our members to
participate in sharing a meal and
socializing with new and old members
of our congregation. There are no
special requirements, other than to be
willing to share your home for one
meal with others. This will be our
sixth social event, which will be from
January 1 to July 1, 2012. If you have
any questions, please contact Roger
and Dee Saman at 388-6756.

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On Sunday, December 18, Bethlehem provided and served a ham dinner to 103 guests and 15 workers at the Salvation Army. Many are grateful to these generous people who made this holiday meal possible: Tom & DeeAnn Nelson; Gary Morphew; Lavon & Sally Burdick; Brad & Betty Groth; Deloris Guenther; Bill & Barb Manske; Alice Haugen; Selma Braun; Aileen Eick; Darlene Hines; Carl & Rita Schoenstedt; Scott & Kris MacLean; Jeff & Kari Edwards; Tom & Linda Engstrom; Bob & Susan Brown; Amy, Danielle, & Elizabeth Haigh; Jay Backstrom; Rae Allan; Rocky & Ruth Schoenrock; Elaine Kunz; Randy & Rachel Wood; Roger & Joyce Kamrath; Roger Pipes; and Pastor Jay Dahlvang. **Thank you, everyone!** The menu was ham, potato casseroles, corn with peas, fruit salads, French bread, dill pickles, cookies & bars, and milk & coffee.

New team leaders are needed for one of Bethlehem's four teams - each team provides and serves only one meal during the year. Please call Bethlehem's coordinators, Bob & Susan Brown (387-2976), if you are able to do this.

A local church provides and serves a noon meal every Saturday and Sunday at the Salvation Army.

The four 2012 Sundays assigned to Bethlehem are February 26, June 10, September 2, and November 25.

Challenge yourself to save water by reducing your normal showering time by one minute. Use a flow control shower head. ~ *Bethlehem Earth Stewards*

The REACH drop-in center for homeless and at-risk youth needs adult volunteers. You can choose from two volunteer training sessions: January 12 or 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Contact Jolene Balzotti at 720-0331 or Jolene.Balzotti@lssmn.org to register. The REACH also has a wish list: toaster, cleaning supplies, dart board, art supplies, \$10-\$25 gift cards from Cubs, Hy-Vee, Walgreens, CVS, Wal-Mart, or Target.

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Evangelism Thought for the Week

Oftentimes what we do as Christians may have a greater impact on others than anything we say: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world. You are the feet with which He is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now." ~ Teresa of Avila



The Bethlehem Child Care Center is participating in McEducator Night at McDonald's on Adams Street. Purchase supper on the second Monday of each month (**January 9**) through May between 5 and 7 p.m. and give your receipt to the volunteer so the Center can receive a percentage of sales. It's a fun way to eat and visit with friends while supporting the Center!



The **FIRST EVER** National Choir Appreciation Sunday is scheduled for **TODAY!** On this day, churches across America plan to celebrate their choirs. There are more than 32.5 million choir members in churches around the nation, who collectively volunteer 8.5 billion hours every year! (WOW!) What would our weekly worship be without the volunteers that share their musical talents? Come and show your appreciation to our church musicians. We will have cake and coffee **today** between services in Grounds for Joy. This day has been dedicated to thank our choirs for the joyous noise they provide each week.

"Music is the shorthand of emotion."
~ Leo Tolstoy



Thank You!!! Many thanks to **Denny and Karen Sandersfeld** for the use of their sleigh to decorate the altar during the holiday season. We wanted to capture an old-fashioned Christmas theme, and we feel it was just perfect for that!!! We truly appreciate both of you!!!

~ *The Music and Worship Committee*

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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.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Find a Great New Book on the Brown Cart!

1. A Journey of Grace -- an autobiography by Herbert W. Chilstrom (BC-Chi).
2. The Dawn of a Dream, by Ann Shorey (Fic-Sho).
3. The Lost Quilter, by Jennifer Chiaverini (Fic-Chi).
4. The Midwife of St. Petersburg, by Linda Lee Chaikin (Fic-Cha).
5. Almost Heaven, by Chris Fabry (Fic-Fab).



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!! Come join us for a night of Family, Fun and Fellowship on **Sunday, January 22, at 5:00 p.m.** in the downstairs theatre room. Stay tuned for the feature presentation announcement. Pizza, beverages, and popcorn will be provided for a free will offering. **Please RSVP by January 20** to Leah Garry at 507-382-2205 or lgarry@hickorytech.net.



The NCD Health Team invites you to share your faith for Lent. We are commissioning devotional writing for the forty days of Lent from forty members of Bethlehem. Your words will be collected and distributed to Bethlehem members in the form of a Lenten devotional booklet. **Submissions will be due by February 5.** If you are interested, please put the word "Dev." by your name in the pew pad, and we will give you more details.