

Announcements for the week of
June 19-26, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of June 12, 2011:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,091.00
June Mission Project:
The ACANA Community - \$354.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 6/12/11:
9:45 a.m.: 210

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

New Member Sunday
9:00-9:45 a.m. ~ Coffee in Grounds for Joy
9:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service
10:45 a.m. ~ Prayer team meeting in the sanctuary



SUMMER WORSHIP
Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m., with coffee being served in Grounds for Joy from 9:00-9:45. We will also have **Wednesday worship services at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel** during the summer months.



BLCW Summer Event
Pastor Collette will present a summer Bible Study based on Lutheran Women Today (June, July, & August): "Renew, Respond, Rejoice". The event will be on Wednesday, July 13, from 9-11:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room and is open to all Bethlehem women. Guests are welcome. Coffee will be served.



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 allowing us to get 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.

RADIO BROADCAST



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Lee & Loretta Snilsberg in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary. 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 June, we'll be collecting personal care items.

Our Mission Project for June:

The ACANA Community

The Anuak Community in North America (ACANA) lives and tells a story about a people and a culture that is threatened with extinction. This ethnic group has been the center of attention because of the way they are being treated. The Ethiopian government wanted their land because of oil and agriculture. The government of Sudan neglected their land because of its remoteness from inland. Thousands fled to Kenya, where the US government came to the rescue and resettled them to a safe country -- the USA. ACANA, as a beacon of hope, preserves the dying culture, inspiring their children to succeed in the USA. *Please see the June STAR article written by Ojoye Akane for more information.*

Sunday Noon Meal at Salvation Army

Bethlehem will provide and serve the Sunday noon meal at the Salvation Army on **Sunday, July 3**. If you are interested in providing food, cash, or your time, call team captains Tom and Betty Sanger (388-5626). For more information about this meaningful mission project here in our own community, call Bob and Susan Brown (387-2976).



Memorial Service for Violet Heide

On **Monday, June 20**, there will be a memorial service for Violet Heide at 2:00 p.m. The service will be in the chapel at **Pathstone Living**, 718 Mound Avenue, Mankato.

LECTIONARY FOR 6/26/11

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalms: 89:1-4, 15-18
Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23
Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel
Forrest Glick
Eric Barnes
Glenn Saxton
Eileen Dalluge
Paul Sullivan
Harvey Menk

Rebecca Schreiner
Gary Zimmerman
Hazel Neubert
Virginia Asleson
Lorene Heaberlin
Wesley Heiser

(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:

Holden Lutheran in Kenyon
Our Savior Lutheran in Owatonna
Merya Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Our Savior in Owatonna)
Greenfield Lutheran in Harmony
Marshall Lutheran in Adams
Ilongero Lutheran in Tanzania

Foster Grandparents



Grandparent Volunteers Needed

We are looking for retired persons, age 55+, to volunteer at Kid's Korner. Foster grandparent volunteers serve 15 hours a week and are eligible to receive a tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement, and other benefits. For more information, contact Gail Sumerfelt at 507-337-0382 or 507-530-2295.



Choir Concert

You are invited to attend a concert of the 2011 Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 24, at Christ Chapel on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter.

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Do you knit or crochet? Prayer Shawl Ministry is running low on shawls, and we need your help! Yarn is furnished (three skeins per shawl) and is available in the prayer shawl closet in the office hallway. Directions for making the prayer shawls can be found on the kiosk in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Kathryn Hanson (385-0220), Alice Haugen (387-7166), or Kathy Crosswell (388-2002).



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota is seeking bike riders to participate in the Habitat 500 Bike Ride fundraiser. The 500-mile bike ride (not race) is seven days and will take place **July 10-16, 2011**. Riders will ride approximately 75 miles per day starting and ending at St. Joseph, Minnesota. Other towns on the Habitat 500 Bike Ride include Osakis, Menahga, Bemidji, Pine River, and Pierz. This is a fully supported ride which includes a professional bike mechanic and supplies, massage therapists, daily route maps, marked roads, emergency phone numbers, vehicles to carry your personal gear, and overnight camping sites with showers. Breakfast and dinner are provided by local groups in our host towns, and there are regular food and water stops along each day's route. For more information, please call the Habitat for Humanity Office at (507) 388-2081.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Interesting Titles from the 220s

1. 10 Minutes to Knowing the Men and Women of the Bible, by Jim George. Each short biographical sketch is easily read in 10 minutes or less.
2. Words Can Heal Handbook, by Hilary Rich. How changing your words can transform your lives and the lives of others. There are practical steps to help you in many situations.
3. Lightposts for Living, by Thomas Kinkade. The art of choosing a joyful life. Kinkade uses inspiring words, as well as his art, to turn on the lights in our lives.

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Evangelism Thoughts for the Week

**Exercise your faith every day: pray!
It's like spiritual jogging!**

**There is no key to happiness with God --
the door is always wide open.**



Epiphany Lutheran Church, 605 Parkway, Eagle Lake, is again hosting Dad's Belgian Waffles. Please join us on

Sunday, July 17, between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for all you can eat waffles, sausage, flavored syrups, and beverages. Carry-out meals are available. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for those under 5 years of age.

Dear Friends--I just wanted to let you, as one of our supporting congregations, know about a unique opportunity to support the rehabilitative surgery work we are doing in Tanzania. Most of you know about our orthopedic work for crippled children. You may know about our "Plaster House", which is the site where we bring kids from the village to get them ready for surgery and then care for them after surgery for up to two months. At present, we have upwards to 90 kids staying in our rented facility with only 18 beds! We have decided it is time to build our own facility with room for these kids, more physical therapy space, and some proper exercise space, so we have launched an effort to raise the funds to make this dream a reality. Wonderfully, one of our supporters has made a generous gift as a matching grant. Between now and the end of August, any donation received will be matched and effectively doubled. We are asking you to consider a special gift toward this project during the summer. The matching grant is sponsored by the African Mission Healthcare Foundation, and donations for matching can be made through the website <http://www.razoo.com/story/Kids-Rehab-Tanzania>. It is also possible to send a check, but it needs to be made out to AMHF and sent to:

C/O Heritage Christian Church
ATTN: April Walters
7413 Maxtown Road
Westerville, OH 43082-9040

This is a wonderfully special opportunity, and we hope that you may have a donation that could be added to this effort. Please know that when doubled, every gift is special! *Thank you, Mark Jacobson*

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Earth Stewards

The Earth Stewards Committee will be setting up a table in the narthex labeled Sharing the Harvest. The table will be up by the beginning of July and 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. Anyone wanting to take a cucumber or two, feel free. There will be a container for a free will offering for the produce. Any money raised will go to the ECHO food shelf -- so we can help feed people twice!

Adoption Information Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2011

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

at the LSS Mankato office --
Bethlehem Lutheran Church,
710 South Second Street

Registration: Call Lynne Haggart at
(612) 879-5230 or 1-888-205-3769.



Many churches in the Mankato area -- including Bethlehem Lutheran and Grace Lutheran -- have been very supportive of Operation Christmas Child and "The Reach." **Please stop by the Hilltop Hy-Vee stand on June 24-26** to help continue your support for these two organizations by buying lunch, donating, and sharing a friendly smile. Hope to see you there!



New Bible Study Series

Our next Book of Faith Study looks at Paul's letter to the Romans starting on **June 22**. We will have two meeting times to choose from on Wednesday—either 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The cost of the book is \$8. To sign up, contact Pr. Jay or see the enrollment form in the office.



The Riverblenders

Coming on June 26:

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Mark your calendars!