

Announcements for the week of
October 2-9, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of September 25, 2011:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,880.00
September Mission Project:
Crossroads Campus Ministry - \$2,876.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 9/25/11:
8:15 a.m.: 132 10:45 a.m.: 192
Wednesday, September 28: 35

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. ~ Education Hour; Adult Forum in the Heritage Room ("Serving", with Pastor Jay); coffee in Grounds for Joy
6:30 p.m. ~ Financial Peace University, Heritage Room



Join the Care Ministry Team of Bethlehem Lutheran Church on **Tuesday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m.** for a communion service at Old Main Village. The service will be followed by coffee and fellowship. *We hope to see you there!*



Lefse making!

The sign-up sheet for lefse making is on the counter in the office. Two people are needed on Mondays to mix dough, and 18 people are needed on Tuesdays for rolling, baking, and packaging.



River Bend Bells -- Mankato's Handbell Ensemble -- will present a concert at Belgrade United Methodist Church in North Mankato **TODAY at 3 p.m.** The theme is "Happy 10th Birthday Memories". Come celebrate with them for some "favorites" music and birthday cake, too! Tickets are \$5 at the door; admission is free for kids ages 10 & under.

CORRECTION

In the October **STAR**, the dates for the youth Eagle Bluff Nature Center trip were incorrectly listed. The correct dates are **November 11-13.**

RADIO BROADCAST



RADIO MINISTRY

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Aileen Eick in honor of Bethlehem members who help with serving groups. 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 a.m. service is broadcast on KTOE 1420 AM every Sunday morning at 11:00.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:
During the month of October, we'll be collecting cereal.
Our Mission Project for October:
Theresa House

Mankato shelter programs, Welcome Inn and Theresa House, provide emergency and short-term transitional housing for homeless women and families. Last year, the two houses sheltered 49 children, 10 men, and 39 women. Families and single women are offered stable housing in a safe, supportive environment. They receive encouragement from paid staff who help them secure economically viable long-term housing. The children attend school regularly, receive tutoring, playtime, and loving attention. Call 387-8189 to inquire about volunteering or providing needed supplies, such as cleaning products, laundry soap, plastic mattress covers, dressers, and size 3-5 diapers. Please write a check to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with *Theresa House* on the memo line. Thank you!
~ Community and Global Missions Board



The Bethlehem Child Care Center is participating in McEdu-cator Night at McDonald's on Adams St. Purchase supper on the 2nd Monday of each month 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!

LECTIONARY FOR 10/09/11

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm: 23
Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel	Barry Bliesmer
Forrest Glick	Lorene Heaberlin
Eric Barnes	Rebecca Schreiner
Glenn Saxton	Pauline Halvorson
Paul Sullivan	Rachel Iverson

(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:

Pilot Mound Lutheran in Chatfield
Trinity Lutheran in New Richland
Grace Lutheran in Mankato
Tobia Mission in Colombia
Urughu Lutheran in Tanzania

Wednesday Night Suppers are in the dining room from 5:00-6:30. The cost remains at \$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 Wednesday, October 5:
Hamburger/wild rice casserole,
cranberries, dinner rolls
Team 5 will be serving.



DO YOU GET E-NEWS? The Bethlehem E-news goes directly to the inbox of many Bethlehem members and friends, informing them of all that is happening in and around Bethlehem. Do you get the E-news? To subscribe, send an e-mail to blchurch@hickorytech.net with the subject: subscribe to E-news.



Many thanks to Kathryn Freyberg & Holly Nevills for helping the Jr. Gospbells for the entire month of September! We all appreciate it!

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FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

**October 19 from 4-6:00 p.m.
in the Heritage Room**

We are excited to be offering a flu vaccination clinic sponsored by Cub pharmacy here at Bethlehem for ages 10 and older. Make sure to bring your insurance card if you want us to bill your insurance. If you want to pay cash, the vaccine is \$28.99. There is a sign-up sheet in the church office, which we encourage you to sign so that we can plan ahead.

FROM OUR LIBRARY



Classics for Young Readers

The library has ten new paperback books that every child should read. These wonderful stories have been simplified for 8- to 10-year-old readers, both boys and girls. Find them all in the JF section.

Black Beauty Little Women Heidi
The Wind in the Willows Pollyanna
Moby Dick White Fang Pinocchio
The Call of the Wild Treasure Island

*Thankoffering
Service*



All women of Bethlehem are invited to the Thankoffering service on **Wednesday, October 19,** at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel. Pastor Collette

will lead the service, and a luncheon will follow in the Heritage Room. A sign-up sheet is in the office. The cost is \$7.00. A second offering will be taken at the luncheon for Thanksgiving baskets for the Salvation Army as the stewardship project. Please come and join this fellowship event.



Did you travel this past summer? Did you visit/attend church in another community? If so, the Evangelism Board would like to hear from you! What do you recall about your church visit?

Friendly? Inviting? In what ways? How would you describe your impressions as a visitor? What aspects of the service (or its welcome) might have made you want to revisit that church again, if you were given the opportunity? Please take a minute and jot down your reflections. You may leave them in the Evangelism Board mailbox in the church office or send them in an e-mail to Jack Halvorson at jackh@hickorytech.net.

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Evangelism Thought for the Week

**Be ye fishers of men --
you catch them, He will clean them.**

Seventeen Bethlehem members served a lasagna dinner to 121 guests last Sunday noon at the Salvation Army. Thank you to everyone for sharing a meal with our neighbors: Ron & Etta Poole (team leaders); Jack Halvorson; Florence Sassenberg; Shirley Wold; Ginny & Allan Asleson; Lori Ruthenbeck & Don Ziemke; Sandy Kuper; Verona Roberts; John & Judy Corcoran; Yevonne Flatgard; Dennis, Shirley, & Anne Ferris; Jim & Marcia Nagel; Nick & Linda Frederick; Don & Violet Johnson; Wally & Sharon McDougall; Beth Backstrom; Denny & Karen Sandersfeld; Jim & Kari Halbur; Jay Backstrom; Pastor Jay Dahlvang; Shirley Davis; Elaine Kunz; Rae Allan; Rocky & Ruth Schoenrock. To participate in this meaningful local mission opportunity, call Bob and Susan Brown (387-2976). You can serve in a way that works for you ~ by donating food, money, or time. Thank you!

Foster Grandparent Volunteers Needed!

Earn an extra \$150-\$200/month tax-free. The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for individuals 55 years or older who enjoy children & have 15 hours/week or more to share at Hoover Elementary. For more information, contact Gail at (507) 530-2295 or (507) 337-0382.



A Sharing Tree coordinator is wanted for this Christmas season. If you're interested, call Joan at 934-8576.



Lutefisk &
Swedish Meatball
Dinner!

Do you love LUTEFISK? Do you adore Swedish meatballs and lefse? If so, come to Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 15, for their Lutefisk & Swedish Meatball dinner! Seating times are 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. Live entertainment and door prizes are provided during each seating. Tickets are \$17. If you have any questions, call Grace Lutheran Church or go online at www.gracemankato.org.

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Kubbestol

What is a **kubbestol**? Bob Singelstad has donated one to be sold through a silent auction at the **Bethlehem Nordic Bazaar on November 2, 2011.** A

kubbestol is a chair. Bob hollowed out a basswood tree and treated the wood so it would not crack before Stan Holtan of Forest City, Iowa, artistically carved it in traditional Norwegian style. (You can see a picture of the chair in the narthex in mid-October.) On the last three Sundays in October, you will have the opportunity to view and place a bid on this unique chair before it is featured at the bazaar silent auction on November 2, at which time you may want to raise your bid. We are so thankful that Bob has gifted us in this way, because all proceeds from the bazaar sales are used to support mission outreach.

The theme of this year's bazaar, "**#91 and Still Fun!**", was submitted by Lynor Blom. Yes, we'll have fun preparing for and offering this special day to our community of friends. Jill and Gene are planning to offer a digital photo opp of you with your friend/friends having fun at the bazaar. The excitement is building!! ~ **Bazaar Coordinators**



Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for families that are interested in a Habitat home. If you or someone you know currently has substandard housing and low to moderate income and the ability to pay a mortgage, Habitat for Humanity may be the answer! Please call for an application, or for more information call the Habitat office at 507-388-2081.



**Mankato Area
Fair Trade Town Initiative
presents
An Evening of Music
and Fair Trade
Monday, October 17, 2011
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Red Sky Lounge**

This is a multi-media MAFTTI fundraising event, with stories about Fair Trade and music by Fish Frye, Sister Gin, and the Jim McGuire Trio. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students (hors d'oeuvres included) and are available from Jan Boyum or Barb Girtz.