

Announcements for the week of
October 16-23, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of October 9, 2011:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,875.00
October Mission Project:
Theresa House/Welcome Inn - \$273.00
Worship attendance-Sunday, 10/09/11:
8:15 a.m.: 118 10:45 a.m.: 203
Wednesday, October 12: 21

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

ABOUT TODAY'S ADULT FORUM:

Our last mark of discipleship is relationships. We gather in our Adult Forum this morning to talk about the gift and challenge in being the body of Christ.

Come and join us in the Heritage Room at 9:30.



Help! Help! HELP!!

We need more lefse makers, male and female, for the last three Tuesdays in October beginning at 9:00 a.m. No experience necessary!



A New Member Orientation will be held in October. If you are interested in joining the Body of Christ at

Bethlehem, please contact the church office at 388-2925 or blchurch@hickorytech.net.



Once again this year, the youth will be selling Christmas greens as a fundraiser. Orders are due by Sunday, October

30. Order forms are on the kiosk in the narthex and in the church office. Please see Lance or any of the youth for more information.

RADIO BROADCAST



RADIO MINISTRY

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Harvey & Alice Kollo. 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/Welcome Inn

Five mattresses and box springs needed!

Do you know anyone who can no longer make rent or house payments because she has lost her job, been divorced, been abused, or incurred high medical bills? 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. Theresa House and Welcome Inn need five twin bed sets (mattresses and box springs) for a total of \$1,000. Call 387-8189 to inquire about volunteering or providing other 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

There will be NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES on Wednesday, October 19, due to MEA.



Be sure to pick up your quarterly contribution report on the kiosk in the narthex.

LECTIONARY FOR 10/23/11

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm: 1
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel	Rebecca Schreiner
Forrest Glick	Pauline Halvorson
Eric Barnes	Rachel Iverson
Glenn Saxton	Livia Lamon
Paul Sullivan	Marvis Glick
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:

Trinity Lutheran in Spring Grove
Root Prairie Lutheran in Fountain
Vasa Lutheran in Welch
Mkulu 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!

Wednesday, October 19:

NO SUPPER

BECAUSE OF MEA BREAK.



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.

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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



The library has purchased four CDs with Christian themes. We invite you to check these out. If there is enough interest in them, we will purchase more.

1. Amish Grace: An inspirational story of forgiveness based on a true story.
2. Amazing Grace: The inspiring story of how one man's passion and perseverance changed the world.
3. The Story of Ruth: The inspiring story of a woman's devotion.
4. Bonhoeffer: A true story of courage and sacrifice.

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.



DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH!

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

**Making Christ Known...
What is Evangelism?**

Centered in Word and Sacrament, and with commitment to serve others, evangelism is proclaiming the Good News of Christ crucified and risen, inviting people to faith in the Triune God, and welcoming all into the Christian church. The first step to making Christ known is prayer. Luther wrote, "A Christian without prayer is just as impossible as a living person without a pulse."

ECHO Food Shelf is in need of volunteers to help in several areas. We need drivers to pick up 'food rescue' items from local grocery stores, volunteers to help clients while shopping at ECHO, and volunteers to help restock shelves. If you have an interest in ECHO and time to help, please call Deisy at 345-7477. Thank you.

We have three enrolled from Bethlehem in the **Via de Cristo** weekends coming in November. Jesus invited his disciples to come away and rest awhile. This time is devoted to sharing our lives in Christ with others, and being renewed along the way. The weekends are November 10-13 for men, and November 17-20 for women in New Ulm. For more information, or to apply, see Pr. Jay, or go to mnviadecristo.org.



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



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.

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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**



**Meals
for
Moms**

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 get-

ting 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*