

Announcements for the week of
October 9-16, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of October 2, 2011:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$14,024.25
October Mission Project:
Theresa House - \$273.00
Worship attendance-Sunday, 10/02/11:
8:15 a.m.: 140 10:45 a.m.: 204
Wednesday, October 5: 21

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

ABOUT TODAY'S ADULT FORUM:

We continue our series on real faith for real life by looking at the spiritual discipline of sharing. Come and join us and discover how we realize God's generosity by sharing with others.

We meet in the Heritage Room
from 9:30-10:30 today.



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.

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 Tom & Susan Weinberger in memory of Woody & Mabel Heller. 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!

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

LECTIONARY FOR 10/16/11

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalms: 96:1-13
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

(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:

St. John Lutheran in Kasson
Shelvi Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with St. John Lutheran in Kasson)
Redeemer Lutheran in Alden
Our Savior Lutheran in Kiester
St. Peter Lutheran in Northfield
Wembere 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 12:



Ham, cheesy hash browns, dinner rolls, peas & carrots
Team 4 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.

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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



A Journey of Grace

This is an autobiography of the Rev. Dr. Herbert W. Chilstrom and tells the story of his life as it intertwines with the church from baptism to the present day. The book describes his life as a synod bishop, his role in the formation of the ELCA, and his focus on leadership.

*** Please check your bookshelves for overdue books from the library. Thanks! ***

*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

**The church is a gift from God
-- some assembly required.**

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.

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**

Thank you, Bethlehem! October 1 & 2 was the second annual Sleep-Out-in-a-Box in support of youth homelessness. Collectively, we raised over \$2,000 for The REACH (an LSS youth-based program to fight youth homeless and at-risk teens). The REACH has served over 130 youth since opening in February. This year, 100 students (grades 7-12) from over 10 churches gathered together and made a visual statement to the Mankato community about the issue of youth homelessness by spending the night outside in cardboard boxes at the Salvation Army, and they also raised money for the cause! Two of our youth, Wes Heiser and Mara Salfer, were two of the top three fundraisers in the larger combined group. I am proud to say we had one of the larger church groups with 15 youth present. Our youth followed up with a noisy offering last Sunday and raised \$218 from BLC. This group of youth practiced discipleship in the community in our "CSI" tradition. Good job, youth!! The event was co-sponsored by the MAYM (Mankato Area Youth Ministers) and the Youth Outreach Committee (formerly Circle of Hope).

~ Lance