

Announcements for the week of  
January 30-February 6, 2011  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

#### Week of January 23, 2011:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,728.00  
January Mission Project:  
Lutheran Social Services - \$1,649.00

Worship attendance - Sunday, 1/23/11:  
8:15 a.m.: 92 10:45 a.m.: 218

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. - Education Hour; Adult Forum  
(Council update, Heritage Room); Coffee  
(Grounds for Joy); LIGHT  
5-7 p.m. - A Life Worth Living - Heritage Rm.  
Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) ends

#### Lutheran Social Services Crisis Nursery Program

The Mankato Lutheran Social Service Crisis Nursery Program is located in over 39 licensed homes in a five-county area (Blue Earth, Nicollet, LeSueur, Rice, and Sibley counties). LSS Crisis Nursery provides a temporary safe haven where parents experiencing a family or personal crisis can call this 24-hour crisis hotline - 507-995-9259. Any child from infancy through 12 years of age can be given safe care hourly, daily, or overnight for up to three days by licensed providers when there is a crisis in the family. Some examples of a family crisis or stress include: sudden illness, housing problems, financial crisis, or divorce/separation of caregivers. Education about additional community services and crisis counseling is also provided via this 24-hour crisis hotline and through face-to-face contact.

LSS Crisis Nursery Services are provided on a voluntary and confidential basis and are available at no charge to the family. LSS has received funds for this Crisis Nursery Program through grants and fundraising since 2007. This program is currently in need of money to continue to place children with licensed providers who are paid \$2.50 an hour for up to 8 hours, or \$25 per day. Please help support LSS Crisis Nursery by writing a check to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with LSS Mankato Crisis Nursery on the memo line. Thank you!

~ Community & Global Mission Board

### RADIO BROADCAST



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 a.m.

### BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

#### Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

During the month of January, we'll be collecting pasta.

#### Our Mission Project for January:

##### **Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota**

Lutheran Social Services offers a variety of services to our community. Did you know that there are many ways in which YOU can serve our community through LSS? Here are some ideas: General Office Worker - Do you have some office experience that you could share on a regular basis? Greeter - Since there is technically no receptionist, it would be great to have a "greeter" to help direct people to the appropriate forms, waiting area, and just offer up a smile! Movers - with the drop-in center for runaway and homeless youth very close to opening, we need volunteers to help with moving in and setting up the center. Share your home with a youth - LSS is looking for people who are willing to open up their homes for short-term/temporary housing for youth who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless (a stipend is available for host homes). Volunteer with youth - we need volunteers to be at the new drop-in center for runaway and homeless youth. Foster Care - Would you be willing to provide a safe and stable living environment to those in need of foster care placement? Crisis Nursery - There is a need for people who are willing to provide a safe and stable living environment to children under the age of 12 up to a maximum of 72 hours (reimbursement is provided). Guardianship Volunteers - Do you have a few hours a month to spend time with a disabled or mentally challenged person? Volunteers are needed to befriend clients who receive guardianship services through LSS (reimbursement for mileage is available). Donations - Monetary and "in kind" donations (quilts, supplies for youth, etc.) are always needed and appreciated!

Did you find an area in which you can help? Please contact your LSS Ambassador, Shannon Butler, at 507-625-6693, ext. 4.

### LECTIONARY FOR 2/6/11

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

**Psalm:** 112:1-10

**Second Reading:** I Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-20

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel  
Forrest Glick  
Eric Barnes

Glenn Saxton  
Paul Teigen

*(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:

**Bear Lake Concordia Lutheran, Albert Lea  
Cross of Christ Lutheran in Houston  
Ikungi Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered  
with Cross of Christ in Houston)  
Bear Creek Lutheran in Grand Meadow  
Bethlehem Lutheran in Mankato  
Iambi Secondary School in Tanzania  
(partnered with Bethlehem in Mankato)**

### Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.! Cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students through confirmation age, and \$11 for families. Join the fellowship! Bring your neighbors and friends! **Let's make Wednesday night BETHLEHEM NIGHT!**

#### Menu for February 2:

**Chicken noodle hot dish, peas & carrots, biscuits with honey, and sherbet**

### Heritage Room Display Cases

It's high time to clean and update the Heritage Room display cases! Our first meeting will be on Thursday, February 17, 2011, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. We'll start by cleaning a few dusty glass shelves, planning our strategy for updating the historical information and searching for Bethlehem artifacts. We need helpers and ideas! Come to the meeting or call Marsha Qualset, 388-4970, with questions or suggestions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A NOTE ABOUT CANCELLATIONS...

In case of inclement weather on Sunday mornings, listen to KTOE 1420 AM for cancellation announcements for worship and church activities. In case of inclement weather on Wednesdays, our evening events will follow the cancellation decision of the Mankato Public Schools.



### **Hospice ~ "We Live Until We Die"**

Hospice provides individuals and their families with comfort, compassion, and dignity at the end of life. Living with a terminal illness can be a time of stress and confusion, but you are not alone! For more information, call (507) 385-2618 or 800-327-3721, ext. 2618.

**Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospice Sponsors:**  
**Journey Through Grief** - a 7-week grief group for people over 60 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Thursdays through March 10  
10 a.m.-noon at Christ the King Lutheran

**Journey Through Grief** - a 7-week grief group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one.

Mondays through March 7  
6-8 p.m. at First Congregational UCC

There is no charge for these programs, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Hospice office at (507) 385-2989 or 800-327-3721, extension 2989.



### **Valentine's Day Party for Bethlehem Families!**

Join us at **5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 13**, in the Youth Room of Bethlehem. We will be making crafts and home-made chocolates! We will also be playing Valentine Bingo as a group. This is a GREAT way to meet other families while having fun! Friends are welcome! Pizza and beverages will be provided. RSVP to Leah Garry at 507-382-2205 or [lgarry@hickorytech.net](mailto:lgarry@hickorytech.net).

### **McEducator Nights!**

The Bethlehem Child Care Center will receive a portion of funds from all in-store purchases at the Adams Street McDonald's from **5-7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month through May**. We like to call the second Monday "McBethlehem Night".

~ BCCC Board

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Evangelism Thought for the Week***

For many people, you will be the only Bible they ever read. Witness: having personal knowledge of something and giving testimony to it. Of course, giving witness is more than sharing what we know. We give witness by the way we live. Consider Wesley's rule: Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can. Remember the words to the song, "and they'll know we are Christians by our love..."

### ***Bethlehem Women of the ELCA***

**At 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9**, Pastor Jay will lead a Bible study in Grounds for Joy. All Bethlehem women and all circles are invited to attend. Also mark your calendars for **March 9**, when the Bible study by Pastor Jay will continue.

**Please join us!**

## FROM OUR LIBRARY

### **Five Women Whom God Chose**

Each one was faced with extraordinary - even scandalous - challenges. Each one took great personal risk to fulfill her calling. Each one was destined to play a key role in the lineage of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world (FicRiv). These books are displayed in the library window.

### **MINNESOTA RIVER CONFERENCE**

The Minnesota River Conference Annual Meeting is **Sunday, February 13, from 2-3:30 p.m.** at Grace Lutheran in Waseca. If you are interested in what God is doing in the larger church and would like to represent Bethlehem that day, please contact Pr. Jay.



Contribution Statements

**Please pick up your year-end contribution report in the narthex.**

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### **ECHO FOOD SHELF**

### **ECHO Food Shelf Needs Volunteers!!**

Because of our move to a larger facility, and because some of our volunteers go south for the winter, we are in need of more help. We need helpers to sort food, restock shelves, and assist clients with shopping. Days and hours can be arranged to fit your schedules -- and, with our great staff and fellow volunteers, it is really a lot of fun! If you have a few hours to spare each week and would like to help, please call Deisy at 345-7477.



Needed: an administrative assistant to work in growing Crossroads

Campus Ministry at the Mankato State University Campus. We have a great work environment, and we offer flexible hours (approximately 15 hours/week). Pay is commensurate with experience. Start immediately. Call Phil at 726-6543 for more information.



If you didn't fill out a Parish Nurse Survey that was in last week's bulletin, there are some surveys on the counter in the office. Please pick one up and fill it out!



### **NEW AT BETHLEHEM: NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT (NCD)**

Bethlehem has begun a process to develop natural church growth. Our team has chosen two focus areas for development: that of passionate spirituality and loving relationships. We believe that people here at Bethlehem live committed lives and practice their faith with joy and enthusiasm devoted to Jesus Christ and His work. To this end, it is our hope to inspire a Christian walk that extends from church on Sunday to everyday life on Monday. In the future, we hope to implement practices which will promote Christian love and care for each other.

NCD team members: Karla Van Lith (leader), Pastor Jay Dahlvang, Laurie Rossow, Pastor Al Girtz, and Tom & Betty Sanger.