

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

Week of January 9, 2011:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$9,177.00
January Mission Project:
Lutheran Social Services - \$1,081.00

Worship attendance - Sunday, 1/9/11:
8:15 a.m.: 101 10:45 a.m.: 173

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. - Education Hour; Adult Forum
(Finding Our Way in Discipleship, led by
Pastor Jay, Heritage Room); Coffee
(Grounds for Joy); LIGHT
2 p.m. - TEC meeting
5-7 p.m. - A Life Worth Living - Heritage Rm.

**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, with the Mankato office located right here in the Bethlehem building, offers a variety of services to our community. These services include adoption, foster care, crisis nursery, counseling, youth programs, financial counseling, guardianship/conservatorship, and various counseling services for children, adults, couples, and veterans. But - did you know that there are many ways in which YOU can serve our community through LSS? There are several ways that you can support LSS and the clients that we serve. By matching up the variety of needs with the variety of gifts that you have to share, we can work in partnership to better serve our community! See the January STAR for some ideas about how to share your talent, or contact your LSS Ambassador, Shannon Butler, at 507-625-6693, ext. 4.



A key for a Dodge vehicle was found in the church parking lot a few weeks ago. Please stop in the office to claim it.

LECTIONARY FOR 1/23/11

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

IN OUR PRAYERS

**Arlene Stenzel
Forrest Glick
Eric Barnes
Glenn Saxton
Bruce Royer**

**Paul Teigen
The family of
Jim Davis
The family of
Michael Howe**

(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:

**Grand Meadow Lutheran in Grand Meadow
East Freeborn Lutheran in Albert Lea
Gol Lutheran in Kenyon
Community Lutheran in Geneva
San Pablo Lutheran in Colombia
(partnered with Community Lutheran)
Cristo Vive Mission in Colombia
(partnered with Community Lutheran)**

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 January 19:

**Tater tot hot dish, cranberries,
carrot sticks, and rolls**



The family of **Arlene Stenzel** is grateful for your words, expressions of kindness, visits, and cards over the last year. We rejoice with Arlene as she celebrated her birthday on Saturday. Your prayers for Arlene are appreciated, and we ask that they continue.

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.



Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospice Sponsors:

Understanding Grief - A supportive gathering for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Monday, January 17, 6-8 p.m.
First Congregational UCC
150 Stadium Court, Mankato
OR Thursday, January 20, 10 a.m.-noon
Christ the King Lutheran, 222 Pfau St.

Journey Through Grief - a 7-week grief group for people over 60 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Thursdays, January 27-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, January 24-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.



The price of **Fair Trade** coffee has increased to \$7/bag.

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

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Evangelism Thoughts for the Week

God's Work, Our Hands

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

Worry ends where faith begins.

Download your worries --
get online with God!

Bethlehem Women of the ELCA

At 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, Pastor Jay will lead a Bible study in Grounds for Joy. All Bethlehem women and all circles are invited to attend. Mark your calendars for **March 9**, when the Bible study by Pastor Jay will continue.

Please join us!

What the New Year offers:

- A fresh start in the totality of our life.
- A chance to do good things for others, especially older members of our family.
- An opportunity to plan better for the future, including the use of our time, talents, and possessions.
- A challenge to read helpful books about living according to God's plan.
- A chance to better control stress and anxiety in body and spirit.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Martin Luther King, Jr., born on January 15, 1929, will be remembered this year on January 17. Given

the bitterness that is rampant in today's world, it is fitting to recall King's words: "Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illumines it."

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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.

RECYCLE YOUR

HEARING AID BATTERIES!



On a counter in the church office, you will find a small wooden box for you to put your old hearing aid batteries in.



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.



"Just 'Early Service' will suffice, Ed."