



WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of July 24, 2011:
 Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,010.00
 July Mission Project:
 Iambi Secondary School - \$1,150.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 7/24/11:
 9:45 a.m.: 223

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:45 a.m. ~ Coffee in Grounds for Joy
 9:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service
 6-8 p.m. ~ Vacation Bible School begins
 (5:30 - free-will offering meal)



SUMMER WORSHIP

Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m., with coffee being served in Grounds for Joy from 9:00-9:45. We will also have **Wednesday worship services at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel** during the summer months (on the last Wednesday of August, the service will be at Sibley Park).



Dinner for Six (or Eight)

The new groups for "Dinner for Six" will start on August 15 and run through December 30. A new sign-up sheet will be in the narthex before and after services. Everyone will be reassigned to a new group. We welcome new and old Bethlehem members -- singles or couples -- to consider joining this social event. There are no special requirements to participate, other than a desire to become better acquainted socially and enjoy food and fellowship with one another. Guidelines are available. Summertime and fall are great times for grilling out, and brunch works well, too. Remember -- you only host your group once, and the others help by bringing dessert, salad, or whatever. How easy is that? From past comments, the food has been great and fellowship enlightening! Come sign up and join us for the next session! If you have any questions, call Roger or Dee Saman at 388-6756.

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 9:45 a.m. service is broadcast on KTOE 1420 AM every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

Our Mission Project for July:

Iambi Secondary School in Tanzania

We have one more Sunday in July to spread the word about our July Mission of the Month, Iambi Secondary School in Tanzania, Africa. There is an urgent need for money to pay the salaries of two teachers, Neema and Geofray, who attended this secondary school, received their University of Tanzania Education degrees, and wish to return to teach at Iambi Secondary School, which serves one of the poorest areas in Tanzania. Please write your check to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with "Iambi" on the memo line. Thank you!
 ~ Community and Global Mission Board

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

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

Our Mission Project for August:

Lutheran World Relief

Bethlehem is supporting the LWR School Kit project that provides the supplies essential to helping children and adults continue learning. We have a goal to supply 2,000 bags for this project. Additional help is needed for volunteers to help repackage and fill bags; monetary contributions to help fund the supply and shipment of the school kits; and contributions of supplies to fill the bags (as you do your own back-to-school shopping). **The following items are suggestions for the kits:** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper; 30 cm rulers; pencil sharpeners; blunt safety scissors; unsharpened #2 pencils; ballpoint pens (no gel ink); boxes of 16 or 24 crayons; and erasers approximately 2-1/2" long. Please bring the items to the depository in the narthex. During this week, the VBS children will help collect items and do some assembly, and the CSI group will be helping pack kits during the week of August 7. Thanks in advance for your help in this great effort. *Please see the August **STAR** article for more information.*

LECTIONARY FOR 8/07/11

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm: 145:8-9, 14-21
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| Arlene Stenzel | Barry Bliesmer |
| Forrest Glick | Lorene Heaberlin |
| Eric Barnes | John Hansen |
| Glenn Saxton | Rebecca Schreiner |
| Paul Sullivan | Marv Merrill |
| Harvey Menk | Johanna Theissen |
| Pauline Halvorson | |

(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:

- United Redeemer Lutheran in Zumbrota**
- St. Paul Lutheran in Harmony**
- Zumbro Lutheran in Rochester**
- Trinity Lutheran in Albert Lea**
- Emaus Mission in Colombia**
- Mkalama Lutheran in Tanzania**



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 allowing us to get 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.



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.

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR GOLF

Save **Sunday, August 28**, for our annual Lutheran golf outing at the Minneopa Golf Course. Tee-off time is 3:00, with hamburgers and dessert to follow at 5:30 p.m. Sign up in the office. More information will be in the August STAR.



Thank you for wearing your name tags! We have been blessed by a new pastor and many new members joining us. They want to know who you are -- please help them by consistently wearing your name tags. ~ *Evangelism Board*

FROM OUR LIBRARY



Our library continues to have consistent readership throughout the summer. Our adult fiction and biographies have appreciative readers, as does our devotion and special interest sections. We encourage our 10- to 14-year-olds to discover our junior fiction shelves. There is some really good reading for them there. Our beautiful children's picture books and easy readers fly off the shelves. The daycare children visit regularly and choose books to check out. Come and discover your favorite section of our wonderful library. Bethlehem's library welcomes you to come in and enjoy!



Do you knit or crochet? Prayer Shawl Ministry is running low on shawls, and we need your help! Yarn is furnished (three skeins per shawl) and is available in the prayer shawl closet in the office hallway. Directions for making the prayer shawls can be found on the kiosk in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Kathryn Hanson (385-0220), Alice Haugen (387-7166), or Kathy Crosswell (388-2002).

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Evangelism Thoughts for the Week

**Life is a big canvas --
throw all the paint on it that you can!**

**A child's life is like a piece of paper,
on which everyone leaves a mark.**



The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will conclude the summer organ recital series this month at Bethlehem. The recitals begin at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesdays.

August 2 - Michael Asmus

August 9 - Chad Fothergill

August 16 - Christine Schulz

*(music by Franz Liszt to celebrate
the 200th anniversary of his birth)*

WANTED:

Clean household items

Furniture -- beds/mattresses, couches, chairs, desks, tables, bookshelves, lamps, etc.

Kitchen items -- dishes, silverware, small appliances

Bedding -- please label items and size

Bikes

9th Annual

**MSU International Student
Furniture Giveaway
Saturday, August 20
Bethel Baptist Church
(1250 Monks Avenue)**

Donate from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. on the day of.



**July 31-August 4
from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

(free-will offering meal at 5:30)

REMINDER: NO PARKING in the side parking lot closest to the church office during VBS from 5:30 - 8 p.m. each night from July 31-August 4. The parking lot will be used for games. Please use on-street parking or the back lot.

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The Earth Stewards Committee has set up a table in the narthex labeled Sharing the Harvest. The table will remain up for most of the summer. When those cucumbers and zucchinis get to be more than you can handle (you can only bake so much zucchini bread, right?), feel free to bring it in and leave it on the table. If you have any produce that would otherwise go unused (don't let it go to waste), please share the bounty that God gives us every summer.

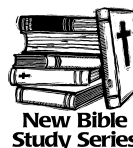
In tough times, every dollar counts!

Financial challenges in our life are ongoing. Food Support may make it a little easier for you, or someone you know, to meet expenses and make life a little easier. Food Support is a nutrition assistance program that helps people with limited income buy food. Formerly known as the Food Stamp program, many people qualify for Food Support and don't realize that they do. To see if you qualify for Food Support, for assistance in filling out an application, or for more information, call Sydelle at (507)-514-3535.



The **Bethlehem Child Care Center** is now enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Play, laugh, and grow in a Christian environment.

Our rates are as follows:
infants - \$175/week;
toddlers - \$155/week; preschool - \$150/week. Members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church are eligible to receive a discount of \$10 per week. Discounts are also available for families with multiple children (only one discount option may be utilized). For more information, visit the Child Care Center bulletin board in the entry way. Contact Beth Webb to schedule a tour - (507) 345-3423. We look forward to meeting you and your little one!



Our Book of Faith Study looks at Paul's letter to the Romans. We will have two meeting times to choose from on Wednesday—either 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The cost of the book is \$8. To sign up, contact Pr. Jay or see the enrollment form in the office.