

Announcements for the week of
July 3-10, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of June 26, 2011:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,739.00
June Mission Project:
The ACANA Community - \$697.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 6/26/11:
9:45 a.m.: 205
Wednesday, June 29, at 5:30: 55

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:45 a.m. ~ Coffee in Grounds for Joy
9:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service
10:45 a.m. ~ Adult Forum in the Heritage
Room about the Honor Flights to
Washington, D.C.



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 July and
August, the service will be at Sibley Park).



BLCW Summer Event

Pastor Collette will
present a summer Bible
Study based on Lutheran
Women Today (June,
July, & August): "Renew, Respond,
Rejoice". The event will be on
**Wednesday, July 13, from 9-11:00
a.m. in the Heritage Room** and is open
to all Bethlehem women. Guests are
welcome. Coffee will be served.



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 provid-
ing meals, we can make that transition
period smoother for the families. If you're
interested, please contact Kami Matteson
at klmatteson3@gmail.com.

RADIO BROADCAST



Today's radio broadcast is
sponsored by **Harvey and
Alice Kollos in celebration
of their 45th wedding
anniversary.** 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

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

During the month of July,
we'll be collecting vegetables.

Our Mission Project for July:

Iambi Secondary School in Tanzania

During the month of July, when we focus on
Iambi as our mission project, we are
reminded of how blessed we are to live in
our community, and also how needy our
sister congregation is. There is no electric-
ity at the school or in the town of Iambi, and
thus no electric lights by which to study, no
computers, and no power for a water pump.
Because there is no plumbing, there are no
bathrooms as we know them, just outdoor
toilets. Food for the students is cooked over
an open fire. Thanks to the past generosity
of Bethlehem, the school will soon have
running water and electricity. *Please see the
July STAR article for more information.*

Sunday Noon Meal at Salvation Army

Bethlehem will provide and serve the Sunday
noon meal at the Salvation Army
TODAY. If you are interested in providing
food, cash, or your time, call team captains
Tom and Betty Sanger (388-5626). For more
information about this meaningful mission
project here in our own community, call Bob
and Susan Brown (387-2976).



The
church office
will be closed
on
Monday, July 4.

LECTIONARY FOR 7/10/11

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalms: 65:1-13
Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel
Forrest Glick
Eric Barnes
Glenn Saxton
Paul Sullivan
Harvey Menk
Lorene Heaberlin

Rebecca Schreiner
Gary Zimmerman
Wesley Heiser
Pauline Halvorson
Daniel Wheeler
Barry Bliesmer

*(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. Paul Lutheran in Waterville
Mabel First Lutheran in Mabel
Six Mile Grove Lutheran in Lyle
Moscow Lutheran in Oakland
San Mateo Lutheran in Colombia
(partnered with Moscow, Oakland)
Neemampipiti Lutheran in Tanzania

Foster Grandparents



Grandparent Volunteers Needed

We are looking for retired
persons, age 55+, to
volunteer at Kid's
Korner. Foster grandparent
volunteers serve 15 hours a
week and are eligible to receive a tax-free
stipend, mileage reimbursement, and
other benefits. For more information,
contact Gail Sumerfelt at 507-337-0382
or 507-530-2295.



July 31-August 4
from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
(free-will offering meal at 5:30)
See the July STAR for more details!

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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).



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota is seeking bike riders to participate in the Habitat 500 Bike Ride fundraiser. The 500-mile bike ride (not race) is seven days and will take place **July 10-16, 2011**. Riders will ride approximately 75 miles per day starting and ending at St. Joseph, Minnesota. Other towns on the Habitat 500 Bike Ride include Osakis, Menahga, Bemidji, Pine River, and Pierz. Breakfast and dinner are provided by local groups in our host towns. For more information, please call the Habitat for Humanity Office at (507) 388-2081.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Our non-fiction books are so varied and interesting! Look for them in the 900 section.

1. Faith Under Fire, by Roger Benimoff (956.7).
2. A Place For Us, by Nicholas Gage (949.7).
3. Blood Brothers, by Michael Weisskopf (956.7044).
4. Eleni, by Nicholas Gage (949.5).

Understanding Grief

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is sponsoring a seminar for families and individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. The seminars will be held on **Monday, July 18**, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, and on **Thursday, July 21**, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Benedictine Living Community, 1907 Klein Street, St. Peter. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is necessary. To register, call the Hospice office at 385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989.

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Evangelism Thoughts for the Week

A good deed and a happy memory never wear out.

The hardest thing in life is to know which bridges to cross and which ones to burn.



Epiphany Lutheran Church, 605 Parkway, Eagle Lake, is again hosting Dad's Belgian Waffles. Please join us on

Sunday, July 17, between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for all you can eat waffles, sausage, flavored syrups, and beverages. Carry-out meals are available. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for those under 5 years of age.

Dear Friends--I just wanted to let you, as one of our supporting congregations, know about a unique opportunity to support the rehabilitative surgery work we are doing in Tanzania. Most of you know about our orthopedic work for crippled children. You may know about our "Plaster House", which is the site where we bring kids from the village to get them ready for surgery and then care for them after surgery for up to two months. At present, we have upwards to 90 kids staying in our rented facility with only 18 beds! We have decided it is time to build our own facility with room for these kids, more physical therapy space, and some proper exercise space, so we have launched an effort to raise the funds to make this dream a reality. Wonderfully, one of our supporters has made a generous gift as a matching grant. Between now and the end of August, any donation received will be matched and effectively doubled. We are asking you to consider a special gift toward this project during the summer. The matching grant is sponsored by the African Mission Healthcare Foundation, and donations for matching can be made through the website <http://www.razoo.com/story/Kids-Rehab-Tanzania>. It is also possible to send a check, but it needs to be made out to AMHF and sent to:

C/O Heritage Christian Church
ATTN: April Walters
7413 Maxtown Road
Westerville, OH 43082-9040

This is a wonderfully special opportunity, and we hope that you may have a donation that could be added to this effort. Please know that when doubled, every gift is special! *Thank you, Mark Jacobson*

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The Earth Stewards Committee will be setting up a table in the narthex labeled Sharing the Harvest. The table will be up by the beginning of July and 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. Anyone wanting to take a cucumber or two, feel free. There will be a container for a free will offering for the produce. Any money raised will go to the ECHO food shelf -- so we can help feed people twice!

Adoption Information Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2011

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

at the LSS Mankato office --
Bethlehem Lutheran Church,
710 South Second Street

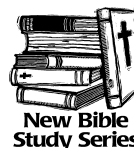
Registration: Call Lynne Haggart at
(612) 879-5230 or 1-888-205-3769.



Concert in the Park

The Mankato Area Community Band will present a patriotic concert, "When Billy Comes Marching Home", on **Tuesday, July 5, at**

7:30 p.m. at Historic Lincoln Park (the Lincoln, Grove, and Broad Street intersection) in Mankato. The concert will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the outbreak of the Civil War and launch a major fundraising campaign aimed at recreating the *Boy in Blue* statue/fountain, which was removed from Lincoln Park in 1911. The concert is free and open to the public.



New Bible Study Series

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.