



This Week at Bethlehem

A Welcoming Community of Christ's Disciples



July 10 – July 16, 2010

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Saturday, July 10 -

5:00 pm **Worship-Communion**
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, July 11 -

8:30 am **Worship-Communion**
10:30 am **Worship-Communion**
12:00 pm Sudanese language Bible Study
5:30 pm Great River Chorale

Monday, July 12 -

8:00 am Mission Quilters
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, July 13 -

8:00 am Mission Quilters
10:00 am BLC Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Parents & 3s Meeting
5:30 pm Congregational Life Board
6:45 pm Church in Society Board
7:00 pm Beginning Experience

July 13 (continued)-

7:00 pm Discipleship Board
7:30 pm Anna Circle
7:30 pm St Cloud Call-up (AA)

Wednesday, July 14 -

6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins
5:30 pm Parents & 3s Meeting
6:00 pm Outreach Team
6:30 pm Gr. 5 & 6 Mystery Mission
8:00 pm LEAPP FROGs

Thursday, July 15 -

8:30 am Parents & 3s Meeting
12:00 pm Friendship Club
6:00 pm Sr High Trip Family Picnic/Meeting
6:30 pm Beginning Experience
7:00 pm Be Alive ensemble rehearsal
7:30 pm Services rebroadcast on ch. 12

CALENDAR

Friday, July 16 -

7:30 am Personnel Committee
5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, July 17 -

7:00 am Sr High Trip Sending
12:00 pm Jr High Trip Gear Check-in
3:00 pm Wedding

5:00 pm **Worship-Communion**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, July 18 -

8:30 am **Worship-Communion**
10:30 am **Worship-Communion**
12:00 pm **Worship-Sudanese language**
2:00 pm BLC Pastor leads worship at St Benedicts Sr Community

Disciples Pray

Disciples Give

GIVE Electronically

Gone a lot over the summer?
Consider giving your offering electronically; it's easy! Download the form at www.bethlehemlutheran.org or call the church office.

Financial Update

General Fund

All Income thru 06/30/10: \$405,023
Actual Expenses thru 06/30/10: 443,073
-38,050*
* Compared to Previous Years
2009: -37,225 2008: -44,981 2007: -26,444

Offering Target for June 2010: \$65,000
Offerings Received thru 6/30: 52,353
-12,647

Building Fund

Mortgage Payments YTD: \$116,400
Gifts Received YTD: 101,922
-14,478

Thrivent Builds with Habitat Needs Your Support

This year's *Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity* local project is fixing up two foreclosed homes in downtown St. Cloud. Construction is planned for June through October. Lutherans must fill 50% of the work shifts at these sites in order for Habitat to receive the grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Watch for more work dates later this

summer. A quick thank you to those who worked on the Thrivent Builds site on Tuesday & Wednesday, and to Mark Young for coordinating!

Donations are also needed:
Bethlehem has committed a minimum of \$1,000 for this build. To make a donation, write a check to Bethlehem and write "Thrivent Builds" on the memo line.

Supplies Needed for VBS

Do you have some broken crayons leftover from the school year? Please send them our way as they are needed for craft time during VBS week (August 2-6). We are also looking for 20oz. plastic pop bottles and glass canning jars. Please drop off items in the clear plastic bin by the *SERVE* board. Thanks!

Help Need for Fall Festival

This year's Fall Festival, October 2, will feature games, activities and entertainment for all ages. A light lunch will be served and a coffee bar will feature fair trade coffee and delicious treats. Shop for baked goods, produce, crafts, and furniture. Call Mary, 255-0693 or Karen, 253-8172 to offer your help, ideas or donations!

Disciples Learn

Meetings for Parents of 3s

Parents who have children who will be entering Sunday School for the first time are invited to a quick meeting with Melanie to learn about all of the wonderful family opportunities Bethlehem has to offer. A few of the topics include: Parents & Threes Class, Sunday School, Family Events, Women's Retreats, and a Bible Study just for mom! Have older kids in Sunday School already? Please come as there are many new partnering opportunities to learn more about! Contact Melanie in the Discipleship Office to schedule your visit.

Jr High Trip Schedule

Saturday, July 17, 1pm–Gear Check-in. Students must bring *all* their luggage for check-in.

Sunday, July 18–Group departs!

Friday, July 23–Group returns!

Sr High Trip Schedule

Saturday, July 15, 1pm–Family Picnic, Gear Check-in & Mandatory Parent Meeting.

The entire family is invited to a potluck picnic; parents are required to attend the meeting following dinner. Students must bring *all* luggage for check-in.

Sunday, July 17–Group departs!

Friday, July 24–Group returns!

Community

Outdoor Worship 7/18 10:30am and Picnic on the Prairie

The Congregational Life Board invites all to a "Picnic on the Prairie" immediately following the 10:30am service, on **Sunday, July 18**, which, weather permitting, will be held outdoors. The Board will provide burgers, hot dogs, lemonade, plates & utensils. Those attending are asked to bring a dish according to the list below:

A-H Salads

I-S Hotdishes

T-Z Desserts

LWT Summer Bible Studies

Barbara Bloomer invites all women of the congregation to her Sauk Rapids home to complete the *Lutheran Woman Today* Summer Bible Studies "Pray Always" on Wednesday, July 14 at 10am. Please bring a Brown Bag Lunch. Call Barbara, 253-5428, if you could drive a carpool to her Sauk Rapids home or if you need a ride.

Luther Crest Day Camp

Be "Filled With Joy!" at Luther Crest Day Camp July 19-22. Bethlehem and Atonement Lutheran will partner in this day camp, held at a different area park each day, a detailed schedule will be provided with registration. Each fun-packed day (9am to 3pm) is led by trained counselors from the Luther Crest Bible Camp staff and is offered to campers who have finished Kindergarten through Gr. 6. Cost is \$55/child. An extended day option is also available from 7:30-9am for \$10/day. Scholarships available.

Disciples Serve

Confirmation Dream Team

All parents of confirmation students & others interested are invited to join a conversation on Wednesday, July 28, 6:30pm, to explore some exciting changes to the confirmation curriculum!

Community Garden Update

Bethlehem's Community Garden needs tending by anyone. Come alone, or bring your friends or family, and spend some good reflective time working with your hands and digging in the soil of God's creation. There is no set work schedule, come at a time that is convenient for you. Please sign-in on the garden log sheet in the tool shed and leave any comments, questions or suggestions. Want some fellowship while working? Join the small group that gathers on Thursdays from 6 to 7:30pm.

VBS Digs into God's Word

Vacation Bible School Children will learn how God takes root in our hearts and creation along with ways they can help address hunger both locally & globally! This will be a wonderful opportunity to work in Bethlehem's Community Garden while digging into God's word!

VBS will be held August 2-6, 9am to noon. Cost is \$25/child up to \$50/family; scholarships are available. Extended day care (7:30-9am) is available for \$20/week or \$5/day. Children age 4 (by 6/1/10) through Gr. 6 are welcome to attend. Registration forms are available online and at the Discipleship Ministries Office.

A Mystery Mission for Gr. 5 & 6

Each Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30pm students entering grades 5 & 6 unravel a mystery mission of the week. The Summer Youth Interns are coordinating each mission. All students entering grades 5 & 6 are welcome, so invite your friends!

VBS Partnering Opportunities!

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching, August 2-6, 9am to noon, and we have many opportunities for you to share your gifts with the youth at Bethlehem. Teachers are needed in all age groups, as well as people to help decorate.

"Taking Root" is this year's theme - which is a perfect way to explore with others how God has "taken root" in your life. If you are feeling called to start building relationships with the youth at Bethlehem here is a great opportunity! Please contact Melanie for more information, 259-5330 x131.

Paid Staff Openings

Bethlehem is seeking a **Lead Sound Tech** to be the lead sound engineer and schedule assistant techs. **Assistant Sound Techs** are also needed. For details contact Diane Bublitz, 251-8356 x104 or dbublitz@bethlehemlutheran.org