



# This Week at Bethlehem

A Welcoming Community of Christ's Disciples



July 17 – July 23, 2010

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<p><b>Saturday, July 17 -</b>  <b>5:00 pm Worship-Communion</b>          7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 18 -</b>          3:00 am Jr High Trip departs  <b>8:30 am Worship-Communion</b>  <b>10:30 am Outdoor Worship-Communion</b>          11:30 am Picnic on the Prairie  <b>12:00 pm Worship-Sudanese language</b>          2:00 pm BLC Pastor leads worship at St Benedicts Sr Community</p> <p><b>Monday, July 19 -</b>          8:00 am Mission Quilters          9:00 am Luther Crest Day Camp-Lion's Park          10:00 am Prayer Shawl Crafters          5:30 pm Heritage Quilters          6:30 pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 20 -</b>          8:00 am Mission Quilters          9:00 am Luther Crest Day Camp-KofC Park</p>	<p><b>July 20 (continued)-</b>          10:00 am BLC Staff Meeting          3:00 pm Parents &amp; 3s Meeting          7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 14          7:30 pm St Cloud Call-up (AA)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 21 -</b>          6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins          9:00 am Luther Crest Day Camp-KofC Park          5:30 pm Parents &amp; 3s Meeting          5:30 pm BLC staffs Project HEAL at Caritas          6:30 pm Gr. 5 &amp; 6 Mystery Mission</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 22 -</b>          8:30 am Parents &amp; 3s Meeting          9:00 am Luther Crest Day Camp-Lion's Park          3:00 pm Parents &amp; 3s Meeting          6:30 pm Beginning Experience          6:30 pm GRIP Leadership Assembly          7:00 pm Fifth Voice rehearsal          7:30 pm Services rebroadcast on ch. 12</p>	<p><b>Friday, July 23 -</b>          5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal          7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous          11:00 pm Jr High Trip returns</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 24 -</b>          9:00 am Baptism Orientation          11:30 am BLC serves Community Meal at Hope Covenant Church          3:00 pm Wedding  <b>5:00 pm Worship-Baptism</b>          5:00 pm Sr High Trip returns          7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 25 -</b>  <b>8:30 am Worship-Baptism</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship-Baptism</b>          12:00 pm Sudanese language Bible Study          12:00 pm Bikers of BLC ride</p>
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## CALENDAR

**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](http://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 thank you to those who recently worked on the Thrivent Builds site, 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!

### Housing Needed for VBS

Housing is needed July 26-29 and August 1-6 for an ELCA World Hunger intern. She will be assisting with preparations for Vacation Bible School, which is based on the ELCA curriculum *Taking Root: Hunger Causes, Hunger Hopes*. Please contact Melanie in the Discipleship Office, 251-8356 x131 if you can provide housing.

## 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, 251-8356 x131 or [melanie@bethlehemlutheran.org](mailto:melanie@bethlehemlutheran.org), to schedule your visit.

## Disciples Serve

### 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.

## Community

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

All are invited to a "Picnic on the Prairie" immediately following the 10:30am service, on **Sunday, July 18**, which, weather permitting, will be held outdoors. The Congregational Life 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

### VBS Digs into God's Word

Vacation Bible School Children will learn how God takes root in our hearts, experience the wonders of creation and discover ways they can help address local & global hunger!

VBS will be held **August 2-6, 9am to noon**. Cost is \$25/child up to \$50/family; scholarships 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 at the Discipleship Ministries Office.

### Youth Trips Schedule

**Friday, July 23—Jr High returns!**  
**Saturday, July 24—Sr High returns!**

### Shop for LWR School Kits

Back-to-School Sales have begun, now is a great time to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR)! Bethlehem will be assembling LWR School Kits in late September and we are especially in need of the following items:

- 150-200 pg Notebooks
- 30cm Rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- unsharpened pencils w/ erasers
- 2.5" Erasers
- Blunt-nosed Scissors
- Crayon (16 or 24 count)

If you would like to help with this endeavor, please take this list along as you shop the before-school sales. Place items in the box under the bulletin boards marked "LWR." Thank you for your help.

### Shop Back-to School Sales

When shopping Back-to-School Sales for LWR School Kits ad/or your own student's needs please consider picking up an extra pack of crayons, a doodle pad or a coloring book for the worship bags. Worship Bags help little ones (and their parents!) experience worship. Drop-off items at the Welcome Center.



### 2010-11 Preschool Registration

Registration for 2010-11 at Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool is now open to the community. Half-day classes (2, 3, or 4 mornings/week) will be offered for children ages 3-5. A Parent & Child class for 2 year-olds will meet Tuesday mornings. For registration materials visit: [www.bethlehemlutheran.org/preschool](http://www.bethlehemlutheran.org/preschool) or call the Preschool Office, 251-6775.

### 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. **Needed:** Teachers for all age groups, decorators, green thumbs and more. "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.

### 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 Meal 7/24

Bethlehem provides the food and workers for the Community Meal at Hope Covenant Church on the fourth Saturday of each month. Sign-up at the serve Board to provide a Salad, Fruit or to offer your help.