



This Week at Bethlehem

A Welcoming Community of Christ's Disciples



June 12 – June 18, 2010

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Saturday, June 12 -

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

Sunday, June 13 -

8:30 am Worship-Communion
10:30 am Worship-Communion
12:00 pm Nuer Language Bible Study
2:00 pm Barb Johnson piano student recital

Monday, June 14 -

7:00 am Prayer Group
9:00 am Mission Quilters
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 15 -

9:00 am Mission Quilters
10:00 am BLC Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Preschool Board at Felsch's
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 14
7:30 pm St Cloud Call-up (AA)

Wednesday, June 16 -

6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins
5:00 pm July/August STAR Deadline
6:30 pm Gr. 5 & 6 Mystery Mission
8:00 pm LEAPP FROGS

Thursday, June 17 -

12:00 pm Friendship Club
7:00 pm BLC Bluegrass rehearsal
7:30 pm Services rebroadcast on ch. 12

Friday, June 18 -

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, June 19 -

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

Sunday, June 20 -

8:30 am Worship-Communion
10:30 am Worship-Outdoors
12:00 pm Worship-Sudanese language

Disciples Pray

Hospitalized? Please Let the Church Know: If you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, either for a planned procedure or via the Emergency Room, please call the church office. Also, mention Bethlehem as your faith community during the admission process, but most of all call! We'd rather hear eight times than not all!

Disciples Learn

Mark Your Calendars

Luther Crest Day Camp will be **July 19-22** for children entering Kindergarten through Gr. 6. \$55/child; scholarships available. Bethlehem & Atonement Lutheran are hosting this camp at area parks.

Vacation Bible School is partnering with LEAPP FROGS this year **August 2-6**. VBS, for age 4 through grade 6. Cost is \$25/student; \$50/family maximum. Scholarships are available.

Summer Interns Begin Work

The Summer Youth Interns—Liz Harrison, Liz Null & Becky Preusser—began preparing a summer of activities designed to get students entering Gr. 5 & 6 actively involved in youth programs. Leave a welcome message at 251-8356 x133 or mysterymissions@bethlehemplutheran.org

A Mystery Mission for Gr. 5 & 6

Each Wednesday, beginning June 16, students entering grades 5 & 6 (invite your friends!) will unravel a "mystery mission" of the week. The Summer Youth Interns will coordinate each mission from 6:30 to 8:30pm, rain or shine! Some "missions" will be service projects, others will be games. Come each week to discover a new mission!

Dead Sea Scrolls Trip Deadline is Sunday!!

This summer the Science Museum of Minnesota is hosting a major exhibition of some of the Dead Sea Scrolls. These ancient documents are the earliest written fragments of the text of the Bible and have opened up important new understanding of the world in which Jesus lived.

Bethlehem is arranging a special trip to the exhibition on **Wednesday, June 30**. With minimum of 40

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.bethlehemplutheran.org/preschool or call the Preschool Office, 251-6775.

confirmed participants by **June 13** a charter bus will leave Bethlehem at 9am and return by 4pm. Cost including transportation: \$41 with admission to "Arabia" playing in the Omnitheatre; Senior Discount Price (age 60+) is \$37. Cost for just the exhibit & transportation is \$35; \$31 for seniors. Please feel free to invite your friends, neighbors & family to attend. **Paid registrations** are being taken at the Welcome Center.

Disciples Give

Outreach Africa

Even though the trips to Liberia and Ethiopia have returned financial gifts of any size continue to be sought; simply mark "Outreach Africa" on your check. Watch for the July/August issue of *The STAR* which will include reflections and photos from both Outreach Africa Trips.

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.

Community

Women's Garden Party

Invite a friend to join you for an evening of friendly conversation over lemonade and treats on Thursday, June 17; 6-8pm. Mandi Falloon has graciously offered her garden on Dunbar Road in Saint Cloud for this gathering. A light meal will be served at 6pm with time for conversation and dessert in the garden. RSVP at the Welcome Center, also indicate if you need a ride or could provide a fruit plate or dessert.

Worship in the Outdoors

Weather permitting the **10:30am** service on **Sunday, June 20** will be held outdoors and feature bluegrass music by BLC musicians.

There will also be a camp-style worship service with Holy Communion on **Wednesday, June 23** at **6pm**.

Disciples Serve

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

Financial Update

as of 5/31/10

Year-to-Date General Fund Income vs. Expenses Actuals

	Income	-	Expenses	=	Difference
2010 General Fund	350,166	-	381,729	=	-31,563
2009:	-28,420		2008: -49,136		2007: -23,160
					2006: -40,387

General Fund Income & Expenses Actuals vs. Budget

	Actual	-	Budget	=	Difference
Income	350,166	-	388,708	=	-30,542 (90% of budget)
Expenses	381,729	-	388,712	=	-6,983 (97% of budget)

General Fund Income & Expenses 2010 vs. 2009

	2010 YTD	-	2009 YTD	=	Difference
Income	350,166	-	370,707	=	-20,541 5.5% decrease
Expenses	381,729	-	399,127	=	-13,389 4.4% decrease

Year-to-Date Building Mortgage Fund Income vs. Expenses Actuals

	Offerings	-	Payments	=	Difference
Building Mortgage	83,823	-	97,000	=	-13,177 (2009: -1,083)

Books for Africa Hosts *Taste of Ghana* Fundraiser

Africans are starving for books! Through books, a culture of literacy and the tools of empowerment feed the next generation of parents, teachers and leaders in Africa. Thousands of donated books are waiting to be shipped to Africa by Books for Africa—but shipping costs are holding up delivery of this precious cargo. Join others

in your community that share a passion for fostering literacy and empowerment across the world for a feast of Ghanaian food and help raise the money needed to get these books into the hands waiting for them! Saturday, June 19, 5pm at Atonement Lutheran Church. \$20/person; call Eunice at 310-2246 to register.

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 the construction site in order for Habitat to receive the grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Donations are also needed: \$20,000 needs to be donated by

Lutherans in order for Habitat to receive the \$100,000 grant. To make a donation, write a check to Bethlehem and write "Thrivent Builds" on the memo line.

Want to get involved? Mark Young will be coordinating a Work Week for Bethlehem members and friends later this summer. Watch for details and a sign-up in the coming weeks.

Community Garden Update

Bethlehem's Community Garden is planted and ready to be tended by all interested members of the community. 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.

Community Meal June 26

Sign-up at the SERVE Board to provide, prepare or serve the food for the Community Meal at Hope Covenant Church on June 26. People to serve the meal are especially needed on this weekend of Granite City Days and the Great MN Air Show.