



# This Week at Bethlehem

A Welcoming Community of Christ's Disciples



June 19 – June 25, 2010

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<p><b>Saturday, June 19 -</b>  <b>5:00 pm Worship-Communion</b>          7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p><b>Sunday, June 20 -</b>  <b>8:30 am Worship-Communion</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship-Communion</b>  <b>12:00 pm Worship-Sudanese language</b></p> <p><b>Monday, June 21 -</b>          7:00 am Prayer Group          9:00 am Mission Quilters          6:30 pm Women's Bible Study          6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Crafters</p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 22 -</b>          9:00 am Mission Quilters          10:00 am BLC Staff Meeting          4:00 pm GRIP Leadership Team          7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 14          7:30 pm St Cloud Call-up (AA)</p>	<h2>CALENDAR</h2> <p><b>Wednesday, June 23 -</b>          11:00 am Jr. Hi Fundraiser @ Coborn's          6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins  <b>6:00 pm Outdoor Worship</b>          6:30 pm Gr. 5 &amp; 6 Mystery Mission          8:00 pm LEAPP FROGS</p> <p><b>Thursday, June 24 -</b>          7:30 am Executive Committee          11:00 am Jr. Hi Fundraiser @ Coborn's          7:00 pm Be Alive! Ensemble          7:00 pm Women's Retreat Planning-KTs          7:30 pm Services rebroadcast on ch. 12</p> <p><b>Friday, June 25 -</b>          5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal          7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 26 -</b>          9:00 am Baptism Orientation          3:00 pm Wedding Ceremony  <b>5:00 pm Worship-Baptism</b>          7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p> <p><b>Sunday, June 27 -</b>  <b>8:30 am Worship-Baptism</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship-Baptism</b>          12:00 pm Nuer Language Bible Study          12:00 pm Bikers of Bethlehem ride          4:15 pm Memorial Service for Charlie Cater at Benson Funeral Home</p>
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**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

**Ethiopian Trip Presentation** will be **June 27th** as soon as 8:30 am worship has concluded. Pastor Steve, James Puotyual and John Gatdet will share about their time in Africa.

**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 LEAPPFROGS this year **August 2-6**. VBS, for age 4 through grade 6. Cost is \$25/student; \$50/family maximum. Scholarships are available.

### Summer Interns at Work

The Summer Youth Interns: Liz Harrsion, 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](mailto:mysterymissions@bethlehemplutheran.org)

### A Mystery Mission for Gr. 5 & 6

Each Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30pm students entering grades 5 & 6 will 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!

### Women's Bible Study

Linda Vernon has invited the Women's Bible study to meet at her home on June 21st. All are welcome to meet at BLC at 6pm to form a car pool.

### 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](http://www.bethlehemplutheran.org/preschool) or call the Preschool Office, 251-6775.

## Community

### 21st Annual LC Quilt Auction

On July 10th there will be a quilt auction at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria celebrating 65 years of ministry! Bethlehem's queen-size quilt for donation to LC is on display in the Square and bids will be accepted until June 27th.

### Trip Students Grill It!

Students involved in the Junior High trip are working the grill at Coborn's Cooper Avenue South location on Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24. Serving starts at 11am and runs until 6pm. For \$2 you can have a quick lunch or supper of a brat or hot dog with toppings and a drink, best of all, it supports our youth!

### Dead Sea Scroll Trip

The bus is full and the group of 47 will travel to the Dead Sea Scroll exhibit at the Minnesota Science Museum on June 30th. With the construction on I-94, check-in at BLC is 8:30am, and will load the bus for departure at 8:45am - please be early as the bus will leave promptly and no refunds will be given to any who miss the bus. Return time will also depend on road construction, so we anticipate returning to church at approximately 5pm.

## 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 in 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.

## Financial Update

as of 5/31/10

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

	Income	-	Expenses	=	Difference
<b>2010 General Fund</b>	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
<b>Income</b>	350,166	-	388,708	=	-30,542 (90% of budget)
<b>Expenses</b>	381,729	-	388,712	=	-6,983 (97% of budget)

### General Fund Income & Expenses 2010 vs. 2009

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

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

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

## 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:** 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.

**Want to get involved?** Mark Young will be coordinating two work days for Bethlehem members and friends June 29 and June 30. Sign up at the SERVE Board.



## VBS Partnering Opportunities!

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching 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 ext 131.

## 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](mailto:dbublitz@bethlehemlutheran.org)

## 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 busy weekend of Granite City Days and the Great MN Air Show!