



This Week at Bethlehem

A Welcoming Community of Christ's Disciples



June 26 – July 2, 2010

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Saturday, June 26 -

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

Sunday, June 27 -

8:30 am Worship-Baptism
9:30 am Report from Ethiopia Trip
10:30 am Worship-Baptism
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

Monday, June 28 -

7:00 am Prayer Group
8:00 am Mission Quilters
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 29 -

9:00 am Mission Quilters
10:00 am BLC Staff Meeting
11:30 am Fall Planning meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 14
7:30 pm St Cloud Call-up (AA)

Wednesday, June 30 -

6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins
8:30 am Dead Sea Scrolls Check-in
9:00 am STAR Mailing
6:30 pm Gr. 5 & 6 Mystery Mission
8:00 pm LEAPP FROGs

Thursday, July 1 -

5:45 pm Heritage Quilters
7:30 pm Columbarium Comm.
7:30 pm Services rebroadcast on ch. 12

CALENDAR

Friday, July 2 -

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, July 3 -

10:00 am Mathiang Community Gathering
5:00 pm Worship-Communion
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, July 4 -

8:30 am Worship-Communion
10:30 am Worship-Communion
12:00 pm Worship-Sudanese language
2:00 pm African Nationals Ministry Mtg.

Monday, July 5 -

Church Building CLOSED

Disciples Pray

Disciples Learn

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. Know a 5th or 6th grader? Spread the word about this program. You may contact the interns at 251-8356 x133 or mysterymissions@bethlehemplutheran.org

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.

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.

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!

Luther Crest Day Camp

Be "Filled With Joy!" at Luther Crest Day Camp July 19-22. This year, Bethlehem and Atonement Lutheran will partner in this day camp, which will be 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 Give

Brat Sale July 9 & 10

Youth attending the Sr High Trip to Idaho are working the grill at the 33rd Ave Cashwise Store on Friday, July 9 from 11am to 6pm and Saturday, July 10 from 10am to 5pm each day. Grab a quick lunch or supper & support our youth!

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.

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 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

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:

Luther Crest Quilt Auction

Luther Crest Bible Camp's Quilt Auction will be Saturday afternoon, **July 10** at the camp in Alexandria. Quilts of all sizes and patterns, including a beautiful hand quilted one from Bethlehem, will be sold in a live auction. You can place a pre-bid on Bethlehem's Quilt in the Square until noon on June 27, the pre-bid will become the opening bid at the auction.

Community

Dead Sea Scroll Trip Notes

A group of 47 will travel to the Dead Sea Scroll exhibit at the Minnesota Science Museum on June 30. With the construction on I-94, check-in at BLC is 8:30am, the bus will depart at 8:45am - please note the bus will leave promptly and no refunds will be given if you miss the bus. Bring a jacket or sweater as the museum is very cool. Return time will also depend on road construction, we anticipate returning to church at around 5pm.

Special Mid-week Services

A number of special Wednesday evening outdoor worship services will be offered this summer. The next outdoor service will be held at **6pm** on **July 7** and will feature contributions of American folk-style music to the Church's song. These worship times are wonderful options for those who are away on the weekends, and work great for families with youth who will be participating in Bethlehem's Wednesday night youth activities.

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.

Financial Update

General Ministry

Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$407,250
Offerings Received YTD:	<u>377,861</u>
	-29,389

Building Mortgage

Contributions Needed YTD:	\$111,925
Gifts Received YTD:	<u>96,857</u>
	-15,068

Attendance (6/19-6/20): 409

Bells at Regional Conference

The Bells of Bethlehem are participating in the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Area VII Festival Conference this weekend at the Civic Center in Rochester, MN. This is the 20th Anniversary Conference for Area VII. The Bells will be attending classes and rehearsals on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and participating in the finale concert at 1:30pm Sunday, along with approximately 500 other Handbell Ringers from around the Midwest. The concert is free & open to the public.

Outdoor Worship

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