



# This Week at Bethlehem

A Welcoming Community of Christ's Disciples



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## June 5 – June 11, 2010

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### Saturday, June 5 -

#### 5:00 pm *Worship-Communion*

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Sunday, June 6 -

#### 8:30 am *Worship-Communion*

9:30 am Liberian Mission Team meeting

9:30 am Farewell Reception for E. Vangerud

#### 10:30 am *Worship-Communion*

#### 12:00 pm *Worship-Sudanese language*

12:15 pm Music Staff meeting

2:00 pm BLC leads worship at St Ben's

### Monday, June 7 -

7:00 am Prayer Group

9:00 am Mission Quilters

6:30 pm Men of Bethlehem mtg

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, June 8 -

9:00 am Mission Quilters

10:00 am BLC Staff Meeting

5:45 pm Church Council

6:30 pm Anna Circle at Jordet's

6:45 pm Church Boards

7:00 pm Beginning Experience

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 14

7:30 pm Anna Circle

7:30 pm St Cloud Call-up (AA)

### Wednesday, June 9 -

6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins

9:00 am Mission Quilters

6:00 pm Jr & Sr High Survivor Challenge

### Thursday, June 10 -

9:00 pm Mission Quilters

6:30 pm BeFriends

### June 10 (continued) -

7:00 pm BLC Bluegrass rehearsal

7:30 pm Services rebroadcast on ch. 12

### Friday, June 11 -

7:30 am Personnel Committee

9:00 am Mission Quilters

5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday, June 12 -

3:00 pm Wedding

#### 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 *Worship-Sudanese language*

2:00 pm Barb Johnson piano student recital

## 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

### Gr. 5 & 6 Get Mystery Mission

Each Wednesday, beginning June 16, students entering grades 5 & 6 will unravel a mystery mission of the week. Online clues will have you guessing what each week's mission will be. Then show up Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm to find out if you were right. All students entering grades 5 & 6 are welcome, so invite your friends!

### Women's Bible Study Moves

On Monday, June 7 the Monday Women's Bible Study moves to one session at 6:30pm! This study, led by Pastor Janine, is open to all women; new participants are welcome to join in at any time!

## Mark Your Calendars for Summer Day Camps at BLC

### 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.

## Dead Sea Scrolls Trip Deadline is June 13

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

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.

### Update on Local Food Needs

Each month the Local Food Needs offerings are divided, with 1/3 going to the Catholic Charities Food Shelf, \$50-75 to support the monthly Community Meal and the remainder for grocery cards to address immediate needs. At Cash Wise Foods, these cards can be used to purchase gas as well as food. *Questions?* Contact Pastor Steve.

## 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 as the setting for this gathering. A light meal will be served at 6pm with time for conversation and dessert in the garden. Sign-up to attend at the Welcome Center, also indicate if you need a ride or could provide a fruit plate or dessert.

### Building Faithful Communities

What is God calling us to do to build faith-filled communities? How can we care for all God's people in a more loving & just manner? Great River Interfaith Partnership (GRIP) is inviting people of faith to come together in prayer, conversation, discernment, and action as we find ways to participate in God's work of transforming our communities. The first of three sessions will be held Thursday, June 10, 6:30-8:30pm, at the St. Cloud Library.

## 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)

### 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.

## 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](mailto: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:** \$20,000 needs to be donated by

### 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.

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.