

# THE BEACON

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## When Is Your Heart Moved?



Hearts Moved

Here are some of your responses:

“The girl we sponsor in India is shy and sweet, a hard worker who'd like to be a doctor. She cried when she met me. Lavanya's parents served us tea on the dirt floor of their home, which is the size of one of my bathrooms. Their generosity fills my heart.” Kim

“My heart is often moved on Sundays when I witness all the energy and excitement at Bethlehem. It's moved further when I see this energy directed outward into the surrounding community to share God's love with others in innovative and creative ways.” Kurt

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

*November 13—Celebration Brunch*

*November 20—Consecration Sunday*

spend more and more time with these older adults, I have learned so much and deeply appreciate a smile, short conversation or brief walk outside with these folks. A small kindness changes their day, but my heart is moved and I am the one most rewarded.” Shary

“I am all about food and believe one of the best ways to love someone is to prepare and share a meal, thereby enabling them to face the world and its challenges. By serving meals at Our Saviour's Housing Shelter, I feel I am giving people strength and encouragement to create a more stable life.” Mary

“One year ago I found out that I had breast cancer. An anniversary of this sort can bring back the feelings of fear and worry we experienced, but that does not come back as much as you might think. What drifts to the surface again and again are the people of this experience. Prayers, well wishes, household help, handmade gifts; the list of comforts provided is long. Cancer came and it went. Gratitude remains.” Heidi

### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fest**

**Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 pm**

Bring non-perishable food items for our traditional thankoffering (*see page 2*)

*Please note there will be NO Thanksgiving Day worship.*

## Pastor's Word

As I was reading a book recently, I kept thinking about a party I hosted in high school. I lived in South Dallas which was the side of town always mentioned on the news in relation to violence or crime. I had many great friends on this side of town, none of whom matched the picture I saw on the news, but some of them gave me a hard time about going to school on the “uppity” side of town. I went to a magnet high school across town where I had many good friends as well, but many told me that they were nervous about coming to visit my house because it was on “that” side of town. So for most of high school, I kept my friends separate. Finally, I had a party, invited everyone, and all of my very different friends connected in some way. I don't remember any of the specifics, I only remember the joy it brought me to see the barriers between my friends crumbling.

The book that prompted this memory and the recollection of this feeling was “The Art of Theological Reflection” by Patricia O'Connell Killen and John DeBeer. It is a book that gives step by step instructions on how to reflect on your life experiences and see how God might be speaking to you. One of the steps highlights the importance of paying attention to our life experiences and feelings. It says, “We can enhance our awareness of God's revelatory presence in our life and our skill for

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reflection by paying heed to our physical sensations and feelings.” (p. 32) It is one of the most honest ways for us to listen to what God is saying to us. Have you ever been spontaneously brought to tears and wondered why? Maybe God is trying to speak to you.

Feelings provide the creative energy God gives us to act in response to what gives us joy or saddens us or fills us to the brim with gratitude. When we pay attention to feelings and act on them instead of resisting them, “the movement toward insight...leads us through the embodied life God gives us, through the feelings that arise as we stop defending ourselves against our experience by stiffening our bodies as well as our minds. No one becomes wise without learning to feel.” (p. 34)

Our sermon series this month is “Hearts Moved.” You may have already read some of the quotes from individuals telling the ways in which feelings and moved hearts have prompted them to service, contribution and action. You will read more throughout the Beacon and hear more in the sermons this month.

The memory of my high school party provides a backdrop for why I enjoy local and global outreach so much, especially when it involves breaking down the many barriers that separate us from each other. I encourage all of you to pay attention to your feelings.

When has your heart been moved? Have you been moved to action by the tugging on your heart? Maybe this is God's way of speaking to you.

*Listen...Feel...Respond.*

*Pastor Beth Warpmaeker*

## Making It Count

*by Luke Winskowski, Stewardship Ministry*

I often wonder how many of us have stories about our grandparents and the many sacrifices made for their families. Likely, they were first or second generation immigrant families who lived during the Great Depression and experienced things like thin potato soup, dusty hot summers and the promise of public work. They embraced what I call an ‘old frugality’ – or rather, making everything count.



My grandparents, Olivia and Walter, were no exception to this generation. A lumberjack and a baker, they would retire to a small home in rural Minnesota, living on two barely adequate social security checks, a three-month garden and a love-hate relationship with canning. I didn't know much about their financial lives, but the summer that they passed, my father (a successful newspaper publisher) pulled me aside to tell me they discovered an account at the First National Bank of Park Rapids where \$5 a week was saved for my education by my grandmother. With little in this world to want or need, 19 years have passed and I have not touched the account—or rather, made it count.

While on a diaper run and caught in post-Vikings traffic this past weekend I listened intently to a National Public Radio expose about the job situation in the United States. Unfortunately, it was not too far removed from recants of hot dusty summers and thin potato soup, well, minus the public jobs. Millions have entered an era of a ‘new frugality’ – will we too make this time count?

Hearts Moved. We are challenged this month to reflect on our lives to answer the question of “what moves us?” I will expand this challenge to find not only what moves us, but how we can make that count. Our grandparents, despite situations that many today would coin as phenomenal scarcity, found the austerity to make every penny matter. As we approach Advent, I am committed to making that small account my grandmother carefully placed for me count. In this time of hardship for many, not unlike what she experienced as a young woman, it is the best honor that I can bestow her. What will move your heart – and what will you do to make this count?

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## Thanksgiving Offering For Those Who Are Hungry

At Sunday worship services on November 20 and at the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 23, we will be collecting food for the local food shelf. During worship there will be an opportunity for you to bring your bags full of groceries up to the altar. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please note “Thanksgiving Hunger offering” on the memo line of your check. These funds will be split between a local food shelf and ELCA Global Hunger.



## Give to the Max Day is November 16

by Pastor Ben Cieslik

*You are God's how, you are this world's solution. Through you, God brings heaven to earth...* A little over three months ago I ended my sermon with these words. Maybe you remember them, maybe you don't. That doesn't matter. What matters is the response that swelled from within this congregation. Over \$13,000 dollars were raised to fight the famine in East Africa. At that time many of you shared with me how you'd been moved by the pictures and video that you'd seen in newspapers and on television. Our hearts ached to see young children wasting away because they lacked the most basic necessities, and so we responded in love and hope. Today the news media has all but moved on from the region. Initial efforts to treat the worst cases of starvation have been successful but the needs of people across the region are still great.

On November 16, Minnesota will celebrate its third annual Give to the Max Day and people across the country will make a special gift to Minnesota not-for-profits. Dollars will be matched, special gifts will be awarded to individual not-for-profits every hour. Give to the Max Day 2009 raised fourteen million dollars for Minnesota not-for-profits. It's a cool day.




Last year Bethlehem participated for the first time, and we raised \$1,000 to support the mission of Bethlehem. This year we are participating again, but we're giving it away. Every dollar given to Bethlehem on November 16, will be given to Lutheran World Relief and their efforts to carry out a long-term response to this crisis, aimed at helping farmers recover their crops and agricultural livelihoods and reducing people's vulnerability to future crises in East Africa.

Let our hearts be moved once again, to help change the lives of those who need it most. Join us on Give to the Max Day, November 16.

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### Council Notes

 The council continues to work on Pastor Chris' job description and the proposed restatement of the church's strategic direction.

We also heard a report from Pastor Rob Norris-Weber, music director John Kerns and the ACTS (Church Council) team from Spirit Garage. The group reported on music at Spirit Garage, the development of their Team of Elders and demonstrated their new website. The new Spirit Garage website includes ways for people to interact with each other, share their faith stories, volunteer and register for events, and includes a video of the service for download or to stream. It was so inspiring to hear the very personal faith stories of the Spirit Garage leadership team.

Council information is available on the Bethlehem website; minutes of the meetings are available at the mailboxes across from the office. You can also email us at [council@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:council@bethlehem-church.org). Let us know your thoughts.

## Bethlehem

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#### Building Hours:

- Monday-Friday 8 am-9 pm
- Saturday 9 am-9 pm
- Sunday 7 am-1 pm & 5-8 pm

#### Service Times:

- Sundays— 8:00, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30, 7:00 pm
- Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 23, 7:00 pm
- NO Thanksgiving Day service
  
- Nursery available at 9:00, 10:15 & 11:30 am on Sundays

*Connecting people  
with God, each other  
and their mission in  
the world.*

Next Beacon Deadline:

November 10, 2011

[pdunn@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:pdunn@bethlehem-church.org)

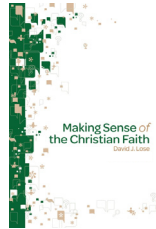
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## WEDNESDAY CLASSES

### Making Sense of the Christian Faith

Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7, 14  
9:30 am and 6:30 pm

What is it that Christians believe anyway? Pastor Beth and Seminary Intern Matt Johnson will lead this 6-week class exploring major tenets of the Christian faith. If you are curious about God and the life of faith, this class is for you. It promises to be an engaging conversation for those new to the faith, as well as those looking for a fresh look at theology. Each week includes a DVD featuring Dr. David Lose from Luther Seminary. We will use Dr. Lose's book *Making Sense of the Christian Faith* which will be available for purchase for \$10 at the church office.



### Health Choices

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm

#### November 2—Impact of Health Reform on Your Medical Care

MD from Fairview Medical Center leads discussion on the healthcare reform bills and its impact on your health care.

#### November 9—Role of Church in Creating a New Way to Deliver Health Care

Mark Eustis, CEO of Fairview University Health Care Services, will talk about the changes being made in the way care is delivered and how the change affects churches and communities.

#### November 16—Honoring Choices

Learn more about the document "Honoring Choices" now being used in medical facilities in Minnesota, and the importance of completing one.

### Handel's 'Messiah'

Wednesdays, November 16, 30, December 7, 14 at 6:30 pm

Handel's Messiah is a musical masterpiece that has entertained and inspired for over two-and-a-half centuries. Often performed during the weeks leading up to Christmas, it's an Advent favorite. Deepen your Advent preparation this year by joining Bethlehem member Carrie Bliss for four evenings of directed listening and enlightened appreciation.

### New Date for New Member Session

Saturday, November 19, 8:30-Noon—Discover Bethlehem

Sunday, December 4, New Member Reception

We invite you to join this community of faith and to share in the spirit of generosity and compassion that this next step in your faith journey will bring into your life and into the lives of others. Contact Pam Paulson, 612.312.3415 or ppaulson@bethlehem-church.org, to register or for questions. More new member sessions coming in 2012.

## SUNDAY CLASSES

### Conversations with Dr. Phil Sunday mornings at 9:00

Study of the weekly Bible readings every Sunday at 9:00 am with Dr. Phil Quanbeck. Join us in Langemo as your schedule allows.



### Bread for the World

Sunday, November 6, 10:15 am

Guest Speaker: Donna Neste,  
Coordinator for Mt. Olive's  
Neighborhood Ministries

Hear about the work Bread for the World is doing to help poor and hungry people in the U.S. and in places around the world like the Horn of Africa. Bread for the World is an organization that acts as a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. You will have the opportunity to take action on what you learn through an "Offering of Letters" that will be held throughout the morning in the Commons and at 10:15 am in Langemo Lounge. If you would like more information or want to help with the "Offering of Letters" on November 6, contact Jeanne Iverson, 763.593.2855 [ij\\_iverson@yahoo.com](mailto:ij_iverson@yahoo.com).



Coming for Advent...

### Icons as Scripture

Sunday, November 27, 10:15 am

Gracing our Gallery in Advent will be a collection of Byzantine-style icons written by Keith Homstad from Northfield. Meet the artist, learn more about this ancient tradition, and experience the spiritual richness of this ancient art form on the first Sunday in Advent.

## Grief Guidelines

by Diane Fleming and Colleen Sehnert, Grief Ministry



The Grief Ministry's team vision is *"To be the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in the Bethlehem church family who are grieving the loss of a loved one, assuring them they need not journey alone."* This is not only the responsibility of the team but of our whole community. But often we are at a loss of what to do or say. Thrivent Financial published a book entitled, *"Time to Mourn, Time to Dance."* It provides guidelines to help you when reaching out to a mourner. The following are a few examples of what you can do:

- **Open the door to communication.** If you aren't sure what to say, ask "How are you feeling today?" or "I've been thinking about you."
- **Listen 80% of the time and talk 20%.**
- **Be patient with the griever's story** and allow him or her to share memories of their loved one.
- **Use the name of the deceased.** This person played an important part in the mourner's life. It is important to recognize that by mentioning the person by name.
- **Offer specific help and take the initiative to call the mourner.** If they are not up to talking, they probably won't answer the phone.
- **Use appropriate physical contact (like an arm around the shoulder or a hug) when words fail.** Learn to be comfortable with shared silence.

We can all learn to reach out to those who mourn as there are few rules for helping aside from openness and caring.

*"Who we are is only really who we are together, all of us." - Megan McKenna*

## Gratitude is an Attitude

From the November 2010 issue of Mayo Clinic Embody Health



What does it mean to be truly thankful —to live a life of gratitude? Gratitude is an attitude—a sense of appreciation for the gifts in your life, from the basic comforts of home to the people who are important to you.

Researchers have found that people who regularly express their feelings of gratitude tend to:

- Get more and better sleep at night
- Spend more time exercising
- Have fewer headaches, nausea, pain and other physical symptoms of illness
- Be more alert, attentive, enthusiastic and energetic
- Have greater resistance to illness
- Experience less stress
- Have a greater sense of well being
- View life as pleasurable, interesting and exciting

If practicing gratitude doesn't come naturally to you, start by calling a friend to express appreciation for your friendship, writing a short thank-you note or taking a few minutes each night to reflect on the gifts in your life. Research shows that changing your behavior in this way can change your attitude and feelings.



## Community News

### Deaths

Constance M. "Connie" Solie, 10-2-11  
Curtis Holmquist, 10-5-11

### Births/Adoptions

Camilla Johnson, 10-8-11  
Parents: Tim and Joy Johnson

### Baptisms

September 18, 2011

Eleanor Leslie Gullickson, 5-21-11  
Parents: Douglas Gullickson  
and Jennifer Leslie

September 25, 2011

Ashton Evan LeTendre, 6-21-09  
Parents: Gary and Rachel LeTendre

Carter Joseph Christie, 3-29-11  
Parents: Jared and Melissa Christie

October 2, 2011

Parker Joseph Freeman, 5-8-11  
Parents: Adam and Holly Freeman

October 9, 2011

Teagan Marie McVay, 7-19-11  
Parents: Brent and Monica McVay

Ryder Patrick Haight, 4-21-11  
Parents: Seth and Anne Haight

## Foot Clinic

Available 10-2 pm by appointment:  
November 4, December 2.

## Healing Touch

Available in nursing homes, hospitals, member's homes, or at Bethlehem. Call Cheryl Salter to schedule, 952.250.8857.

## Gathering

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.  
Can be a volunteer or participant.  
Call the church office to reserve a spot, 612.312.3400.

## First Communion

### Instruction

**November 5-6**

Is the time right for your child to begin receiving communion? If so, please pick up a First Communion packet in the Sunday School areas and register for these events:

**Day Away** - Saturday, November 5, 9:30 to noon

**First Communion** - Sunday, November 6, any service

The process includes reading a booklet at home with your child and attending the day away with other families. Children of all ages are welcome. There will be additional opportunities in the spring. Register online at [www.bethlehem-church.org](http://www.bethlehem-church.org).



## Babies 1st Christmas

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

**3:00-4:30 pm**

A gathering for parents and little ones welcoming new babies (0-12 mos.) and the birth of the Holy One! Kindly RSVP by November 24 to Jess Wood at [nursery@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:nursery@bethlehem-church.org)



## Save the date!

Christmas Programs on Sunday, December 18, 2011

*Early Childhood, age 2 through Kindergarten at 9:00 and 10:15 am*  
*Elementary, 1st-6th grade at 3 pm.*

## Stirring the Hearts of Children

*by Heather Roth Johnson*

Kids have a spirit of giving. They enjoy recycling, drawing a picture for a sick friend or helping to restock the food shelf. Over the next few weeks, Sunday School kids will explore 'Giving' topics in relationship to faith, generosity, and compassion through a book study including *The Mitten* by Jan Brett and *Beatrice's Goat* by Page McBrier. Stories that inspire, teach, and stir the hearts of children.

Kids have an impact on giving and to share this with you, Sunday School kids will be asked to draw or write on a paper heart ways they give to others. My guess is we will fill several bulletin boards with these hearts not only because there are so many kids but because they simply give. So what does this tell us? It means the Spirit is at work among these kids stirring their hearts to act with faith, generosity, and compassion. Their hearts are moved.

## Thanksgiving Service Project Collection

*Collecting until Sunday, November 20*

Sunday School kids from age 2 through 6th grade are encouraged to bring Thanksgiving items for Simpson Food Shelf. Items can be brought to the Sunday School areas until Sunday, November 20. Families more than ever are visiting their local food shelf so let's try to help Simpson restock their shelves.

*Here are some suggestions:*

- Stuffing mix
- Canned vegetables
- Canned yams
- Canned potatoes or mashed potato mixes
- Canned cranberries
- Gravy mixes
- Pumpkin pie mix or filling
- Pie crusts
- Other items are welcome including food, small toiletry items, and shaving equipment



**Kids' Choice**  
EMPOWERING KIDS TO GIVE

## Have an Idea for a Service Project?

Kids' Choice Fund would love to help you! We help give kids the opportunity to live out Bethlehem's mission by helping others in our community and in the world. Grab some friends and a adult, think up a project you can do and apply for a grant request from Kids' Choice Fund for up to \$1000.

Contact Whitney Stofflet, [wstofflet@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:wstofflet@bethlehem-church.org), or 612-312-3364 for more information or questions.

## Lefse and Luuuuutefisk!

This month finds us hosting our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Lutefisk Dinner. The money raised supports our 2012 Mission Trip and youth scholarships. Every student, along with at least one parent, in 8th-12th grades, is asked to participate at both our Lefse Making Day, Saturday, November 5, and the dinner itself, Saturday, November 19. Not only is this a fundraising event, but it also helps students and parents to connect with each other and to work with common purpose and passion. Families can sign up online by choosing shifts that work best for them. In addition to your physical presence, each family should donate 2-dozen desserts, preferably homemade. Consider holiday-themed cookies and other scrumptious delights.

Before festivities begin, a big shout out goes to Suzu Thompson who has been coordinating these annual traditions for the last two years! This year, she will continue to oversee Lefse Day, while a new team of parents will organize the Lutefisk Dinner.

*If you aren't there to work, then consider coming to eat! Mange Takk.*

## 2012 Summer Mission Trip

**8th-12th grade students**

**Dates: July 7-20 or 14-27**

**Cost: \$600/student , \$100/adult leader**

This summer, Bethlehem's senior high will return to Lame Deer, Montana. Five years ago, 75 of us made our way out west where we were guests on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.



Located in southeastern Montana, it covers 445,000 acres, bordered on the east by the Tongue River and on the west by the Crow Reservation. There are approximately 9,000 enrolled tribal members, half of whom reside on the reservation. Their history as nomadic buffalo hunters of the Great Plains has built their reputation as fearless warriors, but unemployment has hit this community hard. Despite the hardships of this community, the spirit of the Cheyenne people is strong.

Like this past summer, we will help with a variety of housing and community projects, as well as lead a local children's ministry called "Kids Club". In between our service work, we will hear from local residents about Cheyenne culture, reservation challenges and witness historical and spiritual sites that hold deep meaning for the people of this small community.

Following our mission week, we will trek a bit farther to the Wind River Range of Wyoming. Working with Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries (SROM), we will embark on a 5-day summit ascent. SROM is a Christ-centered wilderness ministry and outdoor education organization. SROM courses and trained guides specialize in providing a wilderness ministry experience that facilitates spiritual formation, leadership development, authentic community, character formation, and teaches wilderness skills. Our wilderness experience will create an opportunity to live beyond the comfort zones of normal lives as we push ourselves.



**Experience the piece that  
passes all understanding.**



## Annual Lutefisk Dinner

*With special guests, Ole and the Ice Scrapers!*

**Saturday, November 19, 2011**

**3:30-6:00 pm**

Continuous Seating

\$17/Age 12+ \$7/Ages 6-12

Call 612.312.3400 for tickets

*Menu— A Scandinavian Gourmet Meal: lutefisk, meatballs, green beans, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, fruit soup, homemade lefse and holiday desserts, featuring rosettes and julekage.*

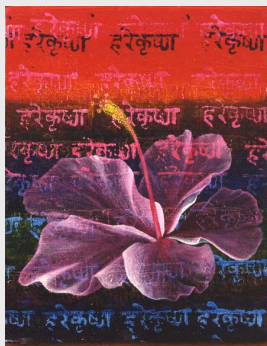


**Art & Soul Women's Retreat**  
**November 18-20—Friday, 7 pm**  
**to Sunday 10 am**

Green Lake Bible Camp—Spicer, MN

Spend a weekend away to listen and meditate through art and prayer.

Led by artist Robyn Sand Anderson and spiritual director Pastor Kathie Nycklemoe, this retreat offers opportunity



for creativity and reflection. Register directly with the camp at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org). In addition, register at [www.bethlehem-church.org](http://www.bethlehem-church.org) to travel with other women from Bethlehem to the retreat. For more information, contact Pastor Kris Tostengard Michel, [kristm@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:kristm@bethlehem-church.org).

**Fun, Fellowship, and Celebration**



The Monday afternoon church Golf League at Lost Spur wrapped up its activities in late August. It was a great opportunity and season for fun and fellowship. On the last Monday, Dan Waarvik had a hole in one and led his team to the championship. Bethlehem members, Rick Orndorf and Rob Zielinski provided outstanding leadership and support to make it a wonderful season.

The only thing missing was you! *Next spring when it's time to get the clubs out once again, we will be hoping to see you.*

**Thanksgiving Pie Fest**  
**Wednesday, November 23, following 7 pm worship**

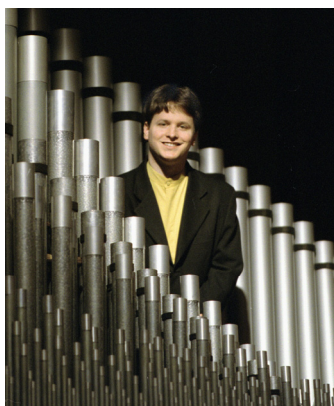
The smell of pie is in the air. Thanksgiving is a great time to get out Grandma's favorite recipes. Every family seems to have at least one special pie they yearn for each Thanksgiving. Did you know that Bethlehem members bring hundreds of pies to church for the Thanksgiving Pie Fest? Did you also know that most of those pies don't stay here? We eat hundreds of pieces of pie that Wednesday night but most of our pies are delivered to the Marie Sandvik Center to be enjoyed by the families who eat there on Thanksgiving. We deliver over 100 pies to "Marie Sandvik." This is a tradition we want to continue. So, if you can, bring two pies—one to share at Bethlehem, one to "share with Marie!"



Join us for pie, fellowship and music by Suzuki Strings Quartet immediately following the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Please bring a pre-cut pie for the event to Langemo Lounge kitchen anytime on Wednesday, November 23, to be enjoyed at the Pie Fest.

If you'd like to join the Parish Life Team in hosting this event (set-up, serving, or clean-up, *taste testing?*) contact Wendy Osman 612.312.3363, [wosman@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:wosman@bethlehem-church.org).

**Bethlehem Music Series Presents**  
**Paul Jacobs, Concert Organist**  
**Sunday, November 13, 4:00 pm**



Paul Jacobs, America's most celebrated concert organist, is the only organ soloist ever to receive a Grammy Award (2011). He made musical history at the age of 23 when he performed the complete organ works of J.S. Bach in an 18-hour non-stop marathon performance, and has subsequently performed the complete organ works of Olivier Messiaen in nine-hour marathon concerts around the country. Chairman of the organ department at Julliard, Jacobs is an impressive artist with impressive clarity, charismatic showmanship and unflagging

exuberance. Come, hear and see (wide screen) Jacobs play works by Bach, Elgar, Boulanger, Demessieux and others.

*Master Class for organists by Paul Jacobs on Saturday, November 12, 10:00 am-12:30 pm. Co-sponsored by the Twin Cities American Guild of Organists.*

## Rake, Rattle and Roll on November 12, 9:30-Noon A Great Family Activity this Fall

The HandyWorks fall Rake, Rattle, and Roll, a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, takes place this year beginning very late October through early November with weather permitting. This year congregation member and GMCC Board member Simon Foster will be organizing a Bethlehem volunteer group to do a little rake, rattle and rolling to bag leaves and rake lawns for at least three seniors in the Phillips neighborhood. This is important work since this helps them get ready for winter and to be able to stay in their homes.

We will rake leaves for a couple of hours and then grab a bite to eat and socialize a little afterwards at Maria's Café at 1113 East Franklin Ave. All this will take place Saturday morning November 12, 9:30-Noon, followed by lunch at Maria's Café. All you need to bring is your own rake and gloves. The homes will supply the bags, though it is good to bring extra bags for the occasional homeowner who is homebound and unable to get their own. Meet at Bethlehem at 9:30 am and we will divide up into work groups. Hope to see you then!



## Our Saviour's Housing Meal

What a thrill to receive this note on a Monday morning after a group from Bethlehem served the Sunday evening meal at Our Saviour's Housing:

*I just wanted to let you know that last night's shelter worker said Bethlehem's meal was the "best dinner ever!" The leftovers in the fridge today look awesome, so I'm not surprised that the meal was a hit. Thank you to all of your volunteers!" -Colleen O'Connor Toberman, Volunteer Coordinator, Our Saviour's Housing*

It was an evening of fun, food and fellowship as Bethlehem members got to know each other and our neighbors in south Minneapolis. This is a great outreach project for any small groups that like to cook and connect. A healthy menu is planned and the food will already be purchased. Our next opportunity is *Sunday, November 27, 4:00-8:30 pm*. To serve, please contact Mary Tinkham at [mltinkham@mmm.com](mailto:mltinkham@mmm.com).

## Meet at the Loft: The Annual Benefit for Our Saviour's Open Book Building Minneapolis (11th and Washington) November 3, 5:30-8:00 pm

We invite you to an affordable and relaxed fund-raiser for:

- ✘ The Homeless Service of Our Saviour's Housing
  - ✘ The immigrant students served by the English Learning Center
- Food, drink, raffles, auctions, FUN—and you making a difference to improve lives. To attend, contact Chris Hegland at [chris.hegland@gmail.com](mailto:chris.hegland@gmail.com) or go to [www.oscs-mn.org](http://www.oscs-mn.org).

## Volunteer at Messiah Food Pantry

**Saturday, November 19  
8:30-Noon**

*Thank the Lord, for he is good,  
and his love continues forever.*

Psalm 106:1

Thanksgiving comes like a gift to us. It is a time to reflect and give thanks. It is a time where we can look at our lives, whether young or old, and be grateful for what we have been given.

This year as Thanksgiving nears, we invite you to help your family look at all that you have and give thanks. Another way to show gratitude is to give back. On Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 19, 8:30-Noon, members of Bethlehem will be working at the Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran. This is a family friendly way to serve in the community. Messiah is located at 2400 Park Ave. in the Lutheran Social Services Building. We make and serve breakfast, pack and distribute groceries. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call Lauren at the church office, 612.312.3370, or register online. Space is limited so sign up early.

## Make Holiday Baskets for those living with HIV/AIDS

On Saturday, November 5, at 9:00 am we will decorate boxes for the Aliveness Project, a ministry to people living with AIDS and HIV. To participate, please sign up online, or call Lauren at the church office at 612.312.3370.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Gift Fair

### Building a world where there's enough for all...

This year Bethlehem's Alternative Gift Fair will continue to focus on the bottom billion across the world, on the poorest, the starving, the disenfranchised, those without clean water, training for women so they can care for their families, on orphans and the sick.

Why do we choose international rather than local? In the developing world there are no food shelves, food stamps, monthly government aid or even Social Security for those who have worked a lifetime. Even public school is not free and medical care may be far away. Running water, indoor plumbing and electricity are things in books. Hard to imagine in our world.

So, our shopping list looks like no catalog that comes from a store near you! This year you can buy, all in one place, a donkey, a water filter, some peanut paste, a school uniform, and some vitamins! Surely someone you know would love one of these gifts! Or how about a college scholarship, or a rice-based meal or a bednet? And it all fits into an envelope—just 44 cents to send to your favorite teacher, uncle or friend.

Shop for the world and finish your shopping for your loved ones, all at the same time!



**Shop online at  
[bethlehem-  
church.org](http://bethlehem-church.org) or  
in the Gallery  
on December 4  
and 11, 8:30-  
11:30 am and  
6:30-8:00 pm.**

## Save the Date: Women's Day of Service-February 4, 2012

Bethlehem's next Women's Day of Service is set for Saturday morning, February 4, 2012. Bethlehem women and girls of all ages will spend the morning assembling Newborn and Hospice Kits to send to Global Health Ministries for distribution to people in need around the world. This year we'll be gathering items to share with neighbors here in our own community as well, and our Sunday School will help us collect supplies for schoolchildren for Lutheran World Relief. Items for these kits are donated by Bethlehem members so until February you can help by considering what you might help provide. Look for the list of items needed for the various kits at [www.bethlehem-church.org](http://www.bethlehem-church.org) or at the welcome desk.

If you have questions, or if you or your small group is interested in helping with a particular ministry associated with Women's Day of Service, please contact Kim Dickey, 612.823.8110, or Ann Senne, 612.922.4172.

## Volunteer Opportunities in Hospice Care at Minneapolis VA

The Minneapolis VA has opportunities for volunteers in the hospice and palliative care unit to provide compassionate companionship to our veterans. There is an additional specialty area called The Last Watch for those interested in providing a presence for the dying veteran, ensuring that no one dies alone. Experience or special skills are not required. Training will be provided by the VA staff. Hours will be flexible as to your individual availability. If interested please contact the VA Voluntary/Community Resource Service at 612.725.2050 to make an appointment to meet with a specialist or to get any questions answered or you may also call Diane Fleming at 651.207.1098.

## Gifts of Love and Wreath of Love

Look for opportunities to purchase Gifts of Love for Ebenezer and Wreath of Love gifts for TRUST in the gallery on Sunday mornings beginning on November 6. Specific gift tags will be available for you to take with an item written on it. Then bring back that item to the church office by December 11 and it will be delivered to someone in need of extra joy at Christmas.

## TRUST's Annual Silent and Live Auction

### Saturday, November 5

At Lake Harriet Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis Proceeds support the programs and ministries of TRUST - Meals on Wheels, Chore Program, Parish Nursing, Youth Group, Trusty Sellers, Loaves & Fishes, Grief Coalition and more. For more information, contact Bethlehem's representatives to TRUST—Bev Robinson, 612.825.9068, and Cindy Tintner, 612.823.5403, or visit [www.trustinc.org](http://www.trustinc.org).

## Trip to India January 29-February 11, 2012

Join Pastors Beth and Mark Warpmaeker and others from Bethlehem who are planning a trip to India in February 2012. The group will be traveling to the city of Chennai in Tamil Nadu, South India, where they look forward to spending some time with the students and staff at Park Town School. Park Town is an inner-city school that serves some of the poorest, most marginalized children in this part of India. It is our hope that this visit will deepen our relationship and help us discern tangible ways to strengthen Bethlehem's partnership with Park Town. The itinerary will also include, among other things, a visit to the holy city of Tiruvannamalai, where the group will meet the women at Lebanon Home who weave the beautiful linens you sometimes see for sale in the Gallery. Contact Pastor Beth, [bwarpmaeker@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:bwarpmaeker@bethlehem-church.org), or Kim Dickey, [kimBDickey@aol.com](mailto:kimBDickey@aol.com), if you would like to learn more, or are interested in joining this group of sojourners to India.



## Hearts Moved

*An excerpt from an article in the LPGM newsletter written by Bethlehem members Mary Tinkham and Robert Kean*

When we were first married, we talked about the different paths our lives could take. Both of us felt called to live according to Micah 6:8, "what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" But we didn't know how our life would take shape. We wanted to seek justice globally as well as locally, but felt no strong calling to become field missionaries. We prayed that God would show us the right opportunity to support mission efforts in a personal, meaningful way.

A short time later we attended a meeting where Gordon and Betty Olson shared their dream of connecting people interested in mission with projects and people around the world. As we sat in the church basement and learned about Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry and its efforts to gather sponsors for children in the Arcot Lutheran Church of South India's boarding schools, we heard the call to do more than sponsor a student or two. Over the years we have seen marvelous things transpire, lives changed and communities strengthened in ways that resonated deeply within us. We currently support the Lebanon Home for abandoned or widowed women which not only offers shelter but also dignity as the women support themselves by weaving linens and other goods for sale.



**A Minnesota Without Poverty Fundraiser Dinner November 10**

A Minnesota Without Poverty (AMWP) will have its 2011 Fundraiser Dinner, November 10, at Temple Israel Congregation. Come join AMWP for dinner and help support the work. The evening will feature:

- ◆ A 30 minute performance by the Minnesota Church Ladies
- ◆ Information on the most recent poverty statistics
- ◆ Discussions on ending poverty
- ◆ An evening that will not soon be forgotten

Register at [mnwithoutpoverty.org](http://mnwithoutpoverty.org) or email Nancy Maeker at [nancymaeker@mnwithoutpoverty.org](mailto:nancymaeker@mnwithoutpoverty.org)

**NOTE:** Check out the new video with the Minnesota Church Ladies in Bethlehem's kitchen—"PublicPolicy Pickles." Once again the Minnesota Church Ladies make a discovery: when one person is affected we are all affected. View at [www.mnwithoutpoverty.org](http://www.mnwithoutpoverty.org)

## Mission/Outreach Donations for November

Every month, money is designated to go to three of our mission partners. This month's mission partners are: Ebenezer, Bread for the World, Green Lake Ministries.

**November 6 —Hearts Moved***Imagine the World through Faith*

1 John 3:1-3    Matthew 5:1-12

**All Saints' Sunday****November 13—Hearts Moved***Bless the World with Generosity*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11    Matthew 25:14-30

**Celebration Brunch****November 20—Hearts Moved***Love the World with Compassion*

Ephesians 1:15-23    Matthew 25:31-46

**Consecration Sunday****November 27—Hide & Seek / Hiding***First Sunday in Advent*

Isaiah 64:1-9    Mark 13: 24-37

**Service times: Sundays – 8:00, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30, 7:00 pm****Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, 7:00 pm****NO Thanksgiving Day Service****Nursery available at 9:00, 10:15 & 11:30 am Sundays***Visit us at [www.bethlehem-church.org](http://www.bethlehem-church.org) or**Email at [church@bethlehem-church.org](mailto:church@bethlehem-church.org)**Telephone 612.312.3400    Fax 612.312.3399*

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**DATED MATERIAL****Reading the Bible in 2011**

This month, our Sunday readings invite us to imagine the world through faith, bless the world with generosity and love the world with compassion. In addition to reading the Sunday texts, you are invited to read other parts of Scripture that speak to these themes. Blessings

on your quiet time with God!

**Week of October 31 – November 6**

- Matthew 5:1-12
- Psalm 37:11
- Isaiah 55:1-2
- John 4:13-14; 6:48-51
- 1 Corinthians 13:12
- 1 Peter 3:13-16a

**Week of November 14-20**

- Matthew 25:31-46
- Matthew 18:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-16
- Matthew 15:32-39
- Matthew 20:29-34
- Ephesians 1:15-19

**Week of November 7-13**

- Matthew 25:14-30
- Luke 19:12-27
- Luke 16:10
- Luke 12:16-21
- Matthew 6:19-21
- Matthew 6:25-27

**Week of November 21-27**

- Luke 17:11-19
- Colossians 3:15-17
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Psalm 65:9-13
- Mark 13:28-31
- Mark 13:32-37

**PEP Club Event****Saturday, November 12, 6:30 pm****Topic: Controversies in Healthcare**

PEP Club speaker on November 12 will be Seymour Handler, MD, a Pathologist who has an intense interest in our National Health Care System. He has written extensively on the subject and has given numerous lectures, including medical students both in this Country and in England.



The dessert will be delicious. Please join us in the Commons!