

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

October 30, 2011



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www.bethany-denver.org

Today at Bethany...

Rehearsal Begins Today for Kids' Light Sunday School Christmas Program Sundays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.. All Sunday School children will be included in the Christmas program, "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen", on December 11.

Sunday School Sunday School classes meet from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Godly Play: Sunday School for 2 ½ - 5 year olds. Classes meet in the BECC classrooms: 104, 105, 106, 108. Kids' Light: Sunday School for 1st – 5th Grades.

Parenting Enrichment Workshop Begins Today: "I'm a Keeper!" This popular 3-part parenting workshop is back to help you take a giant step in understanding your child; help you avoid conflicts with your child and give you understanding of the interaction between your temperament and your child's; help you increase your child's self-esteem; help you form your child's faith in God and change undesirable behavior. This popular course will be held on Oct 30, Nov. 6, and Nov. 13 from 8-10 a.m. \$60/person or \$90/couple. Free childcare provided. For more information pick up a flyer at the Hospitality Desk or visit the Bethany website.

This Week at Bethany...

God's Word for the Week, Room 210. Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.

Journey Through the Bible Mondays, 7:15-8:30 a.m. in the library. Our new topic: What do you do with a vision? Our study guide takes us into *The Revelation of John*. Join us!

Joy of Living – Women's Bible Study Are you stressed out, fatigued, disconnected? Join us every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 224 at Bethany to study "*Balanced Living with Fruit of the Spirit*" 9/8/11 to 4/12/12. A balanced life is a blessed life! Call Darla 303-986-7046 for info & guide book.

Deborah Circle Bible Study is open to all women and meets on Wednesdays from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the library. We will be using the Bible Study from the magazine "Gather - For Faith and Action" (formerly Lutheran Woman Today): To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark, by the Rev. Patricia Lull. We welcome new members at any time. For more information, please contact Susan Wiggans at susanpw4@gmail.com or 303-355-0372.

Thursday Women's Study Group Meets weekly on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 208.

XYZ We will meet on Tuesday, November 1.
Menu: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, roasted bell

peppers, salad & dessert. Join us!

Yoga Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. \$8 per class for drop-in. For info, call the church office at 303-758-2820.

Business Leader's Forum Friday, November 4 at 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the Great Hall. All are invited to discuss the Business of Bethany.

The 11th Annual Whole World Market will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 6, from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at Pax Christi Catholic Church, 5761 McArthur Ranch Road, Littleton, CO 80124. Shop this FREE global village for unique gifts and handiwork made by people from all over the world including Ethiopia, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, Viet Nam, and Africa. All proceeds will go to the non-profit and/or fair trade organizations represented at the market. More information can be found at www.wholeworldmarket.org.

Next Sunday

Saints Day Pancake Breakfast November 6 to support Urban Servant Corps. Come hungry!

Have you Heard the Buzz about Operation Christmas Child? Join our congregation as we share Christ's love around the globe. We are encouraging all the children of the congregation (and anyone else interested!) to fill a shoe box with Christmas surprises for deserving children. We will collect the boxes at church on November 6 (look for the OCC table) or you can bring them to Bethany's Operation Christmas Child Family Night on November 12 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Brochures about this project are at the Hospitality Desk or go to http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box/ for more information. Contact Rebecca Collins with questions at 720-344-0624 or jazzibear@comcast.net.

Looking Ahead...

1G Network - Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7-8:15 a.m. - Enabling Your Intuition to Guide Your Career "I'm certain that our inner guidance, our intuition, is supposed to steer us in the direction of what we're meant to do. But our lives can just get too darn loud for us to hear those nudges." On Nov. 9, Life Coach Dawn Greaney will introduce techniques to help quiet the noise and listen to your intuitions in an effort to help you determine what you are truly passionate about pursuing in your career. Dawn will combine her presentation with an interactive workshop where you'll come away with some truly inspiring ideas and resources. This is the second session of the 1G Network Job Creation Speaker Series. Please join us on Nov. 9 in the Great Hall at 7:00 a.m. Reference the 1G Network website for additional information (www.bethany-denver2.org/1g-network).

Special Family Night at Bethany for Operation Christmas Child Saturday, November 12, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Great Hall. Whether you filled a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child or not, we would love for you to join us for a very special family night at Bethany. We'll start the evening with a short, family-friendly worship service and then enjoy a yummy pasta dinner. After dinner we are going to celebrate "Christmas in November", complete with music, decorations, cookies, hot chocolate and lots and lots of wrapping paper to wrap up the shoe boxes donated by our congregation. Cost is \$25 per family. RSVP's are being accepted now. RSVP to Rebecca Collins.

Bethany Annual Meeting Sunday, November 13, Noon in the Great Hall. Agenda includes election of new members for the Church Council, BECC Board, Foundation, Synod Assembly Representatives and Nominating Committee. Annual Reports will be available at the Hospitality Desk on November 6.

Mark your Calendars! The annual MOPS Bake Sale is coming up on Sunday, November 20. Don't worry about baking for the holidays. Pick up a homemade pie for Thanksgiving dinner or put it in the freezer for Christmas. We will also again be offering sugar-free and gluten-free goodies. Hope to see you there.

A Faith Milestone - Presentation of Bibles to 2nd Grade Students The congregation partners with you to provide the tools you need to help your child read, study, and meet God. We will mark this faith milestone by presenting your child with a Bible during the 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011. This special worship service is followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall with a continental breakfast buffet. It is essential for families to sign up in advance to reserve your Bible and pew space. Registration deadline is November 13. Forms are available at the Hospitality Center or from Janice Lyon 303-639-4345 or janice@bethany-denver.org.

MESSIAH Chancel Choir, orchestra and soloists are bringing George Frederic Handel's Messiah to Bethany's sanctuary on Friday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For many, hearing this classic musical story of the prophecy, birth and life of Christ begins the holiday season. The scriptural message, coupled with the drama of the music has endeared MESSIAH to audiences of all faiths. Let us begin your Christmas pilgrimage on December 2.

Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Event to Benefit the USC Thursday, December 8 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The rumors are true...there are some who are planning for Christmas time already! Mark your calendars to shop at this non-profit, fair-trade retailer of home decor, personal accessories, and unique gift items from around the world! Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their

handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. When you shop at Ten Thousand Villages on December 8, a percentage of the sales will be donated to the Urban Servant Corps.

How to Help...

Thank You! Our 'Be the Blessing' team visited Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM) on Saturday, October 15. We took the diapers that were donated by Bethany members. We felt called to go back and you all equipped us with 3,694 diapers! Thank you so much for supporting families in need!

East Africa Drought and Famine – Situation is Dire The need is great and will be for many months, even after rains return. In October, Bethany's Global Mission Task Force gave an initial \$2500 to feed 3000 people in East Africa for a day but hundreds of thousands are in need. For more info on how you can help, visit www.lwr.org/eastafrica, www.elca.org – search "Disaster Africa", www.bethany-denver.org – see "Service in the World, Bethany's Hospitality Desk or Equal Exchange/Fair Trade Coffee sales table on the first and third Sundays of the month. Gifts given at Bethany's kiosk or by check to: Bethany Lutheran Church, memo- "Horn of Africa" will be forwarded to ELCA Disaster Response, and/or Lutheran World Relief.

World Through the Lens is an exhibit (at our southeast entrance) by local travel photographer Evan Meyer. Evan has traveled the world, and was most recently the staff photographer on Semester at Sea, a study abroad program taking college students around the world on the MV Explorer, a floating college campus. 20% of the profits from the exhibit will benefit future Bethany youth mission trips. Contact Evan at info@emeyerphoto.com, or visit www.emeyerphoto.com for more images.

Thanksgiving Dinner Bethany will be helping to cook and serve Thanksgiving Day dinner at Urban Peak shelter for homeless youth. To volunteer food, time or gift bag items, contact Colleen Johnson at 303-832-3838.

Holy Hammers/Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver A new house is being built in Golden at 16306 W. 14th Place. There is a need for three volunteers on Saturday, Nov. 3rd and three volunteers for Friday, Dec. 2nd. If interested, contact Kevin Dempsey at 303-699-1629 or at kmdmpsy@aol.com.

General Fund Update

	Received	Budgeted
Last week – Oct. 23	\$ 22,777	\$ 29,059
October	\$119,118	\$161,440
Fiscal YTD	\$512,087	\$556,237