

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

November 6, 2011



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www.bethany-denver.org

Today at Bethany...

Saints Day Pancake Breakfast TODAY in Fellowship Hall to support Urban Servant Corps. Come hungry!

Operation Christmas Child Collecting Boxes

Today We will collect the boxes at church TODAY (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. Contact Rebecca Collins with questions at 720-344-0624 or jazzibear@comcast.net.

Support Our Preschool! In addition to the grocery cards available the 1st & 3rd Sunday of this month, BECC will also be selling unique, limited offer reusable stainless steel water bottles, perfect for yourself or as a Christmas gift or even a stocking stuffer. The water bottles come in many different colors and styles and 3 different sizes... 12 oz, 20 oz & 25 oz. There's even a perfect bottle for the dog lover in your life which has a special roller ball cap to release water when licked. Prices range from \$14 to \$16. All proceeds raised will go towards a specific playground piece aimed at making the playground more fun and more safe for Sunday School, MOPS & BECC, etc. Please find the informational sheets at the table. Bottles will be available for pick up at church the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of December.

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. Start in the Great Hall.

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.

1G Network - Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7-8:15 a.m. – Session Topic: Enabling Your Intuition to Guide Your Career Dawn Greaney, Professional Life Coach, will inspire you with tips and techniques to

help you quiet "the noise" and listen to what is most important. She will assist you in recognizing the patterns of your moods and what you find inspiration from. Dawn is a true believer in taking action when you're most motivated, rather than cranking through a list of to-do's and risking burn-out. She'll show us how to most effectively apply this theory in our lives. Join us this Wednesday for a cup of coffee, networking, and learning. Everyone is welcome. For more information on the 1G Network, visit www.bethany-denver2.org/1g-network.

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 8. Menu: Fajita bar, beans, rice, & 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.

Young at Heart November 11, 11:30-1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Come and see Reverend Van Ens as Thomas Jefferson.

Next Sunday

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 TODAY.

Looking Ahead...

Family Faith Night Hello Families! It's time to send in your RSVP's for Family Faith Night (FFN) on November 12. This is going to be a VERY special night. We start the evening with a family-friendly worship service where children, including wee ones, are the focus. The "sermon" will feature Pastor Ron talking with our kids about the importance of serving others and we'll sing some Christmas carols as our "hymns". Next we are on to Fellowship Hall for a hot dinner, after which we will kick-off our "Christmas In November" party!

We'll get our Christmas groove going with Christmas tunes, hot chocolate, and sugar cookies while we pack, wrap, write letters and pray for the Operation Christmas Child boxes donated by our congregation. Got kids too young to wrap and

write? We will have a "Toddler Table" where the wee ones will have age appropriate activities to help keep them busy. We encourage all families, even those with the youngest kids, to feel comfortable and welcome at this event. The nursery is available any time throughout the evening. The cost for the entire evening is \$25 per family. Please RSVP Rebecca Collins at jazzibear@comcast.net by November 4th. We hope to see YOU there!

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 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. 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 at 303-639-4345 or janice@bethany-denver.org.

Thanksgiving Eve at Bethany Come and join thanksgiving as we worship with music from our own Bethany choirs and special guest, Micahel Peterson. Our offering will be to support Project Sanctuary and military families. Reception with pie in Fellowship Hall afterwards.

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...

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.

Energy Outreach Colorado is the state's only non-profit organization that raises funds for energy assistance to help seniors, families with children and special needs individuals. They provide energy assistance grants, affordable housing weatherization and energy efficiency for non-profits. If you would like to contribute, log on to www.energyoutreach.org, call 303-825-8750 or look for the check off box on your energy bill to make a monthly tax-deductible gift.

World Through the Lens is an exhibit (at our southeast entrance) by local travel photographer and Bethany member 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	Needed
Last week – Oct. 30	\$20,768	\$22,602
September	\$139,886	\$161,440
Fiscal YTD	\$532,855	\$578,1838



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