

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

November 13, 2011



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www.bethany-denver.org

Today at Bethany...

Bethany Annual Meeting TODAY at noon in the Great Hall. Agenda includes election of new members for the Church Council, BECC Board, Bethany Foundation, Synod Assembly Representatives and Nominating Committee. Annual Reports are available at the Hospitality Desk.

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.

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 15. Menu: Chicken Alfredo, pasta, garlic bread, vegetable & 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.

Next Sunday

MOPS Bake Sale 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 service 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 TODAY. Forms are available at the Hospitality Desk or from Janice Lyon at 303-639-4345 or janice@bethany-denver.org

Angel Tree Project – 2011 Once again, Bethany will participate in the Angel Tree project in partnership with Lutheran Family Services. We will be provided a gift list by LFS to be delivered the week of December 5. Cash donations will be sent directly to the Angel Tree project. Look for more information on the website, as well as at the Angel Tree table on November 20, 27 and December 4. If you have any questions, please contact Joel Halvorson (joel@bethany-denver.org).

Looking Ahead...

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

Foundations of Lutheranism in December – This is Most Certainly True If you are new to Lutheranism, come and find out more. If you're a "cradle Lutheran", come and give a drink of water to your Lutheran roots. Join Intern Adam on Sunday mornings in December at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210.

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. 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.

Colorado Chorale Ring in good cheer with the Colorado Chorale and harpist Barbara Loepke-Simms as they bring to life some of the most treasured and unique holiday songs. Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m., Bethany Lutheran Church and Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. Park Hill United Methodist Church, 5209 Montview Boulevard, Denver 80207. Doors open half an hour before the performance. For tickets visit: www.coloradochorale.org or call 800-414-2251. Tickets: Adults (18+) \$17 / Senior (62+) \$14 / Youth (5-17yrs) \$5.

Caroling for Bethany Shut-ins Sunday, December 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m. “Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly.....Tis’ the Season to be Jolly.....” Grab your warm hats and mittens and let’s have a fun night surprising Bethany families who really deserve some special love and attention. We will have a map directing families to several locations where we will jump out of our cars, ring door bells and spread some Christmas cheer. After caroling, we’ll also leave the families with a small gift from the Family Ministry. Of course, the evening would not be complete without hot chocolate at our last stop! RSVP to Sonia Anderson at soniarvanderson@hotmail.com or call 303-341-4437.

How to Help...

LFS Thanksgiving Bags Bethany has committed to providing 125 refugee families with bags of culturally appropriate food for Thanksgiving. Refugee families continue to arrive weekly and providing them with appropriate food is often a challenge. Many refugee clients of Lutheran Family Services come from Africa and Southeast Asian countries and are unfamiliar with a “traditional” American Thanksgiving meal but would love and appreciate the opportunity to have a celebratory meal. This year we will MAKE IT SIMPLE for you, and we will do all the shopping. Just place a check to Bethany (noted LFS Thanksgiving) in the offering plate or use the giving kiosk. The total cost of items is approximately \$45 (which includes a \$25 gift card for fresh poultry, meat or vegetables.)

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 for Friday, Dec. 2. If interested, contact Kevin Dempsey at 303-699-1629 or at kmdmpsy@aol.com.

Altar Flowers Joayne Hogoboom and family in honor of Don Hogoboom’s 85th birthday.

General Fund Update

	Received	Needed
Last week – Nov. 6	\$49,730	\$44,941
September	\$49,730	\$149,802
Fiscal YTD	\$582,585	\$623,779



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