

# ***Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements***

## ***November 27, 2011***



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### **Today at Bethany...**

**Angel Tree Project 2011** - Once again Bethany is participating in the Angel Tree project in partnership with Lutheran Family Services. If you chose an ornament last Sunday, please return your gift by Sunday, December 4. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your check in the offering plate or leave at the Hospitality Desk and mark it Angel Tree. Thanks to all who are participating again this year!

**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.

**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. For more information, please contact Susan Wiggans at [susanpw4@gmail.com](mailto: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 not meet on Tuesday, November 28. Join us on December 6. Menu: Lasagna, Italian Sausage, garlic bread, veggie & 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.

**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.

### **Next Sunday**

**Wreath Sale** Make plans to purchase fresh Christmas wreaths in the narthex on Sunday, December 4 that will benefit the Children's Music Ministry. The beautiful 20 inch wreaths will cost \$20.00. Thanks for your support!

**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](http://www.coloradochorale.org) or call 800-414-2251. Tickets: Adults (18+) \$17 / Senior (62+) \$14 / Youth (5-17yrs) \$5. People who bring 2 or more non-perishable food items for Metro CareRing to the Colorado Chorale concert will get \$5 off a full-price ticket.

**On Our Way to Bethlehem** - Please join us for a Lessons and Carols for Advent concert on Sunday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 4500 East Alameda. This is a benefit to raise funds towards a goal of \$50,000 for the music room at Dar al-Kalima College in Bethlehem, begun by Dr. Mitri Raheb. A free-will offering will be taken and Thrivent will be matching funds. Please come and help provide music for the college!

### **Looking Ahead...**

**Faith Formation Survey** The Faith Formation team has created a brief 15 question survey that will take you 5 minutes or less. The objective of this survey is to discern and evaluate the knowledge base and faith formation practices among congregation members. You can take it at: [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org), or at the Hospitality Desk or in the computer lab 10:00-12:00 p.m. on Sunday mornings. Please be honest and enjoy! Don't forget to pick up your survey prize at the hospitality desk on Sunday morning!

**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.

**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.

**Caroling for Bethany Shut-ins** Sunday, December 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m. ....Optional Pizza Dinner Before We Carol! *“Deck the Halls with Bells of Holly.....Tis’ the Season to be Jolly.....”* Grab your warm hats and mittens and let’s have a super fun night surprising Bethany families who really deserve some love and attention. We will start the evening at 4:30 with an optional pizza & salad dinner at church. At 5:00 we’ll jump in our cars and head out for caroling. All of the children who attend will have a chance to present each of the shut-in families with a 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 or call 303-341-4437.

**Colfax Marathon** It's not too early to join the Bethany team to walk or run the Colfax Marathon Relay on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Go to [www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org](http://www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org) and click on the 'Register Now' button. Search for team Bethany Lutheran Church 1 or 2. We have two teams so if you have someone you want to walk with one should register for Team 1 and one for Team 2. For more information, email Sarah at [sarah@bethany-denver.org](mailto:sarah@bethany-denver.org). We are charity partners with Metro CareRing!

**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](http://www.lwr.org/eastafrica), [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) – search “Disaster Africa”, [www.bethany-denver.org](http://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.

**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](mailto:kmdmpsy@aol.com).

**General Fund Update**

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Needed</b>
Last week – Nov. 20	\$36,222	\$41,945
November	\$122,529	\$149,802
Fiscal YTD	\$655,384	\$701,676

**Congratulations to Bethany’s Newly Elected Council** - Jerry Beabout, David Furgason, Peg Kirchner, Glenn Truglio, Ted Ziemann  
**Bethany Foundation** - Tom Brook, Jack Lindsey, Janet Robb  
**BECC Board** - Millie Hock, Mary Anne Sine  
**Nominating Committee** - Dick Metcalfe, Jean Scott  
**Synod Assembly Representatives** - Don Abram, Scott Miller, Jean Lindsey, Sandy Wittebort

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**Advent and Christmas Schedule**

- ◆ First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 27, 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
     Sunday School Program – 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
     Children’s Choir Program – 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Christmas Eve Services, Saturday, December 24  
     1:30 p.m. - Outdoor Live Nativity  
     3:00 p.m. - Childen’s Choir  
     5:00 p.m. - Denver Brass 5 and Handbells  
     7:00 p.m. - Denver Brass 5 and Organ  
     9:00 p.m. - Denver Brass 5 and Chancel Choir, Hallelujah Chorus  
     11:00 p.m. - Lessons, Carols and Eucharist
- ◆ Christmas Day - Carols and Eucharist Service, Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ First Sunday after Christmas, Sunday, January 1, 2012  
     Sending and Blessing of Pastor Ron – 8:00 & 9:00 a.m.  
     Service of Remembrance – 10:30 a.m.