

# *Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements*

## *January 23, 2011*



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### Today at Bethany...

**Adult Learning Sundays, TODAY through January 30 at 9:00 a.m.** Martin Luther always asked, "Was ist das?" What is this? Pastoral intern Jess Daum will kick off the new year by leading a 4-week series entitled "Foundations of Lutheranism". What does it mean to be washed in water and the Word? Can you be reborn everyday? How is Communion the most important meal of the week? If we're saved by grace, what should we do? We'll continue the tradition of asking tough questions and see what answers our rich, Lutheran theology provides! Come once! Come all four times! Bring a friend!

### **Betty Phillips McCollister's Birthday**

We are celebrating the 90th birthday of former Bethany member, Betty Phillips McCollister this morning in Fellowship Hall. We hope that lots of her friends and acquaintances will come and say hello!

### **Classes TODAY for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.**

Godly Play classes are for 2 ½-K. Kids' Light classes are for 1st-5th grade and Connect is for Middle School and High School age youth.

### **Denver Young Artists Orchestra - The Opera TODAY at 4:00 p.m. (Ticketed Event)**

The Conservatory Orchestra & String Ensemble present Mozart's "MARRIAGE OF FIGARO OVERTURE," Offenbach's "ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD OVERTURE," and more!

### This Week at Bethany...

**XYZ** Tuesday, January 25 from 9:30-1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please join us! Menu: Chili & corn bread, vegetables, fritos.

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

**Journey through the Bible** Monday mornings 7:15-8:30 a.m. Bible study class continuing the Journey Through the Bible series, this time on the Gospel of John. We have lively discussions and welcome new members. Facilitated by Gretchen Hack.

**Beyond Divorce: Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends** began Tuesday evening, January 18, at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch. You may still join. For additional information please call Jenny Ricklefs at (303)794-2683, or Beth Walker at (303)694-2967.

**Esther Circle** will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in room 208 for Bible Study, refreshments and conversation. All are welcome to join us. Contact Mary Webb, 303-745-9590 for more information.

**Women's Study Group** meets Thursdays in Room 208 at 1:30 p.m. Join us for the "Book of Romans".

**Deborah Circle Bible Study** meets every Wednesday, from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the library. We are using the Bible study from the Lutheran Women Today magazine: "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity". We welcome new members. Contact Susan Wiggans at [susanpw4@gmail.com](mailto:susanpw4@gmail.com) or 303-355-0372.

**Joy of Living – Women's Bible Study** Meets every other Thursday 6:30 p.m. in Room 224 studying "Women of Faith in Christ: Healing the Heart" from Gospel Light (\$20). Call Darla Reeves 303-986-7046 for info & guide book.

### Looking Ahead...

**Bethany Dinner Club** Now that Christmas is over for another year and we're thinking about Easter, it is time to once again do the shuffle for the Bethany Dinner Club. For those of you who may be interested in the Bethany Dinner Club, this is not a gourmet dinner club. The only criteria we have is for fellowship. If you were a part of the Bethany Dinner Club the last three months, it is not necessary to contact us. If your plans for the remainder of this year do not include the Bethany Dinner Club, please do contact Don and Jennette Abram at 303-740-9089 to advise us. If you wish to be a part of the group, please contact us at 303-740-9089 or send an email to [DEABE35@gmail.com](mailto:DEABE35@gmail.com). Please include your personal information: name, address, telephone number and email information. Our goal is to have everything finalized by January 30.

**Questions and Ancestors - Exploring and Telling the Story of Your Family. Tue. Feb. 1 - Mon. Feb. 28. Visual Art Exhibit.** As part of our journey we inevitably ask questions about our families and ourselves. This visual art exhibit explores not only the questions but the answers and how those stories are told.

**Senior High Ski Retreat** is Feb 4-5 at Winter Park. Contact Kevin at 303-639-4342 for more information.

**Super Bowl of Caring** - This event will be on Sunday, Feb. 6. Please plan to participate by wearing your favorite team's jersey to church, bring your dollars to 'vote' for the Super Bowl winner, come to the soup luncheon, and sign up at the Hospitality Desk to help prepare the soup, serve the luncheon, or deliver soup to our homecentered members and friends on February 6.

**Bethany Early Childhood Center** is now enrolling for Fall 2011. Our nurturing, Christian program offers preschool classes and extended child care for children beginning at age 2 -1/2. Children do not need to be potty-trained. We currently have a couple of openings for the remainder of this school year in our three and four year old classes as well! Please call Susan

Swank, Director at 303-758-0266. You might also like to check out our website at [www.becc-denver.org](http://www.becc-denver.org).

**Denver Lyric Opera Guild Sat. Feb. 12 at 9:30 a.m.** (Free Event) An open masterclass for competition hopefuls and the public!

**"I ♥ MCR" - the Cupcake Truck is Coming to Bethany!** We've baked up a new idea to help take a bite out of hunger! The famous Denver Cupcake Truck will be parked at Bethany Lutheran Church from 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. on February 13. Buy your sweetheart a delicious, made-from-scratch cupcake for Valentines Day and 25% of your purchase will be donated to Metro CareRing! Single cupcakes are \$2.75 and four packs are \$10. Enjoy Red Velvet, Chocolate Chocolate, Vanilla Party or the Denver Snowball with Pink Buttercream, all decorated in a Valentines Day theme. "Four Cupcakes = 25 lbs. of food for Metro CareRing." Now's your chance to indulge...after all, it's for a good cause!

**X-TREME CHALLENGE GLADIATOR FUSION ARENA February 13, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.** X-treme Challenge is a place designed for energetic groups of people in its X-CLUSIVELY fun atmosphere. We will encounter games of skill, wit, and determination! It's an X-CITING place to challenge us to think out of the box while enjoying hilarious physical fun. Best of ALL our time at X-treme Challenge is X-CLUSIVE!!! And our X-CLUSIVE EVENT will be filled with spectacular memories! The cost is \$20. For more information or to RSVP contact Christie Tew at [csunnytew@gmail.com](mailto:csunnytew@gmail.com)

**Habitat for Humanity Build** - Our winter/spring build will be at 7144 Ivanhoe, Commerce City, 80022. The first volunteer date is Friday, February 18th. Check out this link [www.surveymonkey.com/s/habitatbuild](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/habitatbuild) to see other dates. More will be added as we go along. You can sign up online, look for a sign-up table on Sundays between services, call Kevin Dempsey at 303-699-1629, or email him at [kmdmpsy@aol.com](mailto:kmdmpsy@aol.com). Thank you for your support!

#### How to Help...

**Thrivent Choice Reminder:** Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can choose to distribute charitable funds to our congregation. To direct their Choice Dollars to Bethany or BECC, Thrivent members can either visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice."

**C.A.R.E. (Caring Adults Responsible to Educating)** *"When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die."* Eleanor Roosevelt  
*"Love cannot remain by itself--it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service."* Mother Teresa  
Our schools and our children want to excel, yet "cut backs" in education are making it difficult for children to succeed and achieve their dreams. Serving as a volunteer is an attitude which strengthens the giver as

well as the receiver. Join our volunteer group as we sign up to serve in a variety of roles in local schools. We need your time, talents, and passion to help schools and students succeed. Please contact Karen at 303-221-4292 or [Kherzteach@aol.com](mailto:Kherzteach@aol.com).

#### **Bethany Seeks Director of Health & Wellness**

This part time position is designed to provide whole person, health promotion, disease prevention, services with an emphasis on spiritual care. The major accountabilities and job activities of the role are integrator of faith and health, health educator, personal health counselor, referral agent, developer of support groups, trainer of volunteers and health advocate. Registered nurses interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity may contact Pastor Ron or Pastor Ruth Ann at 303-758-2820.

#### **2010 GENERAL FUND UPDATE**

We received \$299,000 in December which was \$61,000 short of our year-end goal of \$360,000. This result leaves us with a General Fund surplus of \$26,000 as we move into the second half of the budget year. While having a surplus is a positive result, this amount will not be sufficient to cover the budget plan for January to June. The leadership and the staff are committed to doing their part to closely monitor the spend plan to get us as close to break-even as possible. Please do your part by making sure you have met your Estimate of Giving for 2010 - it's never too late!!! We had nearly \$90,000 in unpaid pledges from 2010 that, if they were paid, would put us in a solid financial position. A sincere "thank you" to everyone who has contributed financially to the work of the Lord at Bethany.

**2011 Estimate of Giving** - The Stewardship Ministry Team will be contacting members who have not yet submitted their Estimate of Giving for 2011. Please submit yours today at the Hospitality Desk or online at [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org).

**Altar Flowers** Today's flowers were given by Bernie Cone in loving memory of Arlene Stolen's husband, John and son, John, Jr. and in honor of Arlene's service to Bethany over the years. Remember a loved one or special occasion by donating flowers for a Sunday. Donation is \$35.

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