

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

December 19, 2010



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www.bethany-denver.org

Today at Bethany...

Confirmation Photos - If you ordered a photo of the confirmation class, please pick it up at the Hospitality Desk.

Tickets on Sale TODAY for concert TONIGHT! Peter Mayer's "Stars and Promises" Christmas Concert 2010: The Story of Christmas. 7:00 p.m. Bethany Lutheran Church Adults \$12; 6-12 \$6; Under 6 FREE. Tickets & info: www.bethany-denver.org. A benefit for Lutheran Men in Mission. Guitarist, vocalist and songwriter Peter Mayer, widely known as the lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, enters into his tenth consecutive year with the Stars and Promises Christmas Tour.

Poinsettias Donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Look for the red envelopes in the pews. Return orders by TODAY. Cost is \$25.

This Week at Bethany...

Canto Deo Festival Choir - A Canto Deo Christmas Mon. Dec. 20 at 7:00 p.m. (Free-Will Offering). Join the Canto Deo Choirs for this concert of celebration, filled with carols and holiday favorites!

XYZ Tuesday, December 21 from 9:30-1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please join us! Menu: Christmas Ham.

God's Word for the Week, Room 210. Mondays at 9:00 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. We will not meet on December 27 or 28 & January 3 & 4.

Journey through the Bible Monday morning 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.

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 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.

1G Network - Christmas Networking Breakfast Bash Join us this coming Wednesday morning (12/22) 7-8:15am in the Great Hall for breakfast and

networking. There won't be a specific session topic or speaker this time. The entire session will be dedicated to mingling and filling your belly with a good breakfast. Take a look at your schedule and try your best to make it. Bring your business partner or friend too. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday morning. *For information regarding the 1G Network go to www.bethany-denver2.org/1g-network.*

Looking Ahead...

Christmas and Advent Service Schedule

Christmas Eve Services, December 24 - Live Nativity at 1:30p.m.; Children's Choirs at 3:00p.m.; Brass and Carillon Bells at 5:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.; Chancel Choir & Brass at 9:00p.m.; Carols, Candles, Communion & Chancel Choir at 11:00p.m.

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 26 - First Sunday of Christmas

8:00 & 9:00 a.m. **No 10:30 a.m. worship.**

Sunday, January 2, 2011 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas.

8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Service of Remembrance

12:00 noon.

Bless this House! Would you like to develop a new tradition for the New Year? Why not bless your home? It's easy, fun and faithful! Come to church on Sunday, January 2, 2011 to pick up your own house blessing kit.

Classes Resume January 9 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.

Baptism of Our Lord / Anniversary of Baptism

Sunday, January 9, 2011. Too often we think of our baptism as an event, rather than a way of living one's life, but baptism is the foundation for how we live as Christians. If you or your child was baptized in 2010, please join us at the 10:30 service to celebrate, remember and remind everyone that living our baptism is a lifelong journey. Those newly baptized Christians will be acknowledged at the 10:30 service, with a light brunch following.

Adult Learning Sundays, January 9-30th 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!

Bethany Young Adults Documentary & Discussion

All 20 and 30 somethings, we invite you to join us on Sunday, January 9 after the 10:30 service (meet at the Hospitality Desk) to watch the National Geographic documentary, "In God's Name", featuring the ELCA's

Bishop, Mark Hanson. In this documentary, 12 influential religious and spiritual leaders from around the world discuss their view of God and the role faith plays in our world. Lunch will be provided so please email Lori Roenfeldt (LoriRoenfeldt@gmail.com) so we have enough food. ALL are welcome and we hope you will join us for this faith forming discussion that ponders the question, how does the world see God?

BOTH Mission Trips Still Available There are 22 signed up for Ecuador so far, and we can hold another 10 if needed (9-12 grades). There is still room for 4 youth grades 8-12 on the Wyoming, Wind River Reservation Mission. Next MISSION TRIP MEETING DATE is Sunday, January 9, at 10:45 in youth room 412.

Middle School Youth Gathering Meeting Sunday, January 9 at 10:00 am. to go over final details. Meet in room 412 to go over everything regarding the Synod Youth Gathering in Colorado Springs from January 14-16.

Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado Chamber Music by Candlelight

Sat, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. (Ticketed Event)
Presenting exceptional performances of Baroque masterpieces on period instruments, this acclaimed ensemble presents a concert by candlelight to begin the New Year!

Family Bowling Night Sunday, January 16 at 5:30 p.m. Let's get out of the house and have some fun on a winter night. Join us for bowling, popcorn, soda, laughs and, of course, bragging rights. RSVP to Carolyn Diercks by January 13th at cadiercks@yahoo.com or call (303) 871-0253.

Boulder Philharmonic Sun. Jan. 16 at 3:00 p.m. (Ticketed Event) The Boulder Philharmonic's 53rd season includes masterworks by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Copland, Rachmaninoff and Dvořák. You'll make exciting discoveries of composers and performers with special connections to our community. Each concert invites you to engage in a deep and meaningful musical experience that touches both the heart and mind.

How to Help...

Ushers Needed! If you can help usher on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, please sign up! There is a link to the sign up on Bethany's web site or sign up on paper at the usher closet. Thank you!

Habitat for Humanity - Habitat is in need of volunteers to help build two duplexes in Englewood and a 5 bedroom duplex in Commerce City during December. Volunteers are needed to help with framing, roofing and siding work. Individual construction volunteers can sign up online by visiting www.habitatmetrodenver.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=247&Itemid=1. Or call Kevin at 303-699-1629 or contact him at kmdmpsy@aol.com.

ELCA Fast Facts - There are 17.5 million children who have lost one or both parents to AIDS. More than 80 per cent of them (14.1 million) are in sub-Saharan Africa. Davison and Yana Zhou continue their God's Garden ministry in Zimbabwe. They provide education, health clinics, and spiritual support for AIDS orphans. Thank you for your support of their ministry.

C.A.R.E. (Caring Adults Responsible to Educating) *"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage."* St. Francis of Assisi 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.

General Fund Update

	Received	Needed
Last week – Dec. 12	\$51,512	\$72,664
December	\$109,100	\$360,000
Fiscal YTD	\$797,940	\$866,376

Year-End Goal: \$360,000 - We have received more than \$109,000 toward our goal. Thank you for your continued support!

Consecration Sunday Update! We have received 531 estimates of giving (EOGs) for 2011 (\$1.557m) on our way to 600 EOGs for \$1.8m. Remember to complete your EOG today if you have not already done so. You will find a card in the pew holder and you can put it in the offering plate.



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