

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

February 20, 2011



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Today at Bethany...

Adult Learning, Principles of Faith Formation, Sundays, February 20 & 27 at 9:00 a.m. led by Pastor Ruth Ann. The Vibrant Faith Frame identifies six places where faith formative relations happen. Join us!

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.

Tickets on Sale TODAY! Carnevale di Bethany - Lasagna Dinner Extravaganza, March 6, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Bethany Fellowship Hall. Enjoy an evening of tasty lasagna and lively entertainment. The Talent Show Extravaganza will wow you with acts from our very own talented youth and church members. View and bid on masks artfully and individually created by our youth and their families. Tickets on sale in the Narthex TODAY, Feb. 27 and March 6. Adults are \$10/Children ages 4-12 are \$5. Children 3 and under are free. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.. All proceeds go to support this year's youth summer mission trips to Ecuador and Wyoming.

This Week at Bethany...

XYZ Tuesday, February 22 from 9:30-1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please join us! Menu: Pork roast, gravy, baked potatoes, vegetables.

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.

Thursday Bible Study Group - 1:30 p.m - Room 208. Could an ordinary cup teach us about life? or prayer? We invite you to join us for our new study beginning on February 24. Our meeting that day will be off site, so please call 303-794-9568 for details.

Esther Circle will meet on the 2nd 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.

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.

Barb and John Wollan - Songs of Love and Longing Sat. Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. (Free Event) Join Barb and John Wollan in this program as they explore the music of love and longing.

Next Sunday...

The Bible in 25 Minutes Sunday, February 27 8:00, 9:00, and 10:30am worship services. You may have heard many of the stories from the Bible. But have you ever put it all together? Now you have a chance to see how all of these stories, the familiar ones and the not-so-familiar ones, string together to make up God's story, which is our story. Come and experience the Bible in 25 Minutes. Join us as we travel from the time before there was ever time, when the Spirit of God hovered over the darkness and deep waters, through the wilderness, to the psalms and prophets, to the New Testament, all the way to the Heavenly City where God's light shines 24-7, where the host arrayed in white worship and honor the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Invite people to "come and see."

Family Faith Night February 26, 4-7p.m.

My Word - The Bible for Everyone! DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS TODAY! We are born to hear God's word. The texts we hear, discuss, repeat, sing, and wrestle with are truly the Spirit of God reaching out to us at every moment in our lives. Lutherans have long believed that within the pages of the Bible is an entrance to a life that looks for a God who is active and out in the world. By hearing God where we KNOW He is speaking (in scripture) we can train our ears to discern God's voice in the midst of all the noise around us. Learn how to implement ways to make scripture a regular part of family life and find ways to move from words on a page for you and your children to an encounter with a living God who speaks through the Bible but is also present and active in all of life. Dinner will be provided for the whole family, and our evening will conclude with a worship service designed with youth and kids in mind. Child care is provided for our youngest members. Registration is required for this event. Deadline is February 20. Cost is \$25 per family. Contact Joni Grundman 303-300-3304 or joni@bethany-denver.org.

Congregation Budget Meeting As has become our practice at Bethany during budget preparation season, the congregational budget meetings for the 2011/12 budget will be held as follows: Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 10:30am in Room 208, Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 9:00am in Room 208, Sunday, May 1, 2011 at noon in Room 208 This is a series of meetings and

each meeting will have different content. The first meeting will look at where we have been and where we are currently with our budget and financial position.

Looking Ahead...

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 at 303-758-0266. Check out www.becc-denver.org.

Some of the Best Things Come in Small

Packages . . . and the Small Catechism is one of them! Join us at the Lenten Retreat, March 10-12, when we will explore the "Blessings of the Small Catechism". The Lenten Retreat is an excellent opportunity to relax, enjoy the company of other adults, and find time for serious Bible study and spiritual renewal. Register at the Hospitality Desk or contact Janice at 303-758-2820 or janice@bethany-denver.org

Ash Wednesday Worship March 9 at Noon and 7:00 p.m. A Lenten journey begins. Each service has a reflective atmosphere and features Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

Lent at Bethany "Blessed to Be a Blessing". Every Wednesday in Lent visit the Lenten Labyrinth all day in Room 412. Walk with meditation and journey with others walking the path. Then each Wednesday you are invited to join in reflective noon services and in the evening Taizé and Holy Communion.

"90 Day Bible" Begins in Lent Take the challenge with others to read God's Word as we journey to the cross. Sign up at the Hospitality Desk.

"Do this for the remembrance of me..."

FIRST COMMUNION. A Faith Milestone for students in 3rd grade and older in a two part instruction. PART 1 Sunday, March 27, 2011 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. & PART 2 Sunday, April 3, 2011 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration forms available at the Hospitality Desk.

Parenting Enrichment Seminar is Back: "I'm a Keeper!" This 3 part parenting series will help you take a giant step in understanding your child, help you avoid conflicts with your child and give you understanding of the interaction between your temperament and your child's temperament, help you guide your child to achieve his/her potential, help you increase your child's self-esteem and return your confidence in parenting, as well as help you lead your child to faith in God. Our second course offering will be held on April 10, May 15, & May 22nd from 9am-1pm. Free childcare will be provided. For more information please pick up a flyer at the hospitality desk.

How to Help...

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.

General Fund Update

	Received	Needed
Last week – Feb. 13	\$46,631	\$34,063
February	\$84,180	\$140,267
Fiscal YTD	\$1,218,733	\$1,277,574

Altar Flowers Today's flowers are given by Cindy Tingle in celebration of her mother, Barbara Elzey's birthday. Remember a loved one or special occasion. Donation is \$35.



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