

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

September 4, 2011



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www.bethany-denver.org

Today at Bethany...

Labor Day Weekend! Worship at Bethany

We are blessed to gather as a congregation to praise God and give thanks for our many blessings.

Equal Exchange Coffee in the Narthex.

This Week at Bethany...

Word for the Week, Room 210. We will not meet on Monday, September 5 nor Tuesday, September 6.

Joy of Living – Women's Bible Study Are you stressed out, fatigued, disconnected? Join us every other Thurs. 6:30 p.m. room #224 at Bethany to study "Balanced Living with Fruit of the Spirit" from Gospel Light (\$20) 9/8/11 to 4/12/12. A balanced life is a blessed life! Call Darla Reeves 303-986-7046 for info & guide book.

XYZ We will meet on Tuesday, Sept 6. Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad and blueberry pie. Join us!

Mid-Week Worship on Wednesday, September 7, we will begin meeting in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

Yoga Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Cost is \$8 per class for drop-in. For info, call the church office at 303-758-2820.

Gleaning is scheduled for Saturday, 9.10.11. Meet in the west parking lot by 7:15 a.m. to sign forms and arrange transportation. Then we will go to the fields for a morning of crop picking. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring gloves, hat and water. We should return to the church by noon. You are invited to remain at the church for the activities and fun going on there for Avenues of Hope. Contact Susan Pattison at 303-973-2221 for questions or to sign up. Or email susan@platterriverbooks.net.

9.10.11 "Avenues of Hope" Hunger Relief Day – Calling all pledges! We have 11,315 pounds of food collected against our pledge of 20,000 pounds by 9.10.11. That means we have 8,685 pounds to go! Please bring your pledged food and/or money between now and Saturday. On Saturday, join the celebration at Bethany! **Time:** 11 am-2 pm.
Speakers & Recognition: 12-12:30 pm
Entertainment: Erica Brown and Friends: 11:30-12 pm, 12:30-1 pm. Drop off your pledges and stay for the fun and lunch. There will be activities for the kids too!

Next Sunday...

Adult Learning Opportunity at 9am, in Room 210: Learn more about Project Sanctuary and Operation One Nation. Find out how they are positively impacting veterans and families of veterans.

Children's Choir Registration Have your child join the fun by singing in a Children's Choir here at Bethany! Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7. Register online at choirsbyapat@comcast.net or by phone at 303-471-6041. Or, register in person September 11 and pick up a rehearsal schedule.

Looking Ahead...

Journey Through the Bible starts up again on Monday, Sept. 12, 7:15-8:30 am in the library. Our new topic: What do you do with a vision? Our study guide takes us into *The Revelation to John*. Join us!

Nominating Committee is seeking members who would be interested in serving on the following: Bethany Church Council; Bethany Early Childhood Center Board; Bethany Foundation, Nominating Committee and Synod Assembly Representatives. Terms are for three years. If you are interested or know someone you would like to nominate, contact Don Abram, 303-740-9089 or dcdeabe35@gmail.com or pick up a form at the Hospitality Desk.

Registration for Confirmation Continues

Registration is continuing for all new and returning students. Registration forms can be found at the Hospitality Desk or they can be downloaded from the Bethany website. Electronic registration is also available at the Bethany website.

9/11 Memorial Blood Drive Every Sunday... as we wake up, about 40,000 units of blood will be needed nationwide. Every 30 seconds...about the time it takes to say the Lord's Prayer...15 people will need blood. Every 60 seconds...about the time it takes us to find our seats in the sanctuary...30 burn victims, cancer patients and/or surgery patients will receive transfusions. Every 45 minutes...while we sit and participate in our services of worship...someone like YOU could go through the blood donation process. Every initial 9/11/01 blood recipient was blessed by a regular blood donor whose blood was already in area hospital blood banks that day. Please become a regular donor. YOU can start on 9/11/11. Bethany Lutheran Church Blood Drive, Sunday, September 11, 8:00 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall. To schedule your appointment contact Bonfils at 303-363-2300 or visit www.Bonfils.org and use site code 0377. We have LOTS of open donation slots.

Second Wind Walk Make sure to mark your calendars for the 10th Anniversary "Give A Second

Wind" Festival on Sunday, September 18. This marquee community event features a 5k run, 3 mile walk, 1 mile walk, and an all day music festival. The entire family is encouraged to join us for this fun and meaningful event as we raise funds for teen suicide prevention and show our support to the 25% of youth who struggle with thoughts of suicide each year. To join the Pastors and the Confirmation Class of 2011 on this walk, register at <http://www.swfmd.org/events.html>. Click on "Register now" and follow the directions. Our team name is Bethany Lutheran Church and select the 5K option. The on-line registration deadline is September 15. For more information, contact Nate or Brianna Young at 303-379-8858.

Women on the Move On Sunday, September 25th at 11:45 a.m., women of Bethany are invited to a luncheon in the Great Hall. We will celebrate being women on the move doing powerful ministry in God's name. You'll have a chance to learn more about Women of the ELCA and how it's ministry can empower your daily faith walk. You can meet new friends as well as we 'move' together in service and fun! It's a complimentary luncheon with musical entertainment and time to honor two women, Carole Cameron and Barbara Schuster, who have led WELCA admirably. Sign up at the Hospitality Desk or call the church office. Childcare is provided. Join in the celebration of being a gifted woman. Put on your favorite pair of shoes and bring a pair of friends - be on the move! If you would be willing to act as set-up or take down hostess, please sign up at Hospitality Desk.

The Rocky Mountain Synod Fall Gathering

Women of the church are invited to this year's synod gathering. The gathering will be held October 15 from 8:30 am-3 pm at Shepherd of the Mountains in Estes Park. The theme is "The Unpaved Road" from Psalm 77:19. We will explore "The Unpaved Road" and what that means in our personal faith growth and our ministry. Caitlin Trussell, Bethany's former pastoral intern, will be the presenter. Brochures are available at the Hospitality Desk. If you have any questions, please call Sheree Weverstad at 303-290-6157.

How to Help...

Metro CareRing The most needed items right now are tuna, canned beans, canned fruit, peanut butter and hearty soups. All items can be brought to Bethany and put in the grocery carts at each entrance door on Sundays. Metro CareRing comes weekly to pick up.

3 Male Confirmation Guides Needed: There are two confirmation groups of 7th & 8th grade boys that need men to lead them. I am asking each of you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this ministry. If we want our young men to be Christian men, we need adult men to lead them. Men who are willing to discuss faith and life issues from a male perspective. Our confirmation program is

relational. It is about building a relationship with God and with others. Your job will be to help facilitate that process by building relationships between you and your small group and facilitate relationships amongst them. You will be assigned a small group with another adult partner that you will remain with for the year. All materials are provided. You DO NOT need to be a theologian, just a caring adult! Please contact Joni Grundman at joni@bethany-denver.org or 303-300-3304

Adults Needed for Connect Sunday School

Teachers; Sunday Morning 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. These adults will teach the lesson content from curriculum we will provide. Or be an Adult Link. Links are adults who provide a caring environment and just "hang out" with our youth. You may choose a commitment level that fits your needs, whether that is once each semester, monthly or every week. Contact Joni at 303-300-3304.

Altar Flowers are in honor of the marriage of Kristen Leigh Romary and Patrick Joseph Knoll on September 3, 2011, by Mark and Leslie Stevenson.

General Fund Update

| | Received | Needed |
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| Last week – | | |
| August 28 | \$ 29,223 | \$ 25,051 |
| August | \$122,990 | \$139,175 |
| Fiscal YTD | \$252,764 | \$269,738 |

Emergency 911 calls - *In case of an emergency, always dial 911 from a land line if possible. This applies whether you are at Bethany, at home, at work, the grocery store, etc. If you call from a cell phone, precious time may be wasted as it does not provide location-specific information to the dispatcher.*



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