

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

February 27, 2011



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Today at Bethany...

The Bible in 25 Minutes TODAY at all 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.

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 at 10:30am in Room 208, Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 9:00am in Room 208, Sunday, May 1 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.

Adult Learning, Principles of Faith Formation - TODAY: 9:00 am in Room 210 led by Pastor Ruth Ann. The Vibrant Faith Frame identifies Six Places where faith formative relationships happen, Five Principles to guide those relationships, leading to Four Key faith practices of all AAA Christians. Hop on by the last session today!

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 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, March 1 from 9:30-1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please join us! Menu: ham, scalloped 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 Women's Bible Study Group – Meets every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. - Room 208. We invite you to join us for our Lenten study using "The Cup of Life" by Joyce Rupp.

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.

Next Sunday...

Narrative Eucharist, Sunday, March 6 at 8, 9 and 10:30 a.m. At all three services on Sunday, March 6th, we are going to have a narrative Eucharist: as we go through every part of the service, Gather, Word, Meal and Sending, we will stop and give a "play by play" or a "pray by pray" explanation of what we are doing and why we are doing it. Christians gather on the Lord's Day to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. The heart of worship is what God does and what God gives and ultimately, through worship, we encounter God's mission to the world, centered in Jesus Christ.

Hope Totes for the Denver Rescue Mission Come pick up your purple bags and fill them with toiletries. Bags available from March 6 to March 26. We will take bags in from March 13 - April 3. For information please call Sylvia Boedeker at 303-758-8445.

Looking Ahead...

Ash Wednesday Worship March 9 at Noon and 7:00 p.m. Our 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 services at noon 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.

Young at Heart will meet on Friday, March 11 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. The meal is

corned beef & cabbage, salad, rolls and brownies. Program: Dr. Colorado, Tom Noel "The History of Colorado". Tom writes a column for the Sunday Denver Post and appears on Channel 9's "Colorado and Company." For more information, please call the church office at 303-758-2820.

"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 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. & PART 2 Sunday, April 3 from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration forms at the Hospitality Desk.

Journey to the Cross For preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and adults – all are welcome! Sunday, March 27, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m Journey to the Cross (aka Easter Walk) is a dramatic telling of the Passion Week story, in which participants move through six stations to hear parts of the Easter story.

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, 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 22 from 9am-1pm. Free childcare. For info pick up a flyer at the Hospitality Desk.

April 30, 2011 - Save the Date - A Dinner/Auction to benefit Boy Scout Troop 712 will be held at Bethany on April 30, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Stop by the Troop 712 display after church during April for details.

Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering July 22-24 Called! Equipped! Sent! This summer, July 22-24, as many as 1,000 men will be in attendance at the Lutheran Men's Gathering to be held at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. Dynamic speakers, a variety of workshops, and great music, including Peter Mayer, Jimmy Buffett's lead guitarist, will inspire and motivate your personal faith journey. Some of the most gifted men's leaders in North America will share their experiences and insights on how to have an effective, life changing men's ministry. Saturday afternoon opportunities will include everything from workshops to rock climbing & fly fishing classes, to a service opportunity with Project CURE. For more information, or to register, go to www.lutheranmeninmission.org or call 773-380-2595

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.

Habitat for Humanity Build - Our winter/spring build is at 7144 Ivanhoe, Commerce City, 80022. We started work on February 18th and currently have dates through the end of April. Check out this link www.surveymonkey.com/s/habitatbuild to see all 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. Thank you for your support!

C.A.R.E. (Caring Adults Responsible to Educating) *"Serving is as much of a blessing for the one serving as the one being served. Everyone gains when we step forward to lend a helping hand."* E. Holmes and E. Tolle *"Everyone has the power for greatness, not fame, but greatness, because greatness is determined by service."* Martin Luther King Jr.

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 – Feb. 20	\$32,735	\$39,740
February	\$116,915	\$140,267
Fiscal YTD	\$1,251,468	\$1,317,314

Altar Flowers Today's flowers are given by Lynn & Parker Lacy in honor of Mark's birthday. Remember a loved one or special occasion. Donation is \$35.

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 the cell phone does not provide location-specific information to the dispatcher.



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