

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

December 4, 2011



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www.bethany-denver.org

Today at Bethany...

Christmas Wreath Sale Make plans to purchase fresh Christmas wreaths in the narthex TODAY that will benefit the Children's Music Ministry. The beautiful 20 inch wreaths will cost \$20.00. Thanks for your support!

Foundations of Lutheranism in December - TODAY, Intern Adam will facilitate the first of three Sunday classes about our Lutheran roots, "Luther and the Reformation". During the session, we will look at the life of Martin Luther, his influence and the events surrounding what we call the Reformation. We'll be in Room 210, at 9:00 a.m. - come and join us!

Give the Gift that Gives Twice The Global Mission Task Force will be selling Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, and Chocolate TODAY and on December 18.

BECC Gift Cards Please stop by the table TODAY and support our preschool by purchasing King Soopers, Safeway, Sunflower Market, Tony's Meats and Starbucks gift cards.

Faith Formation Survey The Faith Formation team has created a brief 15 question survey that will take you 5 minutes or less. The objective of this survey is to discern and evaluate the knowledge base and faith formation practices among congregation members. You can take it at: www.bethany-denver.org, or at the Hospitality Desk or in the computer lab 10:00-12:00 p.m. on Sunday mornings. Please be honest and enjoy! Don't forget to pick up your survey prize at the hospitality desk on Sunday morning!

Colorado Chorale Ring in good cheer with the Colorado Chorale and harpist Barbara Loepke-Simms as they bring to life some of the most treasured and unique holiday songs. TODAY at 4:00 p.m., Bethany Lutheran Church and Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. Park Hill United Methodist Church, 5209 Montview Boulevard, Denver 80207. Doors open half an hour before the performance. For tickets visit: www.coloradochorale.org or call 800-414-2251. Tickets: Adults (18+) \$17 / Senior (62+) \$14 / Youth (5-17yrs) \$5. People who bring 2 or more non-perishable food items for Metro CareRing to the Colorado Chorale concert will get \$5 off a full-price ticket.

On Our Way to Bethlehem - Please join us for a Lessons and Carols for Advent concert TODAY at 7:30 p.m at Augustana Lutheran Church, 4500 East Alameda. This is a benefit to raise funds towards a

goal of \$50,000 for the music room founded by Dr. Mitri Raheb at Dar al-Kalima College in Bethlehem. A free-will offering will be taken, and Thrivent will be matching funds. Please come and help provide music for the college!

Today's Sunday School Schedule

9:00 – 10:15 Regular Sunday school classes for Godly Play and Kids' Light.
10:10-10:30 Bible Buck Store
10:30 – 12:00 ADVENT FAIR (Great Hall)
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch for Kids' Light students (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 – 2:00 Final dress rehearsal for Kids' Light students (Sanctuary)

This Week at Bethany...

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

Journey Through the Bible Mondays, 7:15-8:30 a.m. in the library. Our new topic: What do you do with a vision? Our study guide takes us into *The Revelation of John*. Join us!

XYZ Join us on December 6. Menu: Lasagna, Italian Sausage, garlic bread, veggie & dessert. Join us!

Joy of Living – Women's Bible Study Are you stressed out, fatigued, disconnected? Join us every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 224 at Bethany to study "*Balanced Living with Fruit of the Spirit*". A balanced life is a blessed life! Call Darla 303-986-7046.

Deborah Circle Bible Study is open to all women and meets on Wednesdays from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the library. We will be using the Bible Study from the magazine "Gather - For Faith and Action" (formerly Lutheran Woman Today): "To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark", by the Rev. Patricia Lull. We welcome new members. For more information, please contact Susan Wiggans at susanpw4@gmail.com or 303-355-0372.

Thursday Women's Study Group Meets weekly on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 208.

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

Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Event to Benefit the USC Thursday, December 8 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The rumors are true...there are some who are planning for Christmas time already! Mark your calendars to shop at this non-profit, fair-trade retailer of home decor, personal accessories, and unique gift items from around the world! Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North

America. When you shop at Ten Thousand Villages, 2626 E. Third Ave. in Cherry Creek North, a percentage of the sales will be donated to the Urban Servant Corps (USC).

Come to Young at Heart for a Christmas Celebration with musician Albert Galli. His alto saxophone and fun spirit will bring you joy this season! Fellowship Hall, Friday, December 9, 11:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead...

Caroling for Bethany Shut-ins, Sunday, December 11, 5:00-6:30 p.m...Optional Pizza Dinner at 4:30 p.m. before we carol! *“Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly....Tis’ the Season to be Jolly...”* Grab your warm hats and mittens and join us for a fun night surprising some special Bethany families. We will start the evening at 4:30 p.m. with an optional pizza dinner at church. At 5:00 p.m. we'll jump in our cars and head out for caroling. At each house the children will have the chance to deliver a present from the family ministry. Of course, the evening would not be complete without hot chocolate at our last stop! The cost for the optional dinner (pizza, drinks and salad) will likely be around \$3 per adult and kids 3 and older. Please RSVP by December 9th to Sonia Anderson at soniarvanderson@gmail.com or call (303) 341-4437.

Messiah for Young Voices The Jubilation Singers will present “Messiah for Young Voices” on Sunday, December 18 at the 9:00 a.m. service. Based on G.F. Handel’s Messiah, this work includes choir, soloists, Orff instruments, choral speech, and actors playing the part of the Old Testament prophets. The Caroler Choir will also sing several pieces in the program.

Colfax Marathon It's not too early to join the Bethany team to walk or run the Colfax Marathon Relay on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Go to www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org and click on the 'Register Now' button. Search for team Bethany Lutheran Church 1 or 2. We have two teams so if you have someone you want to walk with one should register for Team 1 and one for Team 2. For more information, email Sarah at sarah@bethany-denver.org. We are charity partners with Metro CareRing!

How to Help...

East Africa Drought and Famine – Situation is Dire The need is great and will be for many months, even after rains return. In October, Bethany’s Global Mission Task Force gave an initial \$2500 to feed 3000 people in East Africa for a day but hundreds of thousands are in need. For more info on how you can help, visit www.lwr.org/eastafrica, www.elca.org – search “Disaster Africa”, www.bethany-denver.org – see “Service in the World”, Bethany’s Hospitality Desk or Equal Exchange/Fair Trade Coffee sales table on the first and third Sundays of the month. Gifts

given at Bethany’s kiosk or by check to: Bethany Lutheran Church, memo- “Horn of Africa” will be forwarded to ELCA Disaster Response, and/or Lutheran World Relief.

ELCA Fast Facts - In 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) revised its guidelines for treatment of adults and adolescents with HIV, including pregnant women. As a result, the number of people defined as needing antiretroviral therapy grew-from 10.1 million to 14.6 million at the end of 2009. December 1 was World AIDS Day: find out how you can still participate at www.elca.org/aids.

Altar Flowers

Today’s flowers are given by James and Edith Lee in honor of their wedding anniversary. Remember a loved one or special occasion. Donations are \$35. Poinsettia envelopes are now in the pews.

General Fund Update

	Received	Budgeted
Last week – Nov. 27	\$25,654	\$26,964
November	\$149,183	\$149,802
Fiscal YTD	\$682,038	\$728,640

Advent and Christmas Schedule

- ◆ Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Program – 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Choir Program – 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Christmas Eve Services, Saturday, December 24
1:30 p.m. - Outdoor Live Nativity
3:00 p.m. - Children’s Choir
5:00 p.m. - Denver Brass and Handbells
7:00 p.m. - Denver Brass and Organ
9:00 p.m. - Denver Brass and Chancel Choir, Hallelujah Chorus
11:00 p.m. - Lessons, Carols and Eucharist
- ◆ Christmas Day - Carols and Eucharist Service, Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ First Sunday after Christmas, Sunday, January 1, 2012
Sending and Blessing of Pastor Ron – 8:00 & 9:00 a.m.
Service of Remembrance – 10:30 a.m.

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