

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

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www.bethany-denver.org

Today at Bethany...

Foundations of Lutheranism in December -

Intern Adam will wrap up a three week journey looking at our roots: "Lutheranism Today...and Tomorrow". We call ourselves Lutheran but sometimes we don't know exactly what that means for daily life so we'll discuss what being Lutheran means and how it brings us into the days ahead. We'll be in Room 210 at 9:00 a.m.; it doesn't matter if you've missed other sessions, join us today. Come and be renewed for the New Year!

Messiah for Young Voices The Jubilation Singers will present "Messiah for Young Voices" TODAY 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.

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

No Sunday School classes TODAY, Dec 25, or Jan 1. Classes resume Jan 8.

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!

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 20. Menu: Christmas ham & 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. We will not meet on 12/21, 12/28, or 1/4.

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

Yoga Sign up for a new session beginning January 5. Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. \$5 per class for a full session or \$8 per class for drop-in. For info, call the church office at 303-758-2820.

Looking Ahead...

Bethany Dinner Club Continues! The Bethany Dinner Club resumes in January. We would like to invite you to be part of a great fellowship and a great opportunity to meet fellow church members over lunch or dinner. Dinner Club usually consists of 3 couples, who meet 3 times and each couple brings a salad or dessert, while the host prepares the main course. Then the other couples host and rotate courses over the next few months. We have 2 groups per year, February through June and September through January. If you are interested, please email Dave Nesslage at bethanydinnerclub2@gmail.com, or you may call 720-373-7903. Singles and couples are welcome, as well as any ideas to make this fun and exciting. Please respond by December 30, as we want to release the new groups in early January 2012.

Family Night at Little Monkey Bizness, at Park Meadows Mall, Saturday, January 7, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Got young kids? Skip the cooking and let's gather for some social time at Lil' Monkey Bizness. While the tots play in the open 3,000 sq-ft play area, Mom and Dad can indulge themselves in a full-service coffee bar, fresh food choices and \$1 pizza in a café setting. Admission is \$5 for kids over the age of 1. Kids under 1 and parents are free. 7600 Park meadows Dr. #1200, Lone Tree, 720-880-5800. RSVP to Stephanie Terhune at stephterhune@comcast.net.

Baptism of Our Lord Anniversary of Baptism, Sunday, January 8. If you or your child was baptized in 2011, please join us on January 8 at the 10:30 a.m. service to celebrate, remember and remind everyone that living our baptism is a lifelong journey. Reception following service. Please RSVP to Janice Lyon at 303-758-2820 or janice@bethany-denver.org.

Divorce Recovery Workshop January 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Andrews Methodist Church. RSVP to Beth Walker at 303-694-2967.

Got a Great Marriage?....Want to Make it Even Better? Sunday, January 22 & 29, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Free Childcare provided. We all know that one of the most important things parents can do for their children is to remember to nurture their marriage. But after a long day with crazy schedules and needy kids, who has time to think about that? Bethany members Paul and Beth Walker are leading a 2-part marriage seminar geared towards couples with young children (elementary age and down). Paul Walker is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice, who has assisted hundreds of couples in strengthening their relationships. Beth, a Certified Life Coach, helps individuals, couples and teams achieve their goals. Beth also provides pre-marriage coaching with couples. The seminar will be interactive and you and your spouse will design your own unique plan to stay connected while your family grows. Come and give a gift to your relationship---and have fun doing it! There is no charge for this event. Free childcare will be provided in the nursery for the younger kids. Movies and games will be provided for the older kids after they dismiss from Sunday School. RSVP to Ellery Veldhuizen at elleryg@comcast.net.

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.

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 - Still looking for that perfect gift? Give something unexpected this Christmas. The gift of a pig can help a family escape hunger and poverty - for good. Go to elca.org/goodgifts or pick up a Good Gifts catalogue at the Hospitality

Desk and make a real difference in someone's life. And you don't even have to wrap it!

General Fund Update

	Received	Budgeted
Last week – Dec. 11	\$45,911	\$67,759
December	\$94,833	\$307,995
Fiscal YTD	\$776,871	\$857,998

Advent and Christmas Schedule

- ◆ 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 (Holy Communion)
- ◆ 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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