

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

May 8, 2011



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Today at Bethany...

Join us TODAY, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 210, for Ethiopia: Let's Rock the Ark - Ethiopia is full of religious history - and both the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (65% of the population) and the culture of the country have been shaped by the presence (they claim) of the Ark of the Covenant - the second version of the two tablets of stone inscribed by God and given to Moses. The Ark was reputedly stolen from Solomon's temple when the son of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba returned to Ethiopia from a visit to Jerusalem. It's an interesting story/saga. Join Pastor Paul Gilbertson as he shares information around a trip to the Holy Land and upper Egypt he and a group of others took a couple of years ago. This presentation is definitely not a travelogue of the vacation of 14 people; rather it is the interesting story about both the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (a Christian church that basically has retained many of the laws and observances of the Falasha Jews) - and the Biblical story of the Ark of the Covenant.

Bethany's Faithful Soles raise money for Metro CareRing. On Sunday, May 15, two relay teams from Bethany will walk or run the Colfax Marathon. Our official Charity Partner is Metro CareRing. Our two teams need to raise a total of \$3,000. Will you help? Stop by the Hospitality Desk or visit the giving kiosk and help us help them!

SOUL TREK (Faith Shares 2011): This year the mission trips will have our youth and chaperones trekking 7,500 miles to Ecuador and Wyoming and back. Our goal is to raise a dollar for every mile we trek---\$7,500. The youth will be selling SOUL TREK FAITH SHARES: TODAY, May 15, June 5, June 12. Patterned after Pastor Ron's love of marathons, the levels are: Marathon--\$25, 10 K Run--\$10, 1 Mile Fun Run--\$1. Adults of any age, teens and kids alike are all able to participate! Please visit us at the SOUL TREK table, purchase some miles, and see your "sole" on the walls and windows of Bethany! Other options for purchasing faith shares? Visit the kiosk in the narthex or go to the Bethany website for online giving.

TODAY is the last chance to Register for All Be the Blessing Service Projects on May 22! Stop by the table or visit www.bethany-denver.org - takes less than 5 minutes! BE THE BLESSING! Next Sunday pick up T-shirts and get project details from 8-12 noon in Fellowship Hall.

This Week at Bethany...

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

XYZ will meet on May 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Menu: salmon cakes, rice pilaf, vegetables

Journey through the Bible Monday mornings 7:15-8:30 a.m. Bible study class continuing the Journey through the Bible series. "Who is Christ, and who are we in Christ?" We're studying the New Testament epistles - come join us! Facilitated by Gretchen Hack.

Esther Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in room 208 for Bible Study, refreshments and conversation. All are welcome. Contact Mary 303-745-9590.

1G Network, May 11th Session: Mentoring for Success **This Wednesday, May 11, 7-8:15am**, in the Great Hall at Bethany Ron Bruggeman, fellow Bethany member and Marketing/ Management Consultant, will share his experiences in using mentoring as an effective management tool to achieve personal and corporate success. He will speak to the real value of mentoring and how to maximize your mentor relationships. In addition, Ron will demonstrate mentoring strategies and tactics to help your team reach maximum potential. Join us Wednesday morning to learn valuable professional skills and to meet other professionals within the community. Members and non-members of Bethany are welcome. www.bethany-denver2.org/1g-network.

Thursday Women's Bible Study Group - Thursday at 1:30 p.m. - Room 208. Join us for a study group.

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.

Young at Heart will meet on May 13 at 11:00 a.m. Our meal is a potluck this month. The entertainment is Rev. Dr. Charles Berdahl on "Remembering".

Bethany Gardens and Grounds Group Work Day Saturday May 14, 9-noon.

Next Sunday...

Bethany Annual Meeting 12 noon in the Great Hall on Sunday, May 15. You are invited to attend! **Celebration Choral Concert** on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 PM at Peace with Christ Lutheran Church at 3290 South Tower Road in Aurora, 80013 sponsored by Holy Hammers. The event will feature Bethany's own Chancel Choir. Event is \$20 per person or \$20 per family and will raise funds for our 2011 Holy Hammers' projects. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Tickets can be purchased from Jack Ganzar or Kevin Dempsey.

Looking Ahead...

Bethany Camping Trip: July 1- July 4th Come one, come all to a camping holiday filled with fellowship and fun. This is our 3rd Annual Bethany camping trip and this year we are claiming our stake at the Pike Community Campground near Woodland Park (west of CO Springs). The campground offers a ball field, playground, sand pit for volleyball, a horseshoe pit, BBQ grills, and flush toilets so that we can live in the lap of camping luxury. Whether you have a tent, a camper, or maybe just want to sleep out with the stars, the campground can accommodate all types of campers (note: there are no water or electrical hook-ups for RVs). You are welcome to come for one night, two nights, or all three nights. Cost will be dependent on the number of families attending (\$25-\$40 per family for the weekend). If you are interested, please contact Tara Sawinski @ t.sawinski@comcast.net or 303-987-1379, no later than May 30th.

The Southeast Metro Board of Thrivent has a limited number of half price Rockies tickets available for the game on Monday night, July 18th. Price of the tickets is \$5.00, they are located in section 302 behind the bullpens. Tickets must be purchased by May 15th. Please call Linda Starkey at 303-501-4000 if you are interested.

Bike to Work Day 2011 will be Wednesday, June 22nd. We have registered Bethany Lutheran Church as a team. Go to <http://www3.drcog.org/biketowork> to register and for more information. We will not do a team ride, but you can check out the map to find the best route for you. Contact Sarah at sarah@bethany-denver.org if you have questions.

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. www.lutheranmeninmission.org or call 773-380-2595.

How to Help...

Holy Hammers/Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver Golf Tournament and Fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, June 20 at Spring Valley Golf Club in Elizabeth. We’re signing up foursomes now and if interested, they should call Kevin Dempsey at 303-699-1629 or e-mail me at kmdmpsy@aol.com.

Our second of three Holy Hammers homes being built in 2011 is starting on Friday, May 20th and its address is 1624 Macon Street in Aurora. People who are interested in volunteering should contact Kevin Dempsey at 303-699-1629 or e-mail kmdmpsy@aol.com. Look for sign-up sheets between services.

ELCA Fast Facts - According to a 2003 Yale News Daily article, globally, women invest 90% of their income into their families. Today is Mother's Day. Honor your mom with a gift to one of the ELCA World Hunger's programs that benefit women and children. Visit <https://community.elca.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=474>.

Altar Flowers Flowers are given in honor of all those graduating and all those who give motherly care; flowers are also given by Bob & Fran O'Brien in memory of parents' anniversary.

General Fund Update

	Received	Needed
Last week – May 1	\$34,356	\$35,263
May	\$34,356	\$149,273
Fiscal YTD	\$1,648,419	\$1,693,658

The Bethany kiosk is available in the narthex for General Fund contributions with debit or credit cards. You can also use it for payments to special programs such as mission trips, BECC gift cards, Equal Exchange Coffee, etc.

Have you noticed the Chancel Choir's new gleaming-white choir robes? The new Chancel Choir robes are the result of a grant given by the Lutheran Community Foundation from the Carol Ann Campbell fund, in her memory. Funds given by other individuals to purchase new choir robes will be used to replace the choir stoles during the summer.

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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