

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

January 8, 2012



Visit the Bethany website for more information!
www.bethany-denver.org

Today at Bethany...

Baptism of Our Lord At the 10:30 a.m. service, we welcome families who celebrated a Holy baptism in 2011 with reception following in the Great Hall.

Opening the Book of Faith As we begin a new year in our faith journey, the Adult Faith Formation Team invites you to Opening the Book of Faith, a seven week study on Lutheran insights for Bible study. Starting today (January 8th), at 9:00a.m. in Room 210, Pastor Dena Williams will lead us through this study about how our Lutheran roots impact and shape our reading of Holy Scripture. Everyone is welcome! Whether you know a lot or know very little, join us in this enriching study as we start a new year in our faith journey!

Children's and Youth Sunday School Classes resume TODAY. Sunday School classes meet from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Godly Play: Sunday School for 2 ½ - 5 year olds. Classes meet in the BECC classrooms: 104, 105, 106, 108. Kids' Light: Sunday School for 1st – 5th Grades. Start in the Great Hall. Anyone is welcome!

Rocky Mountain Middle School Youth Gathering There is a mandatory meeting today at 10:00 a.m. in the youth room for all adults and participants.

This Week at Bethany...

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

Patchers Join us for the new year on Monday, January 9 in Room 209 from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. to patch and sew quilts for LWR and other outreach programs. Call Barb Schuster at 303-470-6106 for more information.

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 Tuesday, January 10. Menu: Salmon cakes, Rice pilaf, vegetables, rolls and 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.

1G Network - Professional Networking Group
Wednesday, January 11, 7-8:15 a.m., Great Hall
For the first 1G Network session of 2012, we're welcoming Nancy Franz with Transitions Career Coaching. Nancy specializes in using a unique blend of spirituality and practical business solutions to provide support for career transition and personal transformation. Join us on Wednesday, January 11th in the Great Hall for some coffee, networking, and enlightenment. For more information: www.bethany-denver2.org/1g-network

Esther Circle Wednesday, January 11 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 208. Join us for dessert and Bible Study. Please call Mary Webb at 303-745-9590.

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.

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

Young at Heart Friday, January 13 Join us for lunch at noon followed by a program presented by Janet Mortinsen, Director of Health and Wellness.

Join Us...

Openings for Adult Handbell Ringers! The Carillons are in need of a few ringers. Experience ringing is always helpful, but we're good at training novice ringers as well. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., and the ensemble plays for worship once a month. For further information, contact Lisa Lewis, 303-221-6323, lisajanelewis@comcast.net. We'd love to have you in our family!

Hospitality Desk Volunteers Needed! Do you have the gift of Hospitality? We need volunteers to staff the Hospitality Desk for each of the services! You don't need to have all the answers, just be a friendly, welcoming presence for our members and visitors. If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers, please email Sarah at sarah@bethany-denver.org. Or sign up on the sheet at the Hospitality Desk.

Ushers Needed If you are interested in being an usher during one of the services, please contact the church office at 303-758-2820. This is a great way to meet members and greet people attending services.

Looking Ahead...

Got a Great Marriage?....Want to Make it Even Better? Sunday, January 22 & 29, 9:00 a.m. - noon.

Free childcare provided. We all know that one of the most important things parents can do for their children is 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 younger). Paul is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, who has assisted hundreds of couples in strengthening their relationships. Beth, a Certified Life Coach, helps individuals, couples and teams achieve their goals and 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 in the nursery for the younger kids and movies and games for the older kids after Sunday School. RSVP to Ellery Veldhuizen at elleryg@comcast.net.

Rev. Dr. Paul Hill of Vibrant Faith Ministries is coming to Bethany on January 28-29. He will consult with Council and Men of Bethany and participate in Family Faith night on the 28th as well as preach at all three worship service on the 29th reflecting with us about Sabbath rest, growth and vocation.

Colfax Marathon 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. Hurry – prices go up January 25!

New Member Orientation April 14, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please call Janice at 303-758-2820 for more information.

How to Help...

Habitat - Our next (first of three in 2012) Holy Hammers/Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver build starts on Friday, January 27th at 6784 Oneida Street, Commerce City, CO 80022. Sign-up on Sundays at the table in the narthex or contact Kevin Dempsey at 303-699-1629 or kmdmpsy@aol.com. Other dates so far are 2/10, 2/11, 3/3, 3/9, 3/23,

3/31, and 4/13. Help make dreams of a safe, warm home a reality!

Late Christmas for Urban Servant Corps.

The Urban Servant Corps' stove at the Ogden Street house is on its last legs. Anyone with a new or gently used electric stove available for donation call Jack Ganzar @ 303-981-3986

December Giving Update As of Wednesday, Jan 4, total contributions for December were \$325,000. While this is \$40k less than our goal of \$365,000, it is greater than December of 2010 (\$299,000) and greater than budgeted receipts for December of \$307,000. Efforts will continue to close the \$40,000 gap that remains so that we meet our annual budget of \$2m by June 30, 2012. THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this goal. If you were unable to complete your 2011 commitment, it's not too late! Please do so as soon as possible.

2012 Estimates of Giving Efforts will continue during the month of January to reach our goal of 600 Estimates of Giving for 2012. If you have not yet completed your EOG, please do so at the Hospitality Desk or online at www.bethany-denver.org.

Altar Flowers Flowers are given by Louise Schumm in memory of Edward J. Schumm's birthday on January 10.

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.*

 Find us on **Facebook** [facebook.com/BethanyLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/BethanyLutheranChurch)

Pick up a 2012 calendar at the Hospitality Desk!