

# ***Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements***

## ***January 29, 2012***



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### **Today at Bethany...**

**Opening the Book of Faith** You can still join our discussion . . . the Adult Faith Formation Team invites you to Opening the Book of Faith, a seven week study on Lutheran insights for Bible study. Join us at 9:00 a.m., in Room 210, when Pastor Dena Williams will lead us through this study about how our Lutheran roots impact and shape our reading of Holy Scripture. Even if you can't make all of the sessions, 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.**

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!

**Bethany Young Adults** Sunday, January 29 - brunch at the Pancake House on Belleview following the 10:30 a.m. service. Meet us at the Hospitality Desk after worship. The Bethany Young Adults group invites you to join us. Contact Lori Roenfeldt at [LoriRoefeldt@gmail.com](mailto:LoriRoefeldt@gmail.com) with any questions.

**New Silver Offering Plates** Please notice our generous gift from an anonymous couple in honor of their fathers, David and Henry. Look for an article in the February *Beacon*. Thank you for this gift!

### **This Week at Bethany...**

**God's Word for the Week, Room 210.** Monday at 9:00 a.m. and 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 Tuesday, January 31. Menu: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables and dessert. Join us!

**Luther College Nordic Choir** Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Ticketed event. Luther College Nordic Choir, founded in 1946, enjoys national and international acclaim as a premier collegiate choral ensemble in the United States.

**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](mailto: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.

**Bethany Business Leaders Forum – Friday, February 3.** Please join us on Friday, February 3 for this quarterly breakfast meeting to discuss the business of Bethany and get to know new people at Bethany. The meeting will be held in the Great Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. To RSVP, please contact Joel Halvorson at 303-639-4348 or [joel@bethany-denver.org](mailto:joel@bethany-denver.org).

### **Next Sunday**

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - Sunday, Feb. 5! It's that time again - time for soup and giving so others may have soup! We need your help in three areas. 1) We need people to help in the Fellowship Hall for the soup luncheon. 2) We need children & youth to collect for the teams after each service. 3) We need people to deliver soup on that Sunday to our home-centered members and friends. Sign up for all of these at the Hospitality Desk or email Sarah at [sarah@bethany-denver.org](mailto:sarah@bethany-denver.org).

### **Valentine's Day Just Got a Whole Lot Sweeter!**

Look for Fair Trade chocolate at the Global Mission Task Force Table on Sunday, Feb. 5 Your one purchase will give many gifts – cocoa farmers will get a fair price for their crops and their communities will get the opportunity to dig wells, build schools, provide medical benefits and more. Chocolate that changes lives – what could be sweeter than that?

### **Join Us...**

**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](mailto: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...**

**Sabbatical Adventures** We have the opportunity to follow Pastor Ron's sabbatical adventures at <http://rtgmtg.blogspot.com>. In addition, we have our own blog <http://blessedtobelong.wordpress.com/>. As we learn about Sabbath rest, church and culture, and Signs of Belonging, you are invited to post your own thoughts to parallel Pr. Ron's sabbatical. Specific questions will be posed for reflection and you can post as you wish!

**Young at Heart** February 10 at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a potluck lunch and a Valentine's sing-a-long with our own Pr Carl Hansen!

**Bethany Young Adults** Saturday, February 11 - snowshoeing at Brainard Lake - meet us at Bethany at 9:00 a.m. Contact Lori Roenfeldt at [LoriRoefeldt@gmail.com](mailto:LoriRoefeldt@gmail.com) with any questions.

**WELCA Bold Women's Day February 12.** Be bold, take risks on account of the gospel, but believe more boldly still in Christ Jesus; that's what Martin Luther tells us. Help us celebrate this day by "finding your bold". On this day we will honor the retirement of our long-time Quilters.

**Ash Wednesday Services** February 22 at noon and 7:00 p.m.. Call 303-758-2820 for more information.

**Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore to Visit Bethany** For our Lenten journey, we will be studying *Signs of Belonging: Luther's Marks of the Church and the Christian Life*, by Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore. Dr. Shore will be our guest on February 25-26, as consultant and preacher. She has written a compelling book about Martin Luther's signs of being a Christian and our mutual life. Book available at the Hospitality Desk for \$7.

**Leap Year Lasagna Dinner and Talent Show Sunday, February 26** Join us for our annual Lasagna Dinner and Talent Show on February 26. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 4-12. Children 3 and under are free and require no ticket. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is served at 6:00 p.m., with a Talent Show Extravaganza to follow. Tickets will be sold in the narthex each Sunday during February.

**Lenten Retreat** March 15-17 at the Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center. Registration sheets are now available at the Hospitality Desk! Deadline is February 12.

**Colfax Marathon** Join the Bethany team to walk or run the Colfax Marathon Relay on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Go to [www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org](http://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](mailto: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 started 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](mailto:kmdmpsy@aol.com). Other dates so far are 2/10, 2/11, 3/3, 3/9, 3/23, and 4/13. Help make dreams of a safe, warm home a reality!

**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](http://www.bethany-denver.org).

**Altar Flowers** Flowers are given by Marie and Julie Friedemann in honor of Oscar and Eleanor Friedemann.

**General Fund Update**

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Needed</b>
Last week – Jan. 22	\$24,540	\$27,404
January	\$104,653	\$159,947
Fiscal YTD	\$1,115,442	\$1,172,091

**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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***Pick up a 2012 calendar at the Hospitality Desk!***