

Bethany Lutheran Church Announcements

March 20, 2011



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www.bethany-denver.org

Today at Bethany...

Adult Learning - Join us this morning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210; we will be exploring the Blessing of Solitude. Learn about the labyrinth, its meaning, and how you can incorporate it into your Lenten disciplines to make the season of Lent more meaningful for you.

Classes TODAY for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Godly Play classes are for 2 ½-K. Kids' Light classes are for 1st-5th grade and Connect is for Middle School and High School age youth.

Hope Totes for the Denver Rescue Mission Come pick up your purple bags and fill them with toiletries. Bags available TODAY to March 27. We will take bags in from March 13 - April 3. For information please call Sylvia Boedeker at 303-758-8445.

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 Monday mornings 7:15-8:30 a.m. Bible study class continuing the Journey Through the Bible series, this time on the Gospel of John. We have lively discussions and welcome new members. Facilitated by Gretchen Hack.

XYZ Tuesday, March 15 from 9:30-1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please join us! Menu: corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes.

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 Webb, 303-745-9590.

Deborah Circle Bible Study meets every Wednesday, from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the library. We are using the Bible study from the Lutheran Women Today magazine: "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity". We welcome new members. Contact Susan Wiggans at susanpw4@gmail.com or 303-355-0372.

Lent at Bethany "Blessed to Be a Blessing". Every Wednesday in Lent visit the Lenten Labyrinth all day in Room 412. Walk with meditation and journey with others walking the path. Then each Wednesday you are invited to join in reflective services at noon and in the evening Taizé and Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

MOPS If you are a mother of infants, toddlers, or preschoolers, please join us for a MOPS meeting. Bethany Lutheran MOPS meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Becky Zinn-Caulfield at zinncaulfield@comcast.net. Childcare is provided!

1G Network - Wednesday, March 23rd, 7:00-8:15am in the Great Hall Our special guest to wrap up the March 1G Network sessions will be Ed Cleaver, Marketing Director for Compassion International. Ed will introduce Compassion International's mission and how he has adapted into his new role as their Product Marketing Director. This should be a very fulfilling session where Ed will take us through his journey that led him to his fulfilling career where he is able to use his expertise to help children and families around the world. He'll take us through the learning experiences of his career shift, his successes, as well as his challenges of balancing passion with responsibility. Join us Wednesday morning. Everyone is welcome. Invite someone who might be interested in learning and networking. 1G Network's purpose is to bring innovative professionals together to share new ideas and make meaningful connections. No registration required. See you Wednesday morning!

Thursday Women's Bible Study Group – Meets every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. - Room 208. We invite you to join us for our Lenten study using "The Cup of Life" by Joyce Rupp.

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.

Next Sunday...

Adult Learning - Our focus will be on the "Blessing of Community". Come on March 27, at 9:00 a.m., Room 210, and learn more about our Body of Christ at Bethany.

Journey to the Cross For preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and adults – all are welcome! Sunday, March 27, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Journey to the Cross (aka Easter Walk) is a dramatic telling of the Passion Week story. Participants move through six stations to hear parts of the Easter story.

"Do this for the remembrance of me..."

FIRST COMMUNION. A Faith Milestone for students in 3rd grade and older. PART 1 Sunday, March 27 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. & PART 2 Sunday, April 3 from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration forms at the Hospitality Desk.

Looking Ahead...

Habitat's Little Hands Calling all youth ages 6-12! On April 2nd, 9th, and 16th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Habitat for Humanity will be hosting three days of hands-on service experiences and lessons at Bethany Lutheran Church. The cost is \$10 per participant and activities will include building and painting planter boxes and decorating bags to send to third world countries! For more information or to obtain a registration form, please contact Elizabeth Wiggans (e-mail: habitatslittlehands@gmail.com or phone: 720-496-2713 – Ask for Jeanne Fischetti).

Young Family Meet and Greet, Sunday, April 10 10:20-11:00 Room 415 (Free Childcare) Calling all families at Bethany! Do you want Bethany to feel more like home? Would you like to connect with other families with young children at Bethany? How about some adult-only time with your spouse while we care for your kids? We've got the event for you! On April 10 we are gathering for some time together to connect young families and have some adult conversation. We will also share where to find support and family friendly events at Bethany. Free childcare is provided. So that we can plan for childcare please RSVP to Sonia Anderson at soniarvanderson@gmail.com or call (303) 341-4437. We hope you join us - you won't regret it!

Parenting Enrichment Seminar is Back: "I'm a Keeper!" This 3 part parenting series will help you take a giant step in understanding your child, help you avoid conflicts with your child, help you understand the interaction between your temperament and your child's temperament, help guide your child to achieve his/her potential, help increase your child's self-esteem and return your confidence in parenting, as well as help you lead your child to faith in God. Our second course offering will be held on April 10, May 15, & June 5 from 9am-1pm. Free childcare. Pick up a flyer at the Hospitality Desk.

Stations of the Cross Are you interested in traveling down to San Luis to walk the hill and meditate at the bronze Stations on the Saturday before Easter, 4/23? We would leave at 7am, arrive at San Luis around 11am, walk the Stations, and then get some lunch before arriving back in Denver around 5pm. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at 303-653-1731 or sarah@bethany-denver.org by 3/31.

April 30 - Save the Date - A Dinner/Auction to benefit Boy Scout Troop 712 will be held at Bethany from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Stop by the Troop 712 display after church during April for details.

The Healing Wheels Tour: June 11 Looking for a new and challenging ride? The 3rd Annual Healing Wheels Tour, benefiting Inner City Health Center, is the perfect early season training ride with a challenging elevation gain and a unique ride through historic Colorado towns. Get off the city bike paths and join us for this European-style scenic ride, all while helping a great cause. If you would like to volunteer, contact Steen at 720-833-5092 or email steenk@innercityhealth.com. To register for the ride or get info, go to www.healingwheelstour.com.

Thinking about Summer Camp at Rainbow Trail? For years we've talked about sending groups of Bethany kids to summer camp at Rainbow Trail but this year it's finally happening. At least 5 Bethany kids are already registered for the "Intro to Camp" session from June 22-25. "Intro to Camp" is for children entering 2nd or 3rd grade next Fall. It is designed to be a shorter version of summer camp with lots of extra TLC from staff. There are also several Bethany children registered for "Junior Camp", June 19-25, designed for kids entering grades 4-6. We would love for as many of our Bethany kids as possible to experience this powerful, faith-forming time together! If you are interested visit

www.rainbowtrail.org. If you plan to register let us know at lisachristian99@gmail.com so we can make sure our kids bunk together.

Bethany Camping Trip: July 1- July 4 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). This is approximately 2 miles from the Manitou Park Recreation Area and Manitou Lake. 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.

Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering July 22-24 Called! Equipped! Sent! at the Denver Marriott Tech Center July 22-24. We'll start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and conclude at noon on Sunday. This event is about you. How are you going to live out God's call where God has put you? For info, or to register, go to www.lutheranmeninmission.org or call 773-380-2595 Join us for the gathering and see how God changes your life! Contact Dave Oerke, 720-544-1659 or david.oerke@ch2m.com for more information.

How to Help...

Habitat for Humanity Build - Our winter/spring build is at 7144 Ivanhoe, Commerce City, 80022. We started work on February 18 and currently have dates through the end of April. Check out this link www.surveymonkey.com/s/habitatbuild to see all dates. More will be added as we go along. You can sign up online, look for a sign up table on Sundays between services, call Kevin Dempsey at 303-699-1629, or email him at kmdmpsy@aol.com.

General Fund Update

	Received	Needed
Last week –		
March 13	\$37,146	\$36,259
March	\$105,269	\$145,267
Fiscal YTD	\$1,386,945	\$1,421,320

Lost & Found! Are you missing a pair of gloves, a sweatshirt, a coffee thermos, a pair of glasses? Come to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, 3/27 and see if we have any of your missing items!

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 the cell phone does not provide location-specific information to the dispatcher.

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