

Sunday Learning

Disciple I Bible Study Next years Disciple I Bible study begins on Monday, January 11. This class is designed for those who desire to dig deep into Bible Study, survey the Bible in one year, share conversation and fellowship in a small group setting, and work to become disciples in your daily life. The 38 weekly meetings are an in-depth discussion of the 45 minute individual reading that we do each day during the week. If you would like more details or to sign up, please stop by the table in the narthex today. The volunteers at the table have taken the Disciple I class and are happy to share their experience.

Light Bearers parent class meets January 10, 9:00 a.m., in room 314. Facilitator: Michelle Okes; Topic: Paul on the Road.

Children's Faith Formation

Godly Play and Kids' Light classes do not meet Dec. 20, 27, or Jan 3. All Sunday school classes resume January 10.

Weekday Learning & Study

God's Word for the Week: Room 210. Monday at 9:00 a.m. & Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. with one of our pastors. **There will not be class on either 12/28 or 12/29.**

Journey Through the Bible, Mondays, 7:30 a.m. in the library - Now studying Romans, about the Gospel as the power of God for all who believe.

Joy of Living Women's Bible Study Hosea: God's Persistent Love, began Sept. 10, twice a month, Thursdays, 6:30-8:15 p.m., room 224. For info & guidebook (\$10), call Darla Reeves (303) 986-7046. Want renewed hope? Study Hosea. Remember God's unconditional love.

Womens's Spirituality Study Group, Thursdays 1:30 p.m., Room 208 Join us for our next meeting on January 7. Contact Ginny Miller 303-794-9568

Fellowship

A Julotta Service will again be offered on Christmas morning at 6:30 a.m. using the Matins Service of the Augustana Hymnal. A coffee hour with Swedish pastries will follow. Volunteers are needed to help provide Swedish baked goods. Please call Betty Hansen at 303-274-8319 to let us know what you plan to bring.

XYZ Invites One and All to our Christmas gathering, Tuesday, December 22 at 9:30 a.m. We are having a song fest with all our favorites! Chris will make us a Christmas ham for lunch. Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natalee!

Angel Tree Please visit the table in Fellowship Hall or www.bethany-denver.org to make a donation of \$35.20 per child. Your gift will sponsor a prisoner's child in an underserved area. The child will receive two gifts, along with the Gospel message and a personal message from the incarcerated parent.

Beyond Divorce: Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends begins Tuesday evening, January 12, 2010 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch. For additional information please call Jenny Ricklefs at 303.794.2683, or Beth Walker, 303.694.2967.

Fair Trade - Give the Gift that Gives Twice Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall to purchase coffee, tea, cocoa and other Fair Trade products.

BECC Certificates This is a great time to stop by the BECC table to purchase King Soopers, Tony's Meats, Safeway and Sunflower Market gift certificates that spend like cash (and make great gifts). BECC is also selling an EcoGuide coupon book.

Christmas Eve Ushers Needed If you would be able to help usher for a Christmas Eve service please

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 20

Nursery	7:45 a.m.
Worship	8:00 a.m.
Habitat Sign Up	8:00 a.m.
BECC King Soopers Certificates	8:00 a.m.
Worship	9:00 a.m.
Greeter Training	10:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Acolyte Training	11:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men in Mission	5:30 p.m.
Peter Mayer Concert	7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Journey through the Bible	7:30 a.m.
God's Word for the Week	9:00 a.m.
Canto Deo Christmas	7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
God's Word for the Week	7:00 a.m.
XYZ Senior Center	9:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Women's AA	12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Cherub Choir	4:45 p.m.
Alpha Ringers	4:45 p.m.
Deborah Circle	4:45 p.m.
Caroler Choir	5:15 p.m.
Youth Choir	5:30 p.m.
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Jubilation Singers	5:45 p.m.
Carillons	7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 24

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Christmas Eve Outdoor Nativity	1:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship	3:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship	5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship	7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship	9:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship	11:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25

OFFICE CLOSED

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Julotta Service	6:30 a.m.
Julotta Reception	7:30 a.m.
Christmas Worship	10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Find the monthly calendar at www.bethany-denver.org.

sign up at the Hospitality Center. Call Terrie Miller with any questions at 303-791-7648.

Men's Fellowship

Bethany Men's Fellowship meets every Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Bethany in Room 209. Please join us for interesting discussions on relevant topics for men and Bible study. We will be reading and reviewing the Book of Acts and the history of the early Christian church and how it relates to our current lives. Contact Dave Oerke at 720-544-1659 or at davekeise@q.com.

Join the M.O.B. -Men of Bethany. Go to www.bethany-denver.org to add your name to our mailing list! Events already planned include: Golf Outings, Camping Trips, Rockies Games, One-on-One Bible Studies, Fly-Fishing trips, Men's Book Studies, and Cooking Classes. Attend any or all of these events to help build authentic relationships with other men at Bethany. Contact Todd Little at 303-594-9925 with questions or to add your name.

Mission and Outreach

Looking for Alternative Christmas Gifts?! The ELCA Good Gifts catalog lifts up 65 gift ideas filled with meaning and love including God's Global Barnyard, water projects, missionaries, Lutheran Malaria Initiative, Domestic and International Disaster Response and Lutheran World Federation. Stop by the Hospitality Desk.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Bethany and Prince of Peace congregations will be hosting homeless families during the week of January 10-17, at the Prince of Peace location. Please sign up at the IHN table to bring food, serve as evening dinner hosts, or help with set-up, clean-up, or transportation. For further information, contact Paul Eppard and Maren Diercks at 303-221-7883.

Habitat: Our 2010 build (a building with five units and five families) at Bails Street in Denver (near I-

25 and Colorado Blvd) begins Friday, January 8. The site blessing will be held on Saturday, January 9 at the site at 12:00 noon. We'll need volunteers for weekends, Fridays and Saturdays, beginning Jan 15. See the sign up table in the narthex. For information contact Kevin Dempsey at (303) 699-1629.

ELCA Fast Facts - According to the USDA's Economic Research Service, in 2008, 17 million U.S. households -- about 49 million people -- "were food insecure and families had difficulty putting enough food on the table at times during the year." The number of affected households increased by 4 million over the previous year, the highest single-year increase since the USDA began food security surveys in 1995. 'Tis the season to be giving and you can help by bringing non-perishable food items to church to help stock the shelves at Metro CareRing, our local food pantry. Most needed items: canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, dry milk, cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce, bar soap, and sanitary napkins.

Church Announcements

Reception for Pastor Richard Becker's 45th Ordination Anniversary We will recognize Pastor Becker at the 9:00 service and then you are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall for cake and fellowship.

Peter Mayer with Special Guest Maggie Estes TODAY, 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.). Tickets \$10; kids 12 and under FREE! Purchase tickets online at www.bethany-denver.org or at the table in the narthex. A benefit for Compassion International. Guitarist, vocalist and songwriter, Peter Mayer has been quietly and steadily building a fervent following across the country, stepping outside his role as one of Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefers, melding a unique and eclectic writing style, a distinctive voice, and virtuoso musicianship. Peter creates compelling and accessible music that is electrifying in live performance. Check out www.petermayer.com.

Advent h2O Devos based on the music of Peter Mayer and written by Pastor Ron Glusenkamp. Subscribe to the h2Odevos on the Bethany website.

Festival of Faith and the Arts

The Canto Deo Festival Choir and Orchestra - "A Canto Deo Christmas" Mon. Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. Join the Canto Deo Festival Choir and Orchestra for a musical celebration of the joy and exultation at the birth of the Christ Child. Favorite classic carols and traditional music will highlight this event and transport the listener away from the modern stresses of the season. Jonathan Brown, Director.

Baptism Anniversary Sunday and Visual Arts Exhibit, Jan. 10 at 8, 9, 10:30 a.m. Join us for worship as we celebrate on this day those who have been baptized since last year's Baptismal of our Lord. A unique visual art exhibit will be on display.

Town Hall of Denver Lecture Series, Mira Kamdar – India "The Turbulent Rise of the World's Fastest Growing Democracy" Wed. Jan. 13 at 10:00 a.m. Global expert on India and a Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute, as well as The Asia Society, Mira will reveal a country that is brimming with technology, science, filmmakers, and medical experts with a thirst to be a world leader. She is a commentator for CNN Int'l, TV ASIA, and BBC, as well as GMA, TODAY and NPR.

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Christmas Eve Services Thursday, Dec. 24 -1:30 p.m.-Live Nativity -WORSHIP – 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion services. Bethany welcomes you to worship featuring lessons, inspiring music and messages. The glorious sounds of the organ, and Bethany Children's Choirs lead in worship at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m., and a variety of Chancel Choir, Carillon Bells, soloists and brass at 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, Julotta Service at 6:30 a.m. We will use the Matins Service of the Augustana Hymnal. A coffee hour with Swedish pastries will follow the service. **Worship 10:30am –** Christmas Day worship includes special music, an inspirational message and Holy Communion.

First Sunday after Christmas, Sunday, December 27, 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Service of Remembrance, Sunday, December 27 at noon. Reception following in Fellowship Hall. All that are grieving are welcome to join us for this service. You will have the opportunity to read a loved one's name and light a candle.

General Fund Update

Starting with the Nov. 8 offering, we have received \$242,854 toward our year-end goal of \$560,000.

	Actual	Budget
Thru Dec. 13, 2009	\$822,472	\$933,020

New Member Orientation For those interested in Bethany membership, join us January 9 from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Sign up at the Hospitality Center or call Janice, 303-758-2820.

Church Staff

Senior Pastor	Ron Glusenkamp
Associate Pastor	Ruth Ann Loughry
Visitation Pastor	Pastor Paul Gilbertson
Pastoral Intern	Caitlin Trussell
Director of Finance & Admin	Joel Halvorson
Faith Formation Minister of Youth and Christian Education	Rit Vogel
Faith Formation Minister of Family Ministry	Joni Grundman
Faith Formation Minister of Youth	Kevin Dragseth
Interim Organist	Sherree Weverstad
Choral Director	Dan Grace
Children's Music Director	Pat Guittar
Bell Choir Director	Lisa Lewis
Bell Choir Assistant	Alex Rodasti
Cherub Choir	LeEtta Choi
WOW Coordinator	Paula Wills
Festival of Faith & the Arts Director	Forrest Guittar, Jr.
Youth Choir Director	Zach Rodasti
Communications Supervisor	Audrey Phillips
Accounting Supervisor	Shelley Hook
Assistant to Senior Pastor	Janice Lyon
Office Manager	Rhonda Merritt
Office Assistant	Gayle Newell
Counting Team Leader	Lil Filegar
Hospitality Desk Coordinator	Sarah Hulslander
Technology Supervisor	Mike Johnson
Kitchen Supervisor	Chris Charron
Facilities Supervisor	Frank Davis
Facilities Supervisor	Alfredo Gonzales
Facilities Staff	Tom Maes
Facilities Staff	Ali Nattaqi
Facilities Staff	Selina Meier

Bethany Early Childhood Center Staff

Director	Mary Lloyd
Staff	Jean Jonasson, Patty Bonham, Nancy Nelson Liz Radeff, Kendra Brayton, Kayla McLeod Kari Bratager, Katie Palmquist, Sharon Edwards, Sybil Baker Alethea Bubke, Sarah Bubke, Barbara Nesland, Chelsea Pomeroy

Bethany Church Council

Don Abram, Doug Aldrich (president), Deb Bayles, Kevin Dempsey (treasurer), Maren Diercks, Karl Evans (past president) Peggy Furgason (secretary), Andy Gift (vice president), Becky Godee Heather Kokstadt, Bill King, Sherri Koelbel, Kevin McAuliffe Terry Pickett, Michelle Stone Kraus, Karen Witt

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