

### Sunday Learning

**Lutheranism 201, Sundays continuing through March 14 9:00 a.m. in Room 210.** In 101 the focus was "What Lutherans believe?". Lutheranism 201 will deepen us into the rich Lutheran tradition and theological heritage as part of the faith formation of Lent. You did not need to attend 101 to enjoy 201. Caitlin Trussell, our Pastoral Intern, continues as our guide.

**Facing the Mourning Sundays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the Pastor's conference room. Leader: Stacie Schubert.**

### Children's Faith Formation

**Godly Play & Kids' Light Classes** are offered at 9:00 a.m. Check the bulletin board outside the Great Hall for specific classrooms.

### Weekday Learning & Study

**God's Word for the Week, Room 210.** Mondays at 9:00 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. with one of our pastors.

**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.

**Mark your calendars for MOST!** Something new is happening -- MOST...Midweek Opportunities to Study Together. Continuing every Wednesday through March 31, 2010 in Room 208 is a Bible Study based upon this year's Lenten theme: *The Good Book-Hard Texts and Changing Times*. These sessions with Ron Bruggeman as leader will be 60-75 minutes long and will begin 10 minutes after worship ends. Come for some or all. On Wednesday evenings after Lent, (April 14- May 19) there will be a spring Bible study on the book of Romans, and in the fall there will be a lively study of the book, *Everything Must Change* by Brian McLaren. This will be followed by a Bible study on the book of Luke. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the starting dates.

**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.

### Fellowship

**Go GREEN for Haiti on Easter Sunday** RENEW! REUSE! RECYCLE! Bethany, in partnership with the aid organization, Soles4Souls, will collect new and gently used shoes for the earthquake victims in Haiti. Clean those closets, shop the sales racks, and help make a difference. Tell your family, friends and co-workers. Ask your local shoe retailer to help by donating a pair. Check the Bethany web site or pick up a letter at the Hospitality Desk addressed to shoe retailers. Also download or pick up a list of FAQs about the project. For information go to [www.barefoot4haiti.com](http://www.barefoot4haiti.com).

**Family Retreat is April 30 - May 2.** Registration forms are now available at the Hospitality Desk. The camp will fill fast so don't delay! The deadline for registering is April 18.

**Hein Fry Lecture Series** presents Dr. Richard Carlson, Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Bethany. Topic: "Hearing the Word: Teaching the Bible in the Parish and Beyond". This theme was chosen in order to explore important conversations happening throughout the ELCA regarding biblical narratives, truths and the message of the gospel. There is no charge. Call Rhonda to register 303-758-2820 or email [rhonda@bethany-denver.org](mailto:rhonda@bethany-denver.org).

### Weekly Calendar

<u>Sunday, March 7</u>	
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.
Equal Exchange Coffee	8:00 a.m.
Worship	9:00 a.m.
Lutheranism 201	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Choir	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Facing the Mourning	10:30 a.m.
Mission Trip Meeting	10:30 a.m.
First Communion Instruction	2:00 p.m.
<u>Monday, March 8</u>	
APRIL BEACON DEADLINE	
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.
Patchers	9:00 a.m.
Advanced Disciple	6:30 p.m.
Disciple 1	6:30 p.m.
Grandview High School Concert	7:00 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, March 9</u>	
12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
God's Word for the Week	7:00 a.m.
XYZ	9:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Lois Circle	(3:30 a.m.)
Pastor's Text Study	12:00 p.m.
Women's AA	12:15 p.m.
Executive Committee	6:30 p.m.
<u>Wednesday, March 10</u>	
12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Labyrinth	7:00 a.m.
Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Worship	12:00 p.m.
Lenten Art Activities	12:00 p.m.
Lenten Soup Lunch	12:30 p.m.
Ester Circle	1:00 p.m.
Supervised Play	4:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	4:45 p.m.
Alpha Ringers	4:45 p.m.
Deborah Circle	4:45 p.m.
Pizza & Soup	5:00 p.m.
Caroler's Choir	5:15 p.m.
Youth Choir	5:30 p.m.
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Jubilation Singers	5:45 p.m.
Habitat Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Worship	6:30 p.m.
Vertical Life	7:00 p.m.
Lenten Mentoring	7:00 p.m.
Carillons	7:00 p.m.
Pretzel Making	7:15 p.m.
Stretch & Pray	7:15 p.m.
Adult Bible Study - MOST	7:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:15 p.m.
<u>Thursday, March 11</u>	
12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Women's Christian Spirituality Group	1:30 p.m.
Joy of Living Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
<u>Friday, March 12</u>	
12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Young at Heart	11:00 a.m.
Cherry Creek Chorale Concert	7:30 p.m.
<u>Saturday, March 13</u>	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Chancel Choir	8:30 p.m.
Latin Class	9:30 a.m.
First Communion Make-Up	10:00 a.m.
Hein-Fry Lecture	1:00 p.m.
Cherry Creek Chorale Concert	7:30 p.m.

Find the monthly calendar at [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org).

### **Thank you and Welcome to Jonathan**

**Rundman**, our guest musician. Visit [www.jonathanrundman.com](http://www.jonathanrundman.com) for information, tour dates and to purchase CDs.

**XYZ (Xtra Years of Zip)** Join us Tues, March 9. Menu: roast beef.

**Young at Heart** Join us on March 12 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a catered meal and the Wick School Irish Dancers performing a St. Patrick's Day program.

**Good Coffee for a Good Cause** The Global Mission Task Force will sell Fairly Traded coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate in Fellowship Hall today.

### **Random Acts of Kindness, Sunday, March 14 10:30-11:15 (Following Sunday School)**

We'll talk about the importance of giving and sharing and give each family a stack of "What God Values" bills. We'll share these bills with our kids over the next week as we see attitudes and actions that God values. The kids will earn their first bill assembling a casserole and delivering it on the way home. Families are

asked to contribute part of the ingredients. RSVP to lisachristian99@gmail.com or 303-718-6929.

**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 Mark. Contact Dave Oerke at 720-544-1659 or at davekeise@q.com.

**Mission and Outreach**

**Hope Totes** Pick up a Hope Tote for Denver Rescue Mission on March 7, 14 and 21. Then pick up the list of needed toiletries and return by March 28. Call Sylvia Boedeker at 303-758-8445 for information.

**ELCA Fast Facts** - March is Women's History Month. Investment in women and girls yields high development returns. An extra year of primary school boosts girls' eventual wages by 10 to 20 percent. An extra year of secondary school: 15 to 25 percent. Learn more amazing facts about women at [www.girleffect.org](http://www.girleffect.org).

**Change for Good!** You can still pick up a Lenten calendar and coin box at the Hospitality Desk today. Put your change in the box as part of your Lenten discipline. Then bring the box in on **Palm Sunday**. All change will go to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. Remember - God's Math Doesn't Just Add Up - It Multiplies!

**Habitat: Our 2010 build** (a building with five units and five families) at Bails Street in Denver (near I-25 and Colorado Blvd) began in January. We need volunteers for weekends, Fridays and Saturdays, in March & April. See the sign up table in the narthex or sign up on Bethany's website. Contact Kevin Dempsey at 303-699-1629. Habitat will be collecting coats at the site for the Denver Homeless Coalition.

**Youth**

**HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING!** Vertical Life N.O.W. will be going bowling Sunday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. (right after Sunday School). Rides provided. Parents need to pick up kids at 1:30 p.m. at the bowling alley (Arapahoe Bowling Center @ Dayton and Arapahoe Rd). Bring \$10 for bowling and shoes PLUS extra money for fast food on the way to the bowling alley. Questions? Melissa Wills @ 720-879-2366 or [pk2dm.wills@msn.com](mailto:pk2dm.wills@msn.com).

**Vertical Life N.O.W.** Coming soon--Laser Quest on April 10. Watch for further details.

**Church Announcements**

**Lenten Theme 2010 – Bread for the Journey! MID-DAY SERVICES, Wednesdays in Lent – Noon**, Join fellow worshippers for weekly noon reflective services. Soup and bread follows the service. **EVENING PRAYER SERVICES, Wednesdays in Lent – 6:30 p.m.** Each Wednesday in Lent, join us for Taize worship.

**The Lenten Labyrinth, Wednesdays In Lent**, Bethany's Faith Formation Ministry Department presents the Labyrinth. Following the path of the labyrinth is an ancient tradition, a walking meditation which has served as an important spiritual practice since before the time of the early Christian pilgrims. Open from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. with music and stations of the cross.

**The 2010 Census: Coming Soon** Since the census has such an impact on the communities in which all of us live and work, our organization has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage participation. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, every person living in the United States must be counted – both citizens and non-citizens. Data from this national count

help determine key funding and government representation decision. Please complete and mail back your form. For more information visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).

**General Fund Update**

	Received	Needed
Last Week – Feb. 28	\$20,828	\$27,512
February	\$142,208	\$152,846
Fiscal YTD	\$1,346,738	\$1,471,416

**Altar Flowers** Remember a loved one or special occasion. Donation is \$35.

**Festival of Faith and the Arts**

**Grandview High School Spring Concert Mon. March 8 at 7:00 p.m.** Grandview High School's exceptional music program is on display as these talented musicians bring a program for all.

**The Cherry Creek Chorale "Celtic Bluegrass": Scottish/Irish Festival IV Fri. Sat. Mar. 12 & 13 at 7:30 p.m.** The biennial Celtic extravaganza becomes more popular with each presentation. This year, nationally known bluegrass band, RECKLESS ABANDON, will help add a new twist along with our old friends, The Centennial State Pipes and Drums, and the Colorado Celtic Harp Society!

**Denver Talent Education (DTE) Spring**

**Recital Sat. Mar. 13 at 10:00 a.m.** The talented young musicians of DTE present a spring recital featuring a variety of musical styles!

**New Member Orientation** For those interested in Bethany membership, join us May 1 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	Sheree Weverstad
Choral Director	Dan Grace
Children's Music Director	Pat Guittar
Bell Choir Director	Lisa Lewis
Bell Choir Assistant	Alex Rodasti
Cherub Choir	LeEita Choi
WOW Coordinator	Paula Wills
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Youth Choir Director	Zach Rodasti
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Facilities Supervisor	Alfredo Gonzales
Facilities Staff	Tom Maes
Facilities Staff	Ali Naitaqi
Facilities Staff	Selina Meier

**Bethany Early Childhood Center Staff**


Director	Mary Lloyd
Staff	Jean Jonasson, Patty Bonham, Nancy Nelson, Liz Radeff, Kendra Brayton, Gayle Newell, Kayla McLeod, Kari Bratager, Katie Palmquist, Sharon Edwards, Zuly Halter, Alethea Bubke, Sarah Bubke,

**Bethany Church Council**


Don Abram (Treasurer), Doug Aldrich (Past President), Derek Birznicks, Maren Diercks, Peggy Furgason (Vice President), Dan George, Andy Gift (President), Becky Godec, Brenda Greenwald, Ron Guse, Del Hock, Heather Kekstadt (Secretary), Bill King, Kevin McAuliffe, Terry Pickett, Michelle Stone Kraus

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