

Sunday Learning

Easter Walk, TODAY, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Walk the Easter journey with our live scenes of the stations of the cross. This experience has been offered for our children for many years; this year, **all are invited to experience the central story of our faith: Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.**

Journey Together Faithfully – Sunday, April 19 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 312 (Lecture Hall/Choir Room) The Proposed Statement on Human Sexuality has been available since February 19, and we gathered to discuss it on Feb 22. The Recommended Social Statement will be available April 2. **Please prepare for the discussion by reading the proposed statement and understanding the timeline of the process.** You can find this information at www.elca.org search for "Journey Together Faithfully." **Please reserve your spot for this conversation and lunch** with Pastor Ron and Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt, Adult Faith Formation Minister by signing up at the Hospitality Desk or contact Kirsten at 303.300.3317 or Kirsten@bethany-denver.org.

Lutheranism 201 Sundays, April 19-May 10, 9:00 am, Great Hall. In 101 we talked about "What Lutherans believe?". In 201, we'll take our understanding of being Lutheran to the next level. This is a great conversation no matter how many times we have it, we learn something new!

Spiritual Gifts Discovery Sundays April 19 & 26, 9:00 am, Room 210. For any of you who missed the opportunity to get hooked in to this All-Church activity in February or Lent through your small group. For only a 2-session commitment, discover your gifts and how you are called to use them through your Baptism!

Light Bearers, Sunday, April 19, 9:00 am, Room 314. Enjoy fellowship, study the same scripture as your kids, learn to lead faith talks at home and mark milestones. Make each Light Bearers Sunday a family worship experience at 8:00 or 10:30. Led by Michelle Okes

ONE MOTHER Sunday, April 19, 9:00 & 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Julie White will present to the congregation a ministry with women in India: **ONE MOTHER.** The non-profit will be offering an alternative Mother's Day gift giving idea after services on April 19, 26 & May 3. By donating \$25, you will gift a week of quilt-making training to an impoverished, HIV+ woman. Beautiful Mother's Day cards will designate the gift in honor or in memory of your mother.

Children's Faith Formation

Sunday School Classes for children and youth are offered at 9:00 a.m. Godly Play (Preschool); Kids' Light (Grade School); Middle School (7-8th grade); High School (9-12th grade).

Weekday Learning & Study

Jeremiah 29:11 Group, Mondays 7:30 a.m., Room 207 Pastor Ron. "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." If you or someone you know is looking for work, this is a place of rich resources.

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.

Journey through the Bible Mondays, 7:30 a.m. in Room 210; study Mark & join us for lively discussions.

Beyond Divorce: Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends Seminar begins Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch. For additional information please call Jenny Ricklefs at St. Andrew UMC 303.794.2683, or Beth Walker, 303.694.2967.

Deborah Circle - The Hidden Hand of God: Wisdom Stories from Ruth, Daniel and Esther will meet Wednesdays at 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. in the library.

Weekly Calendar

<u>Sunday, March 29</u>	
Nursery	7:45 a.m.
Worship	8:00 a.m.
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Contemporary Choir	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.
Easter Walk	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir	10:30 a.m.
First Communion Craft	10:30 a.m.
20's/30's Group	12:00 p.m.
<u>Monday, March 30</u>	
12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Jeremiah 29:11	7:30 a.m.
Journey through the Bible	7:30 a.m.
God's Word for the Week	9:00 a.m.
Nursery Care	9:00 a.m.
Disciple 1	10:00 a.m.
Benevolence Task Force	6:30 p.m.
Under the Tree of Life	6:30 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, March 31</u>	
12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
God's Word for the Week	7:00 a.m.
XYZ Senior Center	9:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:15 a.m.
Women's AA	12:15 p.m.
College Tour Returns	8:30 p.m.
<u>Wednesday, April 1</u>	
12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Labyrinth	7:00 a.m.
MOPS	9:00 a.m.
Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Worship	12:00 p.m.
Lenten Soup Lunch	12:30 p.m.
Supervised Play	4:00 p.m.
Alpha Ringers	4:30 p.m.
Cherub Choir	4:45 p.m.
Deborah Circle	4:45 p.m.
Pizza & Soup	5:00 p.m.
Caroler Choir	5:15 p.m.
Jubilation Choir	5:45 p.m.
Worship	6:30 p.m.
Vertical Life	7:00 p.m.
Disciple 1	7:00 p.m.
Lenten Mentoring	7:00 p.m.
Stretch & Pray	7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Carillons	7:00 p.m.
<u>Thursday, April 2</u>	
12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Pastoral Care Team	9:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
Joy of Living Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
<u>Friday, April 3</u>	
12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Young at Heart	11:00 a.m.
<u>Saturday, April 4</u>	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Latin Class	9:30 a.m.
Baptism Seminar	11:00 a.m.
Journey Together Faithfully Planning Team	1:00 p.m.
Sr. High at Dave & Buster's	3:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

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

Contact Sue Ann Glusenkamp at sag821@aol.com or 303-282-5775.

Labyrinth, Last Week! Wednesday April 1 from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm, Room 412. Come journey with your GPS on the Labyrinth this Lent. The Christian Labyrinth became popular during the Middle Ages as a means for folks to go on "pilgrimages" without incurring the cost of trekking off to faraway places. For these ancient pilgrims, contemplatively and prayerfully walking the labyrinth was considered a holy experience.

Stretch and Pray, Last week! Wednesday, April 1 after worship 7:15-8:15 pm, Room 314. Come explore this alternative to yoga as a bodily way to pray. Offer up your time and your body to God as you center yourself into God's position for you and escape your own.

Spiritual Gifts Discovery in Small Groups
Discuss what the Bible says about Spiritual Gifts and discern how we are called to use them by God. Participate in this All-Church event through your **Small Group!** If your group hasn't yet been scheduled to do this, contact Kirsten@bethany-denver.org or 303.300.3317.

Women's Study Group - Thursday 1:30 p.m. Room 208. Join us for a study of the Ten Commandments, exploring the way they shape our attitudes, our lifestyles and our spirit of human community. Call Ginny Miller 303-794-9568.

Joy of Living Women's Bible Study
The Gospel of Mark, Ch. 9-16, a Joy of Living Study, began Sept. 4 and meets every other week. Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:15 p.m., in Room 224. For info call Darla Reeves 303-986-7046.

Fellowship

Spring is in the Air! Support your Bethany MOPS group with our 1st Annual Plant & Flower Sale with Tagawa Gardens. Spring decorating has never been easier. Orders are being taken April 1-15 with pickup at Bethany on Sunday, May 10 - just in time for Mothers Day! Watch for our table in the narthex on April 5. Any questions, please contact Kathy Cooper at 720-870-0545.

Women's Fellowship All women of Bethany, join us for lunch, fellowship and a "Taste of India" at the Women's Celebration Luncheon. Sunday, April 26, at 12:00 pm. Please RSVP to Peggy Furgason at 303-779-0563 pfurg@comcast.net or Penny Selden at 303-973-3213 seldens4@comcast.net. Or you may sign up at the Hospitality Desk by April 19. Please let us know if you need childcare.

Family Movie Night at Bethany April 18, 5-7:00 p.m. Let's fight the winter blahs with a movie night. We'll meet at the church for pizza, popcorn and a family friendly movie. Please RSVP to Deanna Silva at silva_deanna@hotmail.com or 720-339-7136.

XYZ Senior Center Tuesday, March 31. Menu: Baked chicken, mac & cheese, Mixed veg, salad, rolls & butter. Call Sandy at 303-771-9760.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Morning Breakfast Group Meet every Saturday morning in Room 209 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Current topic: The current topic and discussion is from *The Lutheran* magazine's article on "Why Paul Matters." Contact: Dave Oerke at 720-544-1659 or davekeise@q.com.

M.O.B (Men of Bethany)

Stop by our table in the narthex to add your name to our mailing list! We will contact you by phone or email for all of the Men's Fellowship opportunities at Bethany. 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. You can attend any or all of these events to help build authentic relationships with other men at Bethany. Contact Todd Little @ (303)594-9925 questions or to add your name.

Mission and Outreach

Lutheran Night at 10,000 Villages, Thursday, April 30 from 5:30-8:00pm Bethany's Global Mission Task Force is partnering with Denver Lutheran Churches for a Benefit Shopping Night at "10,000 Villages", 2626 East 3rd Avenue in Cherry Creek North. Shop for Mother's Day, graduation, birthdays, etc and support Fair Trade artisans and St. Paul Lutheran Emergency Assistance Program.

Holy Hammers/Habitat for Humanity Current Habitat crews are full; thanks for your response! Watch for details regarding two more house builds this summer. If interested in upcoming projects, contact Donna Skultety at dskultety@comcast.net.

Hope Totes for the Denver Rescue Mission Return purple totes TODAY. Any questions, call Sylvia Boedeker at 303-758-8845.

Household items needed! The Ismail family, our refugee family from Somalia, needs a couch (preferably light weight), living room chairs, kitchen items (pots, pans, utensils, etc.) beds and/ or mattresses. The father is now working in the school system and will need a summer job. Contact Sarah Hulslander at shulsland@aol.com or 303-331-8357.

Stations of the Cross – Saturday, April 11. Come to San Luis, CO to walk up the hill and experience the Stations of the Cross. There are bronze statues at each station by San Luis artist Hubert Maestas. It is about a four hour drive so be prepared to spend the day on this pilgrimage. Meet in the west parking lot at 6:30 a.m. Sign up at the Hospitality Desk or contact Sarah Hulslander at 303-331-8357 or sarah@bethany-denver.org. Check www.costillacounty-co.gov/stationsofthecross.html.

Youth

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast Tickets are available today in the narthex.

Festival of Faith & the Arts

ECCE HOMO - VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT-through Sunday, Apr. 5 – Take a literal walk through the forty days of Lent with a visual arts exhibit entitled ECCE HOMO. Music Lobby.

Church Announcements

LENTEN WORSHIP - April 1. Midday Lenten Worship Services at Noon. Join fellow worshippers for these reflective services. **Evening Prayer Services (Taize)– 6:30 p.m.** Each Wednesday in Lent, join us for services and Holy Communion.

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 11, 6:00 p.m. Cross-Cultural Family Worship Service! This service will bring together the Christo Rey, Ethiopian, and Indonesian Lutheran churches along with Resurrection, Epiphany, Good Shepherd and Bethany. Worship in a variety of languages, music styles in a service that celebrates the death to life drama of Easter. Christ is Risen! Christos T'ensah Em' Muhtan! Cristo ha resucitado! Krisuts Telah Bangkit! Alleluia!

Town Hall Meeting – Thanks to all who participated in the first Town Hall meeting. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, April 19.

Altar Flowers No flowers during Lent Turn in your Easter flower order today! Envelopes can be found in the pews.

General Fund Update

	Actual	Budget
Thru Mar. 22, 2009	\$443,769	\$462,145

Psalm 107:22 "Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy."

New Member Orientation For those interested in Bethany membership, join us April 25 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
Associate Pastor	Patrice Von Stroh
Director of Finance & Admin	Joel Halvorson
Faith Formation Minister of Youth and Christian Education	Rit Vogel
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Faith Formation Minister of Youth	Kevin Dragseth
Senior Center Director	Sandy Galyath
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Choral Director	Dan Grace
Children's Music Director	Pat Guittar
Bell Choir Director	Lisa Lewis
Bell Choir Assistant	Alex Rodasti
Cherub Choir	LeEtta Choi
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Festival of Faith & the Arts Director	Forrest Guittar, Jr.
Youth Choir Director	Zach Rodasti
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Facilities Supervisor	Alfredo Gonzales
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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, Kaitlyn Althoff
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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 Godec, Heather Kekstadt, Bill King, Sherri Koelbel, Kevin McAuliffe, Terry Pickett, Michelle Stone Kraus, Karen Witt

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