

Bethany Lutheran Church

April 5-11, 2009

Sunday Learning

Journey Together Faithfully – Sunday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 312
The Proposed Statement on Human Sexuality and The Recommended Social Statement are now available. **Please prepare for this discussion by reading the statements.** Visit www.elca.org; search for "Journey Together Faithfully." **Please reserve your spot for this conversation and lunch** with Pastor Ron 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 Light Bearers Sunday a family worship experience. Led by Michelle Okes.

ONE MOTHER Sunday, April 19, 9:00 & 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Julie White will present a ministry with women in India. The non-profit will be offering an alternative Mother's Day gift giving idea 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/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. Please call Jenny Ricklefs 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. Contact Sue Ann Glusenkamp at sag821@aol.com or 303-282-5775.

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. NO CLASS APRIL 9. 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. 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. Contact Kathy Cooper at 720-870-0545.

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

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

XYZ Senior Center Tuesday, April 7. Menu: taco bar (beef), with all the trimmings & ice cream. 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. 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 for all 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 with 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.

5th Annual Habitat For Humanity Golf Tournament June 22 - Spring Valley Golf Club in Elizabeth is this year's site for the 5th annual Habitat for Humanity's benefit "Golf for Joy Tournament." Sponsored by Holy Hammers the scramble format will include a lunch, door prizes, longest drive, closest to the pins, and fellowship with wonderful supporters of Habitat volunteers year after year. Cost is \$100 per person. Sign up deadline of June 8. Put together your own foursome by contacting our website www.tournevents.com/HolyHammers. For information, contact Brian Tennien @ 303-757-8972 or Kevin Dempsey @ 303-699-1629.

Stations of the Cross – Saturday, April 11 at San Luis, CO. 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.

Festival of Faith & the Arts

THE DENVER BRASS FAMILY CONCERT SERIES –“BRASS UNDER THE BIG TOP” Saturday, Apr. 18, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, Apr. 19, 2:30 p.m. – The brass and ringmaster Edd Nichols welcome you to a Denver Brass circus – and please don't feed the brass players! They will be too busy entertaining you with Tiger Rag, Dance of the Tumblers, Barnum & Bailey's Favorite March, and our very own Peter and the Wolf Brass. This lively show is perfect for the entire family – and has special admission prices and activity books for our youngest audience members! Tickets at www.denverbrass.org

Church Announcements

Town Hall Meetings – April 19 & May 3

General Fund Update

	Actual	Budget
<i>Thru Mar. 29, 2009</i>	\$464,941	\$487,756

Weekly Calendar

April 5

Nursery	7:15 a.m.
Worship	7:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
Equal Exchange Coffee	7:30 a.m.
BECC King Soopers Certificates	8:00 a.m.
Worship	9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Choir	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

April 6

MAY 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.
Under the Tree of Life	6:30 p.m.

April 7

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.
Morning Prayer	11:15 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Supervision	5:30 p.m.
Stewardship Task Force	7:15 p.m.

April 8

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Rachel Circle	1:00 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 Singers	5:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Carillons	7:00 p.m.

April 9

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship	12:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00 p.m.
First Communion Reception	8:00 p.m.

April 10

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Good Friday Worship	12:00 p.m.
Good Friday Worship	7:00 p.m.

April 11

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Latin Class	9:30 a.m.
Easter Vigil	6:00 p.m.