

Sunday Christian Education

Lay Theology: Bible Book of Faith,

Introduction to the Old Testament, Sundays

Starting October 5, 9:00 a.m., 9 sessions,

Room 210 Take on Bethany's Biblical

Challenge of 2008 before the year ends! Explore the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the Biblical text. This class asks for study time at home. Book cost: \$15.

Disciple I Class beginning Wednesday nights on Jan 12. Please join us for this one-year Bible Survey course. Flyer available at the Hospitality Desk or visit www.bethany-denver.org for more information. Contact Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt with questions or to sign up: Kirsten@bethany-denver.org, 303-300-3317.

Adult Learning January to May. Keep your eyes on the *Beacon* and website for what's coming up next semester! Opening the Book of Faith: How Lutherans Read the Bible, Our Day to End Poverty: A Working Manual, Spiritual Gifts (come find God's plan for your life!), Facing the Mourning, Marriage Care, Light Bearers (parents of Kids' Light Sunday School), Surviving the Teenage Years (for Parents), Studying the Psalms, Praying the Psalms, the Labyrinth (All in Lent!), Lenten Retreat on Psalms, Easter Walk (Bethany's Stations of the Cross), the Hein Fry Lecture on the Book of Faith, Lutheranism 101 and many ongoing Bible Studies!

Sunday School

Fall 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).

Children's Advent Fair TODAY!, 10:30 – 12:00, in the Great Hall. The Advent Fair has become a popular tradition for Bethany families with children ages 2 ½ through 6th grade. The Advent Fair is presented in conjunction with the final dress rehearsal for the Sunday School Christmas Program, to make a festive day of activities.

Christmas Program, "A King is Coming to Town!" on December 14 at the 10:30 worship.

Weekday Christian Education

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.

Women's Bible Study Group - Thursday 1:30 p.m. Room 208. What are Medieval Mystics Anyway - and What Difference Do They Make to a Woman Like Me? Join us for study, discussion and fellowship as we explore this topic. Call Ginny Miller (303)794-9568

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.

Journey through the Bible Mondays, 7:30 a.m. in Room 210. Study Mark. Join us for lively discussions.

Thursday Eve 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

Ready, Click, Grow Visit www.bethany-denver.org and click on Ready, Click, Grow to find awesome ways to "grow" your family's faith.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 7

Equal Exchange Coffee	7:30 a.m.
Nursery	7:45 a.m.
Worship	8:00 a.m.
Angel Tree	8:00 a.m.
BECC King Soopers Certificates	8:00 a.m.
Worship	9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Choir	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Lay Theology Class	9:00 a.m.
Adult Education	10:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Financial Peace University	10:30 a.m.
Grief Group	10:30 a.m.
Mission Trip Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Advent Fair	10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Lunch	12:00 p.m.
Festival of Lessons & Carols	4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 8

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Journey through the Bible	7:30 a.m.
Jeremiah 29:11 Group	7:30 a.m.
God's Word for the Week	9:00 a.m.
Patchers	9:00 a.m.
Disciple Bible Survey	10:00 a.m.
Bethany Foundation	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
God's Word for the Week	7:00 a.m.
Facilities Team Meeting	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.
BECC Christmas Program	6:00 p.m.
Executive Committee	6:00 p.m.
Church Council	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Rachel Circle	1:00 p.m.
Faith Formation Meeting	1:30 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.
Youth Choir	5:30 p.m.
Jubilation Choir	5:45 p.m.
Worship	6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Family Night	7:00 p.m.
Carillons	7:00 p.m.
Vertical Life	7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 11

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
One Year to Live	6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Young at Heart	11:00 a.m.
Cherry Creek Chorale Concert	7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 13

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Acolyte Training	9:00 a.m.
Latin Class	9:30 a.m.
Family Ministry Cookies & Caroling	9:30 a.m.
Cherry Creek Chorale Concert	7:30 p.m.

Find the complete monthly calendar in the *Beacon*.

Christmas Wreath Sale Make plans to purchase fresh Christmas wreaths in the foyer TODAY that will benefit the Children's Music Ministry. The beautiful 20 inch wreaths cost \$20.00. Thanks for your support!

House Needed to Rent! The refugee family from Somalia that members of Bethany have been culturally mentoring is in desperate need of a new place to live. They need a house that has room for 9 people (2 adults, 7 children) so at least 3 bedrooms. They are not able to pay more than about \$875 per month. If you can help, please call Laura at 720-220-3385.

Confirmation Pictures may be picked up at the Hospitality Center today for those who ordered pictures.

An Evening with Peter Mayer! Sunday, December 21, 2008 Tickets - \$10; children 12 and under FREE! Purchase tickets online, at the Hospitality Center or at the door. 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 Buffett's Coral Reefers, melding a unique and eclectic writing style, a distinctive voice, and virtuoso musicianship.

Young at Heart Friday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck. Each member bring your favorite Christmas dish. The entertainment will be a very special concert by the Encore Group of the Colorado Chorale.

Christmas Ushers Needed Sign up sheet at Hospitality Desk and on the usher closet door!

Centennial CD, "Remember the Music" for sale in the narthex today.

Give the Gift that Gives Twice The Global Mission Task Force will be selling Fairly Traded coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and chocolate in the narthex today. Proceeds support small farmer growers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia through Lutheran World Relief and their partners, Equal Exchange and SERRV International.

BECC King Soopers Certificates Stop by our table in the narthex to purchase certificates for King Soopers, Safeway, Tony's Meats and Sunflower Market.

Cookies and Caroling - A service project
December 13, 10:30-11:30 Kids love the holidays, especially the songs, sweet treats and presents. But many of us would like opportunities for our children to experience some meaningful "giving" as well. We will visit a local nursing home to deliver Christmas cheer to the residents who LOVE visits from youngsters. The service project begins at home by baking cookies with your kids. Next we'll meet at the church to package the cookies and practice our carols before we head off to the nursing home. For those interested in enjoying some fellowship after the event, we will meet back at church for pizza and leftover goodies. Please RSVP to Tara Sawinski via email: t.sawinski@comcast.net or 303-987-1379.

Dinner at Trail Dust Steakhouse, January 10, 5:00-7:30 Grab yer pardner and lil' grub snatchers and come enjoy dinner, live entertainment, dancing and an indoor slide. Entrees start around \$9.99, \$6.99 for kid's meals. Please RSVP to lisachristian99@gmail.com or 303 741-2458.

XYZ Senior Center December 9, 2008 – Program: "What Makes Your Christmas Special". Menu: Shepherd's pie (layered with turkey, mashed potatoes & corn), salad, rolls & carrot cake. Call Sandy Galyath 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: Luther's 95 Theses. Contact: Wes Hoagland at 303-808-6596 or hoaglandpw@comcast.net.

Life-Changing Men's Ministry Men in their 20's to 50's are invited to join Lutheran Men in Mission's "One Year to Live". Sixteen Bethany men have already experienced this ground-breaking ministry that is expanding across the Rocky Mountain Synod. Contact Ed Cleaver at 303-596-7924 or Todd Little at 303-594-9925.

Mission and Outreach

Angel Tree Pick up your Angel Tree angel in Fellowship Hall today after church! Gifts must be back to church next Sunday at the latest.

The Social Club will serve Christmas dinner to this group of mentally challenged on Monday, Dec. 15 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. If you would like to help prepare and serve the meal, or help with Christmas tree decorating and singing carols, please join us. Contact Colleen Johnson at 303-832-3838 for more information.

Holy Hammers/Habitat for Humanity Our next build is in February. We will build two houses in 2009. Keep those hammers ready!

ELCA Fast Facts 923 million people in the world are hungry, up from 854 million less than a year ago.

Festival of Faith & the Arts

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS TODAY, 4:00 p.m. Over the years, the Lessons and Carols service has become one of the most anticipated worship and music services of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Under the direction of Jonathan Brown, join the Canto Deo Chamber Choir for this beloved service of scripture and carols. Visit www.cantodeo.org

THE CHERRY CREEK CHORALE – "JUST LIKE THE ONES I USED TO KNOW" Friday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. In keeping with our theme of Many Happy Returns, the Chorale presents a concert of our holiday favorites, as chosen by our singers and audience. Selections will include the thrilling *Gloria* by John Rutter, and traditional favorites like *The Carol of the Bells*, *I Wonder as I Wander*, Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride* (in honor of his 100th birthday), *White Christmas* and *Silent Night*. Tickets at www.cherrycreekchorale.com

Church Announcements

Altar Flowers Remember someone you love or a special occasion! Donation \$35.00.

New Member Orientation For those interested in Bethany membership, join us on January 10 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
Faith Formation Minister of Family Ministry	Joni Grundman
Faith Formation Minister of Adult Ed / Pastoral Student	Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt
Faith Formation Minister of Youth	Kevin Dragseth
Senior Center Director	Sandy Galyath
Minister of Music/Organist	Kathy Eggleston
Choral Director	Dan Grace
Children's Music Director	Pat Guittar
Bell Choir Director	Lisa Lewis
Bell Choir Assistant	Alex Rodasti
Cherub Choir	LeEitta Choi
WOW Coordinator	Paula Wills
Festival of Faith & the Arts Director	Forrest Guittar, Jr.
Youth Choir	Zach Rodasti
Communications Supervisor	Audrey Phillips
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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 Naitaqi
Facilities Staff	Selina Meier

Bethany Early Childhood Center Staff

Director	Mary Lloyd
Staff	Jean Jonasson, Patty Bonham, Nancy Nelson, Liz Radeff, Kaitlyn Althoff, Kari Bratager, Katie Palmquist, Sharon Edwards, Sybil Baker, Barbara Nesland, Chelsea Pomeroy

Bethany Church Council

Don Abram, Doug Aldrich (president), Deb Bayles, Kevin Dempsey (vice-president), Maren Diercks, Karl Evans (past president), Peggy Furgason, Andy Gift, Laurie Jeddeloh, Sherri Koelbel (secretary), Heather Miller, Michael Miller (treasurer), Bud Setzer, Michelle Stone Kraus, Paul Walker, Karen Witt



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