

Sunday Christian Education

Lutheranism 101, Sundays, began November 2, 9:00 a.m., Great Hall 301, 4 sessions. What do Lutherans believe anyway? What did they teach me in Confirmation? Come talk about why we love being Lutheran!

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.

Facing the Mourning, Sundays November 23, December 7, and 14, in room 224 (office conference room). The holidays can be a particularly difficult time when you've lost a loved one. Pastor Patrice will lead a 4-week interactive support group to help with the grief process. Just come or contact Pastor Patrice at 303-758-2820 or patrice@bethany-denver.org

Light Bearers, Sunday November 23, (Room 314) 9:00 a.m. 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.

No Adult Faith Formation Classes Sunday November 30 for Thanksgiving Weekend (FPU will continue on that date).

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)

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.

NO MEETING THIS WEEK: 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

Sisterhood Bracelets These may be picked up today in the Hospitality Area.

Deborah Circle - The Hidden Hand of God: Wisdom Stories from Ruth, Daniel and Esther will meet weekly 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. Think the Old Testament prophets are dry reading? 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

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, Nov. 26, 7:00 p.m. - Come celebrate our many blessings with the Bethany Chancel Choir, Bethany Children's Choirs, Carillon Bells and clergy. We will host our normal pie potluck in Fellowship Hall after the service, and we need volunteers to bring pies. Please also bring cans of food for the food drive. Info: 303-758-2820.

Youth Group Reunion and Pre-game Tailgate Party Join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday,

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 23

Nursery	7:30 a.m.
Worship	8:00 a.m.
Bethany CD Sales	8:00 a.m.
Centennial Ornaments	8:00 a.m.
MOPS Bake Sale	8:00 a.m.
Worship	9:00 a.m.
Adult Education	9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Choir	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	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.

Monday, November 24

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	7:30 a.m.
God's Word for the Week	9:00 a.m.
Disciple Bible Survey	10:00 a.m.
Disciple Bible Survey	6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25

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.
Church Council	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Quilters	9:00 a.m.
BECC Thanksgiving Meal	11:00 a.m.
Faith Formation Meeting	1:30 p.m.
Supervised Play	4:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	5:15 p.m.
Caroler Choir	6:00 p.m.
Jubilation Choir	6:00 p.m.
Nursery Care	6:30 p.m.
Worship	7:00 p.m.
Confirmation	7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 27

THANKSGIVING - Church Closed
12 Step Group 6:15 a.m.

Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed
12 Step Group 6:15 a.m.

Saturday, November 29

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Latin Class	9:30 a.m.

Find the complete monthly calendar in the *Beacon*.

November 30 from 9:45-11:45 for a youth group reunion and Bronco game tailgate party. We're celebrating Bethany family members home for the holidays. Come get reacquainted and enjoy the game!

MOPS Bake Sale Are you hosting Thanksgiving this year? Tired? Stressed? Let the Bethany MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) help! We will be having our MOPS Annual Bake Sale on November 23 from 8:00 a.m. until noon in the hallway by the Great Hall. We are forty moms strong and will have all kinds of pies, breads and specialty items.

Cookies and Caroling - A service project December 13th, 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 are going to visit a local nursing home to deliver Christmas cheer to the residents who LOVE visits from our youngsters. The service project begins at home by baking cookies with your kids. (Yes, Nestle Tollhouse refrigerated dough counts as baking!) Next we'll meet at the church to package the cookies and practice our carols before we head off to the nursing home to fill the halls with Christmas carols and deliver the cookies to the residents. For those interested in enjoying some fellowship after the event, we will plan to meet back at the church for some pizza and leftover goodies. Please RSVP to Tara Sawinski via email: t.sawinski@comcast.net or 303-987-1379.

Advance Sales of the Centennial CD, "Remember the Music" today. Purchase the three-CD set as a keepsake or gift at the pre-paid prices (\$20) at the table in the narthex.

XYZ Senior Center November 25. Menu: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet

potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, cranberries & pumpkin pie. 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: a study from the Oct issue of The Lutheran, involving the Meaning of Faith, as revealed in the Augsburg Confessions. 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 groundbreaking 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

Thanksgiving Dinner Bethany will be helping to cook and serve Thanksgiving Day dinner at Urban Peak shelter for homeless youth. To volunteer food, time or gift bag items, contact Colleen Johnson at 303-832-3838.

MetroCaring Featured on TV Watch Jim Lehrer's national TV program, *The News Hour*, on November 26, 6:00, Channel 6. They are doing a show on food pantries which will include our very own Denver MetroCaring.

Angel Tree Look for the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall next week after church.

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 In 2006, 4.3 million people became infected with HIV, and 2.9 million died of AIDS.

Festival of Faith & the Arts

The Missing Alphabet – Visual Arts Exhibit Friday, Oct. 31 – Wednesday, Nov. 26. *The Missing Alphabet* is on display in the South Entrance and Music Lobby. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

KANTOREI & MEISTERSINGERS – “A WINTER'S NIGHT” Thursday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. Now a holiday tradition in the Denver arts community, Kantorei teams up with the Cherry Creek High School Meistersingers for an evening of holiday choral music. Each group performs selections individually, then join together for several familiar holiday carols, including Sleigh Ride, Carol of the Bells, and Peace, Peace. Tickets at www.kantorei.org.

DENVER BRASS 5 - Friday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. For a more intimate Christmas experience, join Denver Brass 5 (formerly Aries Brass Quintet) at Bethany on December 5. Free concert – donation requested.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR Saturday, Dec. 6, 3:00 p.m. The Rocky Mountain Children's Choir present a holiday program to delight the eyes and ears. Featuring multiple choirs ranging in age from 6-18, this will be a program for all ages to enjoy! For more information visit www.rmchildrenschoir.org

Church Announcements

Altar Flowers Today's flowers are donated by the Wulfsberg/Strother families "in honor of their mother, Lillian Wulfsberg" and Tom & Debbie Klein "in loving memory of Debbie's mother, Jan Smith". Remember someone you love or a special occasion! Donation \$35.00.

General Fund Contribution Update

	Actual	Budget
Thru Nov. 16, 2008	\$1,682,779	\$1,760,688

Our year-end goal is \$600,000 to reach \$2.2 million. We contributed \$44k, 22 ticks on November 16. Thank you for your wiliness to live in faith, not in fear.

Estimate of Giving for 2009 – We have received 463 commitments so far. Our goal is 600. Please complete yours today and put in the offering plate or bring to the Hospitality Center.

Business of Bethany Pick up your 4th quarter 2008 Business of Bethany newsletter at the Hospitality Center.

Tax planning for 2008 – If you're 70 ½ or older the tax benefit to transfer contributions from your retirement account to Bethany has been re-instated for 2008 and 2009. Please see Joel Halvorson or your accountant for more information. Also, please see the BECC table or the Hospitality Center to learn about tax benefits for contributions to BECC.

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	Rita 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	LeEtta Choi
WOW Coordinator	Paula Wills
Festival of Faith & the Arts Director	Forrest Guittar, Jr.
Youth Choir	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 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 Jeddeto, Sherri Koelbel (secretary), Heather Miller, Michael Miller (treasurer) Bud Setzer, Michelle Stone Kraus, Paul Walker, Karen Witt



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