

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 Leader: John Filipek. Wrap up Sunday today.

Disciple I Class beginning Wednesday nights on Jan 14. 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).

Christmas Program, "A King is Coming to Town!" TODAY 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.

Housing needed for Gustavus Adolphus Wind Orchestra Students

The Gustavus Adolphus Wind Orchestra, a 59 piece college ensemble, is presenting a concert at Bethany on Jan. 31. Bethany is hosting the students for 2 nights and providing meals. Anyone who could coordinate or host one or more of the students is asked to contact Forrest Guittar, Director of the Festival of Faith and the Arts at 303-471-6041.

An Evening with Peter Mayer! Sunday, December 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Tickets - \$10; children 12 and under FREE! Purchase tickets

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 14

Nursery	7:45 a.m.
Worship	8:00 a.m.
Angel Tree	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.
Blood Pressure Checks	9:30 a.m.
Adult Education	10:30 a.m.
Worship/Christmas Program	10:30 a.m.
Financial Peace University	10:30 a.m.
Youth Leadership	10:30 a.m.
Denver Brass & Colorado Chorale Concert	2:30 p.m.
Kantorei Concert	7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 15

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.
Disciple Bible Survey	10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 16

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.
Stephen Ministry Supervision	6:00 p.m.
Global Mission Task Force	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Quilters	9:00 a.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/Children's Christmas Program	6:30 p.m.
Carillons	7:00 p.m.
Vertical Life	7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Pastoral Care Team	9:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
Health Ministry Cabinet	6:30 p.m.
Ars Nova Concert	7:30 p.m.
One Year to Live	6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 19

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Denver Brass & Colorado Chorale Concert	7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Latin Class	9:30 a.m.
Denver Brass & Colorado Chorale Concert	7:30 p.m.

Find the complete monthly calendar in the *Beacon*.

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.

The Book Drive reached its goal of donating 100 books to the Ross University Hills branch of the Denver Public Library." Thanks for all of your support.

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

Blood Pressure Checks The Volunteer Parish Nurses will check blood pressures today in Room 208 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

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 Program: December 16. Program: "Christmas Music with John & Barb Wollan". Christmas Dinner: ham, scalloped potatoes, sweet potatoes, salad, rolls, apple pie with ice cream. Call Sandy Galyath 303-771-9760.

Bethany Summer Camping Trip - RSVP to reserve your space now. July 17-19, 2009
We are planning a camping trip to Jefferson Creek Campground located just west of Jefferson, CO on Highway 285. In order to make sure our group is together, we need to reserve our spaces in February. Each space costs \$11.55 per night plus a one-time \$5 vehicle pass to the Jefferson Lake Recreation Area. Each site can accommodate 2 tents or 1 camper. Contact Julie Rethman by February 7 if you would like to join us on this trip. Email julier4@msn.com.

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. **No meeting on Dec. 27.**

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

Angel Tree Gifts must be back to church TODAY.

Bethany's Food Drive - We are still several thousand pounds short of our goal of 30,000 pounds for 2008. Our year-to-date total is 20,050 pounds. Please shop for others while you do your own holiday food buying. Stop by the Hospitality Desk for a list of Metro CareRing's toy and food needs.

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 It costs about \$22 to provide seeds for one family in Zimbabwe.

Festival of Faith & the Arts

THE DENVER BRASS & THE COLORADO CHORALE -"O HOLY NIGHT" **Sunday, Dec. 14, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.** - Wonder, magic and inspiration will fill your heart as brass and angelic voices usher in the season. Featuring timeless Christmas carols and classics - O Holy Night, I'll be Home for Christmas, Randall Stroope's Hodie, You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch, and John Rutter's O Come All Ye Faithful. Warren Deck, associate conductor & Rick Crandall. Host tickets available at www.denverbrass.org

KANTOREI - "ALL IS BRIGHT" Sunday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. - Kantorei welcomes you and your family to the joy of the holiday season by presenting an evening of holiday choral music. Join us as we perform new arrangements of familiar holiday songs, including God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen and Coventry Carol, and feature popular composers including John Rutter, Craig Carnahan, Sir David Willcocks, and Peter Warlock. Tickets available at www.kantorei.org.

BETHANY CHILDREN'S CHOIRS - "CAROLS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD"

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m. - The beautiful sounds of children's voices and instruments fill the sanctuary as Bethany's Children's Choirs present a wide-ranging program of carols and an audience sing-a-long, led by Patricia Guittar, Director of Children's Choirs.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF COLORADO "CHAMBER MUSIC BY CANDELELIGHT"

Saturday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. - A BCO winter tradition continues, with music to warm the heart and enliven the spirit! This program spotlights individual BCO musicians in an intimate candlelit setting, with chamber music by Vivaldi, Telemann, and Chedeville, plus an exciting one-to-a part rendition of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. Tickets available through BCO.

Church Announcements

Augustana Lutheran Church is presenting Handel's Messiah on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7:00 p.m. It includes Augustana's Chancel Choir, their Chamber Choir, and Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Dick Larson. A free-will offering will benefit Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem.

Altar Flowers The pink rose on the altar was given by the Good Family in loving memory of Elaine Batchelor. 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	LeEtta Choi
WOW Coordinator	Paula Wills
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Youth Choir	Zach Rodasti
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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 Jeddleloh, Sherri Koelbel (secretary), Heather Miller, Michael Miller (treasurer), Bud Setzer, Michelle Stone Kraus, Paul Walker, Karen Witt



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