

### Sunday Learning

**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!

### 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 209 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.

**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.** 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

**Sunday School Celebration - Sunday, May 17**  
There will be no regular Kids' Light classes on this day. Please meet in the Great Hall at 9:00 a.m. for a wonderful performance by the children's group, Fiddlocity. After the performance, children will go to the courtyard for the Ice Cream Social. Parents are welcome to join us or pick up children in the courtyard.

**Faith Shares** are available on "Wall Street" in the narthex each Sunday in May. Consider an investment in the Bethany Youth Stock Exchange which produces leaders in our homes, churches and communities.

**Parents, Youth and Youth Sponsors:** The Faith Formation Team is looking forward to meeting with you on Tuesday, May 5 from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Great Hall. Please think about what you hope to get out of this meeting and the areas you see for growth.

**Family Ministry Service Project: "Random Acts of Kindness" May 16 10:00 - 12:00, All Ages Welcome.** For our spring service project we will perform random acts of kindness for a recipient chosen by your family. 1) We will first provide ideas to facilitate "caring conversation" as you talk with your kids about our Christian responsibility to serve and the recipient of your service. 2) Then, we will meet at church on Saturday to assemble meals, have a short discussion with the kids, and deliver the meals. If interested, we could have lunch together. Each family will be asked to donate a small portion of the supplies. RSVP by May 8 to Lisa at lisachristian99@gmail.com or 303-718-6929.

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, May 3

Equal Exchange Coffee	7:30 a.m.
Nursery	7:45 a.m.
Worship	8:00 a.m.
Faith Shares	8:00 a.m.
BECC King Sooper Certificates	8:00 a.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m.
Worship	9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Choir	9:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Lutheranism 201	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir	10:30 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Nominating Committee	11:45 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting	12:00 p.m.
Smithsonian Bell Concert	3:00 p.m.

#### Monday, May 4

##### JUNE BEACON DEADLINE

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.
Disciple 1	10:00 a.m.
Under the Tree of Life	6:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, May 5

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	6:00 p.m.
Parent Faith Formation Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Stewardship Task Force	7:15 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 6

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation Meeting	9:00 a.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	7:00 p.m.
Vertical Life	7:00 p.m.
Disciple 1	7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Carillons	7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 7

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 Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

#### Friday, May 8

12 Step Group	6:15 a.m.
MOPS Flowers	8:00 a.m.
Young at Heart	11:00 a.m.

#### Saturday, May 9

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Habitat for Humanity	9:00 a.m.
Worship & Music Ministry Team	9:00 a.m.
Latin Class	9:30 a.m.
Baptism Seminar	11:00 a.m.

Find the monthly calendar at [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org).

### **We Bid Farewell to Pastor Patrice - May 24.**

Please join us for a reception in Fellowship Hall following the services.

**Young at Heart** will meet on Friday, May 8, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m. This is a potluck. For more information, please call the church office at 303-758-2820.

**Good Coffee for a Good Cause** The Global Mission Task will sell Fairly Traded coffee, tea and hot cocoa in the narthex today. Proceeds support small farmer growers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia through Lutheran World Relief and their partner, Equal Exchange.

### **Business Leaders Forum - Friday May 8, 7:30-**

**9:00 a.m.** Join us for this informal gathering to discuss the Business of Bethany. We will discuss the 2009/10 budget and plans for the future! A light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to [joel@bethany-denver.org](mailto:joel@bethany-denver.org) or 303-639-4348.

**BECC Certificates** BECC will sell King Soopers, Safeway, Tony's Meats and Sunflower Market gift certificates today. These certificates spend like cash, so it costs nothing to support our preschool!

**XYZ Senior Center** Tuesday, May 5. Menu: Meatloaf, baked potatoes with sour cream, carrots, salad, rolls & apple crisp. Call Sandy at 303-771-9760.

### Men's Fellowship

**Bethany Men's Fellowship** meets every Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Bethany in Room 209. Please join us for interesting discussion on relevant topics for men and bible study. We will be reading and reviewing the Book of Acts and the history of the early Christian church and how it relates to our current lives. Please contact Dave Oerke at 720-544-1659 or at [davekeise@q.com](mailto:davekeise@q.com).

**Join the 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 these events to build authentic relationships with other men at Bethany. Contact Todd Little at 303-594-9925 with ideas, questions, or to add your name.

**M.O.B event** – The Men of Bethany will be hosting an 8-week book study on the John Eldredge classic, *Wild at Heart*. Eldredge states that "every man longs for a battle to fight, an adventure to live, and a beauty to rescue." We will meet every Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 8:30 for 8 weeks beginning May 5. The cost is \$25. Register at the MOB desk in the Narthex, contact the church office, or at the door on May 5. Call Todd Little at 303-594-9925 with questions.

### Mission and Outreach

**ELCA Fast Fact** Malaria can be contained. All we need is the collective will to address root causes of poverty. In the 1930s alone, millions of malaria cases were recorded throughout the U.S., primarily in southern states. But beginning with the founding of the Centers for Disease Control in 1946, a massive elimination campaign was undertaken. America's affluence was a major asset. Almost everyone could get to a doctor; windows could be screened; resources were available to bulldoze mosquito-breeding swamps. By 1950, transmission of malaria was halted in the U.S. You can help contain malaria in other countries by sending a bed net for \$10. Visit [www.NothingbutNets.net](http://www.NothingbutNets.net) or [www.malariamore.org](http://www.malariamore.org) to donate.

**5th Annual Habitat For Humanity Golf Tournament June 22** – Spring Valley Golf Club in Elizabeth is this year's site for the "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](http://www.tournevents.com/HolyHammers). Contact Brian Tennien @ 303-757-8972 or Kevin Dempsey @ 303-699-1629.

**ELCA Fast Facts** More than 500 million people contract malaria each year, and the disease kills more than 1 million people annually - the vast majority of them children in Africa. World Malaria Day was 4/25. You can help by sending a bed net for \$10. Visit [www.NothingbutNets.net](http://www.NothingbutNets.net) or [www.malariamore.org](http://www.malariamore.org) to donate.

### Festival of Faith & the Arts

**AND GOD CREATED: VISUAL ART EXHIBIT Sunday, May 3 – Saturday, May 30.** A visual arts exhibit to celebrate the beauty of spring. Mel Wilson, from Estes Park, is an exceptional photographer who captures unique and amazing images of God's creation, which are then displayed on various media which appear more as painting, with texture and astounding depth; and Bethany's own Art Junge, professional photographer, displays the varied and wonderful images captured in his years of exploring God's creation.

**THE SMITHSONIAN BELL CHOIR – "RESOUNDING RINGING" TODAY** – The glorious sound of bells fills the air as the Smithtonians, a professional handbell ensemble, under the direction of Lisa Lewis, presents a wide ranging program of exceptional music. No charge.

### Church Announcements

**Pastoral Coverage** Pastor Patrice, Pastor Ruth Ann are voting members and Intern Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt is a staff member from Bethany attending the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly in El Paso this weekend. Pastor Ruth Ann flew back to preach this morning. Other members of the Faith Formation team are at the family retreat this weekend at RAINBOW TRAIL. Pastor Ron is in Minneapolis as Hannah Grace graduates from Augsburg College. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call the PASTORAL EMERGENCY NUMBER at 303-495-3551. The leadership has arranged for our good friend, Pastor Paul Gilbertson to be on call through May 4.

**Town Hall Meetings** –If you haven't attended a Town Hall meeting to learn about and discuss our budget challenge, please plan to attend the meeting TODAY at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in Room 210.

**Bethany Annual Business Meeting** - May 17 at 12:00 p.m. in Great Hall. Agenda: Approve the 2009/10 General Fund budget. Thank you for your support and participation! Nursery available.

**Altar Flowers** Today's flowers are given by Bruce & Terrie Miller in honor of family birthdays (Daphanie, Cambell & Calli Jo). Remember a loved one or special occasion. Donation \$35.00.

### General Fund Update

	Actual	Budget
Thru Apr. 26, 2009	\$633,680	\$684,104

Please make sure you are keeping up with your giving for 2009.

**New Member Orientation** For those interested in Bethany membership, join us July 18 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 Stroth
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 Coach	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 Director	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 Huislander
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, Kendra Brayton, Kayla McLeod Kari Bratager, Katie Palmquist, Sharon Edwards, Sybil Baker Athea Bubke, Sarah Bubke, Barbara Nesland, Chelsea Pomeroy

### 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, Sheri Koelbel, Kevin McAuliffe Terry Pickett, Michelle Stone Kraus, Karen Witt

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