

## ANNUAL NICARAGUA FUND RAISER

For the mission June 8-18

Your Donation Can Still Be Matched!!

Last week, a third Bethlehem Family offered to match another \$500  
Donations of \$100 or more will be matched by them, up to \$500.

Goals: \$10,000 to build two homes for two homeless families renting hovels  
\$2000 (Donated) to provide 40 water filters for clean water  
\$6000 towards a second building for Ninos y Ninas del Futuro for the older children  
\$1000 for medicine to run the clinics, including deworming  
\$4800 for maintaining scholarships and helping children go to school  
\$500 for providing 5 roofs on shacks  
\$480 for fitting 350 pair of eye glasses  
Additional donations will allow us to do more of the above.

\$3550 in Matching Funds Available

Donations in the following amounts will be matched by Bethlehem members:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 X \$500 X \$500 X \$250 X \$250  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Additional donations of \$100 or more up to \$500

Donations of all sizes are welcome and will be used to help the abject poor!  
Clearly mark your envelope for the Nicaragua Mission with checks written to Bethlehem.

To Learn More:

Visit <http://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/home/ministries/63.html>  
Click on Nicaragua under the mission heading.

## 9HEALTH FAIR THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who volunteered, donated food and participated on the 9Health Fair this year. It is greatly appreciated. We had another successful fair because of all of you. Thanks again, 9Health Fair Committee

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Many members of Bethlehem have come together to form a softball team sponsored by Longmont Dairy Farm Inc., where we emphasize fun and forgiveness. Come join the fun and let out a cheer! All games are played at Garden Acres Ballfield #3. See the full schedule on the east narthex wall.  
May 13th – 7:15 p.m.  
May 20th – 9:15 p.m.

## SKY RANCH FUNDRAISER

Join us for BBQ AND BLUEGRASS, a Sky Ranch Fundraiser on Saturday, June 5th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Harmony & Lemay, Fort Collins. Come on over for an evening of Bluegrass and campfire songs plus a program by Sky Ranchers. Tickets for the BBQ are \$7.00 per plate and can be purchased in advance or at the event. Bring a chair or a blanket, your family, friends and enthusiasm for a fun evening to benefit Sky Ranch! Supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial.

May 9, 2010

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

## OUR MISSION AT BETHLEHEM

GATHERED AROUND THE WORD AND SACRAMENT,  
WE LIVE THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST'S LOVE  
THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.

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▼ Available at the sound console in the back of the worship center — Assistive Listening System (ALS).

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today. Lutheran Christians believe Christ comes to us in this meal. If you are comfortable with this as a visitor, you are welcome to come to the Communion Table. If you are communing, please check "communion" column on the left side of the Friendship Pad. See an usher for large print worship folders.

Child care for birth to age 5 available Sundays, 8:00 a.m.-noon.

*These numbers represent envelope giving, plate giving, holiday giving, KTV (Keeping the Vision/building) giving, intern giving, and Simply Giving comparing to the budget for those same items.*

### Operating Budget Giving Summary

May 2-- Week 18

Attendance: 290 Learning Hour: 51

Year-to-date budgeted gifts \$150,084 ( $\$8338 \times 18$ )	Year-to-date actual gifts \$167,675
Weekly budgeted gifts \$ 8,338	Remaining to meet budget \$265,883
Last week's actual gifts \$13,348	Total yearly budgeted gifts \$ 433,558

Please remember in prayers: Ken Creamer, Arline Sahl, Faye Urbach, Dottie and George Choun, Lucille Morris, Marian Adler, Phyllis Friedrich, Jean Messinger, Charlotte Peterson, Jeremy Goodman, Maryellen Mariner, Jim Olson, Linda Jordan, Sandy Fahlstrom, Chuck Krausert, and those serving our country, Seth Lewis, Doran Silker, Lance Bolt, Steven Rhoades, Devon Alexander, Stephen Vanatta, Jake Tiff, and Eric Hansen.

Altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Don Haave by Doris Haave.

The congregation is invited to a reception for the 2010 High School graduates between services this morning. Congratulations to Emilee Anderson, Matthew Darmofal, Vivian Dirkes, Andrew Forsberg, Sarah Loberg, Brady Parker, Jacob Parker, Jaryd Tiff and Eric Van Dyke.

New members received on April 25th were Todd and Pam Bischoff, Melissa Smith and her daughter, Lissette, Nancy Markham and Karine Walter. Welcome into our fellowship! God bless our partnership!

The bulletin deadline for May 23rd will be Monday, May 17th at noon. Nancy Tiff will be out of the office from May 19-24th.

## ADULT FORUM FOR MAY

“A Gardener, Two Travelers, and a Cheat”

As we continue in our Book of Faith Initiative, we look at the story of four of God's people. As we read these stories, we learn not just what Adam, Abraham, Sarah or Jacob did, but we learn something about who we are and where God is in our stories. Join us!

May 9 – Abraham: Trusting God's Promise (Genesis 12:1 – 5a, 10-20; 15:1-6; 22:1-18)

May 16 – Dr. David Lose – “Glimpses of Another God”

May 23 – Sarah: God Gives Laughter (Genesis 12:1-3; 16:1-10, 15-16; 17:1-2; 18:1-15; 21:1-6)

May 30 – Jacob: God's Surprising Presence (Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1 - 33:20)

## GLIMPSES OF ANOTHER GOD: A JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF SCRIPTURE!

We are blessed to have Dr. David Lose, author of Making Sense of Scripture, help us journey into the heart of the biblical witness of the God we know most fully in and through Jesus Christ. Some churches seem to portray God as watchful and stern, others suggest that God's greatest interest is in helping us all retire wealthy, and others stress God's Love. Ever wonder why? Which one helps us make sense of our lives? Together we will explore the biblical picture of God that can help us make sense of our lives in this world. Dr. Lose, professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, is an inspiring and engaging speaker! This three-part presentation will take place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Longmont, CO Saturday, May 15th and Sunday, May 16th.

**Saturday schedule:** 10:30-11:30 Part I  
11:30-12:30 Lunch  
12:30-2:00 Part II  
Total Cost: \$15

### **Sunday schedule:**

Dr. Lose will preach at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services and lead the adult forum at 9:15 a.m.

Tickets may be purchased between Sunday services or register by email to [glimpsegod@gmail.com](mailto:glimpsegod@gmail.com) or call the church office. Childcare for children 10 and under is \$10/family (lunch included).

## FRUIT AND GOODIES NEEDED

The David Lose Luncheon on Saturday, May 15th needs some of the wonderful treats that Bethlehem bakers have provided for soup suppers and summer coffees. Stop by the Lose ticket table today in the narthex and sign up to bring fruit or sweets.

## Calling all Fishers of People AND Trout

Sunday June 27th  
1 to 6pm

Senior High want to go fly fishing. Can you help? If you fly fish, and would you be willing to take a few novices for a few hours, and lend poles and expertise please contact Gene Tesdahl (303) 845-0844 or [genetesdahl@yahoo.com](mailto:genetesdahl@yahoo.com) to coordinate this activity.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Cancer Walk

Bethlehem is forming a team for the Longmont Relay for Life. It will be held at Roosevelt Park, June 18-19. Registration is \$10.00, which gets you a T-shirt and materials for the walk. Questions?? Contact Colleen Beyer 303-651-2816 or [colleenbeyer@comcast.net](mailto:colleenbeyer@comcast.net)

## VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

A new volunteer or two, is needed to take Our Center goods to the Our Center Clothing Bank on east Rodger Road and the Our Center Food Bank at 303 Atwood St. Melissa Degen has been doing this for the past 2 years and for this, we are very thankful. If you have any questions and would like to help, please call Melissa at 303-684-9772.

## DO YOU PLAY?

Here's an opportunity to get out that old band instrument you use to play and join the BOFB (guess what that stands for) to play a couple tunes for the Bethlehem Community. Get the ol' embouchure in shape, oil the valves, dust and clean the years of dirt that have accumulated and we'll get together for some interesting practices and play some easier band music for the congregation. Talk with Dave Beyer, 303-651-2816 or [mstang65@comcast.net](mailto:mstang65@comcast.net) for more information.

## SHAREFEST SATURDAY, JUNE 5 BURLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

7:30 Lutheran Sacrament of Coffee  
8-2 Rite of Cleansing by anointing with latex  
3:00 Cymbal-clanging celebration with all the rolling saints.  
Fellowship and bread-breaking included.  
Low-key ceremony awarding stars for our crowns.  
AN ELCA APPROVED FAMILY EVENT. BE THERE!  
Fred Fanton Gene Schnabel

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Communion assistants are needed for the 10:15 a.m. service. Please contact Ruth Peterson at 303-651-6077 or email at [ruthgpeterson@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthgpeterson@hotmail.com)

## PENTECOST JAZZ SERVICE & CONFIRMATION

As has become our tradition, both worship services on May 23rd will be led by Ray Leake's Mile High Jazz and Gospel band. Ray writes all the arrangements for the hymns and special music, and gathers some of the best Dixieland Jazz musicians in the Denver area to perform it for us. It is definitely a joyful, spirit-filled service! Between services they will also offer a jazz mini-concert in the sanctuary.

At the 10:15 AM service, seven of our confirmands will affirm their baptism. After three years of catechetical training, they will say “yes” to their baptism and to continuing their faith journey.

It will be a Spirit-filled Sunday in many ways! We will be handing out fliers on May 9th and 16th. We encourage you to take some extras and give them to friends, family and neighbors.