

JOIN THE 2012 NICARAGUA PROJECT MISSION TRIP JUNE 05-JUNE 15, 2012

Space is limited, so contact us soon! No commitment is necessary at this time, but let us know if you are interested. And the sooner you commit, the less you pay for the plane ticket. Let us know your interest: Contact Cathy Goodman cegood47@aol.com.

THRIVENT JOURNEY TO SCANDINAVIA

Tour the wonders of Sweden and Norway on this 13 day trip through Scandinavia. Join your fellow Lutherans from the Boulder area, July 6-18, 2012. sponsored by Thrivent Flatirons Community. Call 303-673-0444 or register online at www.gtd.org - group #120703. Brochures are available in the Narthex.

INVITATION FROM LIGHT OF CHRIST

On Wednesday mornings, Light of Christ Community has a Mass celebration at 9:00am using the upcoming Sunday readings with a discussion in place of a sermon. After the Mass, around 10:15am, some or all of the attendees stay to have coffee to watch and discuss a DVD presentation. Our gathering ends around 11:30am. ALL ARE WELCOME to join us for Mass in the Light of Christ Office or just the coffee and discussion after Mass in the Fireside Room.

Presently, we are watching the DVD series Saving Jesus, from Living the Questions. It is a 12 session small group dvd-based exploration of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. If you have any questions, please call Bob Franch at 303-678-5453.

December 25, 2011

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 the "communion" column on the left side of the Friendship Pad. See an usher for large print worship folders.

OPERATING BUDGET GIVING SUMMARY

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.

Dec. 18- Week 51

Attendance: 208 Learning Hour:

Year-to-date budgeted gifts \$461,754 (9054 x 51)

Weekly budgeted gifts \$ 9,054

Last week's actual gifts \$ 12,483

Year-to-date actual gifts \$ 449,091

Remaining to meet budget \$21,735

Total yearly budgeted gifts \$470,826

Please remember in prayers: TK Coody, Katie Coody, Sharon Kirby Cole, Marv Peters, Bonnie Tedesco, Racheal Goodman, Jan Stoffer, Lydia Mott, Bev & Troy Coody, Roberta Fjeld, Irene Hansen, Kate Adams, Mildred Hart, Gisela Garrett, Lucille Morris, Paul Hopp, Bud Tornow, Marv Peterson, Chris Downing, Doris Cotton, Jordan Trujillo Dirkes, Dottie and George Choun, Robert Strohman, Nellie Gillespie, Mendy Goodman, Jeremy Goodman, Parker Wilson, Ron Garrett, Grace Petroff, Sylvia Loher, Mickey Chew, Gail Parent, Donna Hilling, Tom Backowies, Linda Jordan, Sandy Fahlstrom, and those serving our country, Steven Rhoades, Seth Lewis, Doran

FOUND in the Fellowship Hall in late November, a woman's wedding ring set. Contact the Light of Christ Church Office to identify 303-772-3785

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

As we move into the Advent season, our gospel readings on Sunday switch over to the Gospel of Mark. This new study is a part of The Book of Faith Initiative. You will get an excellent overview of this first-written gospel and it will also help you be better prepared for worship.

JAN 8 , 4-6 PM: MENTOR ACTIVITY!

The first planned once-a-month activity is scheduled for Jan 8. We will meet at the church building from 4-6 PM for a "Creation Exploration" activity. Don't worry, this activity will NOT involve hiking through snow (though for some of you I know that would be fun). Without giving away too much, it will be a creative study of the creation accounts in scripture that involves a little creativity on behalf of all involved. Please RSVP to either Deaconess Kristen or your mentor by Jan 5!

ADVENT HANGING

The new hanging in the Narthex is by Gisella. She was a part of the Taos Artist Community (Georgia O'Keefe.) The title of the tapestry is "Madonna". Thanks to Jean Messinger for letting us borrow it for this Advent season.

OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED

**Do you like to count money? Do you have a head for numbers?
If interested, please contact Nancy McLeod at 303-772-6019.**

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Help is needed for drivers for a few of our members who need transportation to come to church for the 10:15 service. We have 1 person that has offered herself for 1 Sunday per month and 1 person for pick-up and 1 person for take home for another Sunday. We are looking to cover 2 more Sunday's for a rotational schedule. If this is a ministry that could work for you, please call the office as to who and where these members live.

DINING FOR EIGHT

It is that time again for the next "go-round" of Dining for Eight. The next group will get together for food and fellowship Jan., Feb., Mar., and April. Those that participated in the last session will automatically be included unless we are notified. Everyone is encouraged to join in this activity. If you have not been a part of this and would like to join or if you have any questions call Doris Haave 970-532-4161 or Audrey Dillan 303-776-5334.

SIMPLY GIVING MEMBER?

If you are a simply giving member, and you have changed the amount of your giving or you would like more information about Simply Giving, please contact the BLC office so records can be changed.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for "Getting Connected". We have received 59 Time & Talent packets back. Thank you for volunteering to get connected to our ministries here at Bethlehem. If you haven't filled out a packet yet, they are available in the Narthex and the Peace Altar. (Please return the whole packet.)

Thank you for your financial pledges. To date, we have received 98 financial pledges to our 2012 ministry budget. (For 2011, we received 131 pledges.) Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex and at the peace Altar.

THANK YOU, WINTER FEST ELVES!!

HUGE thank you goes out to all who helped make Winter Fest 2011 such a success: Mona Dirkes, Madison Dirkes, Morgan Dirkes, Barb Payne, Caleb Payne, Amanda Dawson, Stephen Dawson, Gene Tesdahl, Aspen Tesdahl, JR Baltrum, Rob Baltrum, Greg Schumann, Diane Penny, Brandi Curtis and John Christianson. Seriously folks, this awesome time of caring conversations, rituals and traditions, and devotions could not happen without your service. We appreciate you and are thankful that you are part of our church family. THANK YOU!!! --Deaconess Kristen Baltrum

27TH LIVING NATIVITY THANK YOU!

The 2011 Living Nativity on December 18, 2011 was a great success with approximately 150 cars driving through the lighted trail of luminaries to view the nativity scene in the Bethlehem Stable. The warm temperatures also allowed for at least 40 walkers to come closer to the manger.

Thanks to all that helped in the set-up, role-playing, food service, and clean up. Over 70 of you helped and the event could never have taken place without you.

THANK YOU BETHLEHEM!

The bake sale for the Nicaragua Mission was a great success! A total of \$408.50 was raised. Another \$340.00 in matching funds will be given by an anonymous church donor to bring the total raised to \$748.50 to help children in the children's project Ninos y Ninas del Futuro. You are a blessing to them!
The Nicaragua Task Force

BELL RINGERS

Thank you for all your efforts in ringing for the Salvation Army! In a combined effort between the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Longmont Lions Club we raised \$3,318.