

NOVEMBER 2011

Jazz Service and Commitment Sunday

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM
(plus a jazz concert between services)**

Featuring the **MILE HIGH GOSPEL/JAZZ BAND** led by our own **Ray Leake**, with special guest singer **Wende Harston** of the Queen City Jazz Band.

Join us for this spirit-filled worship service. This Dixieland jazz service has become a special worship tradition at Bethlehem. We are blessed to have Ray Leake lead this service. This year provides a special treat with Wende Harston adding her voice to the worship. Please invite friends and family to come and worship with you.

This will also be **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**. As a part of the worship service, we are asking members to bring their financial pledges for the support of our 2012 ministry budget.

We are Blessed to be a Blessing!

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Deadlines

Bulletin announcements: The Wednesday before you want the announcement to appear in the bulletin. Send announcements to admin@bethlehem-lutheran.net.

Star announcements/articles: November 13
Please note the earlier deadline, which is due to the Thanksgiving Holiday occurring during the *Star* production cycle. Email *Star* articles to news@bethlehem-lutheran.net.

Alternate way to submit both bulletin and *Star* items:
go to www.bethlehem-lutheran.net and click on the *Submit Announcements* link. If your text is short, you can enter it into the form, but if you have a document with formatting, it is best to attach it using the attach button.

We are blessed to be a blessing. I firmly believe that statement. In fact, this verse from Genesis 12 has been a touchstone for my whole ministry.

I was fresh out of seminary and just into my first call at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Littleton. I had only been there a few weeks when the congregation shipped me off to Madison, Wisconsin, to be trained to lead the *Bethel Bible Series*. Pastor Harley Swiggum had written this excellent study that gave a thorough overview of the Bible. Harley felt that this verse from Genesis 12 was key to understanding the biblical message. He wove that theme, that we are blessed to be a blessing, throughout his study. And I became a disciple. That verse has spoken to me throughout my ministry.

In all the Old Testament covenants that God made with his chosen people, that theme is prevalent. He promised to bless Abraham, Noah, and Moses and the people of Israel, with offspring, new beginnings, and land. All God asked was that those who received this divine blessing try to be a blessing to others.

Jesus lived that message as well. He brought so many blessings; healing, wholeness, forgiveness, peace, purpose, and especially the blessing of eternal life. He gave himself away in so many ways and he asked his followers to do likewise; to take up their cross and follow him...to be a blessing to others.

On November 13, we will ask members to bring their pledge card to worship and make a financial commitment to our ministry. I thought that maybe I should write about where that money goes and what it does. I was thinking about how to lift up the staff and the fine job

they do. I was also going to share how our giving supports so many outreach ministries. I was going to talk about the different ministries at Bethlehem and all the holy work that goes on through their hard work. Finally, I was going to lift up how our facility becomes an important conduit for ministry. All that information is important and I think the congregation deserves to know how their offerings go to further the kingdom of God.

BLESSINGS FROM GOD

But that is not where stewardship starts. It starts with getting our heads and hearts around believing that we are blessed to be a blessing. I fear we take so much for granted. We are so blessed in so many ways by our gracious God. We live daily in this glorious creation that is Colorado. We are blessed with so many freedoms

and privileges as Americans. We are blessed to be a part of the body of Christ that is Bethlehem. And the list takes off from there; friends and family, health and wholeness, the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding and directing us, and so much more.

If we step back and see all the ways God touches our lives, we realize how blessed we are. And it is out of that humbling realization that gratitude should pour out. This is where stewardship begins. We are blessed to be a blessing, and we can do that through giving of our time, our talents and our treasure.

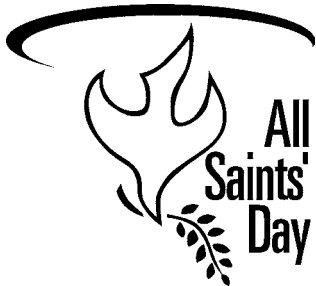
I hope and pray that you don't come to church as a consumer; that you feel the need to pay for what you get. I pray it is just the opposite. I pray that you feel very blessed by God and you hear that call to be a blessing.

See you in church,
Pastor Peterson

Worship in November

November 6—All Saints Sunday

In October, we began to collect the names of your "Saints"—those who have died but are not forgotten. They are the ones that loved you and helped you grow in faith. We will post their names all around our sanctuary to symbolize that we are surrounded by the "Communion of Saints."



We have moved the jazz service back a week this year, so our liturgy on this first Sunday will be the bluegrass service. That is very appropriate, as this is a celebration of our saints. Prayers for healing and wholeness will also be offered.

November 13—Jazz Service and Commitment Sunday

The Mile High Jazz band led by Ray Leake, with special guest singer Wende Harston. We will also ask members to make their financial commitment to our 2012 Ministry Budget as a part of worship.

November 20—Christ The King Sunday

This Sunday marks the end of our church year. Our Gospel singers will lead us in the festival service.

November 23—Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Communion Service

This year's Thanksgiving Eve service will be at Central Presbyterian Church at 7:00 PM. There will be a massed choir from the participating churches.

November 27—First Sunday in Advent

We begin a new church year on this first

Sunday in Advent. We begin our preparation for the coming Christ child by lighting our first Advent candle. The Revelation Choir will lead us in worship at the 10:15 AM service.

November 30—Taizé Worship

We will offer Taizé worship on the Wednesdays of Advent. This is a half-hour devotional service filled with chanted hymns and prayer. Advent services will start at 6:00 PM. Babysitting will be offered. We will also begin lifting up "The Advent Conspiracy." (*The Advent Conspiracy is a project to help people focus on the meaning of Advent. Its purpose is to try to move us away from the consumerism of the season. Ideas are also presented for how to find other ways to gift others at Christmas.*)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 23, 7:00 PM at Central Presbyterian Church

Once again we will join with our local ecumenical partners for a community Thanksgiving Eve worship service. We come together to give thanks for that which binds us together; the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the spirit of that unity, we also share in the Lord's Supper together. There will be a massed choir from the supporting congregations: Long's Peak Methodist, Westview Presbyterian, Bethlehem Lutheran, Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic, First Methodist, St. Stephen's Episcopal, and Central Presbyterian. Babysitting will be provided.



Come and Give Thanks!

Altar Flowers

Have you enjoyed seeing fresh flowers on the altar the last few weeks? If so, you can help ensure that flowers are there every Sunday reminding us of the beauty of nature and God's creation. There are still a few empty slots on the calendar for the remainder of the year. Those slots need to be filled to indicate a congregational interest in continuing to provide fresh altar flowers. Arrangements will be delivered by Longmont Florists at a cost of \$25. To participate, just follow these steps:

1. Choose a Sunday on the flower calendar in the Narthex. Write your name in the

slot and indicate if the flowers will be in honor or memory of someone or to mark a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary. This information will be included in the bulletin.

2. If you would like to choose a particular color scheme or style for your arrangement, call Brad at Longmont Florists (303-776-2804) by Monday before your flower Sunday. If you have no special requests for your arrangement you need not contact the florist at all.
3. Place a check or cash in one of the pew envelopes indicating on the front that the money is for flowers, or send a check to the church.
4. Take your flowers home after second service or let the pastor or office staff know that you would like the flowers delivered to a shut-in or someone in the hospital.



HOUSEHOLD

New Household Ministry Resource Center!

One of the Five Principles for faith formation is that "the home is the primary place of faith nurturing." So how is your home equipped to do this all-important work of faith formation? The truth is, it probably already IS equipped but you don't know it! This resource center, in the old Education Office directly across from the Fireside room, is designed to help you see how your home is a faith-forming

environment. We will have many resources for you to "try on" with the children and youth in your life, and to help you identify what you already have at home to use as tools for conversation and activities focused on faith. Additionally, we will have new resources for you as you encounter life milestones and new steps on the faith journey. Stop by for a visit, browse a bit, have a seat and read or play, and ENJOY passing the faith on to the next generation!

Dates to Remember in November

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to "fall back" on **November 5** or you'll be an hour early for church.
On second thought, maybe that isn't so bad!

Early Star Deadline

The deadline for the December *Star* is **November 13** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.



YOUTH

Middle School Youth

November 27, 4:00–6:00 PM—First Annual Turkey Tossing Tournament. Come for all the fun and laughter of Turkey Tossing! We will compete in a variety of turkey tossing games and burn off all that pumpkin pie we ate on Thanksgiving as we laugh ourselves silly. **No real turkeys will be harmed in the process of Turkey Tossing.*

High School Youth

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering: Citizens with the Saints—Eleven senior high youth and two adults from our congregation registered on October 9 for this awesome triennial event! Registrants include: Joey Petersen, Clay Mills, Dalton Aker, Logan Ditillo, Brent Buck-Gengler, Clarissa Mills, Michaela Goecke, Aly Aker, Allison Curtis, Lindsey Loberg, Megan Loberg, Gene Tesdahl, and Deaconess Kristen. We are very excited and look forward to all the adventures in planning and participating that lie ahead! Thank you for your prayers for our congregation and the Gathering Team Leaders

and all their planning. This event truly is one of the greatest gifts our Church offers!

November 22, 7:00 PM-ish—Sr. High Movie Night at Twin Peaks. Stay tuned for exact time, but block out the evening on your calendar for this movie night out! We will meet at Twin Peaks mall and decide there what movie to watch. We will post the meeting time on Facebook, in email, and via text and Twitter—so stay tuned!

Camp

We are already planning for next summer's Confirmation Camp for all current fifth–eighth grade students! **NOTE: This includes this year's current fifth graders, as you will be in confirmation next fall!** Join us for a week up at Sky Ranch discovering the trials, tribulations, and celebrations of the early church! Dates: June 24–29, 2012; Cost: \$375. Registration is first-come, first-served, so to ensure a space register as soon as you know you are going by turning in your \$100 deposit to Deaconess Kristen.



EDUCATION

Greetings Bethlehem!

In October we lifted up six second graders in our congregation who completed Holy Communion training with their parents and grandparents, and were lifted up by the congregation at the Communion Milestone blessing: Austin Bruce, Morgen Dirkes, Camille Herbst, Owen Kunselman, Zander Schumann, and Emmalee Torrez. God's blessings to all of you!

The **Learn By Heart** program is getting started. LBH will be once every 4-6 weeks,

with a recognition Sunday at the end of the Sunday school year in May. Your child should have brought home a handout from Sunday school a couple of weeks ago. If they did not, you can access their list of verses on the Bethlehem website: www.bethlehem-lutheran.net. Or, feel free to ask me for another copy. LBH Sundays are as follows:

November 6
January 22
February 26
April 1
April 29

Thanks to Dave Hooley for spearheading this important milestone program for our young members.

Christmas is fast approaching! The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 11 in the evening. More details to follow!

Grace+Peace,
Jasmine

Adult Forum for November

Sunday mornings, 9:15–10:10 AM

How Lutherans Interpret the Bible, with Dr. Mark Allan Powell

November 6: The Many Meanings of the Bible

November 13: No class (Come to the Jazz concert in the sanctuary)

November 20: Devotional Bible reading

Each class is self-contained. Dr. Powell is an excellent teacher and has the gift of making difficult concepts easier to understand.

The Gospel of Mark

This will be our next Adult Forum series.

As we move into the season of Advent on **November 27**, 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.

Middle School

November 27, 9:15 AM—Bring Your Adult Day! Middle schoolers, please bring your parent or another significant adult in your life to Sunday school. We will have an interactive learning game day on biblical topics. It promises to be a good time!



SOCIAL ACTION

Old Chicago Thanksgiving Day Outreach

Once again, Old Chicago restaurant in Longmont is providing a meal for the community on **November 24**. Van drivers are needed to shuttle people from the OUR Center to the restaurant and back. There are two shifts: 10:45 AM–12:30 PM and 12:30 PM–2:30 PM. Volunteers are also needed to help in serving the meal. Please contact Colleen Beyer (303-651-2816) for information.

GO SAINTS!

The mission group that traveled to New Orleans last April was blessed to be a blessing, working on a duplex plus several other homes. Early on during our work week we were fortunate to meet the owners of one of

the duplexes, Miss Conchita and her husband Blue. They were very gracious and allowed us to use their temporary home (across the street) for bathroom breaks and, as our week came to a close, they invited us for a delicious fish fry lunch. We noticed they were huge New Orleans Saints fans, so Deanna Hebbert asked Conchita if we could make a “Go Saints” quilt for her, and she enthusiastically said yes.

Assembled with much love and good wishes for their homecoming, the king-size quilt was dedicated on Sunday, October 16 and was displayed for a short period in the narthex before being sent off to New Orleans. This special quilt was designed and sewn by Colleen Beyer and Deanna Hebbert with finishing touches contributed by Bonnie Sorenson. Also helping were first-time

quilters Roger Hebbert, Dave Beyer, and Bob Cotton. Thanks to the Bethlehem quilters who allowed us to use their space on Thursday mornings.

Nicaragua News

Nicaragua Fair Trade Fair

Sundays, **October 30 and November 5**

Beautiful handmade pottery and wooden objects purchased from the artisans in Nicaragua will be for sale after worship services in the fellowship hall. The Fair Trade Fair supports *Niños y Niñas del Futuro*, the children's project that provides education and Christian support to extremely impoverished children. Proceeds will be matched by an anonymous donor.

Basket Auction a Great Success!

The Bethlehem Nicaragua Task Force wishes to thank EVERYONE who made the basket auction a great success so that Rosmar Rivas, a very intelligent young man in Somoto, may go to college and be a well-educated leader in his community. Special thanks go to:

- Pat and Michaela Goeke who conceived of and led the effort
- the confirmation students who collected the dollars
- Kristen Baltrum who headed publicity
- Zane Reed, the auctioneer
- the judges
- the Bethlehem Nicaragua Task Force and friends who coordinated the hot dog lunch
- the many members who contributed baskets
- and all of those who attended to make this a success!

Over \$740 was raised, which pays not only

for **two** years of college, but also for a pair of shoes for Rosmar!

Thanks to the Choir

Our wonderful Bethlehem choir served 32 Habitat workers Saturday, October 15, at the 15th and Baker location. They were treated to Jane Lahman's yummy Chicken Taco Soup. Thanks to Jane Lahman and Fred Fanton for being blessed to be a blessing and serving the Habitat for Humanity laborers.

**Invite your
family & friends
to this Spirit-filled
Worship!**



November 13, 2011

8:00 AM & 10:15 AM

Mini-concert at 9:40 AM

We have a special treat this year! Guest singer,

Wende Harston

from the Queen City Jazz Band,
will be joining us!

2012 Fall Stewardship Campaign: "Blessed to be a Blessing"

by Neil Stewart, Co-Chair for Stewardship



Our fall Stewardship Campaign with its theme of "Blessed to be a Blessing" is well underway. Temple Talks by individual members are continuing during November and we will hold up a number of missions and ministries that are blessed by the support given by our

community of givers here at Bethlehem.

A Time and Talent Survey was distributed to members in October. These surveys list the areas of greatest need for our church ministries. If you feel moved to give of your time and talents in any of these areas, please fill out the survey. They can be returned at any time this month and should be placed in the marked box at the back altar of the sanctuary. If you did not receive one please contact me, Gene Tesdahl, or the church office.

Sunday, November 13 is Stewardship Sunday and we will be returning our pledge

cards during worship services on that day. By now you should have received a pledge card with your November offering envelopes. If you participate in Simply Giving or did not receive a pledge card, they are available for you at the church on the table in the Narthex.

As we each give prayerful consideration to our pledges for the coming year, I am reminded of the Lutheran hymn by William W. How, *We Give Thee But Thine Own*. It is written, in part:

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

We continue to be blessed with members at Bethlehem who give tirelessly of their time, their talents and their treasures in support of our mission and its' ministries. May God continue to bless each of you.

GETTING CONNECTED...and sharing their blessings

- Thanks to Gordon Potts for painting the roof flashing that was showing some rust.
- Thanks to Colleen Beyer and Deanna Hebbert for spearheading the "Go Saints" quilt project.
- Thanks to Carolyn Creamer for just stopping by the church to rake and bag leaves.
- Thanks to the quilting group who shared their year's work in the sanctuary for two weeks in October. The quilts have been shipped off to various service agencies to be distributed to those in need.
- Thanks to Jamie Updegraff, a new member, for joining our Revelation Choir.

Financial Update through October 6



FINANCE REPORT

Total Giving/Income to date was \$327,724.

Our primary sources of income include:

- Pledged (Envelope) Giving received of \$283,815 (\$291,123 was budgeted; a deficit of \$7,308)
- Loose Plate Giving received of \$13,433 (\$14,085 was budgeted; a deficit of \$652.)
- Faith Challenge Giving received of \$1,120 (\$38,916 was budgeted; a deficit of \$37,796. This was the faith challenge/deficit budget agreed on by the congregation at the last annual meeting.)
- All other sources of income received (mostly rental income) total \$29,356

Total Ministry Expenses to date were \$342,829 compared to a budget of \$372,789. Therefore, we have spent \$29,960 *less* than was budgeted.

Through the end of the third quarter, we are \$15,104 in the red. (Total income of \$327,724 less total ministry expenses of \$342,829.)

Because of this budget deficit, ministry chairs have been asked to stop discretionary spending. Since many of our ministry costs are fixed (mortgage, salaries, etc.), these discretionary items are often monies that we have budgeted for the outside ministries we support such as CU Campus Ministry, Sky Ranch, House for All Sinners and Saints, the OUR Center, etc.

As we move into this fourth quarter of our ministry, we need to keep our ministry strong. We need to keep our outreach strong. Your financial support is needed.

PROPERTY

Narthex Project

The narthex remodel is starting to take shape.

- Four new oak storage containers are now in place. They will hold the donations that members bring in for the OUR Center, H.O.P.E. Ministries, and the Atwood Shelter. They will also provide seating, once cushions are placed on them.
- Three new rods have been mounted to display the beautiful handiwork of the Bethlehem quilters. The Heritage quilt has been rehung and the "Go Saints" quilt was displayed there for a couple of weeks.

- The new lights should be installed soon, providing more light for the area and to highlight the stained glass windows.

These projects have all been funded by memorial gifts and donations.



Remodeling Project

November Birthdays

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November Anniversaries

November 2 Tracy & Brian Blevins (9 yrs)
November 11 Barbara & Russ Rountree (22 yrs)
November 22 Ruth & Marv Peters (66 yrs)
November 25 Barb & Gary Blando (49 yrs)
November 25 Nancy & Bob Koob (39 yrs)
November 25 Rini & Dave Twait (45 yrs)
November 25 Janelle & Ralph Wappel (22 yrs)
November 27 Jan & Marv Reinartz (46 yrs)

Prayers...

Healing for Reita Kylo, Gisela Garrett, Ruth Tilson, Lucille Morris, Paul Hopp, Chris Downing, Mildred Hart, Phil Hart, Agnes Ronneberg, Bud Tornow, Marv Peterson, Kate Adams, Doris Cotton, Dottie Choun, George Choun.

... & Thanksgiving

We rejoice at the the birth of **Conner William Kirby**, son of Christy and Robert Kirby and grandson of **Sharon Kirby Cole and Gerry Cole**, on September 28.

Congratulations to **Barbara Rousseau and Andrew Gordon**, who were married on October 9.

Good News!

Brent Buck-Gengler (Heritage Middle School) is the 2nd chair viola for the St. Vrain Valley School District Middle School Honor Orchestra this year. He is also a member of the Longmont Youth Symphony String Ensemble.

Don't forget: If you have exciting good news (graduations, winning sports tournaments or other competitions, scholarships,

a Nobel Prize, etc.), please do let us know so that we can share it with the rest of the congregation! This is for members of all ages, not just kids. We want to know about and share your milestones. There haven't been any submissions of this type lately so we hope people haven't forgotten that we want to share these things.

Thank You!



Many thanks to Leila Thompson and other members of Bethlehem for contacting Care Connect to clean up my patio yesterday (10/1/11). They did an amazing job of pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and taking away loads of dirt left behind by an unhandy handyman. Thanks again and God bless you!
- LaVonne Marcus

A big thank you to Pastor Mark and my Bethlehem family and friends for your prayers during the time that I was undergoing tests and diagnosis of the source of my back pain. I am facing major surgery, but I am trying to postpone that as long as I possibly can with

physical therapy and spinal injections.

I would also like to thank all of you for the prayers for my family when my sister-in-law lost her mother. She is in now with her Lord and is no longer in pain.

God's blessings to all of you,
-Judi Ahlgrim

Thanks to Ken Wright, Dennis Smith and Jim Ferguson for their good help building the garden shed and Jim Ferguson for finishing the painting. It has been put to good use.
- Ken Creamer

Office Helpers: Dennis Smith, Mary Fjeld, Betty Bluhm, Ann Russell, Doris Slinger, LaVerna Pickett, Nancy and Bob McLeod

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Please keep your address updated

Please notify the Bethlehem church office if you have changed your mailing address (the U.S. Postal Service charges us for your returned pieces of mail). Likewise, please inform us if you have a new phone number or e-mail address. This will help us stay connected with you and avoid incurring unnecessary expenses.

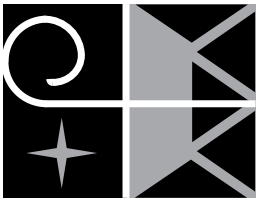


NEWS/EVENTS

Support Lutheran Family Services

Second-annual Colorado Gives Day!

Last year LFS came in 5th for the number of donations received. Help us be in the top three this year by making your donation on line on December 6 from 12:00 PM to 11:59 PM at www.givingfirst.org. One hundred percent of your donation will go to LFS when you give online and there will be incentive funds given to all agencies based on the total amount contributed during this 24-hour period.



November 2011
Sunday Worship Assistants Calendar
We thank all those who offer their gifts in leading worship this month.

Key: E = 8:00 AM; L = 10:15 AM

	November 6 All Saints/Pentecost 21	November 13 Pentecost 22	November 20 Christ the King	November 27 Advent 1
Liturgy	ELW3	Bluegrass	ELW6	Now the Feast and Celebration
Assisting Minister	E: Cindy Taylor L: Dennis Smith	E: Gene Tesdahl L: Kay Lynn Baker	E: Todd Bischoff L: Bev Berry	E: Sharon Kirby Cole L: Jasmine Tesdahl
Greeters	E: Sally Myers, Marilyn Voorhis L: Audrey & George Dillan	E: Cindy & Pete Schlagel L: Mona & Brian Dirkes	E: Leila Thompson, Jane Housewright L: Candy & Don Tiff	E: Patsy Bowman, Doris Slinger L: Karol Poetsch, Nancy Tiff
Ushers	E: Roger Lehman, Mike Anderson L: Dick Kylo, Neil Stewart, Jim Torrez	E: Neal and Jan Stoffer L: Darlene Borgmann, DeEtte Eikenberg, Mary Fjeld	E: Ken Wright, Curtis Lindberg L: Don & Candy Tiff, Cindy Koenck	E: Ilene Ryan, Dave Bluhm L: Laura & Tim Steakley, Gerry Cole
Lay Reader	E: Anne Lawhon L: Jenny Kelley	E: Sharon Wirth L: Linda Baker	E: Deanna Hebert L: Howie Wayne	E: Korrie Bruce L: Darlene Borgmann
Acolyte	E: L: JR Baltrum	E: L: Maddie Baltrum	E: L:	E: L: Maddie Baltrum
Communion Asst.	E: Cindy & Pete Schlagel L: Wanda Schnabel, Jenny Kelley	E: Dianna & Wayne Bruckner L: Dan & Nancy Koob	E: Betty & Dave Bluhm L: Fred Fanton, Patty Fagler	E: Nancy Koob, Joanne Larson L: Patty Fagler
Offering Counters	Bob Gardinier Nancy McLeod	Thelma Abromski, Doris Haave, Carrie Watson	Audrey Dillan, Mary Fjeld, Nancy Koob	Ann Thompson, Nancy McLeod

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study 7:00 PM - Sky Ranch Network Meeting - Youth Ministry Leadership team Meeting	2 9:30 AM - Worship @ The Peaks Care Center 2:00 PM - Sky Ranch Board Meeting 7:00 PM - BLC Choir Rehearsal - Confirmation 8:30 PM - Sr. High Girls Stitch Niche	3 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Bethlehem Bible Study 6:30 PM - Healing Touch Clinic 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts	4	5 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers 9:00 AM - Bluegrass Rehearsal
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Rosmar Rivas wants to go to college. He lives in Somoto, Nicaragua. His father is a former mayor of the town who donated ALL of his salary for his four-year term to help the poor in his community. Rosmar is very much like his father and will one day be a strong leader of the community. He gives English lessons to the youth in the project as his way of giving back. Unbelievably, a year's tuition for college only costs \$360, but for Rosmar that is far beyond his means. It might as well be \$30,000, like it costs in the States.

Michaela Goecke, one of our youth, had an idea. She remembered the basket auctions that were done at Bethlehem several years ago. She remembered that they were fun, and her mom, Pat, said that they were successful fundraisers. She proposed that we have one to help Rosmar with his tuition needs. And the wheels started turning.

The Nicaragua Task Force got on board and offered to supply the lunch. One of their members donated all the food. Our good deaconess, Kristen Baltrum, wanted to support Michaela, so she helped with the promotion of the event. Zane Reed offered to be the auctioneer. Shelley Kunselman and Sam Cox volunteered to be the bankers. Six of our confirmands, Trevor and Kyle Curtis, J.R. Baltrum, Maddie Reed, Brent Buck-

Gengler, and Corrie Herbst, signed up to be the runners.

Word was put out to the congregation, and the baskets started to pour in. Baskets filled with beauty supplies and coffees and homemade pickles...baskets for pets...baskets for kids...baskets with handmade craft items. Lots and lots of baskets. All very nicely

packaged and decorated. Three long tables full of baskets.

The auction was held on Sunday, October 16. The hot dogs were gobbled up. The confirmands got their exercise running around the room grabbing dollar bills. Shelley and Sam could hardly keep up with all the dollars dumped on their table. Zane did a great job as emcee. And the baskets made for many happy faces for those who won them. A fun time was had by all, just as Michaela remembered. Over \$740 was raised—enough for two years tuition for Rosmar. What a holy coincidence!

We may never get to meet Rosmar. But we do

need to tell him about all these people who went to a lot of work just for him. Although he is hundreds and hundreds of miles away, he is now part of us in a special way. What started out as an idea became a reality that will impact this young man's life forever. And the Holy Spirit smiles.



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