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Fully Alive

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Welcome Students and Bold Believers!



“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

**School Registration Day — August 8, 2018
7AM-6PM in the Commons
ELC Parent Night — August 14, 2018
5:30PM-7PM in the Commons/Classrooms**

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Love On Jamaica

by Pastor David Langewisch

It was a week filled with opportunities to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus. Our team of 12 high school youth and mentors spent the first week of July working with a mission agency called American Caribbean Experience (ACE) to serve in one of the poorest parts of Jamaica, near Port Maria.

The week began with VBS in the mornings at a local school. Our team led songs with actions about a God whose love is so amazing in Jesus. Crafts, activities, and Bible teaching (assisted by none other than Pumba Lion) engaged children from ages 3-13. Later in the week, we hosted a birthday party for about 30 children sponsored by ACE, most of whom never get a birthday party.

A limited amount of time was spent working to help build a home for a woman whose current home will soon be lost to mudslides. Bethlehem's family mission team had poured the concrete floor on a previous trip. Our team poured the bathroom floor and structural columns. We left wishing we could do more.



The hardest challenge of the week, but certainly the most transformative, was our work in the infirmary. People who, for a variety of reasons, have been cast aside by society, received loving words and actions from our team as we fed them soup, gave them water, rubbed lotion on them, encouraged them with God's love for them, and prayed over them.

There are many ways Bethlehem's ministry enabled this mission trip to happen. And in many ways, lives were changed and hearts transformed, both for the Jamaicans and for the Americans who served them. This was "Love On" in action.

Discovery Groups Coming this Fall

by Sandy Wendelin

Discovery groups are 8-12 week studies that explore important topics or books of the Bible for living out life as a Christian in this broken world. The groups may meet on Sunday morning or during the week. Throughout the year we offer topics around something for families, finance, faith and even fitness.

Watch for these groups starting in the fall:

Starting Point – Sundays at either 9:00am or 10:30am in the Conference Room. As the title suggests, this is the first study to consider if you are new to Bethlehem. We explore the primary teaching of the faith and is excellent for people who want a good review of what we teach and believe as Lutheran Christians. This video/discussion group is required for membership, but open to anyone. Great group for families new to the school.

LifeLight – On either Thursday mornings or evenings, this 9 week series starts September 6, with a study of the Trinity. Three series are offered during a school year. Join the 200+ people who love to study the Bible. LifeLight has four components: Worship opening, small group discussion, teaching time with Pastor Langewisch, and a magazine with interesting articles related to the topic or book of the Bible.

Divorce Care – Coming in late September on Friday evenings, this group is for those who are separated, considering divorce and even those who have been divorced awhile but still struggling with issues of loneliness, anger, or dating after divorce, all in the context of grace and love! We are looking to add a DC4K (Divorce Care for Kids) group this fall as well.

F4 – Calling all men! F4 is a class for guys where we study manhood from a scriptural perspective and study who God calls us to be as men. This class will meet on Sunday mornings. The first half of class we will study scripture and discuss topics

relevant to manhood in today's world. The second half of class we will talk fantasy football and use each other as resources for who to start or sit and enjoy discussions on football in general. Anyone can come join this study and discussion.

Marriage Matters – Various studies are offered on Sunday morning exploring what God says about marriage. If you want to grow and study together as a couple, check out this group.

Smart Money Smart Kids – Based on Dave Ramsey's material, you'll learn how to teach your kids the key principles of money by creating teaching moments in your family's everyday routine. You'll also explore how to build your

kid's character and give them a solid understanding of how money works and how to make wise decisions. Watch for details!

Church-wide study of Colossians – Our fall Spiritual Growth opportunity for the entire congregation will be a

video and discussion series on Colossians. Starting the week of September 9, you are invited and even encouraged to gather with others in your friend group, neighborhood or with others from church to engage in an 8-week Bible study. Consider being a host and opening your home, too! It's easy, all the material is available through Right Now Media and you can use it anywhere and at any time!

More **Sunday morning Discovery Groups** are being identified throughout the month of August. Watch for the list of offerings in the bulletin. Discovery groups on Sunday morning are offered at 9am or 10:30am so you can worship one hour and gather with a group for study another hour!

Financial Peace University will be offered in January 2019.

Register for any class on the website, at the Communication Station, or use the link in the Thursday email blast starting August 1.



THE BOOK OF
COLOSSIANS

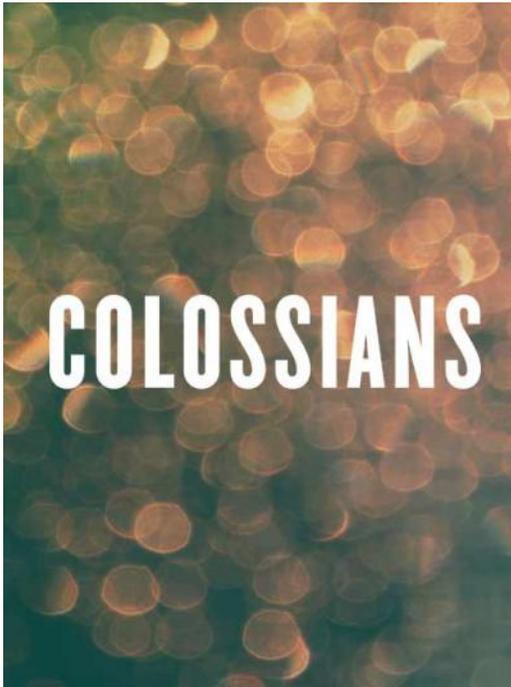
**2018 Church and School-wide
Book Study**

What we think about Jesus matters. Our perception of Him shapes us—what we say, how we treat others, even what we think. If we paint Jesus as any less than who He is as supreme over all creation and Savior of the world, not only does our theology slip, but the working out of our faith also suffers.

In this 8-session series, we will walk through the book of Colossians to help us form a complete picture of Jesus. What we believe about Him influences everything from our corporate worship to our relationships to our attitude toward sin. Now alive in Christ, we can live a life worthy of God instead of falling back into the ways of the world.

HOSTS NEEDED – Can you open your home, stream from Right Now Media (free resource from Bethlehem, training provided), and facilitate (not teach) a discussion? Do you have some friends from church or your neighborhood or from work that you could invite to join you? Consider being a host. Host meeting is August 29, 2018.

GROUP SIGN UP opens August 22. All the groups that are meeting will be posted on the website. Click on one in your neighborhood and sign up!



Your LCEF Investments are Helping Bethlehem

by Dale Wagner

Through LCEF's Shared Blessings Rebate Program, Bethlehem has earned more than \$6,800 in the last twelve months in interest rebates on its loan from LCEF. These funds were earned because of our members who are LCEF investors. Thank you! If you are not yet an LCEF investor and would



like to help our rebate grow, please speak to Dale Wagner or Kim Musselman, or visit lcef.org. Also to get an idea of the current favorable investment earnings rates that LCEF offers, please contact Dale or Kim to obtain additional information.

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Evil is Forever Seeking

by Jim Fischer

The courtroom door flew open, the accuser strolled in, "Where have you been Satan," as the Lord's court began. "I prowl the Earth studying each man's temptation, Their own secrets I use to bring their damnation."

The Lord continued, "**My servant Job have you considered**

A blameless man who fears God, in evil he has not hindered."

"Of course, he is not tempted. Your protective hedge is too high,

Let me at him, and like every man I sift, he will spit in Your eye."

"All right Satan, My servant you may test, but you may only go this far,

Do what you will with all he possesses, but to Job - you may not scar."

Joy welled up within Satan and evil covered his face. Straight to his work he went - straight to Job's place.

A study in LifeLight sent my curious mind a thinking, I need to write a poem how Evil is Forever Seeking. It seeks you and it seeks me, Satan knows your weakness your heart's deepest lust, Give into its desire, it will grind you up until you find yourself in the ashes and dust.

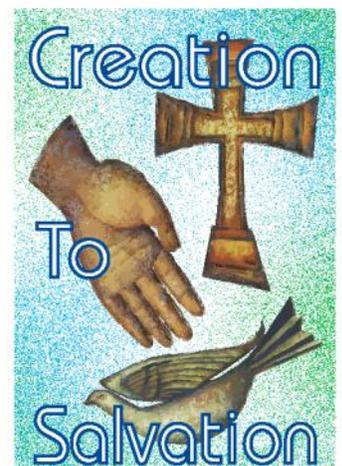
But the bigger story here, that I hope you take away, God sets the boundaries, but with us, Satan will play. Your only defense is to have God at your side, Dig into His Word, and He will be your guide.

Sign up for LifeLight this fall and learn about the glory of our Triune God.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one, come discover more about our God.

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The 1st session of LifeLight begins on Thursday, **September 6** at either 9am-10:30am or 7pm-8:30pm or on Sundays at 9am. Registration opens on **August 19 and 26** in the Commons or-online.



Primetimers Schedule for 2018-19

by Ralph & Georgia Phillips

Primetimers welcome Pastor Tim Wendelin as our new leader for our Tuesday morning Bible Study. We will meet twice a month from 10-11am. See the schedule below. Our September through December studies will be entitled "What do we believe as Christians?" Our place of meeting will be announced. We will also plan an out-to-lunch gathering after each Bible Study.

Bible Study

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

10-11am (Location to be announced)

September 4 & 18

October 2 & 6

November 6 & 20

December 4 & 18

January 15

February 5 & 19

March 5 & 19

April 2 & 16

May 7 & 21

Bunco

4th Monday of each month

1-4pm in the Commons

September 17 (3rd Monday due to SOAR conference)

October 22

November 26

December—None

January 28

February 25

March 25

April 15 (3rd Monday)

May 20 (3rd Monday)

June 24

July 22

August 26

Look for details during Lent for our fellowship gatherings in the Commons following the morning services at 10am.

PrimeTimers
SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Save the Date!
September 9
11:30am-2pm

Church & School



Mary Martha Summer Social by Lynne Robbins

“Lemonade on the Lawn” was the summer social in July for our Mary Martha sisters in Christ. We gathered in the beautiful backyard of President Marva Tonniges for lemonade and goodies. Mary McFarland drove the Primetimers bus for those who needed transportation. Over 32 ladies attended with three guests. A fun time included answering questions about ourselves, puzzle word games and “pin the lips on the Lady’s Face.”



We are busy planning our 40th anniversary celebration this September. Jon Aufdemberge has designed an impressive new banner for this occasion. Watch for more details in the September issue of Fully Alive.

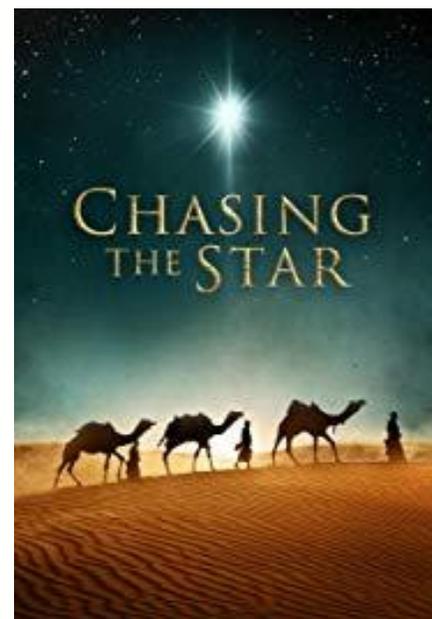
Ladies Prayer Retreat by Marva Tonniges

September 29, 2018

Our retreat leader will be Judy Berg, sister of Marva Tonniges. Judy has been actively involved in education for over 50 years as a classroom teacher, early childhood director, adult instructor, and consultant. In 2004-05 she was named the Texas District Lutheran Educator of the Year.

Judy has written children’s religion curriculum for Concordia Publishing House and children’s Sunday School lessons for Lutheran Church Extension Fund, as well as synodical children’s stewardship materials.

Watch for registration in our Sunday bulletins and September issue of Fully Alive!





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Back-to-School Celebration

by Becky Chaplin

ALL KIDS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION!

Kids, bring your backpacks on **Sunday, August 12th** for a special Backpack Blessings event! Join us at Bethlehem during all services as we celebrate the upcoming school year with a blessing and gift! No matter what school you attend, all kids and families are welcome, so invite your neighbors, friends, and family!!

Contact Becky Chaplin if you'd like more information (bchaplin@bethlehemdenver.com, 303.238.7676, ext. 157).



— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL