



Bethlehem Lutheran

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Trunk or Treat at Bethlehem

You and your family, friends, and neighbors are invited to Bethlehem's annual Trunk or Treat event!

Saturday, October 27

6-7:30pm



Dress up in your favorite costumes, play fun fall fest games, and of course, enjoy lots of candy! Kids of all ages can walk trunk to trunk for family-friendly trick-or-treating! We want to see your best decorated car trunk! The Best Decorated Trunk will win a PRIZE! Sign up to reserve a parking lot spot for your trunk today at www.bethlehemdenver.com/trunkortreat.

Please contact Becky Chaplin with any questions about this fun family event at bchaplin@bethlehemdenver.com or 303.238.7676, ext. 157.



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Jamaica Mission Trip

by Sarah Ross

We are starting to form our 2019 Family Mission Trip team. We will not be leading a group in 2020, so please take that into consideration.

We have termed this a family mission trip. By that, we mean that it is open to all ages and families. Single men and women, part of a family or a whole family with multiple generations are all welcome. Individuals age 20 and under do need to have a responsible adult on the trip with them. If a child age 12 and under is coming, two adults need to accompany the child. Those adults do not both need to be parents, but we do realize that adults will need help dealing with children and the demands of the trip. We will be in St. Mary working with ACE from June 29-July 6, 2019. Families make their own airline reservations, so if you would like to go early or stay late and extend your time in Jamaica, that is an option.

In order to decrease the number of fundraisers at church, we have formed a partnership with Aramark concessions and have worked the Rapids games. By working the games and events, as well as participating in the fundraisers at Bethlehem, a few of our families have earned enough to pay for the majority of their trip, including their flights! If you are at a game, please stop by our stand. We sell cheesesteaks, brats and beverages at a small stand on a corner above section 134.

There are a couple informational meetings about the trip on September 30 and October 28 at 11:30am (or right after the last service). If you are interested in learning more (it doesn't mean you have to go), please stop by one of the meetings or talk to Drew or Sarah Ross, or anyone who has previously gone on a trip, including the youth who went over the summer. You can also email ross@bethlehmdenver.com for more info. A deposit of \$100 per person is due November 15, 2018.



Changing Lives. Transforming Communities.

Miracle Workers are Building Again by Sherri Wells

This year we will be building one side of a two-story duplex in Sheridan Square, at 3749 S. Irving (Hampden and Lowell Blvd.) We are excited to once again be part of making a family's dream come true with a home of their own.

We are looking forward to having YOU be a part of the construction of this home, and to work side-by-side with you to complete it. Construction will begin on Friday, October 12. We will have the opportunity to build on 10 different days from October to February. To volunteer, go to our website at www.miracleworkersbuild.com; click on the Volunteer button and it will connect you to Habitat for Humanity's registration page where you can select the date(s) you would like to help build.



In addition, our financial commitment to Habitat this year is \$4,000 at Bethlehem. Due to your generosity, we are currently 47% of the way to meeting that goal. As we continue our financial efforts, please consider helping us to meet our goal. Make your check payable to BLC noting Miracle Workers on the memo line and place it in the offering plate. You may also contribute on our web page, noted above. Just click on the Donate button and follow the prompts. As always, your support is greatly appreciated!!!!!!

YOU are making a huge difference in the lives of others. If you have any questions, please contact Randy and Sherri Wells at emiliejay@comcast.net or 303.238.5869.

Primetimers October Schedule by Ralph/Georgia Phillips

Tuesday, October 2 — Bible study at 10am in the Commons.

Tuesday, October 16 — Bible study at 10am in the Commons.

We will go out to lunch after each Bible study. The restaurant will be decided upon the day of each Bible study.

Monday, October 22 — Bunco from 1-4pm in the Commons. Bring a snack to share.

See you there!



Bible Study
TOGETHER

Concordia Association Ending?

by Pastor Langewisch

Years ago, after the closing of the Lutheran High School Campus we affectionately called, "Denver Lutheran High School", several congregations and individuals rallied to form The Concordia Association (TCA) to continue the legacy of Lutheran Christian high school education and ministry on the west side of Denver. TCA has been faithfully pursuing that vision, most effectively in its partnership with Faith Christian Academy and the Concordia Courses. These are Bible courses taught from our distinctly Lutheran perspective and theology. It has been an amazing arrangement.

Over the past year and a half, the congregations who initially partnered in this have, for a variety of reasons, pulled back on their financial support. TCA is currently running a deficit for the fall program and, without additional financial support, will be forced to close its doors at the end of 2018.

First, TCA covets your prayers. Second, TCA is working diligently to explore other funding options. Approximately \$40,000 needs to be raised to finish the 2018-19 school year. TCA has made progress and is \$11,825 toward that goal. Toward the end of November a decision will be made about the future of TCA. More information can be found at theconcordiaassociation.org.

Governance Election Results

Elections for Parish Planning Council and Vision Implementation Teams were held on Tuesday, September 18, and the following is the new composition of the Council and VITs:

Parish Planning Council

President	Jean Wendelin
Vice-President	Josh Kirkpatrick
Secretary	Autumn Lawrence
Treasurer	Dale Wagner
PPC At-Large	Dwayne Clark
PPC At-Large	Mike Haywood
PPC At-Large	Tom Monson
PPC At-Large	Spencer Tscherpel

Spiritual Care VIT (Leader: Pastor Drew Ross)

Dave Beverlin	Heidi Biniasz
Chet Shoaf	

Discipleship VIT (Leader: Sandy Wendelin)

Amy Goeglein	Kim Musselman
Renee Harper	Larry Queen

Day School VIT (Leader: Nate Richter)

Jeff Havekost	Marla Lohmann
Rebecca Diehl	

Ministry Support VIT (Leader: Scott Bubke)

Randy Belknap	Orville Hinerman
Eric Ford	Randy Wartner

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Drew Ross, Pastor

Tim Wendelin, Pastor

Sam Reinhard,
Vicar (Student Pastor)

Nathan Richter, Principal

Sandy Wendelin,
Director of Discipleship

Scott Bubke,
Director of Operations

Doug Butte, IT Director

Becky Chaplin,
Director, Ministry to Children

Lauribeth Roemer,
ELC Director

Dave King,
Director, Worship Arts

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Dare We Know God?

by Jim Lewis

Knowledge of God. Roll those words around on your tongue; take a minute to savor them. What seems at first a familiar ideal takes on a startling wonder. Who are we to know God? How dare the creature presume to know its Creator? An amoeba might more likely know the biologist on the other end of a microscope.

Unless. Unless the Creator desires to be known. Unless the Creator designs the creature, not only to perceive him, but to hunger for intimate connection with him. Unless God designs his whole creation to show the rainbow beauties of his nature, and then breathes out a Book that perfectly describes him. He did, and therein lies the wonder. (*Romans 1:20; 2 Timothy 3:16*)

Keep savoring those words: "Knowledge of God." Let them startle you. Why would the Creator reveal himself to a creature designed to know him? God is the perfect union of intimacy – Father, Son and Spirit – with no need for anyone or anything to complete him. And we, blinded in our fallen state, fail – in fact *refuse* – to see him. (*1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6*)

What kind of God goes to such lengths to be known? Hold that question, and consider one more thing. Not content merely to portray himself in his creation or to describe himself in his word, God did the unthinkable: he wrapped his infinite glory in the confines of human flesh – *he became one of us*. Now we can know God in 3D, retina-resolution, live action. (*John 1:1, 14; Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 1:1-3*)

And he knows us. Not just in his know-everything God knowledge, but in his personal experience *as a human*. More than understanding us, he *gets* us. He looks at us in our fearful, floundering frailties and thinks, "Yes, I've been there." So, when we dare reach out to know God, we reach for a Person who crossed impossible barriers to be with us in whatever we experience. (*Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-16*)

Knowing and being known – the essence of intimacy. It's humanity's greatest need. Before we draw our first breath, we need to know someone is there for us. So God comes near and calls us to himself – not out of need, but out of desire born of redemptive love. (*John 17:1-3, 23-26*)

Savor those words: "Knowledge of God." Be startled. Be warmed to your core aloneness. Knowing God is not a right or another religious chore; it's not a merit badge for the spiritual high-achiever. It's a priceless gift, brought miraculously within reach by a reaching God. This fall in our LifeLight study, dare to receive the gift. Be filled with wonder.

History of Mary Martha

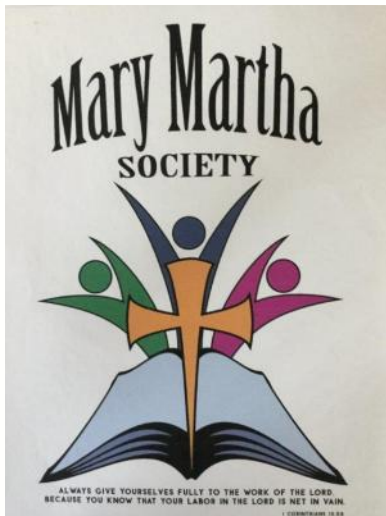
by Lynne Robbins

The Mary Martha Society began in the summer of 1978 when Pastor Degner and his wife, Kaye, were interested in starting a daytime women's group. The name Mary Martha was suggested by Pastor Degner in September 1978. The first official meeting of the Mary Martha Society took place with Velda Hecht, our first President, guiding us through the formalities of By-Laws and Guidelines.

This September, 2018, in celebration of our 40-year anniversary, and after a brief business meeting, ladies gathered in the sanctuary for a beautiful short film on Mary and Martha, telling of the caring heart of Mary washing Jesus' feet and listening to him while Martha was serving the meal. After communion and a short sermonette by Pastor Langewisch, we sang "Bind Us Together" and then adjourned for a delicious salad luncheon.

Our October meeting will be "Meet the Vicar" with Sam Reinhard.

Please join us in the Commons at 9am on Tuesday, October 9, for a friendly get-together with our new Vicar. We promise to make you feel welcome!



LWML Tidings

by Jean Waltman

LWML started our new year on Saturday, September 9 with installation of officers by Pastor Tim Wendelin.

Our next meeting will be October 13 in the Commons at 8:30am. Our program will be a meet and greet with the new vicar and his wife. Also, there will be a convention report from the members who attended the Rocky Mountain District Convention this past June in Boulder.

LWML Sunday will be October 21. Our main fundraiser for mission projects will be held two Sundays in November. More to come later on that.

The 2018-2020 Mission Grants for the Rocky Mountain District were voted on at the convention and are listed below. Once again, the table, here at Bethlehem was voted to receive one of these grants. Our Mighty Mites are already hard at work! As funds have become available, our District has already sent out partial payments on three of the mission grants! So continue to collect your mites and put them in the large mite boxes any Sunday in the Commons. If you would like a small mite box for your home, we have plenty available.





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Plan now to join us for this year's presentation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on Friday, November 9 at 7:30pm; Saturday, November 10 at 3pm and 7:30pm; and Sunday, November 11 at 3pm. This will be our 4th presentation of this musical, with the first time being 22 years ago in 1996. Invite your friends and family to see the "coat of many colours" story of Joseph from the Book of Genesis. Directed by Pastor David Langewisch.



CHURCH MUSICAL
NOVEMBER 9th-11th