

Bethesda Lutheran Church
"Welcome One Another"



The Visitor

Christmas 2010

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CHRISTMAS AT BETHESDA



Christmas Eve – Friday, Dec. 24

Family Service – 4pm

A service for persons of all ages.
With Holy Communion.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 10 p.m.

With Holy Communion.

The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light!

Christmas Day, December 25

Christmas Day Chapel Service at 10 a.m.

With Holy Communion

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.



ADVENT CONTINUES



4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 19

Bethesda's Sunday School children and Youth will present the pageant, *First Christmas*. This special program will be during worship, so come and enjoy Bethesda's talented young people as we all prepare for the birth of Jesus!

**Everyone in Church
decorates the Chrismon
Tree!**

At noon, following Learning Hour, we will be enjoying a pot luck lunch in the Parish House and then go Christmas Caroling to those in care facilities and to those who are homebound. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Music Director Lars Gjerde.



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Here is the Church

What is this?
Six-week Bible Study on the Letter to the Ephesians

Where is this?
Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Parish House Living Room, starting **January 4**

Who's inviting me?
Pastor Keyl will lead this study of an ancient letter that addresses issues in the church.

What can I bring?
Bring yourself. Bring a friend. Bring an eagerness to ask what makes the church the church.
Questions? Contact Pastor Keyl at pastorkeyl@snet.net

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Annual Congregational Meeting Sun, Jan. 30



Bethesda's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30th at 11:00 a.m. followed by a light lunch. Bethesda's youth will be preparing soup, and members with last names beginning with letters A

- K are asked to bring a plate of sandwiches; L-Z are asked to bring a dessert. The report books will be available for review by January 23. The last possible date for submission of annual reports to be included in the report book is January 10th. Please submit your report via email and in Word format to make the process go smoothly.

If you need to refer to last year's report and are unable to find your copy, there are extra report books in the office. Please call or email Clare in the church office if you have any questions.

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Christian Community Action is one of about 100 nonprofit organizations in New Haven participating in the Community Foundation's for Greater New Haven's www.giveGreater.org online giving challenge. This challenge is designed to encourage more giving using the internet vs. regular "snail" mail.

Your online gift of \$50 or more by December 31 could help CCA win thousands of dollars in grant support from the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Can you help? Go to www.giveGreater.org to learn more.

Calling All Bakers!

Step up and try your hand at baking bread for Holy Communion.

We'll give you the Honey-Wheat Bread recipe to use with a mixer or bread machine, or to knead by hand.

We thank our current "team" of bakers - Chris Wigren, Bill Strickland and Joan Gibney - who look forward to welcoming new bakers.

Dates are flexible. Please contact Joan if you are interested, (203) 386-1555. Thank you.

The January/February
Visitor
Submission Deadline:
Sun., Jan. 16

Please e-mail your submissions
to Clare Couture at
Bethesda@snet.net
Thank you!

Visit our Web page
www.bethesdanewhaven.org



Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues ...

You are invited to attend our bi-weekly gatherings with light food and fellowship, biblical readings, and lively discussions. Everyone is welcome. We start at 8:00 and end at 9:00am, meeting in the Parish House living room.

Starting in 2011 we will begin a series on *Great Expectations: Studies in Isaiah*. Certainly we all have expectations in one form or another throughout our lives. These visions give us hope and the desire to move into the future as we walk with God and serve one another. Dates for these sessions are **January 5, 19, February 2, 16, and March 2, 2011.**

Everyone is invited.



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And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means
“God is with us.” (Matthew 1:23)

When the song of the angel is still,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among peoples,
To make music in the heart.

“Christmas Begins”
Howard Thurman

Submitted by Joan Gibney