

## SUNDAY MORNING

### BETHANY

*Today 10:30 am, Hearth Room*

Bethany welcomes Brian Jones, Colonial's Youth Minister. Brian will share his faith journey and his dreams and vision for Youth Ministry. Come have coffee and get acquainted with Brian.

### ISAIAH IN DEPTH

*Sundays starting February 18, 10:45 am, Fireside Room or take class online anytime*

Prepare for Lent! John Westfall will preach on Isaiah during Lent, so learn to interpret and appreciate this prophet. One week left to register for this class taught by Trace James. Lectures are recorded and available on CD along with the written course material. Sign up online at AdultEd@ColonialChurch.org or at the front desk. Registration for the on-line class is required.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

*Wednesday Night Live Dinner begins at 5:30 pm*

### IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HEART OF GOD

*Wednesday February 14, 6:45-8 pm,*

*Gathering Room I*

Valentine's Day – a great time to talk about growing God's heart within us. Join a lively conversation led by Sally and Elgin Manhard and enjoy some Valentine's goodies, too!

## FAMILIES

### DON BI IS COMING SHROVE TUESDAY

*Tuesday February 20, 5:30 pm, Great Hall*

Bring the entire family for this laugh-out-loud comedian! A juggler, unicyclist, illusionist, plate spinner and nerd extraordinaire, Don Bi! is great entertainment for all ages. Bring friends! Bring Grandma! Bring Uncle George! This guy is really funny! Pasta dinner at 5:30 followed by Don Bi!

## SINGLES

### DINNER & BRAHMS TRIO CONCERT

*Tonight February 11, 5 pm, Eden Avenue Grill followed by the Concert at 7 pm*

Join other singles for dinner and the Brahms Trio Concert. Meet for dinner at the Eden Avenue Grill or in the Common at 6:40 to sit with other singles for the concert. Tickets are \$15; available online at www.colonialchurch.org or call 952.925.2711.

## OTHER

### ANNUAL SPRING SALE!

As you clean out closets bring your donations here for the annual spring sale. Items may be brought to the church – but by appointment only please at this early date. To schedule an appointment, contact Jennifer Jensen at jjensen@colonialchurch.org or call 952.224.9517.

## ADULTS

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

*Mondays 10-11:30 am, Gathering Rooms II/III*

Continues this week with the study of Jacob in Genesis. Come anytime. Gary Klingsporn leads.

### A LIFE WORTH LIVING

*Wednesdays through March 14, 6:30-8 pm,*

*Hearth Room*

A study based on Paul's letter to the Philippians taught by Nicky Gumbel; presentations followed by small-group discussion.

### CENTERING PRAYER GROUP HOSTS LASAGNA DINNER AND SPECIAL DVD

*Thursday February 15, 5:15 pm, Dinner & DVD*

*7-8 pm, Centering Prayer, Fireside Room*

Come and enjoy dinner and watch a moving 30-minute DVD made by a group of men in prison describing centering prayer and how it has transformed their lives. DVD will be followed by Centering Prayer and discussion. No charge; only a donation. For reservations call Dick or Carolyn Young, 952.893.0673.

### COME ONE COME ALL FOR

#### DINE WITH NINE

*Sign up Sunday February 11 & 18, North Common*

Join nine other Colonial people for a meal as part of your Lenten journey. These groups will gather 3-4 times beginning Ash Wednesday through the end of April. Dine with Nine offers a great chance to get acquainted with other Colonial members over dinner in a warm, welcoming home to hear each other's stories. Questions? Call Sherry Parr in the church office, 952.224.9518, Berrie Lounsberry, 952.929.6785, or Carolyn Forney, 952.929.5818.

## WOMEN

### MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY

*Mondays 9:30-11 am, Gathering Room IV*

This warm, welcoming study group continues this week with a study of the book, *Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality* by Donald Miller, a fresh and original perspective on life, love, and redemption. Women of all ages are welcome.

### WOMEN'S RENEWAL GROUP

*Thursday February 15, 7:30 am, home of*

*Suzanne Pope, 6621 Mohawk Trail, Edina.*

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

*Tuesday February 20, 2007, Library*

The Book Club's next selection is *The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck, a literary classic.

### BECOMING A NEW CREATION

*Saturday March 17, 9 am-1:30 pm*

*Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina*

Don't miss author Betsy Lee and recording artist Mary Beth Carlson and discover the power of God's transforming love. Cost is \$35 with early registration discount and a special group rate. For information visit www.prayerventures.org.

## MUSIC & ARTS

### Let Music Fill Your Soul

#### With The Chamber Music Series

*Tickets are \$15 for each performance and are available in the Common between services, online at www.colonialchurch.org or call 952.925.2711 x504.*

### WINTER ROMANCE

*Today February 11, 7 pm, Meetinghouse*

The lush music of Johannes Brahms will warm your winter-worn soul in the beautiful setting of Colonial Church's Meetinghouse. Brahms' trio for Violin, Horn and Piano will feature the Minnesota Orchestra's Milana Reiche, our own Ellen Smith and the University of Minnesota's master pianist Alexander Braginsky.

### NORTHERN LIGHTS STRINGS

*Sunday March 18, 2-3:30 pm, Meetinghouse*

A special Young Artists concert featuring an amazing group of violinists. Free and open to the public, come let your spirits soar with this string ensemble.

## YOUTH

### SAVE THE DATES! DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

*Friday Evening, March 9:*

*Junior High Tubing Extravaganza*

*Friday through Sunday, March 23-25:*

*Senior High and Confirmation Spring Retreat!*

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

*July 7-14, 2007, Sign up deadline: March 1*

Senior High and College students are invited to build a home in Tijuana, Mexico. Sign up packets in the Youth Offices!

### 6TH GRADE COMMUNION CLASS

*Saturday March 3, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Pond Room*

All 6th graders and their parents are invited to this class to learn about the meaning and tradition of communion and to take first communion together on Sunday March 4. Pick up registration forms outside the Youth Offices. Cost \$10 and includes lunch!

### SUNDAY MORNING (SMG)

*Today, 9-10 am, Pond Room*

### SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

*Tonight, 6:30-8 pm, Pond Room*

A lively, faith-forming time for 9-12 graders.

### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (JPF)

*Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, Pond Room*

Students grades 6-8, come for fun, time with friends, and lessons to help learn more about being a Christian.

### CONFIRMATION (CONFO)

*Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Spiritual Formation Center*

## A SEASON OF PRAYER & PREPARATION – LENT

Lent, the 6-week period between Ash

Wednesday and Easter, is recognized in

the Christian Church as a devoted time

of deepened spiritual discipline, fasting,

reflection, and prayer. Come. Walk the

Lenten journey.

### Ash Wednesday Service

*Wednesday February 21, 7 pm, Meetinghouse*

A worship service which marks the beginning of Lent, Colonial's Ash Wednesday service includes the historic imposition of ashes on the foreheads of worshippers. A symbol of purification and repentance, the imposition of ashes dates back to at least the 10th century. Come for a deeply moving, reverent rite of humility before God.

### A Closer Walk With Christ: Personal Fitness For Your Soul

*Wednesdays February 28-March 28, 6:45-8 pm,*

*Center for Spiritual Formation*

Do you ever wonder what a closer walk with Jesus would look like? Think of it as a 5K physical fitness program designed for your unique soul needs and join us as we explore six different paths for a closer walk with Christ from Richard Foster's book *Streams of Living Water*. If you've ever wondered what the words "Spiritual Formation" mean in everyday life, come and explore. Take a "Faith Styles Inventory" to help you understand your unique approach to faith. Choose a personal trainer to stay motivated. Weekly offsite training will be suggested. It's fun. It's active. It's refreshing. It's food for your soul. Led by Gary Klingsporn, Tracy Mooty, Janet Hagberg. Sign up by February 20 by contacting Mary Werness at 952.925.2711 or online at mwerness@colonialchurch.org. Limit 30.

### Deepen Your Lenten Journey

*Thursdays, 6:45-7 pm, Hospitality*

*7-8 pm, Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina,*

*Center for Spiritual Formation*

Come. Commit yourself to a more meaningful Lenten journey. Using the themes of Lent, this time of centering prayer will meditate on biblical passages that help carry us to a more personal, deeper meaning of this time in the church year. If you have not attended one of these evenings, give yourself this gift of coming for the first time. You do not need to prepare yourself in any way. Just come.

## THE 7TH ANNUAL SPRING RETREAT

### FORMERLY ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Mark your calendars and save

the date for this year's get-

away!

*Friday-Sunday, May 4-6, Young Life's*

*Castaway Club, Detroit Lakes*

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come for a weekend full of laughter, worship, fellowship, and fun. You'll enjoy old friends and make some new ones, too. The retreat provides great outdoor and indoor activities, wonderful speakers, above average entertainment (truly awesome is an understatement!), and is completely kid and family friendly. If you're new to Colonial, there's no better way to get connected. Stay tuned for more details in the Compact and weekly E-News. Questions? Contact Sherry Parr, 952.925.2711, or Megan Hughes, 612.866.7337.

## CHILDREN

*Preschool children can be dropped off and*

*picked up in the Nursery/preschool Hallway.*

*Elementary kids can be dropped off in the Gym and picked up in their shepherd home rooms as noted on the divider outside the Youth Office. There will be no midweek programming on Ash Wedesday.*

### Nursery

*Sundays during the 9 am and 10:45 am services. Babies/toddlers (Birth-2 year olds)*

### Stepping Stones

*Sundays during the 9 am and 10:45 am services. Preschool kids (2-5 year olds)*

### FaithTrek Sundays

*Sundays during the 9 am and 10:45 am services. Elementary kids (K-5)*

### CELEBRATION CHOIR

*Today, 10-10:45 am, Gathering Room I.*

Celebration Choir (Grades 1-5) is now rehearsing for a spring musical. New members welcome! Questions? Contact Kris Henderson, 952.944.9326.

## OUTREACH

### ALABAMA MISSION TRIP: BAMA II

*March 16-24, 2007*

Colonial now has established relationships with the folks in Bayou la Batre and we're going back to do everything from painting to demolition to visiting the elderly or helping out with kids. This is a chance to restore lives and homes and respond with the love of Christ to the continuing needs along the Alabama coast. Cost is \$500; fundraising opportunities are available. For a registration packet contact Sherry Parr, 952.925.2711.

### FAMILIES MOVING FOWARD NEEDS YOUR TIME AND HELPING HANDS!

*February 25-March 4, 2007*

If you've never volunteered, but always been interested, please, please, sign up now! Many of our regular volunteers will not be able to help this week, and we need you! Sign up in the Common on Sundays, February 11 & 18.

## SUPPORT

### CODA CO-DEPENDENCY

#### ANONYMOUS GROUP FOR WOMEN

*Wednesdays 12 noon-1:30 pm, Fireside Room 12-Step Group.*

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis or difficult time and could benefit from caring support, contact Dick Young, 952.893.0673. Stephen Ministers are men and women trained to be care givers who volunteer their time to care for you in a confidential manner. More information is available at the Kiosk in the Common or at www.colonialchurch.org.

### JOB TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP

*Mondays 7-9 pm, Great Hall*

This group is for those going through job loss. No pre-registration.

### WEDNESDAY AA GROUP

*Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 pm, Fireside Room*

*12-Step Group.*

### THE EDINA COALITION FOR GRIEF SUPPORT

*Thursdays January 4-March 29, 4:30-6 pm,*

*Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church,*

*5017 Eden Avenue, Edina*

Group is open to all who are grieving the death of a loved one. No pre-registration necessary. For more information, call Terry Naugle, 952.937.5933.

### FRIDAY AA GROUP

*Fridays 7:30-8:45 pm, Gathering Room II*

Open speaker meeting.

### ALANON ACA GROUP

*Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am, Library*

*12-Step Group.*

## COLONIAL YOUTH GIVE A BIG 30 HOUR THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who supported the youth during the 30 Hour Famine. Your willingness to serve gave the youth a time to grow closer to God, build relationships as a group, and *made it possible to raise more than \$10,000 for the people of Usi, Peru!* And money is still coming in! **At TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT** the congregation voted to battle the HIV/AIDS crisis in Zambia, Africa and Colonial Youth are committed to this cause as well. Look for **THE JOURNEY** coming in September.