



THE MESSENGER

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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**It's up and running!
Go check it out!** **and 11 AM with Adult
Forum and Sunday
School in between at
9:45 AM.**



The Messenger
NOVEMBER 2009

Welcome to our 2009/2010 Church Council!

On October 25th, the people of Beautiful Savior elected 7 new members to our church council.

They are:

Marcia DeCaro, Susan Gustafson, Charlie Heiserman, *Don Houck, Audrey Maederer, *Helene Pihl and *Jerry Rhodes. (* re-elected to a second-term).

These seven new members will join existing members Bert Alvaro, Karen Cleveland, Don Fitzgerald, Randy Holliday, and Sue Nolan.

We thank the outgoing members of council, who have finished their terms with us! They were

Tom Brossia, Sharon Brown, Laural Kozacek, Woody Newell, and Ralph Welch.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP—November 25 @ 7 PM.

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving eve worship! Pastor Jaech invites you to bring a picture, piece of art, or anything that symbolizes an event that you are thankful for this past year. The thankfulness can either be out of a joy or challenge you have faced. The “sharing” part of the service is optional.

We lift our thankful hearts to you, O God!

*“Celebrating,
Deepening,
and Sharing in
God’s Love.”*



From Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's good to be back with you after my three months away on Sabbatical. What a blessing that Sabbatical time was! I appreciate so much that Beautiful Savior provides a Sabbatical to its pastors.

The purpose of a Sabbatical, of course, is to provide rest and renewal so that a pastor can come back with increased energy, focus and wisdom. The last three months were wonderful in all of those ways.

During the first four weeks of the Sabbatical, my family and I spent a relaxing time traveling together. Our first trip was a week spent in the San Francisco Bay Area, where we stayed at Pacific Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley. The seminary was very generous in letting us use their facilities, including their excellent library. We also were able to visit good friends we know from the years that we lived in San Francisco.

Returning from California, we next flew to Pennsylvania, where Satya's family lives. Her parents live in a beautiful little town called Lititz, PA, which is in the Amish country and farmlands of southeastern Pennsylvania. A family reunion had been scheduled during our stay celebrating her parents 60th wedding anniversary and her father's 92nd birthday. We took a lot of relaxing walks through Lititz enjoying the trees and the Colonial architecture. One day, we made a very educational and moving day trip to the Gettysburg National Military Park, where there is a Civil War Information Center sitting in the midst of the battle fields. While in Gettysburg we visited as well the retirement home of President Dwight Eisenhower and the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, which is the oldest Lutheran seminary in the United States. Seeing the family photos at the Eisenhower home brought back memories to Satya, who was friends with Eisenhower's grandchildren when she was growing up in Phoenixville, PA. Satya babysat the youngest granddaughter on occasion.

While on the East Coast, we also spent five days in Manhattan, where two of our nephews live. Mostly we took long walks through all the interesting neighborhoods, including walking across the Brooklyn Bridge. We ate great deli food, took a boat tour out to the Statue of Liberty, visited the United Nations and saw the play *Wicked* on Broadway.

It was a wonderful New York experience. During our days there, the New York newscasters kept reporting on the 105 degree weather in the Pacific Northwest. Knowing what you were going through helped us to appreciate the cooling thunderstorms that were rolling through the East Coast.

Back home in early August, I sat down and began working in earnest on the book I am writing. As many of you know, I am writing a book that will help pastors and church leaders make productive use of the diversity and conflicts that naturally exist in all congregations. Since God gives each of us distinct gifts and perspectives, we continually discover ways in which we are different from each other. These differences can regularly lead to tension and conflict in churches, homes and workplace. The challenge (and opportunity) is to make productive use of these differences and conflicts, rather than letting them drain us of energy, unity and joy. This book is the final project in the graduate studies program I have been involved in during the past three years.

I am happy to report that the book is now 70% finished! Throughout the last 8 weeks of the Sabbatical, I would sit down at my computer each morning, Monday through Friday, and typed for at least four hours. Then I did some yard work or took a walk with my family to clear my head. I believe that I will be done with my writing by Christmas. The book must first be reviewed and approved by my faculty committee and then I will send it to a few publishers to see if they will print it. If not, I will print it myself, which is much easier these days with the software that is available. I'm looking forward to a Book Party early next year. You will definitely be invited!

As you can see, my three months of Sabbatical were nourishing, fun and productive! Thank you again for the investment you make through your support for a Sabbatical program. I look forward to sharing with you in the months ahead more of the specific ideas and insights I gained about the Bible, faith and life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rick Jaech



From Rachel (Director of Faith Formation)

Sunday School in Full Swing!!

Every Sunday from 9:45 – 10:45, we have Christian education options for every age. Pre-school kids gather with Sharon Matthews, Laura Blaisdell, and Anne Cozens, elementary age kids are with Sid Wiggs, and middle schoolers and high schoolers are with Rachel Brocker, Patrick Callahan, Teague Coley, and Nicole McDonald. Nursery care is also available. Please consider bringing your kids to the education hour while you try out our adult forum!!!

Middle School Lock-in!

Friday, November 13th the confirmation group (and all other middle school age kids) will be gathering at the church for a night of games, snacks, movies, and not-a-lot-of-sleep! Please plan to have your child at the church between 8:30 and 9 p.m. and plan to pick them up the next morning at 9. Sleeping bags, a favorite movie or game, and snacks will be all we need to have a great time! Please contact Rachel Brocker, the director of faith formation, for more information.

High School Excursion

Saturday, November 14th, the high school group will be heading up to Trinity College in Everett for a “Jesus, Justice, Jazz” workshop and concert. We will be learning about the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, meeting other Lutheran youth from around Washington, attending an awesome concert (AGAPE & Rachel Kurtz!), and spending the night at the college. The cost for this event is \$25. Scholarships are available. Please talk to Rachel Brocker, the director of faith formation, for more information.

25th Annual Inter-Service Walk and Knock

Mark your calendars – Saturday, December 5th, Beautiful Savior will send a team to help with the Clark County Walk and Knock. In 2008 the effort collected just over 141 tons of food and over \$35,000 for local food banks. Please plan to participate either as a walker or driver in this year’s event. More information to come!

Love and Logic @ Regroup

Sunday, November 1st Regroup is meeting from 12:15 – 1:45 for our next Love and Logic class! Parents with children middle school age and younger are invited to attend for a time of learning and support. Childcare will be provided.

Advent Festival!!!

People of all ages are invited to the education hour on Sunday, November 29th, for our Advent Festival. We will be talking about Christmas traditions, making crafts, sharing treats, and celebrating the beginning of the Christmas season!

No Wed @ Church on November 11th because of Veterans Day Holiday.



EDUCATION NEWS ...

ADULT FORUMS IN NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 Pictures of Heaven in the Bible and our Imagination, led by Pastor Jaech.
- Nov. 8 The Bible, Church and Homosexuality. The recent decision by the ELCA regarding gay and lesbian pastors and same sex marriages brings forth many different reactions. In a series of three Adult Forums we will look at Bible passages which relate to the question of homosexuality and also have a conversation together. All voices will be heard and respected and we will work to understand each others viewpoints. Led by Pastor Jaech.
- Nov. 15 The Bible, Church and Homosexuality, Part II.
- Nov. 22 The Bible, Church and Homosexuality, Part III.
- Nov. 29 Advent Festival (see announcement)

WEDNESDAY AT CHURCH!!

Wednesday Night @ Church is in full swing!! Not only do you not have to fix the meal, you get to eat out with some of the best company in town. Last year there was an average attendance at dinner of 65-70 people from Beautiful Savior. Come, bring the kids and enjoy the evening. Dinner at 5:30 PM! **No classes on November 11th due to Veteran's Day Holiday.**

How could anyone pass this up? Even the price is right. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to help cover costs, but **everyone eats**, regardless of whether they donate.

Of course there is more, much more, than just the dinner hour. **Cherub and children's choirs** rehearse before dinner (4:30 PM). **Bell choir and adult choir** rehearse after dinner. **Confirmation class** (see related article) and **high school youth group** meet after dinner, as well as the very thought provoking **Bible studies** led by Gerald Hoffman (see related article). Nursery and supervised activities for children are provided.

This is an opportunity for whole families, single people, older people and young ones to come together and enjoy getting better acquainted. At the same time we are being enriched by our common desire to celebrate and enrich our faith. No doubt about it, Beautiful Savior is **the** place to be on Wednesday evenings. See you there!

Spanish Class!

As part of our Wednesday at Church program, Pastor Abel Gomez, is teaching Spanish to those that are interested. There maybe be a nominal fee for materials. Join Pastor Gomez on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM!

Wednesday @ Church Bible Study—6:30 PM

We will try to paint a picture of God. Not one you can see, but one that captures our imagination and enriches our view of God. We will do this with a study of the Gospel of Luke. Come and draw a picture of God that is clear and precise in your minds eye.

To enhance this study we will compare our visions of God with some of the images of God drawn in the book titled, "The Shack". While it is not necessary to have read this book it might be helpful to be familiar with it as we compare images of God. Gerald Hoffman will be our artist in residence. How about giving it a try?

Book Talk— November 8th, 3 PM
Join the group to discuss the book, *Dance Lest We All Fall Down* by Margaret Willson. Barbara Myers will be our discussion leader. All are welcome!



Opportunities to learn, share, and grow ...

A meeting to discuss ...

Applause in Worship

Sunday, November 15

As a follow-up conversation to an Adult Forum discussion in October, you are all invited to participate in a discussion on Sunday, November 15, following the second service. We will welcome everyone's thoughts about how applause during services helps or hinders a person's worship experience. Each person has their own views on this matter and we welcome all members to come and express themselves. We will work to find mutual understanding and agreement on this topic.

When we speak of "applause", we are not referring to the clapping that takes place during hymns and singing. There is broad consensus among members that clapping while singing is a healthy, welcomed expression of praise to God (although not every member personally wishes to clap.) There is also broad consensus that clapping in recognition of people being honored during worship (for example, a confirmation student or new member) is also a good element in worship. There are many different opinions, however, about applause that happens after a choir anthem or musical piece. In our previous discussion, many good insights about worship have been offered as well as good conversation about how groups make decisions that feel fair to everybody. Please come and join us as we strive to offer the best worship possible.

WINTER HOSPITALITY OVERFLOW OPPORTUNITY!

Members of Beautiful Savior again have the opportunity to serve Vancouver's homeless community by volunteering time or donating food to the Winter Hospitality Overflow program. Our congregation signed up to provide hosts and food at St Andrews Lutheran Church starting the evening of December 13 through the morning of the 20th, 2009. St Andrews accepts women and families at their site and the need is greater than ever for a safe, warm place for those dis-

placed from their homes to stay. There is room for up to 50 guests at the overflow shelter each night this year so your gracious help is needed! Please look for the sign up sheet and detailed information in the narthex. Dave Hellerud and Heide Maize would enjoy sharing their experiences and other information if you are interested – please contact us.

BROWN BAGGING IT

September contributions of protein items were delivered to the Salvation Army food distribution center and weighed in at 196 pounds. The car load of brown bags filled with food was gratefully received.

The October donations of HUGS (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks) went to the Friends of the Carpenter clothing drive with distribution at the end of the month. Your warm HUGS are appreciated.

There will be no brown bag drive in November or December to enable you to contribute to our December Walk and Knock food drive, the WHO program, and other holiday giving opportunities.

Our annual coat drive will be in January so you can plan to bring those warm garments then. Because our church has no space to store clothing please keep the coats at home until the January brown bag announcement.

Your continued generosity at this time of economic difficulty for many is recognized by the recipients with the sincere thanks and smiles we receive as we deliver your donations•

Thank you from your Social Ministries Committee and the people we serve

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING IN VANCOUVER IS CHANGING!

Vancouver is changing from a three-bin system to recycling carts. When your cart is delivered to your curb, be sure to carefully read over the attached contents, which will include instructions on using the new cart, a "glass only" sticker for one of your old recycling bins, and a calendar for the remainder of 2009 showing when to set out your recycling cart for collection. That's important because under the new cart system, the recycling collection truck will be in your neighborhood EVERY OTHER WEEK, not every week. This means fewer trucks on residential streets and fewer trips to the curb to set out your containers.

The new carts are designed to be easy to roll to the curb and capable of handling two weeks of recycling. Significant challenges related to the standard size? Waste Connections and Vancouver Solid Waste will be happy to discuss your specific situation and suggest possible solutions.

Learn more about the coming carts and related changes by visiting the Internet at www.wcnorthwest.com or at cityofvancouver.us/solidwaste, where you'll find answers to many frequently asked questions and more. Can't find what you're seeking? Call Waste Connections at 892-5370 or Vancouver Solid Waste Services at 619-4120 for help.

Care Network Meeting:

There will be a "Care Network" meeting on Wed. Nov 4th, at 5:30 pm during Wednesday @ Church supper.. Get a plate of food and come sit a while with us, share ideas, and experiences. We always need new members, you will be welcomed!!

If you know some one with a concern that we can help with please let Pastor Rick, or Mariellen at the church office at 254 9243 or Don Brenteson or Sandra Holland

See 'ya Wednesday!

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS:

The colors of fall are amazing this year, aren't they? As we watch the trees turn from green to gold and red, we also realize the season for gift giving is fast approaching. Whether we like it or not, it is almost upon us! Have you contemplated giving a gift that keeps on giving??? Here are some websites and merchant contacts, local and global, where your gift giving dollars also support and sustain our neighbors near and far through fair trade purchases.

Lutheran World Relief Your first stop for fair trade shopping! www.lwr.org/fairtrade

Equal Exchange Fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts & berries! <http://shop.equalexchange.com>

Support Afghan women! Hand-milled soaps, body/massage oils, hand-woven silk scarves. E-commerce also has links to additional websites offering fair trade merchandise. Arghand Co-operative products www.arghand.sitegidget.com

Apparel:

Global Mamas – Minneapolis MN 800.338.3032
www.globalmamas.org

Marigold Fair Trade, Olympia WA 888.205.1697
www.marigoldfairtradeclothing.com

Home Décor, Jewelry, Handicrafts (some apparel & scarves):

7 Loaves, Grand Blanc MI 734.786.8223
www.7loaves.com

10,000 Villages www.10000villages.com/catalog/shop.php
Bambootique, Portland OR 503.781.3244
www.shopbambootique.com

Bridge for Africa, San Francisco CA 415.244.0604
www.bridgeforafrica.org

Eco World Décor, Chula Vista CA 619.829.8272
www.edimports.com

Global Exchange Fair Trade Store, San Francisco CA 800.505.4410 www.globalexchangestore.org

Fall 2009 Lutheran World Relief Gifts of Hope

Many people around the world literally await these gifts. Some will go to relief efforts to ease pain and suffering. Others will provide opportunity to learn which brings hope!

First of all, a big thank you to our faithful few who have worked diligently to gather and sort and assemble kits, make quilt tops then tie and bind them, and pack the boxes for shipment. So, to our regulars: Barbara Bennett, Jean Fuller, JoAnn Larson, Marilyn Meek, Fran Young, Sharron Brainard and our occasional helpers; Len Ackjers, Jeannie Roll and Gloy Vining —THANKS!

To those of you who sewed 176 school bags over the summer months — a huge THANKS! Most are part of our school kit shipment. Of the remainders, each bag will hold the contents of a completed school kit. Children and adults in other parts of the world will use these kits in their daily educational activities.

Thank you very much for the contributions of hundreds of items to complete school, health, and sewing kits and layettes. Finding affordable back to school and other kit item bargains has required more diligent searching this summer and fall. *Thanks! Your support is what keeps this important effort alive.*

As the newsletter goes to press, we are wrapping up the packing, labeling, weighing of the fall shipment which will depart Portland for parts east on Monday, November 2. A complete listing of our final kit and quilt count will be in the November newsletter.

We achieved our goal for school kits, layettes, and sewing kits. A shortage of donated nail clippers was our downfall for health kits but we hope to make up for that in the spring.

We also provided six quilts to the Mexico Mission team to be presented to the homeowners of houses constructed this past summer. These quilts are presented as a gift from the Beautiful Savoir congregation.

Looking forward to Spring 2010

We will miss our snow bird team member's through the winter months. It is our sincere desire that members of the congregation will join us to fill the spaces on our team left by those no longer able to work on the Lutheran World Relief projects. We miss Hilda and Edith and others whose circumstances have changed and prevent them from working with us.

The shoes of these faithful workers are waiting to be filled by YOU!

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Needle Nuts are wanted to knit or crochet sweaters to be included in layettes. Donated yarn and some patterns are available. While you are very welcome to come and sit and stitch, this is also work that can be done at home for those unable to join us on Thursday afternoons.
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Coming soon to the Narthex LWR basket will be school bag kits to be assembled in preparation for school kits for the Spring, 2010 Gifts of Hope In-gathering!
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Watch for IWR basket 2 which will hold quilt block kits. We are hoping that a few of you will help as create the quilt tops we need for the Spring In-gathering. In addition, Sharron Brainard is planning to join the Mexico Mission team again and would love to take a couple or three dozen tops for the senoras and señoritas of El Divino Salvador and community to tie up. This was an exciting and fun project three summers ago! SOOOOOOOO much help is needed to accomplish this goal.

The work continues! Please join us!



Comfort and Hope Worship Service

A Comfort and Hope worship service is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00pm at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hazel Dell. This worship is especially designed for those grieving any kind of loss, those suffering physical, emotional or relational pain and for those who care for others. It is being sponsored by Messiah's Stephen Ministers.

If you or someone you know is facing a difficult Christmas season this year, plan on coming to this service of Comfort and Hope.

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