



THE MESSENGER

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

www.beautifulsaviorlutheran.com **Worship times—8:30**

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



October 2009

“WILD HAIR” BENEFIT CONCERT—Oct. 11

Popular regional band, *Wild Hair*, (with BSLC member, Jeff Kerssen Griep) will bring their joyous mix of fiddle-driven tunes to **BSLC on October 11 for a 7 PM concert to benefit BSLC's ongoing Tijuana service work!** Expect feisty, dance-worthy music from Ireland, Scotland, Portland, Appalachia, French Canada, New England, and deluxe points south and east. The band's skilled variety of instruments and hot ensemble play shape rich, loose-limbed, swingy groove that's thrilling, graceful, and always fun, with a sense of humor aimed at the feet.

About the band: fleet fiddler Betsy Branch mixes melodies with Todd Silverstein's bouzouki, whistle, and sax, while pianist Mark Douglass syncs up a deeply agile rhythm section with percussive guitarist/drummer Jeff Kerssen-Griep. More bio information

available at
<http://sites.google.com/site/wildhaircontra/>

We hope that you'll join us and *Wild Hair* on Sunday, October 11, beginning at 7 PM for a fun-filled evening of fiddling'!

Pastor Jaech returns to the pulpit on October 11th! Join us in welcoming our pastor back after his three month sabbatical! Special thanks to Pastor Yokers, Pastor Bitz and our Care Team for their pastoral care.

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



From Rachel (Director of Faith Formation)

ReGroup begins **Love & Logic class**

All parents with children middle school age and younger are invited to participate in *ReGroup*. Being a parent is a blessing filled with ups and downs. *ReGroup* is an effort to strengthen our ministry to parents of children in this age group. *ReGroup* is intended to provide a forum for supportive discussions and social connections. We will learn from each other as we look at parenting issues through the lens of our faith. We meet the first Sunday of the month from 12:30-1:45. High school youth will provide childcare. Please pack a lunch or snacks for your kids.

After a summer hiatus, we join again on October 4th and will begin a Love & Logic parenting class. You can learn more about Love & Logic at www.loveandlogic.com

Refresh – Renew – Recharge – ReGroup!

Young Adult Group

Saturday, October 3rd, the young adult group will be meeting at Patrick's house for an evening of food, games, fellowship, and hot tubbing. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to attend. The event starts at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite game and some food item to share. For more information, contact Rachel Brocker, the director of faith formation.

Family Game Night

Mark your calendars! Friday, October 16th, we will be gathering in the fellowship hall for family game night from 6p.m. to 9 p.m. The church will provide pizza and drinks. Please bring anything else you would like to share, in addition to your favorite game! This is an all-ages event, however, we do ask that if children are attending, at least one adult accompany them.

BLESSING OF THE PETS—

St. Francis of Assisi

OCTOBER 4

11 AM SERVICE

Each year we have a special service in which we thank God for the happiness which we receive from our pets and we ask a special blessing upon these animals. In order to properly care for both pets and people on this Sunday, these special guidelines are in order.

The Blessing of the Pets will take place only during the 11 AM service. If you are allergic to animals or do not wish to participate in the blessing, we recommend that you attend the 8:30 AM service that Sunday.

If your dog or cat can handle being with other people and animals, you may bring them inside for the whole service. If your pets wouldn't do well inside with others, they should be left out in your car for the beginning of the service (We are counting on cooler weather that date, so it will be safe for your animal to be left in the car). If the day is warm, bring your animals inside.

Smaller, quiet animals in cages (birds, gerbils, and fish) may be brought into the church for the entire service.

We trust pet owners to use their good judgment about not bringing any pets that would be too aggressive or too fearful in the presence of other animals and people.

** Please arrive a little early at church to walk your dog before the service.*



EDUCATION NEWS ...

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!

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 resumes on October 14th!

As part of our Wednesday at Church program, Pastor Abel Gomez, will be 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?

Confirmation

It's time for all youth going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grade to sign up for confirmation! This represents a change from last year when only 7th and 8th graders were enrolled. Classes are on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. with other activities scheduled periodically throughout the year. Please contact Rachel Brocker, the director of faith formation, for more information.

Book Talk—October 18, 3 PM

Join the group to discuss the book, **Blue Gold** by Clive Cussler. **Kathy Esparza** will be our discussion leader. **All are welcome!**



Community Events and Service Opportunities ...

~ Your Social Ministries Committee

October 3rd The Afghan Women

Don't miss the chance to have an **Afghan lunch on Saturday, October 3rd at 12:00 noon at Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church in Vancouver.** Lunch will be prepared by Ahmad Qayoumi who is an Afghan American from Vancouver. Reservations are required by calling Sharon Royle at 360.693.4936. Lunch is free, but donations will be requested. Following lunch there will be a presentation of the play, *The Afghan Women*, at 1:30 and a discussion time with Mr. Qayoumi and the cast at 3:30. This is a 'don't miss' event!!! See you there!

BROWN BAGGING IT

Our brown bag donations for October will benefit the Friends of the Carpenter H.U.G.S.

(Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Socks) Program. Brown bags will be available Sunday, October 11th for donations, and should be returned by Sunday, October 25th for delivery to Friends of Carpenter by their October 31st distribution to those in need. Especially needed are women's underwear and men's underwear sizes 30 - 36.

Friends of the Carpenter is a ministry building positive and productive relationships between the poor and homeless and the Community of Christ. Through a safe and supervised activity of simple woodcraft, people experience "sanctuary" where everyone is welcome, accepted, and respected.

It is a pleasure to share H.U.G.S. with this fine program.

WINTER HOSPITALITY OVERFLOW OPPORTUNITY!

Beautiful Savior selected the week of December 13 - 19 to cover the Winter Hospitality Overflow shelter with volunteers at St Andrews this year. This program provides critical overnight lodging for the homeless in Clark County and is a key part of our church mission. Please mark your calendar in advance in order to sign up for days/shifts next month!

A Special Thanks!

I sincerely wish to thank Pastor Jaech and you all for the opportunity to serve you these past three months.

It has been a pleasure to get to know you. I appreciate all the warmth and good ministry you do in Christ's name.

Blessings, Pastor Phil Yokers