



# THE MESSENGER

*Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church*

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**Check out our website.  
It's full of information  
and it's updated regularly!** *(Thanks Shannon!)*

**WORSHIP TIMES:**

**8:30 and 11 AM**

**Sunday School & Adult Forum at 9:45 AM**



*The Messenger  
April 2011*

## **THIS YEAR WE HAVE AN EASTER VIGIL!**

It was only midway in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when people began to think again about the usefulness—indeed, the grandeur—of the way that earlier Christians kept Holy Week. As these services were revived, many people who participated in them came to love the services of Holy Week and urged others to keep Easter in this way: celebrating Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Vigil of Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord.

This year at Beautiful Savior, Phil and Kathe Yokers are leading the Vigil of Easter at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 23. Filled with the stories of scripture in the dim glow of candlelight, you will hear many readers share the basis of our faith—worthy of being passed on to our children, and told in ways that will delight them! Originally primarily for those preparing for Baptism into Jesus, the Vigil is a time to re-

member our own baptism and give thanks for God's tremendous gift. As Jesus was in the tomb, so we also are with the one who died to set us free; as Jesus was raised, so shall we be, for we are buried with him into baptism and raised with him into new life.

Take on for Lent the studies, the discussions, and the three-part service of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Vigil of Easter, that you may be fully prepared to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.

Bring your kids, and give them something to really talk about!

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



## From Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

Calbraith Perry Rogers is the little known pilot who in 1911 completed the first coast to coast crossing of the United States in an airplane. He took off from Sheepshead Bay, Long Island, on September 17, 1911, and landed 49 days later in Long Beach, California. Of those 49 days that the trip took, he was actually in the air only the equivalent of 3 days, 10 hours and 14 minutes. Along the way, he crashed 39 times and made another 30 unscheduled stops to keep from crashing. So many parts on his plane broke and had to be replaced during the journey that by the end there were only two original parts left, a vertical rudder and a drip pan. It was not the same plane and he was not the same man when he finished. He kept going because he was called by a vision and a love and a faith that made the journey even more important than surviving.

A journey, a true journey, is always a mixture of love, faith, risk and transformation. At the end of the trip, it is not the same plane and we are not the same people. A true journey is where you are called by irresistible longings and you follow that call even though you know you are going to lose things along the way and end up being almost completely different.

Lent is such a journey of love, faith, risk and transformation. In this case we follow the Way of Jesus. With Jesus, our longing is to be one with God and have our lives filled by God. With Jesus, our hope is that we will live out God's grace and goodness each moment along the way. Therefore, we set off on the journey as Christ's followers. As we travel, there will be parts of our selves that,

willingly or not, drop off and break down. As we entrust our selves to God and follow Jesus' example, we end up different people.

Lent is a time to reflect on this journey. Where are we going in our lives? What are the parts of our lives that it would be better to drop off and leave behind? Is it time to let go of our constant busyness, our frantic schedules, our addictions, fears and resentments? Where are the places in our lives where God is at work transforming us? Can we stop our racing ahead for a moment and pray, "Open me, God, to your constant presence and fill me with your Holy Spirit."

Thankfully, we do not have to make this journey alone. Not only is God with us, we also have each other. Jesus gathers us together as a community of faith and, through our mutual support, we find strength for our life journey. In worship, song, active care and honest conversation, we learn and grow as the body of Christ. Calbraith Perry Rogers may have been the only one sitting in the plane, but he completed his journey with the help and support of hundreds of people. Whether he was cruising or crashing, he was constantly thankful for the people that surrounded him. We have this same gift in our congregation! We journey together, embraced by the love and wisdom of Christ.

Just before the Gospel lesson during Lent, , we sing, "*Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy; come, seek the tender faithfulness of God.*" That is our journey. We venture out seeking God. In the process, we discover that God is with us and within us all the time. We discover the unity we have as sisters and brothers. We are never the same again.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rick Jaech



## Education at Beautiful Savior ...

### Sunday School and Adult Forum—

Adult Forum meets every Sunday at 9:45am in the Church Fellowship Hall next door to the Coffee Hour area.

**We continue our Lenten theme of Cultivating Community: Growing as the Body of Christ with the following topics:**

- April 3 Growing as the Body of Christ through Effective Communication
- April 10 Growing as the Body of Christ through celebrating our Common Calling
- April 17 Palm Sunday: Growing as the Body of Christ through offering ourselves in service to the world.
- April 24 Easter Sunday. There will be no Adult Forum today. You are invited to the Easter Brunch.

### Tuesday Study Group—Mercy & Manna

Shirley Vegdahl will continue to facilitate a discussion on the book, Manna and Mercy by Dan Erland-er. We have copies of the book available in the church office. The group will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM.

### Noon Bible Study with Pastor Jaech

Join us on Wednesday's at 12 Noon to study the Song of Solomon.

### Wednesday Night Study

#### with Pastor Hoffman

Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM—A Study on the Book of James.

### Lives in Transition

Sunday April 10th @ 12:30 PM @ BSLC

If you are experiencing a major transition in your life and would like to share and support others in this journey of "life", we invite you to join us in discussion. We welcome your ideas, thoughts, questions, and prayers.

### WEDNESDAY AT CHURCH

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). **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. 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!

### Join us for Soup and Bread:

**We will enjoy a Soup and Bread meal at 5:30 PM each Wednesday in Lent! Our Holden Vespers Service begins at 7 PM. Please see the related article by Pastor Jaech to learn more about our program for Lent.**

***Wednesday at Church will resume the first Wednesday after Easter, April 27th.***



## *HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:*

### **Worship Event for Holy Week—SEDER**

This year on April 21, 2011, BSLC will celebrate the Passover as part of the Maundy Thursday worship event. All four gospels speak of the elaborate preparations made for Jesus to celebrate the Passover meal, or the Seder. Today we call that His “last supper” as he was arrested later that same evening. We will join with all whose roots are in the Old Testament and celebrate the Exodus of the Hebrew people from slavery and oppression in Egypt. We continue by celebrating the freedom of African peoples from slavery in the USA, the freedom of Jewish peoples from annihilation in Nazi Germany, the continuing struggle of other peoples to be free, and the freedom of all people who have been in slavery anywhere. We will also remember those who are currently suffering from any form of oppression and looking forward to their own freedom.

**The Seder meal and celebration will begin at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall and continue at 7:30 in the sanctuary with the traditional Maundy Thursday celebration of Holy Communion.** This will be a liturgical meal, full of symbolism and ritual. The nursery will be available, but children are invited and encouraged to participate in the Seder. Parents should be aware that the menu is traditional and lamb is the main course. Take your children’s needs/likes into account (perhaps a snack in advance, or a supplemental cookie). Adults should be aware that it will be a fairly small meal.

Due to the nature of the meal, we will need to know the exact number of people planning to attend. There is no cost, but **reservations will be required.** Reservations can be made by signing up on one of the sheets in the narthex or by calling the church office at 360-254-9243. Reservations are not required for those who plan to attend only the communion service at 7:30.

If you would like to help with this exciting event, please contact the church office at 360-254-9243 or Jo`an Sterr.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 21**

**Worship at 7:30 PM**

### **GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 22**

**Worship at 7:30 PM**

### **EASTER VIGIL—APRIL 23**

**Worship at 7:30 PM (See article on page 1)**

### **EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP—APRIL 24**

**8:30 and 11 AM**

### **EASTER FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS—APRIL 24**

**9:45 AM**

### **JOIN US FOR EASTER BRUNCH!**

**Our Youth are putting together a wonderful brunch for you to enjoy from 9:30—11:30 AM. The suggested donation is \$5 per person, \$20 max per family. All the proceeds will help defray the cost of our “Youth Programs”.**



## *Connections to the Community ...*

### **Making Connections**

Isn't it a blessing when a volunteer opportunity matches what you like to do? I am excited to announce that I accepted the volunteer role of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Congregational Advocate for BSLC. Congregational Advocates are "connectors." They help connect congregations to educational, service, and social opportunities supported by Thrivent. Here is additional information to familiarize you with Thrivent.

#### **What is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans?**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a faith-based membership organization called to improve the quality of life of its members, their families, their congregations and their communities. We do that by providing unparalleled solutions that focus on financial security, wellness and caring for others. Members of Lutheran congregations are eligible to become Thrivent members.

#### **Do we have Thrivent members at BSLC?**

Yes! We have a long list of Thrivent members and hope to see the list continue to grow.

#### **What types of opportunities does Thrivent provide for congregations?**

Opportunities include financial education tools and workshops, financial support of service projects, and social activities. I will be a point-person for spreading the word about these and other Thrivent opportunities.

#### **How do I learn more about Thrivent?**

BSLC is serviced by two Thrivent representatives

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You can visit [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com)

I look forward to working with you as your Congregational Advocate to support BSLC ministries and our journey of living as God's people.

Blessings,

Charlene Welch

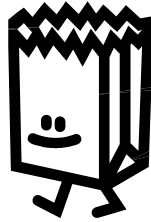




## Opportunities to learn, share, and grow ...

### Free Clinic Lunches

**April 7 and 21 @ 4:00PM!!**



Providing food for people who are struggling is something most everyone believes in. For the past year, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church has been engaged in just such an easy, inexpensive, hands-on project. It is called the **Free Clinic Lunch Program** and provides a sack lunch one day per month to people in our community who are in need of free medical care. More information about the clinic is available at <http://www.freeclinics.org/>. For the past year we have requested money and volunteer time from the congregation to make these lunches happen. Your response has been very generous and we are able now to add a second monthly lunch. **Bev Questad** has graciously volunteered to lead a second Free Clinic Lunch team on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday. **Jo`an Sterr** is organizing the volunteers for both teams. **If you are available at 4:00 PM for 1 hour on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.** The cost for 50 lunches is approximately \$100 and contributions can be made to this fund any time by putting your check in an envelope marked Free Clinic Lunches. Thank you for your help!!

**LWR Work Group** - Join them every Thursday, 1 – 3 PM. There are baskets in the narthex containing an opportunity for you to sew a quilt block at home and return it to the church. Each “quilt kit” contains directions.

### Peace and Justice

Meets the third Monday of the month at the home of Rick and Ann Giles. Enjoy a potluck meal at 6:00 PM and then meet to discuss ways in which we can bring peace and justice to our community and world.

### **Brown Bag News**

During April we will be collecting new, packaged socks and underwear for men, women, and children of all ages and sizes. Brown bags will be distributed on the second Sunday of the month but items may be brought any time during April, and put in the Brown Bag Barrel in the back hallway.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, in May we will collect protein foods - peanut butter, canned chicken or tuna, canned or dried beans and other protein rich foods.

Thank you for giving so generously,

Your Social Ministries Committee

### **DAVE RAMSEY'S - 'GET OUT OF DEBT' SEMINAR**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

### **PORTLAND ROSE GARDEN ...**

There are about six of us from Beautiful Savior going at this point and we'd love to have you join us. Dave is a nationally known financial advisor who features several programs of which Get Out of Debt is one. We have secured a cost reduction for our Church. Regular tickets cost \$42; our cost is \$25. But you must sign up by Tuesday so we can order the tickets. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the lobby, or contact Bob Eaton to get registered.



## MEXICO MISSION 2011

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So far about fifteen people have signed up for our Mexico Mission 2011. There's still room for you! We will go to Tijuana this year from Saturday, July 2, to Friday, July 3. During that time we will build houses for families in need. We do this in cooperation with the Lutheran Church of El Divino Salvador in Tijuana, where we also lodge during that week and get to know the congregation. It is a great time of learning, service and fun.

Our **Mexico Dinner and Auction** will take place this year on Saturday evening, April 30. That's a little ways off, but you can save the date. This year we will have both a silent auction and also a verbal auction. You can help us greatly by donating items (new or in very good condition) that can be sold at our auction. Or, you can donate a cruise on your boat, a dinner out, or a stay at a cabin. All the funds go entirely to the Mexico Mission expenses.

#### **Attention Ladies – Looking Ahead:**

**You are invited to have lunch at The Bedford (13303 SE McGillvary) on Saturday, May 14. Call Sue Calvert if you're interested in attending. She'll need to make a reservation.**