



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!)*

**SUMMER WORSHIP:
8:30 and 10:30 AM
through Sept. 19**



The Messenger
AUGUST 2010

Congregational Potluck & BBQ!!

**Join us on August 8th
following the
10:30 AM service**

for a Potluck and BBQ.

**Please bring your favorite
side dishes, salads, and
desserts.**

**Hamburgers & hotdogs
will be provided.**

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



From Rachel Brocker Director of Faith Formation

The sun finally arrived and with it brought the kind of weather that makes for fabulous summer activities! My recollections of the last month are framed in brightness and light as I mull over the good times we had at Vacation Bible School and Confirmation Camp. However, it is not only the sun that lends brightness to these memories. I have had the privilege of witnessing moments of great joy and transformation these last few weeks.

Some snapshots and quotes I would like to share with you:

A teenager talking to me after a long day volunteering at VBS - "Life just makes more sense when I'm taking care of people."

A mother asks her child to rate his experience at VBS on a scale of 1 to 10. He looks at her very intently and says, "12."

During VBS, I stood in front of the altar looking out at all 45 kids and 20 volunteers following me, praying the Lord's Prayer with both words and motions.

Thursday morning of confirmation camp – it's Creation Day and we're at Triangle Lake canoeing and swimming. 14 kids, 3 staff members, 2 youth workers and a pastor are all soaking wet, giggling, laughing, and taking seriously our assignment of the day – "have fun!"

One of the confirmation kids in the car on the way home from camp - "I'm getting teary thinking about leaving camp. I gained so much confidence there. You know, confidence in my faith and in God and heaven and just confidence in myself."

A Facebook post from one of the teenagers who had just gotten back from the Mexico Trip, "Everyone laughs in the same language."

I share these moments and quotes with you not just to illustrate how much fun the youth and I have been having this last month, but also to let you know how profoundly grateful I am that you all support the youth ministries of Beautiful Savior. While these moments of great joy and transformation are given by God and experienced by our kids, it is you all who provide the church home, the caring community, and the financial support that make these ministries possible. God works through you to show our youth what it means to have a church family that loves them and will be there to encourage their faith journeys in a myriad of ways. Jesus commanded, "Let the children come to me," (Luke 18:16), and People of Beautiful Savior – you have!

I am looking forward to many more meaningful summer activities. Several young families and I are attending Family Camp at Camp Lutherwood Oregon for a weekend of fun and relaxation. Both youth and adult members of our congregation are helping out on a Habitat for Humanity Build in our community at the end of July. In early August, the high school group will be traveling up to a lake near Olympia for a weekend of swimming, boating, and time together. I know these events will also be full of blessed moments and I will again find myself offering thanks to our community and to God for bright memories of good times.

In Christ,

Rachel



Regroup News!

ReGroup is BSLC's discussion and social group for parents with kids ages middle school and younger. Five families met for social time and on July 14 at Marshall Park. It was a "bring what your family will eat plus enough to share if you can" type of potluck. We played Frisbee and climbed around on the play structure. Some of us sat and chatted. However, the best part of the evening was watching the kids gather under a tree and play together in the dirt. Somehow they came up with the idea that they would throw a party for the ants living around the tree. Whatever the vision, there was plenty of digging, stick gathering, rock moving, and fun. The kids were happily covered in dirt when it was time to go home. I can pretty much guarantee each family headed straight for the bath tub upon arriving home! It really was an enjoyable evening. In fact, the only thing that made us call it a night when we did was the pesky mosquitoes! Please stay tuned for future ReGroup social opportunities and a Love and Logic seminar before the end of 2010.

Coming This Fall – "Called to Care"

How are we, as followers of the "Way of Jesus", called to care for our church, our community, and our world? This fall, we will explore the implications of this call both in our personal and corporate lives. Stay tuned for more information!

Peace & Justice

Beautiful Savior's Peace & Justice group meets the third Monday of every month at the home of Rick & Ann Giles (6132 Broadview Lane, Vancouver 696-3696). **Please note that in August the group will meet on the 30th of August.** The evening begins with a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. and continues with a meeting at 7:00. All who feel called to this ministry are welcome.

ORIENTATION NIGHT FOR NEWCOMERS!

Are you new to Beautiful Savior and would like more information about our ministries and how to become a member? Pastor Jaech will lead an Orientation Night on Wednesday, August 25th at 7 PM in our fellowship hall. Please call the church office if you'd like to attend. Our number is 254-9243.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

In case you were interested in the variety of our reading material and want to choose something for this summer, try these:

The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay

Blue Gold by Clive Cussler

Dance Lest We All Fall Down by Margaret Willson

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Our Lady of the Lost and Found by Diane Schoemperlen

The Cellist of Sarajevo by Stephan Galloway

The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs

Half the Sky by N. Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn

A Song Yet Sung by James McBride

The Wild Girl by Jim Fergus

We're taking a summer break now and return the second Sunday afternoon in September to discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks.

In the Library

The newest addition to our BSLC library is a donated copy of Walter Wangerin's latest book *Letters From the Land of Cancer*. We ELCA Lutherans have enjoyed his monthly columns in *The Lutheran* for years. As he has battled cancer, his columns are no longer monthly, but he has not lost his ability to communicate his thoughts. In this book, he relates his feelings, perceptions, etc., as he takes this journey with an illness that has touched us all in one way or another. Be prepared to laugh, cry, and feel Wangerin's experiences as you read this emotional book.

It's A Beautiful Day In Our Neighborhood

This is the name of a beautiful king-size quilt created by members of Clark County Quilters for its 2011 Opportunity Quilt.

The proceeds from tickets sales for this quilt will go to Free Clinics of SW Washington where Patrick Callahan (our former organizer) is the Clinic Director. More information about the work of the clinic can be found at it's website: www.freeclinics.org

Beautiful Savior already supports the Free Clinic program through providing lunches to patients waiting for appointments twice a month. Though Patrick is no longer with us each Sunday, you are invited and encouraged to support his work and the great work of the Free Clinic through this Opportunity Quilt project. If all tickets are sold, the Free Clinic will receive nearly \$14,000!

The CCQ guild members make a quilt each year to make a significant contribution to a Clark County charity. The 2010-2011 quilt can be seen at the Clark County Quilters' website: clarkcountyquilters.org and then click on Opportunity Quilt on the left side of the screen. **The winner of the quilt will be drawn at the annual guild quilt show in April 2011. A picture poster will soon be on display in the Narthex on the bulletin board.**



Opportunities to learn, share, and grow ...

BROWN BAG COLLECTIONS

Your brown bags filled with pastas and sauces in May were gratefully received at the Salvation Army food bank. The personal items collected in June were delivered to the Share program to help the homeless. Thank you all for your generosity and thoughtful giving.

Brown bags were not distributed in July but will be available the second Sunday in August. We ask that you shop the July and August school supply sales for August collection. Basic school supplies are always welcome to families without means to pay for their children's school entry needs.

The supplies should be put in the designated barrels in the back hallway of the church by the end of August for delivery to the service providers by the time school starts.

Share is collecting the following items:

3 ring binders	back packs
calculators	scientific calculators
protractor	compass
graph paper	composition books
copy paper	markers
Kleenex	highlighters
red pens	colored pencils
spiral notebooks	

~Your Social Ministries Committee

THANKS FROM EVAN SNYDER:

"Evan Snyder would like to thank everyone who supported him in funding his eagle scout project. Through your generous contribution he was able to purchase 60 bibles and build two bookcases. The church in Mexico was very appreciative of the bibles that they received on the first Sunday when we presented them before the church service. The bookcases looked really nice in the narthex of the church. Again Evan would like to thank everyone for their generous donations."

Free Clinic Lunches

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. Every 3rd Thursday a team gets together under the leadership of **Tim Nelson** to make and deliver nutritious sack lunches to the people waiting for medical attention at the Free Clinic of SW Washington at 4100 Plomondon St in Vancouver. The mission of the Free Clinic is to provide and facilitate access to free, compassionate, quality health care for children and adults who are otherwise unable to access such services. It is an all-volunteer clinic and is open 3 mornings and 2 evenings per week. 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 1st Thursday starting in September. **Jo`an Sterr** is organizing the volunteers for both teams. **If you are available at 4:00 PM for 1 hour on either the 1st or 3rd Thursday please call her at 360.892.4665.** 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!!

OPPORTUNITES ...

Qi Gong classes

have returned to Beautiful Savior

In 2000 and 2001 Julie Porter, a Qi (chi) Gong instructor, was a familiar face at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. The Columbian ran a feature story about it. Quite a number of members learned a healing routine called Soaring Crane Qi Gong. It is a simple practice of movement meditation that takes qi, or life-giving force, from the universe and concentrates it inside the body for healing. After the classes were discontinued Qi Gong students met for several years in homes and in the church. Eventually that dwindled away.

In 2007 when Jo`an Sterr was in need of intense healing, the Qi Gong practice was once again resurrected and with the help of Barbara Bennett, Jo`an did Qi Gong weekly. Personal support, prayer, medicine and Qi Gong were all used simultaneously and the result was an unexpected 3 years of remission. It is time to return to Qi Gong classes. Seven members just completed an 8-week class in June and July.

A new class will start September 15 and go through November 3. It will run from 2:45-4:15 on Wednesdays. The cost is \$120 for the 8 weeks. If you could use healing now or are interested in learning this ancient Chinese method of helping the body heal itself for the future, call Jo`an Sterr or the church office.

Qi Gong Class:

Wednesday Sept. 15 – Nov 3

2:45-4:15

\$120

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Beautiful Savior Annual Golf

Tournament—For FUN!

All level of golfers welcome to play! No handicap needed!

The 5th Annual BSLC Golf Tournament will be held at Fairway Village Golf course on Saturday, August 28th. Tee times will begin at 10 AM and we will enjoy awards and a potluck following the tournament.

Pick up a registration form on the narthex counter, fill it out and put it on Mariellen's desk.

Questions? Contact Tom Harriman or Gary McCaw

FAITH NIGHT BEAVERS BASEBALL GAME:

Clark County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is again sponsoring Thrivent Night at the Beavers on Friday, **August 20th** at PGE Park in downtown Portland. To reserve free tickets, e-mail Wes at wckjens20@gmail.com or call Kathy at 694-5080. Join the fun. There is \$1.00 hotdogs and water, as well as free fireworks after the game.

This is for everyone so get ready to go and enjoy some fun fellowship and a baseball game, too. Invite a friend to go with you. Thrivent members, look for a reminder postcard with all the details arriving soon.

THE NEXT BSLC BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE...

Wednesday , August 4th, 1-5:45 pm.

Wouldn't you like to lay down in an air-conditioned room, be pampered and cared for, and then given some great home-baked cookies!?? All you need is to share less than 1/2 hour or so and give the "Gift of Life"**Blood ?!** Sign up in the Narthex after a Sunday service or contact Sandi Holland at 885-2624. **YOU WILL BE SO COOL IN MORE THAN ONE WAY!!!**