



THE BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
**Grapevine**

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

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On LOVE (and the need for forgiveness)...

"If two people who love each other  
let a single instant wedge itself between them,  
it grows --

it becomes a month, a year, a century;  
it becomes too late."

\_\_Jean Giraudoux, 1882-1944

*"Love is not affectionate feeling,  
but a steady wish for the loved person's ultimate good  
as far as it can be obtained."*

\_\_C. S. Lewis, 1898-1963

**"Love is like a virus. It can happen to anyone at any time."**

\_\_Maya Angelou, b. 1928

"People stay married because they want to;  
not because the doors are locked."

\_\_Paul Newman, 1925-2008

"Any man who can drive safely while kissing a pretty girl  
is simply not giving the kiss the attention it deserves."

\_\_Albert Einstein, 1879-1955

# Worship

in February

Each Sunday at 8:30 & 11 AM

## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

February 22

6 PM Soup and Bread Potluck

7 PM Vespers Service with Ashes

### ADULT FORUMS IN FEBRUARY

Our topics in February are "What About...?" Each week we discuss a topic that class members have brought up and are curious about. In recent weeks we discussed the Virgin Mary, Baptism and the Devil.

At the end of each session, class members decide what they would like to discuss the next week. This format will continue until February 26, when we begin the Lenten topic of studying the atoning work of Jesus and the variety of ways that the New Testament authors present Jesus' work.

Adult Forum meets each Sunday at 9:45 AM, between the worship services during the Sunday School hour. Join the meeting in the middle section of the Fellowship Hall!

Check out our website.

Lots of information & regular updates.

*(Thanks to Shannon Fitzgerald!)*

[www.beautifulsaviorlutheran.com](http://www.beautifulsaviorlutheran.com)

# FROM PASTOR JAECH

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- Our Care Team ministers to our church family in times of crisis and transition. With meals, visits, cards and Holy Communion, our Care Team workers bring the love of God in tangible ways to congregation members.

## HAPPY! HAPPY TO YOU!

February Birthdays and Anniversaries:  
(Sorry if we missed your name; please tell the church office!)



"A student...wrote of having been 'taught the story of George Washington receiving a hatchet for his birthday and proceeding to chop down his father's favorite cherry tree.' To her horror this student later discovered that 'a story I had held sacred in my memory for so long had been a lie.'



She ended up 'feeling bitter and betrayed by my earlier teachers who had to lie to build up George Washington's image, causing me to question all that I had previously learned.'"

from *Lies My Teacher Told Me*

by James W. Loewen  
Visiting Professor of Sociology

at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

?? Must we sell Washington and the Founding Fathers as unblemished heroes who did or said only wonderful things, or can we also learn from their mistakes/wrong-doings/misunderstandings?

Here's to a Happily "Transparent" President's Day! 😊

## Know Your Peace and Justice Ministry

from Jo'an Sterr

In his first sermon Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah and said ...  
*"he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church carries out this ministry of justice in two important ways. Through our Care Team and Social Ministry we address the immediate and critical needs of church members and people throughout Clark County. Through our Peace & Justice work we address the root causes of poverty, hunger and injustice throughout the world, and advocate on behalf of people who are suffering.

The mission statement of the Peace and Justice Ministry is to ***"study social issues and trends, work to discover the causes of oppression and injustice, develop programs of ministry and advocacy to further human dignity, freedom, justice, and peace in the world."***

Since the formation of Peace & Justice in 2003 there have been a broad variety of projects. They include:

- Hosting of many events related to poverty: letter-writing, forums, speakers, documentaries, panel discussions and prayer services.
- Producing several drama events including multiple productions of The Afghan Women.
- Gardening, prayer shawls, aid for Katrina survivors,
- Making lunches for clients at the Free Clinic,
- Participating in Habitat for Humanity builds,
- Selling fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate, and fair trade olive oil and other Palestinian products
- Creating educational events concerning the global water crisis
- Sponsoring movie screenings on various social justice issues

Peace and Justice Ministry meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at the home of Rick and Ann Giles. The meeting starts with a pot-luck dinner and conversation at 6:00. The more formal part of the meeting runs from 7:00-8:30. All who have an interest in this kind of ministry are invited to come and experience the unique discussions that are held. We are constantly brainstorming new projects and interests. Your ideas are welcome.

## KUDOS TO FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

from Jo'an Sterr

One of the ongoing projects of the Peace and Justice Ministry is providing sack lunches for the clients of the Free Clinic of South-west Washington every Thursday evening. Approximately 30 volunteers in 4 different teams work from 4 - 5 PM each week preparing the 55 lunches. Each bag contains a meat/cheese/lettuce/mayo sandwich, fruit, carrots, chips, cookies and a cup for water. The sack lunches arrive at the clinic between 5:15 and 5:30 and are available to clients and their families. While the staff at the clinic has many times expressed the appreciation that the clients feel, last month Beautiful Savior received two thank you notes from clients themselves. One of them included a \$50 check.



"Thank you for taking time out of your lives to help people. I truly appreciate each person's help. Also thanks to the Lutheran Church I got to have a dinner tonight. Happy Holidays and God Bless!"

*"Just a little note to say Thank You for the wonderful sack lunch we received at the free clinic on Dec 8th. Everyone there really enjoyed them. We were all blessed by your thoughtfulness! The last thing we wanted to do is sit and wait 4+ hours to see a doctor, but my daughter has no insurance, like so many other people. So the Free Clinic is truly a God Send too!"*

If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time please call Jo'an Sterr who coordinates the volunteers at 306.892.4665. If you would like to contribute to the \$100 a week cost, put your contribution in an envelope marked "Free Clinic lunches."

# UPDATE: Dr. Kharoti

On Sunday, Jan. 29 at 7 PM, members and people of the community were invited to hear Dr. Mohammad Kharoti, as he presented photos and stories of his recent experiences, including dealing with U.S. Immigration Service. Dr. Kharoti had previously presented at Beautiful Savior in November 2010, when he showed the documentary *Stealing the Light*, about founding a school in Afghanistan.

Mohammed Khan Kharoti is an Afghan who was born a nomad and was illiterate until he was 12 years old. He grew up in Afghanistan where he finished primary school and nursing school. With sponsorship from an American physician, he attended middle school and high school in the country of Lebanon, college at Coe College in Iowa, and medical school in Afghanistan. When the Russians invaded his country in 1979, he was forced to flee to Pakistan with his wife and children. Finally, he immigrated to the U.S. with his family, and they now live in Portland, OR.

In 2001, Dr. Kharoti started a school for girls and boys in his home town of Shin Kalay (translated: Green Village) in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. The Green Village school began with 16 students; by 2008 it had grown to accommodate 1200 girls and boys. That year it was destroyed and all was stolen by militants with unknown motives. Provincial records show that in the seven years of its existence over 2,400 students had attended.

In 2011, with new energy and a grant from USAID, Dr. Kharoti returned to the Helmand Province and began to build a new type of school. With passion for the education of all Afghan girls as well as boys, this school focuses on technology and English for all young people. Dr. Kharoti spent 5 months working in Afghanistan on the new school, overseeing construction, staffing, and student registration. He also met with Ryan Crocker, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan. Dr. Kharoti will return to the site of the new school in Lashkar Gah in early February.

\*\*Talk to Jo'an Sterr or Bev Questad for more information.

# BOOK CLUB

from Heide Maize



On February 12 at 2:30 pm the Book Club discusses **Freedom**, by John Franzen, an interesting read about a Minnesota family and how their storybook start changes through the years. Wonderful character development and timely themes are woven together – it's 500 pages, so check it out from the library now to get started!



## 2011 Thrivent Choice Dollars add up

BSLC members gave a total of \$11,217 to our church by designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to benefit BSLC. We send a big thank you to all BSLC members who are also members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Ours was the second highest amount of all the 28 Clark County Lutheran congregations and ministries that received part of the \$104,752.00, the total given through this Thrivent program in Clark County.

The old program "Care in Congregations" only dispersed \$1,200 to \$1,600 per congregation per year. So it's easy to see that the new Thrivent Choice program has been very successful in providing more help to congregations and ministries.

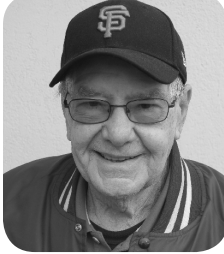
Learn more about Thrivent at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or by talking with one of our Thrivent congregational advocates: Charlene Welch, Phil Yokers, or Rafik Fouad.

# GETTING TO KNOW YOU

*To know each other, each month we pick at random an old or a new member.*

Teague Coley's visit with Paul Christian Hjort...

Happy birthday to Paul Hjort! He turns 93 years young on February 3rd! The son of Danish immigrants, Paul's life has been full of moves and changes. While pregnant with him, Paul's mother traveled from the East Coast to San Francisco to live with family. Paul's father couldn't join them until later for business reasons. A few days after Paul was born they received a telegraph from his father: "Congratulations! Call him Ernest." Too late. Paul's mom had already named him Paul.



Soon after Paul was born, his father joined them in San Francisco and the family got an apartment in the same neighborhood as Paul's aunt and uncle. Paul's little brother soon arrived, and in the years that followed their family moved 2 times more within the neighborhood. A sister was born when Paul was in grade school, but she had multiple birth defects and lived only 10 days.

Paul's dad was a salesman who sold courses in business, and often traveled to ply his trade. As the country slumped into the Great Depression, Paul's father and mother did what they could to survive, taking to the road together up and down the west coast to work. They left their two boys with a neighbor and family friend, Mrs. Jacobsen, for the next 3 years.

When Paul was finishing 6th grade, his mother visited her kids, and got acute appendicitis which ruptured. She nearly died. After that scare, Paul's parents took both kids with them as they traveled up the west coast working in sales. The family finally settled in Portland for a year before returning to San Francisco for a job opportunity.

In high school Paul did well in track, but his real love was baseball. Paul went to San Francisco Jr. College for 2 years, and continued to play baseball. He was even offered a scholarship to play baseball at Stanford, but Paul would have none of it. His heart was set on playing in the majors. This dream was realized when he signed a contract to play professional baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals.

*(Paul Hjort continued from page 10)*

From 1939 to 1942, Paul played professional baseball. Transferring from Idaho to Sacramento to North Carolina, sometimes as much as 3 times in a season, Paul was always on the move. His batting averages ranged from 270 to 334. During his last year of professional baseball, Paul was assigned to Mobile, Alabama. Soon after arriving in Alabama, Paul contracted chicken pox and spent much of the next 40 days in bed. When he recovered, the team had been losing, so the manager was fired, and Paul was reassigned to Duluth, Minnesota where he finished the season.

Paul got word in spring of 1943, that his mother had a stroke. With that, Paul chose to take voluntary retirement, moving back to San Francisco to help care for his parents. He remained active in baseball, managing a local team and scouting for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Paul also worked for the Coca-Cola bottling company as a driver and re-supplier. At one building in downtown San Francisco, a particularly pretty girl signed for his deliveries and caught his notice. After receiving several signatures, Paul asked her out on a date. The date went well, and before the evening ended he had proposed marriage and she accepted!

Paul and Gail married on February 3, 1946 (also his birthday), ushered by a squad of baseball players. They proceeded to have two kids: Karen in 1948, and Ronald in 1952. After years of working for Coca-Cola, Paul got the opportunity to work for AAL (Aid Assoc. for Lutherans). His territory was moved to San Jose, California, and he worked very successfully for the next 16 years as an insurance agent. It's interesting to note that Pastor Jaech was the Associate Pastor at one of the congregations that Paul served as AAL representative in San Jose. However, they didn't meet until years later in Vancouver, when a neighbor suggested Paul attend BSLC.

At the age of 70, Paul decided to retire. He and Gail moved to Fairway Village in Vancouver to be near their two kids. Paul even began volunteering at the airport to be closer to his son, Ron, who worked as a pilot. In the late '90s, the family was gathering to spend Christmas together on December 23rd when they received word that Ron had died in a motorcycle accident. The loss of his son was probably the greatest sorrow of Paul's life, and weighs on him still.

*(Paul Hjort continued on page 13)*

# FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



If you would like your child to begin receiving Holy Communion, Pastor Jaech will lead a First Communion Preparation Class on Thursday, February 2, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. The gifts and meaning of the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be presented

with words and images that young children will understand. The kids will also help bake communion bread during the class.

At least one parent should attend the class with their child or children, so that parents can continue the conversation at home as questions and observations come up. Please let Pastor Jaech know in advance if you plan to come to the class, so that there will be adequate materials for everybody.



Our Mexico Mission team will travel to Tijuana, Mexico, July 7–13, to build houses for families in need. We will live at the Lutheran Church of El Divino Salvador and become friends with the families with whom we work.

We invite you to join us on this mission. It is both satisfying and fun. Speak to Pastor Jaech if you are interested in getting more information. Our next planning meeting is February 15, at 5:30 PM, during the Wednesday@Church mealtime.

*(Paul Hjort continued from page 10)*

Paul enjoys golf, reading, and attending church. His wife's failing health in recent years has taken a lot of Paul's focus and energy, and they both appreciate the faithful help and attention of their daughter, Karen. Paul still finds time to volunteer at BSLC, saying, "I'm good at being the reader, and modest too!" And we agree, Paul; read on!

## EDITORIAL ...

by Kathe Yokers

To watch the TV Christmas shows in December is to know that Christmas is about believing in and having faith in ... Santa Claus. Christmas has been largely usurped by the national need to bolster the economy. The fiscal health of the year "depends" on Christmas sales.



St. Valentine's Day has, likewise, been usurped by commercialism. (Do you ever think of Christians being martyred for their faith in Jesus, their commitment, when you think of and plan for Valentine's Day?)

Romance wasn't linked to St. Valentine's Day until Geoffrey Chaucer wrote a poem in 1382 in honor of an impending royal marriage.

In Paris on Valentine's Day in 1400, a "High Court of Love" was established using the language of the law courts for the rituals of courtly love. This court dealt with love contracts, betrayals, and violence against women. Judges were selected by women on the basis of a poetry reading.

By 1797, British printers had already been producing a limited number of Valentine cards and verses. And, as postal rates decreased in the 1800s, Valentine-card-sending increased and card factories were built. By mid-19th century, Valentine's Day trade foreshadowed further commercialization of holidays ("holy days") in the U.S. that would follow.

Perhaps realizing this, in the 1969 revision of the Roman Catholic Calendar of Saints, the February 14 Feast Day of St. Valentine was removed and relegated to local calendars if people still wanted to remember him.

"Saint" Valentine has been pretty much eliminated from the day in favor of selling cards, chocolate, flowers, and, as of 1980, jewelry.

?? As our culture re-defines our religious holidays into secular or commercial ones, how will we preserve, or even know, the strength and commitment and wonder they were meant to teach us?

## STRATEGIC PLANNING as a Spiritual Journey

from Charlene Welch

Are you ready for a Holy Conversation about our church community? Unlike just any conversation this sacred dialogue helps us to prayerfully consider Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church's calling and the steps needed to make our calling a reality. Please join members of the Holy Conversation Strategic Plan Task Force in the Fellowship Hall the next three months. Come see their Listening Booth and learn how you can help share experiences and desires to provide input on the congregational plan.

The Holy Conversation Task Force's listening booth will be in place on a regular basis on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Questions for you to think about and then provide input on will be publicized in advance in The Grapevine, Sunday bulletins, and on the website. The collective responses to the questions will ultimately create a plan to light our way for the next few years. New questions will be presented approximately every month.

These special conversations are part of sacred dialogue helping us to prayerfully consider BSLC's calling to support our journey as God's people. Here are questions to help us frame the conversation in the month of February. Your input can be shared in multiple ways -- in writing, one-on-one, on the phone, in a group, or a combination. Just let a task force member know what you need to ensure your voice is heard.

1. What attracted you to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church?
2. What keeps you attending BSLC?
3. What do you believe BSLC is known for by its members?  
And by the larger community?
4. What do you imagine for BSCL over the next 10 years?  
Think as "big picture" or as "small detail" as you like.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Let's talk and listen and see what dreams God has in store for us!

Task Force members include: Bob Eaton, Kathie Fitzgerald, Heide Maize, Evan Snyder, and Pastor Jaech

## LENTEN RETREAT February 25

Once again this year there will be special opportunity during the forty of days of Lent to deepen our understanding and faith. On Saturday, February 25, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, we will have a half-day retreat at church to consider the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and how he brings new life to us. This year we will look at how New Testament writers describe the salvation and atonement that Jesus brings in a number of vital ways. We will also discuss how Jesus' atoning work brings healing to the variety of wounds and struggles that we face in our everyday life.



We will continue this Lenten reflection on Wednesday evenings during Lent. You can sign up to be part of a discussion group that will explore further the atoning work of Jesus. During Lent we will gather each Wednesday at 5:30 PM for a Soup and Bread Potluck in the fellowship hall. Then at 6:15 PM the discussion groups will meet. At 7:00 PM we will gather in the sanctuary for a 45-minute worship service, using the beautiful Holden Vespers liturgy.

For those who are unable to join the Wednesday evening discussion groups, the Sunday morning Adult Forum study group will also focus on exploring the multiple ways in which Jesus brings us into full at-one-ment with God.

In these many ways, we can let the season of Lent be a time of growing and transforming!

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL?

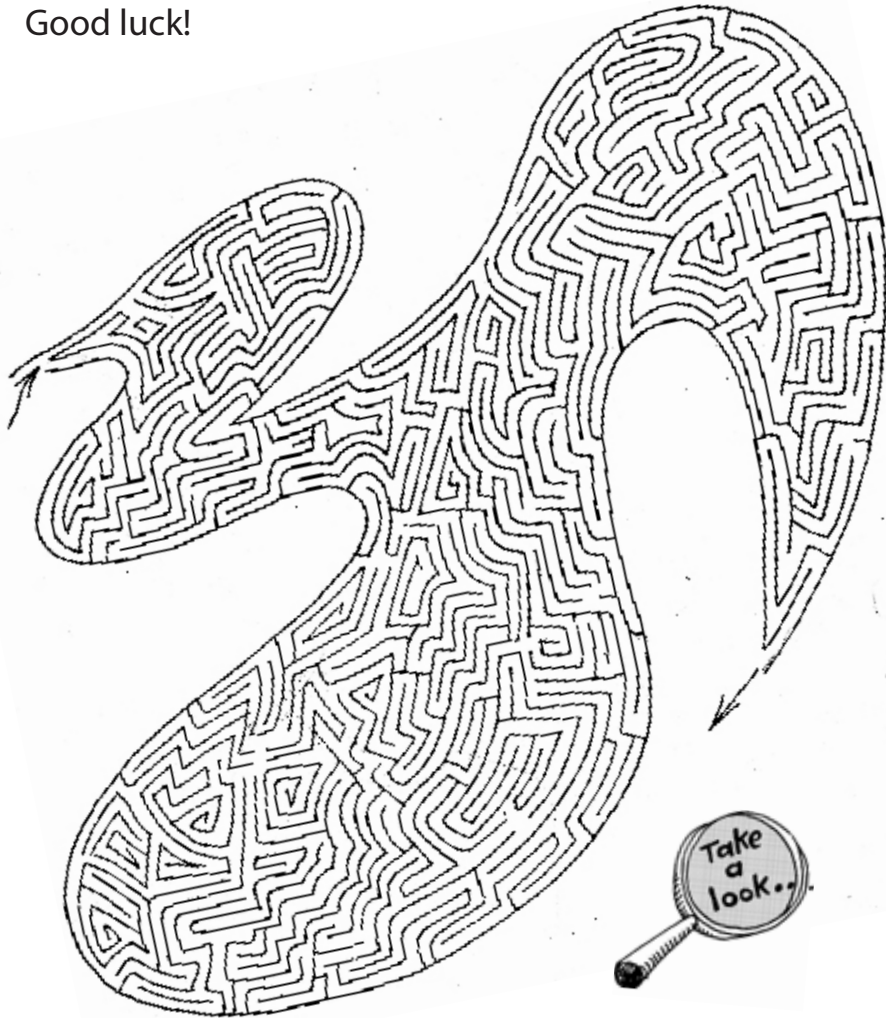
These are your elected members,  
and they welcome your questions and comments!

Bob Eaton, Rafik Fouad, Sue Nolan, Bert Alvaro,  
Marcia DeCaro, Ron Maize, Patty Brockman,  
Dave Hellerud, Peggy McVay, Rick Giles,  
Sid Wiggs, and Cheryl Heiserman.

(Their photos are on the hall bulletin board, along with Minutes from the Council meetings. Also, check out the BSLC website!)

# FOR KIDS/BY KIDS

Try to find the right path through this MAZE.  
Good luck!



**FOR PARENTS** Kind words bring happy results. Unkind words bring unhappy results. Avoid unkind words that ridicule, shame or label kids. Being called "big babies" or "bad" makes kids feel disliked. Worse, they may begin to dislike themselves and "live down" to such labels like "liar" or "thief." Kind words help kids behave better, try harder, and achieve more. Kind words show love and respect.

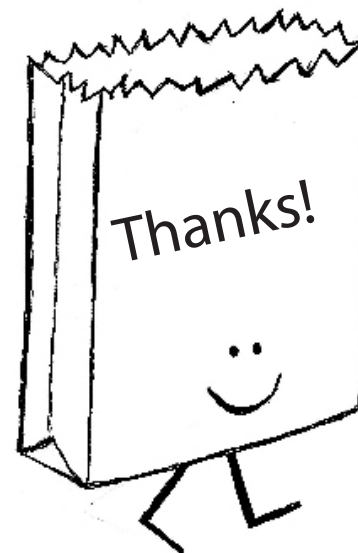
# The Youth Group

is continuing to raise money for the ELCA Youth Gathering, "Citizens with the Saints" based on Ephesians 2:14-20, in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 18 - 22, 2012. (Find more at [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering).) The trip is something they are excited about, and a great experience for growth. We're working on fundraising with things like Scrip and are planning a Mardi Gras dinner celebration to invite the church to join in our excitement. Rafik Fouad is working on ideas to help us fundraise while simultaneously taking action to help in the community.

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We enjoyed baking Christmas cookies in December with adult members of the congregation, and look forward to doing things like that again. Keep your eyes peeled for new and exciting opportunities with our youth group!

Thanks! Fred Demien



Thank you for remembering adults in need of cold weather wear with your January Brown Bag underwear and gloves donations.

During February we will collect medium and large diapers and baby wipes for the younger members of families in need.

Bring your contributions to church before the end of February and put them in the Brown Bag barrel in the back hallway near the restrooms.

\_ Social Concerns Committee

**BROWN BAG SUNDAYS in FEBRUARY**

# OPPORTUNITIES...



You can help BSLC Sunday School earn free merchandise such as computers, audio/visual equipment, arts and crafts supplies and much more simply by collecting Campbell UPCs and putting them in the Labels for Education box in the narthex.

Any of the following Campbell products are eligible (plus more):

- Campbell's® soups
- Campbell's® Select Harvest® soups
- Campbell's Supper Bakes® meal kits
- SpaghettiOs® Pasta (Original and Meatball)
- Campbell's® beans, gravies, and canned pasta
- Prego® Italian sauces
- Swanson® stocks, broths and canned poultry
- V8® vegetable juices
- V8 Splash® juice drinks
- V8 Fusion® juice drinks
- V8® soups
- Campbell's® tomato juice
- Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, and frozen products
- Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish® crackers
- Campbell® Foodservice products



Questions? Call Jill Hellerud @ 360-936-0800.  
(A complete list is available by the Labels Box in the narthex.)

## ELECTRONIC GIVING/SIMPLY GIVING

Did you know that there is a safe and easy way to give your offering electronically to Beautiful Savior? It's called Simply Giving and over twenty households in our congregation make their contributions this way. Look for a Simply Giving brochure in our Sunday bulletin this month or ask at the office.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

from Charlene Welch

It may be cold outside, but it's time to think about summer!



Vacation Bible School 2012 is set for July 15-20. Mark your calendars! Kids going into 1st grade through going into 5th grade are invited to attend VBS. We will again have staff from Camp Lutherwood lead our program. Members and friends of BSLC will be invited to help in a number of ways.

Stay tuned for more information.

### More summer opportunities


Several BSLC families are considering how to coordinate our kids attending Lutherwood Mini Camp or Pioneer Camp together. There is also an opportunity to attend Family Camp together. Check out dates and details at [lutherwoodoregon.org](http://lutherwoodoregon.org). Let Pastor Jaech or Charlene Welch ([welch.family@comcasat.net](mailto:welch.family@comcasat.net)) know if you are interested.

Two BSLC families attended Family Camp two summers ago and had a great time. Here are things they liked about Family Camp:

- \*being in nature*
- \*really good food*
- \*wonderful camp staff*
- \*the climbing wall*
- \*time to talk as parents and as a family*
- about living our faith back home*
- \*a slower pace –*
- no electronics!*
- \*our kids became familiar with camp*
- while together as a family.*

It built confidence and sparked interest to attend Mini-Camp (two nights away designed especially for kids ages 1-3 grade)



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| <h1>February</h1> <h2>2012</h2>   |  |  | <b>1</b><br>7 am AA (closed for men)<br><b>4:30 Cherub/Jr, Choir</b><br><b>5:30 Dinner</b><br><b>6:30 Sr. Choir/Classes</b>   | <b>2 Ground Hog Day</b><br><b>noon Bible Study</b><br><b>1 - 4 pm LRW</b><br>1 Alzheimer's Support<br><b>4 Lunch Making</b><br><b>4:30 1st Communion</b><br><b>7 Handbells</b><br>7 Hispanic Group | <b>3</b> <i>Ansgar, bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865</i>   | <b>4</b><br><b>9 am - 3 pm Church Council Retreat</b><br><br>6 pm Alcoholics Anon.   |
| <b>5</b> <i>The Martyrs of Japan, 1597</i><br><b>ALTAR: Kathie</b><br>* <b>Hjort</b><br><br><b>8:30 Worship</b><br><b>9:45 Classes/Forum</b><br><b>11 Worship</b><br>1 pm Faro de Luz | <b>6</b><br><br>6:30 pm Gamblers Anon.   | <b>7</b><br>10 am Mom's Club<br><b>10 Crossways Study</b><br><b>7 pm Crossways</b><br>7 Hispanic Group<br>7 Cub Scouts   | <b>8</b><br>7 am AA (closed for men)<br><b>noon Bible Study</b><br><b>4 Worship Committee</b><br><b>4:30 Cherub/Jr, Choir</b><br><b>5:30 Dinner</b><br><b>6:30 Sr. Choir/Classes</b>                                  | <b>9</b><br><b>1 - 4 pm LRW</b><br><b>4 Lunch Making</b><br><b>7 Handbells</b><br>7 Hispanic Group   | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br>9:30 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Jaech leads<br><b>"Transforming Church Conflict" Workshop</b><br>at Gethsemane Lutheran in Portland. Cost \$30.<br><br>6 pm Alcoholics Anon. |
| <b>12</b> <b>ALTAR: Kay</b><br>* <b>Petersen</b><br><br><b>8:30 Worship</b><br><b>9:45 Classes/Forum</b><br><b>11 Worship</b><br>1 pm Faro de Luz<br><b>2:30 Book Club</b>            | <b>13</b><br><br>6:30 pm Gamblers Anon.  | <b>14</b> <i>Methodius, 885; Cyril, 869; missionaries to Slavs</i><br>10 am Mom's Club<br><b>10 Crossways Study</b><br><b>7 pm Church Council</b><br><b>7 Crossways Study</b><br>7 Hispanic Group<br>7 Cub Scouts<br> <b>articles DUE TODAY</b> | <b>15</b><br>7 am AA (closed for men)<br><b>noon Bible Study</b><br><b>4:30 Cherub/Jr, Choir</b><br><b>5:30 Dinner</b><br><b>6:30 Sr. Choir/Classes</b>   | <b>16</b><br><b>1 - 4 pm LRW</b><br><b>4 Lunch Making</b><br><b>7 Handbells</b><br>7 Hispanic Group  | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b> <i>Martin Luther, renewer of the church, 1546</i><br><br>6 pm Alcoholics Anon.   |
| <b>19</b> <b>ALTAR: Marcia</b><br>* <b>?</b><br><br><b>8:30 Worship</b><br><b>9:45 Classes/Forum</b><br><b>11 Worship</b><br><b>noon LIT</b><br>1 pm Faro de Luz                      | <b>20 Presidents' Day</b><br><br><b>6 pm Peace &amp; Justice Potluck at the home of Rick and Ann Giles</b><br><br>6:30 pm Gamblers Anon. | <b>21</b><br>10 am Mom's Club<br><b>10 Crossways Study</b><br><b>7 pm Crossways</b><br>7 Hispanic Group<br>7 Cub Scouts  | <b>22 ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br>7 am AA (closed for men)<br><b>noon Bible Study</b><br><b>4:30 Cherub/Jr, Choir</b><br><b>6 Soup/Bread Potluck</b><br><b>7 Ash Wed. Worship</b><br><b>7:45 Sr. Choir</b>                   | <b>23</b> <i>Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyr, 156</i><br><br><b>1 - 4 pm LRW</b><br><b>4 Lunch Making</b><br><b>7 Handbells</b><br>7 Hispanic Group   | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b> <i>Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, 1921</i><br><br><b>9:30 am - 12:30 pm Congregational Lenten Retreat</b><br><br>6 pm Alcoholics Anon.  |
| <b>26</b> <b>ALTAR: Ginger</b><br>* <b>McClelland</b><br><br><b>8:30 Worship</b><br><b>9:45 Classes/Forum</b><br><b>11 Worship</b><br>1 pm Faro de Luz                                | <b>27</b><br><br>6:30 pm Gamblers Anon.  | <b>28</b><br>10 am Mom's Club<br><b>10 Crossways Study</b><br><b>7 pm Crossways</b><br>7 Hispanic Group<br>7 Cub Scouts  | <b>29</b><br>7 am AA (closed for men)<br><b>noon Bible Study</b><br><b>4:30 Cherub/Jr, Choir</b><br><b>5:30 Soup/Bread</b><br><b>6:15 Small Group Discussions</b><br><b>7 Lenten Vespers</b><br><b>7:45 Sr. Choir</b> | BELATEDLY:<br>Happy Anniversary to Peggy T Casey McVay! (January 7)<br><br>Happy 86th Birthday to Bill Walters! (January 28)   | <br><b>February Bread Baker: Marcia</b> | <br><b>March Bread Baker: Alisa</b>   |