



THE MESSENGER

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Check out our website. It's full of information and it's updated regularly!

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



The Messenger
JULY 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 Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

*“Stand at the crossroads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies;
and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.”*

Jeremiah 6:16

Part of the fun of summer-time is traveling to new places and wandering the back roads. Some of our best discoveries and most exciting moments happen when we venture into the unfamiliar. Jeremiah reminds us that our back-road wandering also becomes a pilgrimage when we let it be a journey that draws us to God. No matter what road we are taking, when we travel to and with God, we find rest and joy for our souls.

In Jeremiah’s day, every faithful Jew (who could afford it) tried to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem at least once a year, or as often as they could. Whole villages and clans would make the pilgrimage together, with the children playing and the parents talking with old friends all along the way. It was a wonderful break from the daily routine and also a chance to stand in the presence of God in the temple at Jerusalem.

Jeremiah’s words above remind us of something that every pilgrim discovered: the presence of God is not only found at the end of the journey, but all along the way. The surprises, difficulties and discoveries that pilgrims encountered each day of their travels continually brought them into the presence of God. Each day of traveling helped them to realize how the strength and love of God is always close at hand.

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Where will your journeys take you this summer? To the mountains or the beach? Traveling back to see family and hometowns? Maybe to a whole new place or even a new country?

My prayer for you is that each of your journeys becomes a pilgrimage. You are always at a crossroads. The next path you take can always be a path that takes you closer to God. In fact, the truth is, God travels with us on all of our roads, and the wisdom, grace and presence of God accompany us along each way. What we most need is for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes so that we can see this.

A line from a prayer I read this week caught my attention. It said, “Renew us, O Lord, when we have temporary rest from our labors. May vacations, breaks and retirements create space for the fullness of life to take root.”

So whether you are going to Disneyland or Detroit...whether you are heading down I-5 or just meandering up the Washougal River Road, here is the way to be a pilgrim: Look for God. Listen to God’s calling. Know that you are in the presence of the Holy. Find rest and joy for your souls.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rick Jaech



EDUCATION NEWS

SUMMER EVENTS—

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The BSCL Book Club ended another interesting, informative, stimulating and friendship building year. 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.

We look forward to having you join us in a few months!

*July 3rd - 9th **Mexico Mission**

*July 12th-16th **Confirmation Camp:** We are heading to Camp Lutherwood in Cheshire, Oregon for our annual week of confirmation camp. The cost for this week is \$295. Please see Rachel for more information.

*July 10th **Creation Awareness Hike:** A day long hike / fellowship time / workshop for all ages led by Rachel Bocker, the Director of Faith Formation. We will meet at the church and carpool to Silver Falls near Salem, OR. Pack a lunch, put on some comfortable shoes, and get ready to think about and appreciate God's creation. Please see Rachel for more information or to sign-up.

*July 23rd-25th **Family Camp** - a weekend at Camp Lutherwood Oregon set aside for families to come together to relax, swim, play, worship, and enjoy being away from home and at camp together. The cost for a family of four is \$170 and there may be options for carpooling. Please contact Rachel to sign-up or for more information.

Lutherwood Camp Info web address:

<http://www.lutherwood.org/camplutherwood.php>



Opportunities to learn, share, and grow ...

BROWN BAG COLLECTIONS

July brown bag collection are school supplies.

Brown bags will be distributed the second Sunday of each month and collections will be delivered to shelters or food banks at the end of each month. Donations should be placed in the marked barrel which will be in the back hallway or in the narthex.

The organizations that receive your donations have expressed their heartfelt thanks to all of you as we have made deliveries.

~Your Social Ministries Committee

Peace & Justice

Beautiful Savior's Peace & Justice group meets the third Monday of every month at the home of Rick & Ann Giles. 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.

OUR COFFEE HOUR NOW TAKES PLACE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us after church on Sundays for coffee, treats and conversation. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall where there is more room to sit and chat.

July 31, 2010 Habitat for Humanity

Save the date, mark your calendars, plan now. Ever-green Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer-driven organization. Volunteers contribute more than muscle; their time and energy contribute to the joy created when a family is able to realize their dream of home ownership.

BSLC invites you to help build the next home for a local family in the community. By working side-by-side with other Church members it is also a great way to make a new friend and follow the Christian spirit. One especially fulfilling perk is you leave at the end of the day feeling really good about your contributions to the build.

If this is something that you want to be a part of, look for the flyer on the Church bulletin board with a description of the family and sign-up sheet.

BSLC members participated last year with their painting skills, this year will involve more in the construction phase. More information on this will be announced in the coming weeks.

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.

Mark your calendars and watch the bulletins and August newsletter for registration information.

Questions? Contact Tom Harriman or Gary McCaw