

# 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**

**Summer worship begins  
June 19! 8:30 and 10:30**

*The Messenger*  
*June 2011*

## THE "MESSENGER" GOES "GRAPEVINE"!

Beginning with the July issue our Beautiful Savior newsletter will have a new look, name, editor, and team of reporters and news gatherers.

Thank you to Mariellen Harmic who has pretty much singlehandedly kept us informed through the *Messenger* newsletter in a clear and timely manner for many years. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped with content and production.

Volunteers and contributors are still needed! Please continue to submit news articles to Mariellen in the church office. She will forward them to Kathe Yorkers, editor, who, assisted by Charlene Welch (ace reporter) will edit, write, and be responsible for the news and layout each month. Mariellen will continue to do production and mailing. And we will be looking for willing hands to help as needed.

If you contribute to the newsletter, we ask that you honor the news deadline, which continues to be the 15th of each month, and be succinct with your writing as space is limited. The newsletter team will edit copy to fit the space available.

We are excited for this fresh, new change, and expect it to be a blessing to BSLC members and ministries. Get ready!

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





## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY—6/5

We are delighted to celebrate the Confirmation of eight young members of Beautiful Savior on Sunday, June 5th. These eight confirmands have been studying in weekly Confirmation classes for two years. They have also joined together for fellowship events, service projects and summer Confirmation Camp. In the Rite of Confirmation on June 5th, they will affirm their faith in God and commit themselves to living the Way of Christ in their lives.

In these final weeks of preparation for their Confirmation, the students are each writing their own statement of faith, which they will read on Confirmation Sunday. Half of the students will read their statement of faith at the 8:30am service and the other half at the 11:00am service. The Rite of Confirmation itself will take place during the 11:00am service when all eight students will be confirmed.

We congratulate and send God's deepest blessings to the eight students being confirmed:

- Catherine
- Teryn
- Ariaiah
- Brian
- Abby
- Landon
- Samantha
- Laura

We also give a big thank you to the adult members of the church who helped Pastor Jaech as small group guides for the students: Dave Hellerud and Gary Bohman. Finally, our thanks go to Rachel Brocker, who shepherded the confirmation program along as Director of Faith Formation.





## From Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Who knows? Perhaps you were born for just such a time as this!”

Those were the words that Mordecai spoke to his niece, Esther, as she struggled with knowing what to do in a difficult situation. Esther, who was Jewish, had just become the Queen of Persia. She was in a unique position to save her people, the Israelites, from the threat of extinction by their enemies. However, if she were to help her fellow Israelites, she would be putting her own life at risk. That’s when Mordecai spoke to her his words of encouragement.

“Who knows? Perhaps you were born for just such a time as this!”

What were you and I born for? To what is God calling us in the particular setting and life-situation in which we find ourselves? God’s clear promise to us is that each of our lives has purpose and meaning. As sons and daughters of God we can trust that *we were born for something important*. However, discovering precisely what we are called to do is sometimes more complicated.

I think of the high school graduates and college graduates in our congregation who, at this time of year, are completing one stage of their life and taking an important step into their future. For graduates, “What should I do next?” is a huge and complex question. We congratulate and support them as they ask that question and look to see what paths God is opening up for them!

But the question, “What next?” becomes important at many other times in our life as well: during a job change, when we retire, when kids leave home, after an illness or death or divorce. Over and over again in life, our circumstances often drive us to ask a whole series of related questions: “What should I do now? Where are my skills and interests and needs leading me? Where is God calling me to in all of this? What is God’s deepest dream for my life?”

It can get pretty overwhelming at times. But the gentle hopefulness of Mordecai comes through to us again, “Who knows? Perhaps you were born for just such a time as this!” God places us in important times for important purposes.

Church communities also ask these same kinds of questions. “What next? What is God calling us to right now? What is God’s dream for our path together?”

Jesus reveals not only God’s constant love for us, but also God’s dream for us. “You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before others that they will see your good works and glorify your Creator in heaven.” (Matthew 5: 13-15)

We have God’s promise. We were born for something important. God gives us gifts and skills to use. The world needs us. The Holy Spirit helps us discern the way.

“Who knows? Perhaps you were born for just such a time as this!” May God bless you along your way.

In Christ,

Pastor Rick Jaech





## From Rachel Brocker

When I reflect on my time at Beautiful Savior, it is hard to believe it has been almost three years since I began as your director of faith formation, and even harder to believe I will be with you for only two more months! Between wonderful worship, raucous youth group meetings, delicious dinners, no-sleep lock-ins, Youth Sundays, weekend excursions, peace fairs, long walks, confirmation camp, Vacation Bible School, and any number of other activities, my time with you all has been meaningful, memorable, and a whole lot of fun. Beyond activities, there are so many intangible ways I've been blessed by working here. I have been mentored by an experienced and wise pastor, I have built relationships that will last a lifetime, and I have gained a wonderful church family to be anchored in during my time at seminary.

For those of you who have not heard, I will be attending the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) this fall. I have finally committed to going to seminary and entering candidacy (which is the process by which the ELCA evaluates whether or not seminarians are fit to be pastors) after a long discernment process. I am looking forward to spending the next four years learning about ministry, the Bible, church, and myself. There are many exciting opportunities I hope to take advantage of during my time at seminary, including a study trip to Israel/Palestine this January, participating in the gospel choir at LSTC, working with top-notch professors, and interning at the ELCA church-wide office, among other things. Being able to set this time aside to enter a learning environment is a huge blessing to me, and I am so grateful to all of you for being excited about it with me.

I especially want to thank Pastor Jaech for helping me sort through the myriad of questions

and concerns I had about being an ordained minister and mentoring me in this regard the last three years. I also want to thank the council of BSLC for recommending me as a candidate for ministry, as BSLC is officially my home congregation and will remain so throughout the seminary and candidacy process. I want to thank all the members of BSLC for engaging with me in ministry in so many different ways during my time with you. Last, but not least I want to thank all of my middle schoolers and high schoolers for making our youth group the special community it is today. You are all such wonderful individuals and my time with you is certainly one of the greatest gifts I've ever been given.




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### **SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**

**BEGIN ON JUNE 19**

**8:30AM AND 10:30AM**

**EVERY SUNDAY**

**UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18**

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## Education at Beautiful Savior ...

### Sunday School and Adult Forum—

Join us on September 18th for our Rally Day ! Sunday School and Adult forum will resume at that Sunday.

### Lives in Transition

Sunday, June 12 @ 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

#### CLOSES SCHOOL YEAR, JUNE 1st

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.

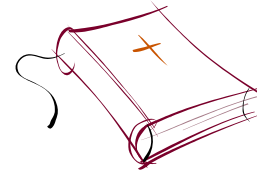
Of course there is more, much more, than just the dinner hour. **Cherub and children’s choirs** rehearse before dinner (4:30 PM). **Adult choir** rehearse after dinner. **Confirmation class** and **high school youth group** meet after dinner, as well as the very thought provoking **Bible studies** led 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!

### NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Are you new to Beautiful Savior and would like to find out more about our congregation? You are invited to Newcomers’ Orientation classes that takes place on June 21 and 28 (both Tuesdays) and July 13 and 20 (both Wednesdays). The classes are from 7:00PM– 8:30PM. Pastor Jaech will answer questions about Beautiful Savior and give an overview of who we are. During these four classes, Pastor Jaech will also present an overview of Lutheran History and Teaching.

This is excellent preparation for those interested in becoming members of Beautiful Savior or wanting to take a refresher course on the basics of our faith. It is also a chance to meet new friends here at church. Let us know if childcare would be useful for you during these classes.



### SUMMER CONGREGATION MEETING

**June 12 – 9:45AM**

Please join us on Sunday, June 12, at 9:45AM (between the two worship services) for our special Summer Congregational Meeting. Our Church Council and committee leaders will report on our ministry and talk about important upcoming events. We will get an update on current church finances and the results of our Stewardship program.

At the meeting we will also hear about our progress in hiring a Youth Minister and the arrival in October of our new organist, Stephen Janzen. Please join us on June 12.



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

### Junior Choir Musical—June 12!

“God’s

Secret

Super Hero:

Mighty Miriam”

Celebrating Exodus 1 and 2.

Words and Music by Kathe Yokers.

Directed by Jordi Yokers

Neither youth nor age need limit our usefulness to God’s purpose. The Hebrew girl whose willingness we celebrate in this musical interpretation was simply this: **willing and trusting.**

She was confident in the goodness and power of God and put her resourcefulness at God’s disposal—even though utter herself at risk.

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to all of the members of our congregation who have already made their Stewardship Pledge for the coming twelve months (June, ’11, through May, ’12). At our Stewardship Celebration on May 22, we received pledges from 85 households! That is a great first-week response.

We invite those of you who have not yet made a pledge to prayerfully consider how you will support our ministry in the coming year. Making a pledge can be a wonderful help both to our personal journey of discipleship and also to our congregation as we plan our ministry together. Therefore, we invite you to make a pledge and mail or bring it to the church in the days ahead.

All members have received pledge packets either in church on May 22, or by mail the following week. If for some reason you did not receive your packet, please let us know at the church office (254-9243).

We want to thank the Stewardship team that planned this year’s Stewardship program: Bob Eaton, Shannon Fitzgerald and Charlie Heiserman, plus the many volunteers who help out on Stewardship Celebration Sunday!



## YOUTH NEWS:

### Important Dates In Youth Ministry

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Last Wednesday Night At Church

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Sunday & Last Day Sunday School

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Senior Recognition Sunday

June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> – Vacation Bible School

July 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Confirmation Camp



**Confirmation Camp:** We are heading to Camp Lutherwood in Cheshire, Oregon, July 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> for our annual week of confirmation camp. The cost for this week is \$325 and scholarships are available. Please see Rachel for more information.

**Confirmation Sunday:** Come to church June 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the confirmation of eight of our youth. They will share their faith statements during worship and we will have a cake reception after the 11:00 service. Please join us for this important event!

## It's almost Summer!

### Time for VBS and Camp Lutherwood!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be having our annual Day Camp. Staff from Camp Lutherwood in Cheshire, OR will be facilitating this week of fun with the theme, "Here is Good – because God is Here!" Children who have completed kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will attend day camp from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. **We are in need of volunteers** – please consider donating your time to this important ministry. Registration forms will be available in the narthex and in the church office. The cost is \$40 for your first child and \$30 for each additional child. Scholarships are available.

Consider Camp Lutherwood Friends and Family Camp, Mini-Camp for kids (two nights away "practice camp"), or Pioneer Camp for the older kids. Go to [www.lutherwood.org](http://www.lutherwood.org) for more information. At least two BSLC kids are attending Mini-Camp July 6-8. Questions? Talk to Rachel Brocker or Charlene Welch.





## *SUNDAY SCHOOL REFLECTION AND LOOKING AHEAD*

### **Education for the BSLC kids:**

#### **Time to Reflect on and Revisit Sunday School**

If you attended the church service lead by the high school youth, you know what a difference a strong church education program makes in the lives of kids, families, and the church. Each of our amazing BSLC teenagers got their "start" in Sunday School.

#### **Reflecting on 2010-2011 Sunday School-**

As we come to the close of the school year, there are many "Thank Yous" to deliver.

Thank you to:

- All the parents and caregivers** who made it possible for the kids in their lives to attend Sunday School.
- Sid** for teaching grades K-5 using a one-room school house model.
- Kari** for leading the K-5 kids in music to begin each Sunday School session.
- Sharon, Anne, and Laura** for teaching the preschoolers, giving them such a great foundation for their Sunday School years ahead.
- Charlene** for substituting and co-teaching K-5.
- Rachel** for providing help wherever needed.

#### **Looking ahead to the 2011-2012 Sunday School year -**

Next year brings changes and opportunities for our program. The K-5 group has expanded in numbers enough to call for dividing the age groups, at least into two classes. All K-5 parents and any other interested adults are invited to a discussion about how we can collectively pitch in with Sunday School. The date and time of the discussion is TBD. There are many ways to help including (but not limited to!) share in teaching or co-teaching, manage snack time, lead a craft as part of the lesson, and be in the classroom to help as needed.

#### **Sunday School matters -**

We are developing a great cohort of preschoolers and K-5 kids. They've become friends and will likely continue to grow and learn together over the years. Before we know it, *they* will be the teenagers leading the service on Youth Sunday. Let's pool our energy and talents to ensure our kids are supported along the way as they grow in their relationships with God.

Thank you for your continued support of church education for the kids at BSLC!





## HOW TO SUPPORT RACHEL AT SEMINARY

Submitted by Pastor Jaech

Like a family sending a daughter off to school, it is with both sadness and excitement that we will send Rachel Brocker off to seminary at the end of July. The sadness, of course, comes from losing such a talented Director of Faith Formation who has served our congregation so effectively. Rachel has been a fantastic program director, minister and friend to so many of us.

The exciting part is that Rachel is enrolling at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago and we know that she has many wonderful gifts to offer as an ordained pastor. Her seminary years will be an opportunity to develop these gifts even further. Thankfully, we will continue to be in communication with Rachel during this time of study. Beautiful Savior will be her home congregation and she will communicate with us through messages and visits about how she is doing.

Many of you have asked how you might support Rachel as she leaves for seminary. Our Church Council has voted to support Rachel financially by inviting members to contribute to a tuition gift that we will give her. This is the way in which we will give her a farewell gift. Over the next few weeks we will have envelopes available at church to make a gift towards Rachel's seminary tuition.

The delightful news is that the gifts we give her will be doubled by the Congregation Fellowship program of the Fund for Theological Education. The Congregational Fellowship is a matching grant program that doubles a congregation's investment in the theological education of a young person whose call to ministry it has helped to cultivate. It allows congregations to provide significant financial support for a student during his or her first year of seminary. The Fund for

Theological Education (FTE) matches the congregation's commitment dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000. Rachel was one of 40 seminary students nationwide selected for this fellowship. Because of her selection, she will be sent to the FTE Leaders in Ministry Conference to be held June 15 - 19, 2011 in New Orleans, LA. This gathering brings together FTE Fellows with distinguished theologians, pastors and church leaders for several days of thoughtful exchange, including lectures, worship, forums, workshops, recreational activities and informal time together. The conference fosters mentoring relationships as students explore questions of ministry, service and the nature of Christian vocation.

We invite you to support Rachel with your prayers and blessings as she prepares to leave for seminary. Her last Sunday with us will be July 31<sup>st</sup>. We also invite you to make a contribution towards her tuition gift in the weeks ahead. Rachel has been a gift to us, so we are happy to send her off with this gift.





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

### Free Clinic Lunches

Every Thursday volunteers from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church prepare delicious sack lunches to be distributed to the clients at the Free Clinic of SW Washington. On Wednesday, May 18, identical lunches were served at the Wednesday Night @ Church dinner and the 30 volunteers who put them together were thanked and honored. Crew leaders are **Tim, Bev, Jill, Bill and Kristie**. They are assisted by 25 additional crew members. If you would like to join the effort and volunteer for 1 hour per month, please call Jo`an Sterr to sign up. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please put your check in an envelope marked Free Clinic lunches.

The clinic exists to “provide and facilitate access to free, compassionate, quality health care for children and adults who are otherwise unable to access such services.” **Patrick**, former minister of music at Beautiful Savior, is the clinic director and was instrumental in establishing this service with the Peace and Justice Ministry of Beautiful Savior. The medical staff at the clinic is all volunteer and the services offered include medical, dental, vision, and emergency medication assistance.

You are also invited to attend a concert fundraiser on June 5. Information follows:

**MUSIC FILLS THE AIR**  
**summer classical concert benefiting**  
**Free Clinic of Southwest Washington**

**Sunday, June 5, 2011**

**4:30-6:00pm**

**Reception to follow**

Performances by world-renowned musicians: Pianists Cinda Redman and Lena Vozheiko-Wheaton; vocalist Linda Appert; and violinist Tatiana Kolchanova-Parente, Assistant Concertmaster at the Vancouver Symphony. Seventh Day Adventist Church, 9711 NE St. Johns Road, Vancouver. For more information:

[haley@freeclinics.org](mailto:haley@freeclinics.org) or [www.freeclinics.org](http://www.freeclinics.org)

**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. 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 ...**



April brown bag donations of socks and underwear included 17 packages (3 to 6 pair each) of men’s socks, 5 sets (3 each) of men’s underwear, and 3 sets of women’s underwear which were gratefully received at Friends of the Carpenter. Thank you for these and for the May donations of protein foods. June brown bag needs are for boxed cereals. Bring them to the back hallway of the church and place them in the Brown Bag Barrel, where they will be picked up and taken to shelters at the end of June.

Thank you from you Social Ministries Committee and from those in need who receive your gifts.



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2011!!

**“We are so proud of you!”**

**Brent** is graduating from Heritage High School and also attends Clark College. He has been attending BSLC since he was in fourth grade, and considers church a place he can unwind. Brent is involved in band, Running Start, cross-country, and youth group. He works at Subway and More Than A Mocha. Next year he will be attending Western Washington University, where he is planning to study education or psychology.

**Evan** is graduating from Evergreen High School where he is very involved in band. He has been going to BSLC for 18 years (his whole life). He enjoys coming to church to converse and spend time with the wonderful members of our congregation. Next year he will be attending Clark College.

**Kala** is graduating from Union High School and also attends Clark College. She is active in theatre and works at Peet’s Coffee and Tea. Kala has been attending BSLC since she was in the womb. She loves this church and wishes she could be a member forever. Next year, she will be attending Portland Community College to study theatre and ASL Interpreting. Kala is excited to learn life’s lessons and find the path God has for her life.

**Nick** is graduating from Camas High School, where he is active in band and is the president of Key Club. Nick has been part of this church since he was born. He likes coming to church to be with friends and see people he doesn’t hang out with on a regular basis. Next year Nick will be attending the University of Washington where he will study inter-

national relations and foreign languages. He is looking forward to finally being able to study what is most interesting to him.

**Connor** is graduating from Prairie High School, where he is active as a mentor, tutor, and member of National Honor Society. He has been attending BSLC his whole life. Connor enjoys all the fun activities we engage in at church, especially VBS. Next year he will be attending the University of Washington, where he will be a pre-med student, studying biology and chemistry. He is excited to be on the college’s Quiddich Team.

**Hayley** has been attending BSLC for a long time. She is graduating from Evergreen High School and is active in Color Guard. She is planning to attend Western Washington University.

**Ian** has been attending BSLC for many years. He is graduating from Camas High School and is planning to attend Clark College.

**Amanda** has been a member of BSLC her whole life. She is graduating from Evergreen High School and is choosing among several colleges.

**Joseph** is a long-time member of BSLC who is graduating from Union High School.

**Creighton** is a long time member of BSLC who is graduating from Mountain View High School.



## *Connections to the Community ...*

### **Estate Planning Seminar**

Beautiful Savior and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans are sponsoring an estate planning seminar to be held at Beautiful Savior Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m. until noon. All who are interested are invited, however please let the church office know if you plan to attend to facilitate planning. The event is free and includes a light lunch afterward.

An estate planning attorney will discuss and answer questions regarding wills, trusts, probate, living wills, powers of attorney and much more. Representatives from Thrivent will discuss estate planning strategies to maximize estate distribution to heirs, as well as any charitable gifting you may be considering. A representative from Beautiful Savior will discuss and answer questions regarding the church's Mission Endowment Fund.

If you have questions contact Fred, Rafik or Charlene.



A big "Thank You" to all those who contributed articles for the recent, very successful Mexico Mission Dinner and Auction. Whether your item was on the sale table, went to the "silent auction", or was sold during the "live auction", your generosity helped send our wonderful volunteers south to Tijuana for yet another year. We raised \$3500!!

And, we look forward to your support next year!

~ The Mexico Mission Team

### **SHRED DAY AND IDENTITY THEFT EVENT**

Clark County Washington Chapter of Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a COMPLIMENTARY Shred Day and two FREE Identity Theft Seminars for Thrivent Members and members of the community on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

You are invited to bring your Personal paper items and confidential records to be shredded free of charge. A two bag limit is suggested

Complimentary Identity Theft Seminars will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and will be facilitated by Dane Schultz-anderson; CFP®, FIC Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

The event will go from 9:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will be located at 203 Se Park Plaza Drive, Vancouver, WA 98684 .

**Attention Blood Donors:** The next scheduled drive at BSLC (8/05) has been cancelled due to a big, new program Red Cross is planning--a week long training session for all their collection staff. Our next drive at BSLC will be on Friday, 11/04. Because blood is so needed, we encourage you to donate at drives scheduled at other locations. Please contact Red Cross at 360-695-8522 or on the internet at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

If you donate on 8/05, you will be eligible to donate again at our next scheduled drive in November.

P.S. Our May 5th drive was successful. We thank all the donors, cookie bakers and other volunteers at these drives.