



The Messenger

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP TIMES:

8:30 and 11 AM

Sunday School & Adult Forum at 9:45 AM



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May 2011

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

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION SUNDAY AND MUSICAL DRAMA!! - MAY 22 (both services)

"If the only prayer we know how to say is 'Thank you!', we are doing quite well." So said the novelist and Christian writer, Frederich Buechner.

On Sunday, May 22, we will gather to celebrate God's blessings and say, "Thank you!" We will also take a moment express our thankfulness to God by pledging a portion of our financial resources for use in God's ministry at Beautiful Savior.

May 22 will be Stewardship Celebration Sunday. God gives us everything and asks us to use it for God's glory and the world's good. Our pledges are one aspect of being wise stewards.

The Junior Choir of Beautiful Savior will bring us a beautiful message on Stewardship Celebration Sunday. They will present a musical drama called, *God's Secret Super Hero: Mighty Miriam!* With music and song, they will help us think about how to live out our faith. This is the heart of stewardship.

Join us on May 22 as we dedicate ourselves to the life God calls us, too. Besides good worship that day, there will be some very tasty food served after both services.

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





From Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have just passed through the time of Holy Week and now head into the Resurrection season of Easter. Here is a story from Luke's Gospel that caught my attention.

"Not long after that, Jesus went to the village Nain. His disciples were with him, along with quite a large crowd. As they approached the village gate, they met a funeral procession—a woman's only son was being carried out for burial. And the mother was a widow. When Jesus saw her, his heart broke. He said to her, "Don't cry." Then he went over and touched the coffin. The pallbearers stopped. He said, "Young man, I tell you: Get up." The dead son sat up and began talking. Jesus presented him to his mother.

"They all realized they were in a place of holy mystery, that God was at work among them. They were quietly worshipful—and then noisily grateful, calling out among themselves, "God is back, looking to the needs of God's people!" The news of Jesus spread all through the country." *Luke 7:11-17 The Message*

In Jesus' day, a faithful believer did not touch a dead person, or anything connected to death, such as a coffin. Doing so would make you spiritually impure and would distance you from God, or so they believed.

Jesus, however, revealed a deeper truth from the heart of God. Jesus' own heart broke when he saw the suffering of the widow mother who had lost her only son. Therefore, Je-

sus boldly touched death...touched the coffin...and so brought life roaring back to the son. "God is back, looking to the needs of God's people!" the people shouted.

The message of the story is that Jesus enters wherever there is death and brings life. This is what we celebrate on Easter and every day of our life.

Jesus' heart breaks when he sees us suffering. He mourns our physical pain. He mourns the breaks in our families and communities. He mourns the deadly grip of suspicion, abuse and violence that strangles our whole world right now. Jesus mourns the separation we feel from God. Therefore, Jesus comes and touches the places in our life and in our world where death holds us. In every area of our life...body, soul, community, planet...Jesus brings the power of the Resurrection.

"God is back, looking to the needs of God's people!" That's Easter. That is what God and the risen Christ are doing among us right now.

May God's full power and grace bring new life to you today and each day ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rick Jaech



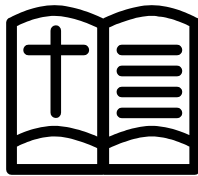


Education at Beautiful Savior ...

Sunday School and Adult Forum—

Join us at 9:45am in the middle area of the Fellowship Hall each Sunday for an interesting study and discussion. During May, we will talk about money! There is a lot of financial uncertainty right now. What are the stresses we have about money? How should we plan, budget and use it? What does the biblical theme of stewardship have to say about money?

Money brings us gifts, questions, opportunities and stresses. Come and join us as we explore this complex topic.



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 Esther.

Lives in Transition

Sunday May 22nd @ 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** 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!



FROM RACHEL ...

Important Dates In Youth Ministry

May 8th – Youth Sunday

May 13th-15th – High School Beach Trip

May 20th-21st – Middle School Lock-in

June 1st – Last Wednesday Night At Church

June 5th – Confirmation Sunday & Last Day Sunday School

June 12th – Senior Recognition Sunday

June 27th-July 1st – Vacation Bible School

July 17th – 22nd – Confirmation Camp



Vacation Bible School: June 27th-July 1st 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 – 5th 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 fellowship hall and in the church office starting May 1st. The cost is \$40 for your first child and \$30 for each additional child. Scholarships are available – contact Rachel Brocker, the Director of Faith Formation for more information.

Youth Sunday: Come to church Sunday, May 8th, to celebrate Mother’s Day with our youth! The High School Group will be leading many parts of the service, including sharing the message. Please worship with us on this special day!

Confirmation Lock-in on May 20th!

What: 12 hour lock-in

Who: Middle School Youth

Where: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

When: May 20th, 9 p.m. – 9 a.m.

How: You drop your child off at church and we’ll take care of the rest. We’ll be playing games, watching movies, and generally having a good time!!!

What to bring: Sleeping bag and pillow, favorite movie or game, snack to share.

Contact: Rachel for more information.

Church – 360-254-9243

Cell – 563-940-0023

E-mail – rachelbrocker@hotmail.com

RSVP by May 15th!!!!

Confirmation Camp: We are heading to Camp Lutherwood in Cheshire, Oregon, July 17th – 22nd 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 5th 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!

Last Day of Sunday School and Wednesday at

Church: June 5th will be our last day of Sunday School. The following week we will have our summer congregational update meeting in between services. June 1st will be the last Wednesday at Church.



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL ...

At the BSLC Church Council February retreat, the members worked hard over a six hour period to look at the Church needs, both short and long term. The short term goals, which will be taken to the appropriate committee by the Council liaison, are:

1. Hire a music director to begin as negotiated
2. Hire a hand bell choir director to begin the fall
3. Hire a half-time Youth Director to begin in the fall
4. Work on upgrading parking lot and landscaping this summer
5. Plan for closing deficit gaps in 2012 budget, explore reserve funding, do financial planning
6. Continue improvements in Church electronic communication
7. Division of Sunday School classes and make staffing decisions
8. Explore options for ministry on financial stress for congregation members and friends
9. Appreciation for and affirmation of Church volunteer leaders
10. Set Evangelism goals and explore growth plans

The Council has also requested that each Church committee review its current job description for accuracy and update as needed. For committees without a job description, one should be forwarded to the office to be placed in the committee notebook. Your Council liaison will help you with this task.

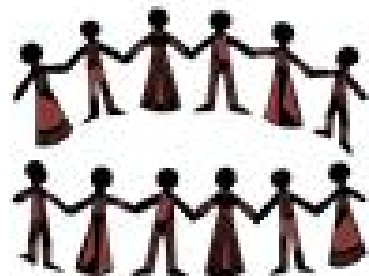
Finally, at the retreat, the Council elected officers for 2011:

Bob Eaton - President

Rafik Fouad - Vice President

Sue Nolan - Secretary

Chuck Woods - Treasurer



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 Hagelstein or Rafik Fouad.

Attention Ladies –

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.

WANTED:

Cheering Section for BSLC Softball Team

Did you know BSLC has a softball team in the Lutheran Softball League? Come cheer on the team as they take to the field for the 2011 season.

Our team's first game is May 1st playing St. Andrews' team at 2:30 at the Clark College Field. The Clark College Field is located on McLoughlin across the street from the Marshall Community Center.

Bring a lawn chair and your team spirit and show support for the BSLC guys and gals who put it all on the line for this good clean fun. And, after most games the team enjoys pizza and liquid refreshment (a.k.a. beer) at a nearby restaurant – all are invited.

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Chuck Woods

Games are also played at the ball field behind the Fort Vancouver Regional Library on Mill Plain. Here is a link that shows all the games for the 2011 season. We will also post upcoming games in future newsletters and bulletins.

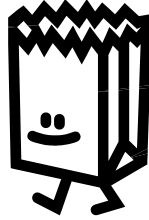
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Opportunities to learn, share, and grow ...

Free Clinic Lunches

Every Thursday @ 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/>. **Jo`an Sterr** organizes the volunteers. **If you are available at 4:00 PM for 1 hour on Thursdays please call her.** 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

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



MEXICO MISSION 2011

Our thanks to all of you attended and supported our Mexico Dinner and Auction on April 30! This article is being written before the dinner takes place, so we do not yet know how much money was raised to build houses in Mexico. However, the dinner and auction is always a key part of our effort to send a team to Tijuana.

This year we will build two houses from July 2-8. Fifteen members have signed up so far. There is still room for you! Let Pastor Jaech know if you are interested. Our next team planning meeting will take place at church on Wednesday, May 25, at 5:30pm. We will plan out our work teams and what tools to bring. See you there!



NEW ORGANIST HIRED

We are happy to announce that Mr. Stephen Janzen, of Sacramento, CA, has accepted the position of Organist/Pianist at Beautiful Savior. Stephen is presently the organist at St. John Lutheran Church in downtown Sacramento. He also is the accompanist for the Sacramento Choral Society, a 120 member choir. Stephen graduated from San Jose State College with a B.A. in organ and voice. He also received a Masters of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York. Stephen will play for all of our church services as well as accompany our choirs.

For some time Stephen has felt drawn to move to the Pacific Northwest and was therefore delighted to hear about the organist opening at Beautiful Savior. His current work contracts in Sacramento run through September. Therefore, Stephen will officially begin at Beautiful Savior on the first Sunday of October.

We are immensely thankful for Kathe Yokers, who has served as our interim musician with such skill, creativity and commitment during these past months. Kathe will be our primary musician until Stephen arrives, assisted by other organists in the congregation, such as Satya Jaech and Karl Albrecht.

We continue to look for someone who can direct our hand bell choir. If you have any suggestions about that, please let us know.