

THE BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
**Grapevine**

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*Thoughts for September...*

“Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.”

William Butler Yeats, 1865 - 1939

“You can’t get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.”

C.S. Lewis, 1898 - 1963

“...it is very well worthwhile to be tormented for two or three years of one’s life, for the sake of being able to read all the rest of it.”

Jane Austen, 1775 - 1817

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere”

Chinese Proverb

“Get over the idea that only children should spend time in study. Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean your entire life.”

Henry L. Doherty, 1870-1939

“There are no short cuts to any place worth going.”

Beverly Sills, 1929-2007

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

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## Worship times

**On Sundays,  
September 4th & 11th  
at  
8:30am and 10:30am.**

**On Sundays,  
September 18th & 25th  
at  
8:30am and 11:00am.**

(2nd service continues at  
11:00am until next spring.)

Check out  
our website.  
Lots of information  
& regular updates.  
*(Thanks to Shannon Fitzgerald!)*  
[www.beautifulsaviorlutheran.com](http://www.beautifulsaviorlutheran.com)

Date/Time	Reader	Acolyte	Nursery
<b>4</b> 8:30	Kay Mueller	Need Volunteer	Kim Lovell-Charron
	10:30 Paul Hjort	Need Volunteer	Kim Lovell-Charron
<b>11</b> 8:30	Christen Jankowski	Merrit Brossia	Need Volunteer
	10:30 Mark Leed	Need Volunteer	Gary Bohman
<b>18</b> 8:30	Carol Bitz	Catherine Ball	Kim Lovell-Charron
	11:00 Patty Brockman	Benji Hellerud	Kim Lovell-Charron
<b>25</b> 8:30	Jim Knight	JacenHancock	Kim Lovell-Charron
	11:00 Janelle Petersen	Jordan Snyder	Kim Lovell-Charron

**October**

<b>2</b> 8:30	Shirley Vegdahl	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
	11:00 Joyce Enns	Ryan Welch	Joan Cummings

	Coffee Hour	Counters
<b>4</b> 8:30	No Coffee Hour	Barbara Bennett/Nancy Evans
	10:30 No Coffee Hour	
<b>11</b> 8:30	No Coffee Hour	Pat Maser/Beni Waltke
	10:30 No Coffee Hour	
<b>18</b> 8:30	George & Shirley Brown	Marty Niebauer/Jill Hellerud
	11:00 CHURCH BBQ	
<b>25</b> 8:30	Janet Tipton/Carol Noah	Janelle Petersen/Sue Nolan
	11:00 Bert & Cass Alvaro	
<b>October</b>		
<b>2</b> 8:30	Jim & Carlene Mansfield	Nancy Evans/Carol Noah
	11:00 Ed & Nicole McDonald	

If you have a scheduling problem or questions,  
please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Evans, at 254.0368.  
(For Altar Guild, Bread Bakers, Flower Sharers: see the centerfold calendar.)

Thanks for serving!

# SUNDAY SERVANTS in September

Date/Time	Greeter	Usher
<b>4</b> 8:30 10:30	Homer & Barbara Myers Eric Enns/Carol Noah	Charlie Heiserman/Don Young Chuck Woods/David Tobin
<b>11</b> 8:30 10:30	Al & Sandi Holland Ed & Nicole McDonald	Lloyd & Brenda Webb Mike Cunningham/Bill Sterr
<b>18</b> 8:30 11:00	Fred & Hilda Hagelstein Mary Johnson/ Carolyn Newell	Gil Stahl/Randy Holliday Nancy Evans/Geri Hoekzema
<b>25</b> 8:30 11:00	Hal & Karen Tye Gary & Peggy Bohman	Bob Eaton/Bobbie McCallister Tom Harriman/Sue Nolan
<b>October</b>		
<b>2</b> 8:30 11:00	Peggy Lien/Helen Kelly Joan Pihl/ S. Helms-Peyer	Gary & Debbie Danielson Dave & Erin Hellerud

	Liturgy	Cantor	Communion Assistants
<b>4</b> 8:30 10:30	TOL TOL	C. Heiserman Jordi Yokers	Sonja Vegdahl/Rick Giles Nancy Evans/Joanne Vahsholtz
<b>11</b> 8:30 10:30	NTF NTF	Irene Owskey Teague Coley	Heide Maize/Tom Brossia Bert Alvaro/Laural Kozacek
<b>18</b> 8:30 11:00	LBW LBW	Kari Albrecht Helene Pihl	Don & Kathie Fitzgerald Jerry Rhodes/Carolyn Newell
<b>25</b> 8:30 11:00	TOL TOL	N. Cunningham Greg Harrison	Charlie & Cheryl Heiserman Gary Bohman/M. Haverkamp
<b>October</b>			
<b>2</b> 8:30 11:00	NTF NTF	Laura Blaisdell Jordi Yokers	Don Houck/Marcia DeCaro Sue Calvert/S. Helms-Peyer

# FROM PASTOR JAECH

Dear Friends,

“I pray that you may have the power to comprehend,  
with all the saints, what is the breadth and length  
and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses  
knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”  
Ephesians 3:18-19

Education is a key ingredient in who we are as a Christian community. As with many families, September is Back-to-School time at church. Sunday School, Wednesday Night@Church and a variety of Bible Studies for adults all get started this month. You can read more information about all these classes throughout this newsletter.

At the heart of all these education classes is the gift that the writer to the Ephesians is talking about in the passage above. To us has been given the opportunity to explore “what is the breadth and length and height and depth” of the fullness of God.

*Above all, we are invited  
“to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.”*

What is God’s vision for me?

What is God’s vision for our church and for the whole world?

How can we best live as God’s people in a  
very complicated society?

How can we experience a deeper connection  
and peace with God?

How does the love of Christ transform us?

(Continued on page 4)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Last month we welcomed five new members  
into our congregation -

Don Heavirland  
Wayne Heavirland  
Betty Ehlers  
Marti Simmons  
Marie McClelland

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to them and  
help them feel at home at Beautiful Savior.

(From Pastor Jaech cont. from page 3)

All of these questions draw us into exploring the  
breadth and length and height and depth of the fullness of  
God. Like exploring the Grand Canyon or the Amazon River,  
it's not something that can be done quickly in few short weeks.  
Exploring the fullness of God takes an entire lifetime  
(and more!). Coming to know the love of Christ is not only  
something we want to teach our children, it is also a  
treasure, that, as adults, we need to uncover again and again.

Therefore, I invite and urge all of you to get involved in one  
of our Christian education activities starting up this month.  
Pick a class on Sunday mornings or during the week that will  
deepen your faith and wisdom. We have a wonderful set of  
teachers ready to teach. We have the Holy Spirit stirring us to  
enter more deeply into the fullness of God.

In Christ,  
Pastor Rick Jaech

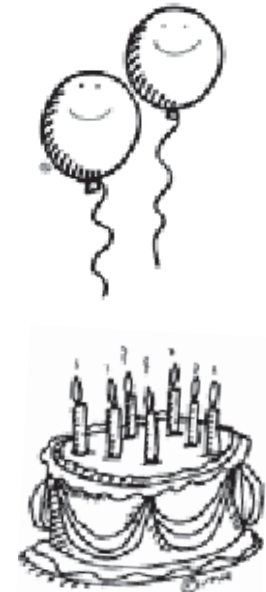
# HAPPY! HAPPY TO YOU!

September Birthdays and Anniversaries 🧡 :

- 1 **Sherry & Arden Hagen** 🧡
- 2 Phil Yokers
- 4 Jonathan Hagen
- Beth & Jay Boldra** 🧡
- Marcia & John Decaro** 🧡
- Eleanor & Robert Tews** 🧡
- 5 **Dee & Hank Woodward** 🧡
- 8 Natalie Cleveland
- 10 Todd Gienapp  
Jim Mansfield
- Karen & Chris Cleveland** 🧡
- 12 **Jane & Stephen Keith** 🧡
- 14 Kyle Barry
- Janet & Shaun Tipton** 🧡
- 16 Courtney Newell
- 18 Hayley Haverkamp
- 19 **Sharon & Dan Stevens** 🧡
- 20 **Barbara & Bill Bennett** 🧡
- Karen & Don Brenteson** 🧡
- Martha & Gerald Hoffman** 🧡
- 24 Samantha Tipton
- 25 Shanti Potts
- 26 Nicole Cunningham  
Madisen Phillips
- 28 Dyefani Fuller
- 30 **Laura & John Blaisdell** 🧡  
**Sandra & Bill Nesvick** 🧡

“You are never too old  
to set another goal or  
to dream a new dream.”

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



The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Work Group meets Thursdays from 9am-noon, preparing quilts and other needed projects to help people around the world. All willing hands are welcome!



Lutheran World Relief

Learn more about LWR at [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org). It's amazing to read the depth and breadth of LWR's reach around the globe.

## Congratulations BSLC Softball Team for a summer well-played!

"No pressure, no practice, no injuries" was once again the philosophy of our church softball team. Coach Chuck Woods reports a successful season with 4 Wins, 3 Losses, and 1 Tie (due to running out of time.) The team did well in the no injuries department with relatively few bumps and bruises. The emphasis was on fun and fellowship (as well as pizza and beer for those wishing to partake after most games.) The team regroups next April. Plan now to participate. It really is a fun way to get to know folks.

Thanks to BSLC members and friends for playing in 2011: Rafik Fouad • Erik Enns • Sheri Clark • Raquelle Avila • Don Houck • Linzy Bittner • Ralph Welch • Scott Gawlak • Dave Hellerud • Erin Hellerud • Nick Enns • Marcia DeCaro • John DeCaro • Jeff Meiners • Brad Meiners • Kevin McLean • Chelsea Glavin • Harrison Sedell • Rich Miller • Mason Miller • Michelle Haverkamp • Jeremy Christiansen • Linda Brooks • Dennis Brooks • and **Special thanks** to Carla Glavin, Scorekeeper

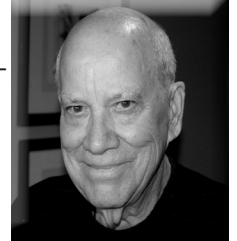
Other support provided by Izaiah Jones, Bat Boy; Ryan Welch, Photographer; and Kathy Esparza Number One Fan!

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### Teague Coley's visit with Bill Walters

*In the spirit of community, we want to know our church members better. Each month it may be an old or a new member, each chosen at random.*

Bill Walters, age 85, has been living an amazing life. His mom was the daughter of Red Cloud, Chief of the Oglala Sioux. She was taken to Washington D.C. for Congress to see a beautiful Indian princess while they made policy about what to do about Native Americans. Bill's father was an Englishman who fell in love with her at first sight, and proceeded to ask Red Cloud for his daughter's hand in marriage. Red Cloud said NO. A short while later, the US Government contacted all Sioux tribes in the Dakotas and invited all the leaders for a Pow Wow about land divisions. After a day of negotiations, the Sioux chiefs were ambushed and murdered while walking through the woods toward their sleeping tents. This was the Battle of Wounded Knee. Upon discovering Red Cloud's death, Bill's father again asked the Sioux princess to marry him and she agreed.



Bill grew up on his father's ranch in the Badlands of North Dakota. He was one of eight kids, each of whom had a pet dog. In order to get to school through the deep snows, each kid would harness their dog to a sled. Bill and his siblings were also required to learn to play wind, string, and brass instruments, which they would play as an orchestra for their parents during the long winters. Bill was smart and skipped two grades in school. When America joined WWII, it was announced in the high school gym. Bill's friends clamored to join the military upon graduation. Disappointed, Bill was too young to join. After much cajoling, Bill's father signed the form for Bill to be allowed to enlist and Bill served in the army for 3 years.

Bill returned to the US and began his college career at North Dakota State. He was so drawn to play a grand piano located in one of the buildings that he was constantly late for class.

## AAA Driver's Course at BSLC

Here is an opportunity for those 55 years and older to receive a discount on auto insurance. **On September 30th, from 8:30am-3:30 pm, AAA will offer a Refresher Driving Course.** The cost is \$16 (payable at the door.)

You will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the day, which you can present to your insurance company. We suggest bringing a chair cushion to be more comfortable in a folding chair during class.

To register, please call the church office at 360-254-9243.

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## Peace & Justice Fair

The annual Vancouver Peace & Justice Fair is September 10, 2011, 9am-5pm at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver. BSLC Peace and Justice ministry joins over 50 other churches, organizations, and businesses promoting peace, social justice, and environmental stewardship.

The fair's focus is to build awareness and community surrounding the work of peace. The fair is free, open to the public, and family-friendly with many activities for children.

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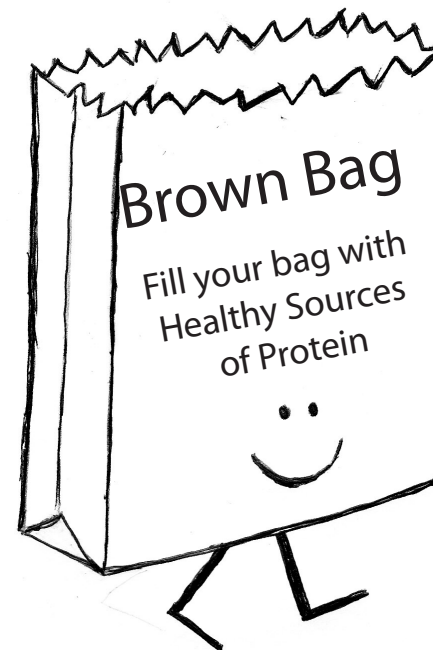
## Fair Trade Products

will be for sale on September 11 in the narthex at BSLC. You are invited to purchase Organic Fair Trade olive oil and other items from Palestine available through Canaan Fair Trade. Canaan Fair Trade empowers Palestinian rural communities to sustain their livelihoods and culture. Thank you to local distributor, Lorie Wood of Ye Olde Fair Trader for bringing the products to our church and to the Peace and Justice ministry for sponsoring this opportunity.

*(Bill Walters cont. from page 18)* When Bill turned 70, he decided to retire in America. He looked to the Northwest to settle because he was told there was a large Japanese community here. He visited and thought the area was so beautiful--the sun shone every day. Bill was hooked, and promptly arranged the move. The day he moved here he arrived to a raging rain storm and it rained every day after that. And still he stayed! Vancouver has been his home and BSLC has been his church ever since.

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### Your Donations. God's Work.



Thank you for donating school supplies for students at MacArthur Middle School, BSLC's "adopted" school

Brown Bag Sunday is always the 2nd Sunday of the month. That's the day the bags are distributed for you to take and return filled with needed items. In September, please bring healthy sources of protein such as peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, or beans.

*On tap for October: Socks!*

### HELP FEED LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED

Be busy with a hands-on project. Provide sack lunches at the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington on Thursdays from 4pm-5pm. For details, call Jo'an Sterr at 360-892-4665. Financial gifts toward the cost of lunch ingredients can be made any time. Put your check in an envelope marked Free Clinic Lunches. THANK YOU!

## Getting to Know you (Bill Richards cont.from page 5)

One day, as he was late for French class for the umpteenth time, his professor told him he needed to decide between French or music. Bill chose music and graduated with a music degree from Concordia. He later received a Masters in piano from the University of Michigan.

After WWII so much was destroyed in Europe. There was a lot of excitement about rebuilding things to be stronger, better designed, and more functional. Bill and his friends decided it was a great time to rebuild old churches in America too, and formed the Lutheran Society for Worship, Music and the Arts. The idea took off and membership swelled. They took the idea to Europe and met with Lutheran organizations in many countries and ultimately played a big role in rebuilding Europe.

Bill had a very successful early career as a concert pianist. Being half Native American, he had a thick growth of black hair above his forehead that could be unruly. He would trim it and plaster it down with hair gel so he would look white. While performing Chopin in New York to an audience of thousands, his hair broke loose from its careful positioning--to the shock of the on-lookers. The next morning the review said nothing of how he played, but went on and on about his wild hair. He became known after that as "Wild Bill the Concert Pianist".

During this time he was married briefly and fathered four children. After 3 years of constant travel and performing, Bill decided there must be more to life and abruptly quit. He attended Case Western, earned a Doctorate in Anthropology and became a professor at Wittenberg University. While there, he learned about the first Japanese woman to found a university in Japan based on an American system of higher education. Intrigued, Bill went to Japan to view the university and how it was organized, and ended up moving to Japan with his four children and teaching in that University for the next 16 years. His children grew and flourished in Japan, and it touched their lives and future careers in different ways. Bill and his four children are very close; they go on a family trip each year.

## BOOK CORNER



Have you seen the announcements for the BSLC book club meetings? Have you wondered when that group got started? Well, the club started as the "Book Talk" in 1999 and has been going strong for 12 years! We have discussed over **120** non-fiction and fiction books, that gave us food for thought, laughter, and adventure.

Book Talk resumes September 11, at 2:30pm at BLSC. The selection is **Drums of Autumn** by Diana Gabaldon. The book is part of a series, which includes **The Outlander**, another very popular book. We invite you to join us and encourage you to suggest titles we should read in the future.

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## Bonus Book Discussion -

Pastor Jaech's Book Discussion Night

On Wednesday August 31, from 7:00pm -8:30pm Pastor Jaech will host a discussion of his new book **Transforming Church Conflict: A Guide for Pastors and Leaders**.

Pastor Jaech is eager to hear reactions and feedback of those who have read the book and will also answer any questions that people might have about the book. The book teaches the basic skills and perspectives that help church leaders facilitate disagreements and conflicts in an effective and productive way.

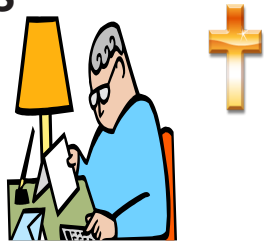
Copies of the book are available at the church office for the printing cost of \$9.00 and may also be checked out of our church library..

If you can't attend the August 31st discussion, Pastor Jaech welcomes your feedback about the book anytime. The book has been a project years in the making and he is delighted to share and discuss it.

# CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

by Sue Nolan, Council Secretary

Council is excited to host  
Financial Peace University at  
Beautiful Savior



## What is Financial Peace University (FPU)?

FPU is an important step to changing your financial future. It shows how to take real action in our lives through a step-by-step process taught by best-selling author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey.

FPU is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers you to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals within the context of God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more!

## Who is Financial Peace University for?

It's for EVERYONE from the financially secure to the financially distressed and everyone in between.

Applying God's Word to one's finances is radically life-changing. On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during the 91-day program!

## What Will I Learn?

1. Step-by-Step Cash Flow Planning based on Luke 14:28: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it."
2. Debt Snowball Plan Technique to Eliminating Debt based on Proverbs 22:7: "The borrower is slave to the lender."
3. How to Invest Wisely based on Ecclesiastes 11:2: "Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land."

**Sundays, 9:45am-10:45am - Adult Forum** - a Bible Study of *Jesus as Teacher*. Along with being our Savior and Lord, Jesus is also our Teacher who brings a new Wisdom that is different than the commonly accepted wisdom of society. What are the fundamental truths about God and life that Jesus teaches his disciples? What is the path of education and discovery to which Jesus calls us? We will look at Jesus teaching in the Gospels and discuss how it applies to our lives today.

**Tuesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 7pm - Crossways Bible Study** led by Rev. Phil Yokers. Crossways examines the meaning of the Bible by digging into the complete story that runs from Genesis to Revelation. See the message and mission of Jesus more clearly by understanding what preceded Him. Crossways helps us go deeper in learning God's Word. Crossways is the Bible in "panoramic view!"

*Quotes from Crossways participants* - "Challenging, life-giving, life-changing Bible study! Engages people in a vibrant and powerful encounter with the living Word of God." "Articulates the biblical narrative with punch and pizzazz!"

Course materials feature specially designed color graphics making the class easy to follow. The core of every Crossways course is Jesus, who invites us to follow Him, loving and serving others as He did. Crossways is an in-depth 60-session two-year course. Participants can purchase materials for the entire course for \$70 or purchase each ten-session section for \$17 (plus \$5.50 for the Timeline; a one-time cost.) DVD's and discussion make this a delightful and fun way to grow. Sign-up sheet is in the church narthex.

**Wednesdays, noon-1:00pm - a Bible Study on the Book of Daniel**, led by Pastor Jaech. This book examines the time when the Israelites were held captive in the Babylonian empire. How will they stay faithful to God in a society centered in power and wealth? How do we stay faithful today?

**Wednesday Night @ Church Bible Study, 6:30pm-7:30pm - Study the Book of Acts** led by Rev. Gerald Hoffman. Acts tells us how the disciples spread the Gospel to other parts of the world. It will be fun to see how the church grew and solved many problems. We might even learn something to help us confront the issues of our day. Take a chance, you might like it!

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church -  
A Community of Lifelong Learning

*It's September and here - we - go!*

There is something for everyone  
in our 2011-2012 education program line up.

**Starting with the kids -**

Sunday School begins **September 18, 9:45am-10:45am.**  
We have three classes and welcome all children to join us!

**Preschool** (ages 3 and 4) - taught by Sharon Matthews with assistance from Anne Cozens and Laura Blaisdell.

**Grades K, 1, and 2** taught by Reagan Takahata and **Grades 3, 4, and 5** taught by Teague Coley, both with assistance from Sid Wiggs and Charlene Welch. Music time led by Kari Albrecht.

Other parents and church members are invited and needed to help in a variety of ways. Remember, it takes a village! Stay tuned.

**Confirmation Class - Begins September 21**

We look forward to a new year of Confirmation Classes beginning Wednesday, September 21, 6:30pm-8:00pm. All students entering 6th-8th grade are invited. This year Pastor Jaech will teach the Lutheran understanding of the Apostle's Creed, the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion. Along with this important study, Confirmation Class is also a time for service and fun activities, which help the students become a community of friends.

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**And for everyone -**

**Wednesday Night @ Church begins September 21** - Dinner is 5:30pm, followed by Bible Studies, adult choir and Confirmation.

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**And for adults -**

**Adult Education** is offered on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. See the following page for details.

(Council continued from page 8)

**Testimonial**

Here's what people just like you are saying about FPU:  
"Since taking the class last fall, we've paid off all our credit, two student loans and are on track to pay off our mortgage and car loans in just over two years from now."

*A Beautiful Savior member*

**Our class**

Here are the details on FPU at Beautiful Savior.

Two opportunities for a **free preview**:

- August 28 between worship services
- September 1 at 6pm

**Weekly classes:**

Classes are Thursdays at 6pm from September 15 - December 15 (skipping Thanksgiving Day). We will view a video from 6pm-7pm and then a facilitator will lead a small-group discussion from 7pm-8pm.

**How to sign up:**

**Sign up at the preview sessions OR sign up now on our website, [www.beautifulsaviorlutheran.com](http://www.beautifulsaviorlutheran.com).**

Class size is limited to 12 per class and we currently have a facilitator to manage one class of 12. If more people volunteer to facilitate, we can offer more classes. Facilitating does not require "financial expertise." Training and resources are provided.

**Cost:**

The fee for the 13 week course and all the materials (workbook, book with more resources, audio tapes of the sessions and more) is \$95 per household.

**For more information contact:**

Jerry Rhodes, [o\\_boy\\_red@hotmail.com](mailto:o_boy_red@hotmail.com), 360-253-8632 or Sue Nolan, [nolansuzy57@comcast.net](mailto:nolansuzy57@comcast.net), 360-253-0080.

# FOR KIDS/ BY KIDS

Use the picture clues to fill in the blanks and discover two ways to share God's love!



L \_ n \_ a \_ \_ l \_ i \_ g h \_ \_ d!



M \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ w f \_ \_ \_ d!

Art by Mark (age 8) and Derek (age 6) Takahata

Answers to the puzzle on page 14

# HANDBELL RINGERS!

The Handbell season begins Thursday, September 22, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall at Beautiful Savior.



**Wanted:** willing people with a sense of rhythm, perhaps some knowledge of music and notes, and a commitment to the group who like to make music ...

*Keeping time, time, time,  
In a sort of Runic rhyme,  
To the tintinnabulation that so musically wells  
From the bells, bells, bells, bells,  
Bells, bells, bells-  
From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells.*

I'm looking forward to working and playing with you lovely people as we ring those bells to the glory of God.

Be welcome. Join us!

by Kathe Yokers

## Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Cherub Choir, Junior Choir,  
and Adult Choir begin September 21.**

Fall is fast approaching and the time has come to dust off voices and pick (back) up with choir.

Cherub Choir for kids age 3 until ready for Jr. Choir, meets Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm; led by Reagan Takahata.

Jr Choir for kids who are able to read through sixth grade, meets Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm; led by Jordi Yokers.

Adult Choir meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm; led by Jordi Yokers.

**Join us for another fun and faithful year as we praise  
God through the Ministry of Music.**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is hosting an all-church BBQ at BSLC on September 18 after the 11am worship service.

*Everyone is invited to attend.*

This will be an opportunity to thank the BSLC Thrivent members who elected to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars to ministries at Beautiful Savior, totalling over \$5,000 in 2011.

Learn more about Thrivent Financial for Lutherans with Rafik Fouad at rafik.fouad@thrivent.com or 509-430-4036, or Dane Andersen at dane.andersen@thrivent.com or 360-694-1197.

You can also contact BSLC Thrivent Congregational Advocate, Charlene Welch at welch.family@comcast.net or 360-907-3502.

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### Save the Date

Celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, with the annual blessing of the pets.  
October 2, 2011, 11am service only.

Bring your pet to church for a special blessing and worship service dedicated to the lessons we learn and gifts we receive as caretakers to God's (two, four, six, or more-legged) creatures.

Previous "blessees" have included dogs, cats, rats, birds, frogs, chinchillas, gerbils, hamsters, a horse (really!), and stuffed animals.

You won't want to miss this special day.

**Remember** - Wednesday Night @ Church begins September 21! Dinner at 5:30pm, Bible Studies, Choirs, and Confirmation. It's THE place to be.

## Staffing Update

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*Good news to share about additions to our staff team.*

We are delighted to welcome Kathe Yokers as our new **Hand Bell Choir Director**. Kathe will work with the Hand Bell Choir at 7pm on Thursday evenings, beginning on September 22.

We look forward to greeting **our new organist**, Stephen Janzen, on Sunday October 2. Stephen is trying to sell his home in Sacramento, so please pray for him in that need. Stephen will move to Vancouver in October whether or not he has sold his Sacramento home.

The search for a part-time **Youth Minister** continues. A committee interviewed some very good candidates and hopes to have someone hired in September.

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### **Church Website: a tool for communicating**

*Submitted by Rev. Gerald Hoffman*

I noticed that Congress doesn't need high school students serving as Pages anymore because they can communicate faster through e-mail and other electronic media. I bet the Church can do the same.

Check BSLC's website at beautifulsaviorlutheran.com for great information. It is even a place you can ask questions and get an answer back! Just click on the "contact us" link, type your question, and click "submit."

Any type of question is okay, for example, "Why do we worship in different formats?" or, "Where does the Bible talk about love?" All questions will be given serious consideration and, in return, you will receive the best answer possible.

