



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
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December, 2016, No. 111

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Whole Life Ministry 10:45am

Merry Christmas!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Luke 1:5-7, "In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. **6** And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. **7** But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years."

As Christmas, creeps, closer...Zechariah and Elizabeth remind us life doesn't always go the way you'd like. Zechariah and Elizabeth had a close relationship with their Heavenly Father, and their life still had question marks. For a lengthy season of life, this blameless and beautiful couple did not receive what their heart desired.

What refreshes me: While life was shaping up differently than they wanted, Zechariah and Elizabeth didn't allow this to create a barrier or division in their faith life. When it came to day-to-day, earthly life...they remained, "righteous before God".

What about you? Is there anything less than ideal going on in your life? Is a dream shaping up differently than you imagined? If so, how are you are you responding? Are you running toward God, or away from Him?

Luke 1:13 gives us guidance. In the chaos and brokenness that marks our lives - pray. While the circumstance might not change, God can still bring change... even if that means to your heart, helping you to live in the reality of your situation with strength, contentment, and joy. As with Zechariah, your prayer will be heard.

Something else we can note from history, and Luke 1: When you have opportunity, take time to share personal joys in life with God, and with others.

Luke 1:46-49, And Mary said "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Luke 1:57-58, "Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her."

Whether neighbors, relatives and friends share in our joy, or we spend time rejoicing and praising God for His ongoing work in our lives...or better yet, take time to do both...gratitude and celebration shows us "the have's", keeping us from only seeing "the have not's". Rather than an "attitude of scarcity", is to "see the abundance" of what God is doing.

Have a great December!

Walking Together as we Follow Christ...

Joshua M. Hower, Pastor



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"When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." Matt. 6:34

From the Editor:

Once more it's Christmas; George Melachrino wrote a song with that title. It brings back many youthful memories; riding to church in our old '32 Chevrolet through the falling snow, admiring the lights on the church's Christmas tree, singing Christmas carols, and being reminded of whose birth we are celebrating and why. Being raised on a farm, we opened our gifts on Christmas Eve, since time on Christmas morning was taken up milking the cows and feeding the livestock. Unlike today, we only got one or two gifts plus an orange and candy in our stocking. Mom confessed years later that she always felt bad because they couldn't get us more stuff. My brother and I didn't know any different and we were perfectly happy with what we got. You might think this is like Christ and us, but instead of giving us nothing, He has given us everything. Everything! For that we should be eternally grateful. Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Lynn Thaldorf



Upcoming Advent Events

Advent D3's:

**- Wednesday, Dec. 7th - 6:30 - 8pm
at host homes.**

* Sign up sheets are in the entryway

Sign up to attend a D3 at one of the following host's homes:

Jeff & Allicia Eggebraaten - East Boise
119 N. Louisa St. (starts at 6:00pm)

Jim & Tracey Poorbaugh - SE Boise
3560 E. Arborvitae Ct.

Don & Nancy Brigham - North Boise
5710 N. Oasis Drive

Kurt & Teri Thaemert - West Boise
11062 W. Inglin Dr.

- Friday, Dec. 9th - BSLC Choir will sing at Spring
Creek Retirement Home at 1pm

- Wednesday, Dec. 14th – 6:30 – 8pm
Advent D3 at BSLC campus

- Saturday, Dec. 17th - Wreaths Across America
10am - laying of wreaths at the Idaho State Veteran's
Cemetery

- Sunday, December 18 – Advent Worship service -
with Youth, children and family participation.

- Wednesday, Dec. 21st – 6:30 – 8pm
Advent D3 in BSLC Host homes

- Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec. 24
Worship – 5pm and 9pm

- Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec. 25th
Worship 9:30am

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the
name Jesus, because he will save his people from their
sins.” Prov. 16:9

S.H.I.P. Project - LWML

Blessings abound! Thanks to everyone for a very successful gathering and delivering of our Thanksgiving Homeless House food baskets. We were able to feed the 75 residence along with other family members. We got more than 6 boxes of canned foods from the Beginning Years Daycare. We were able to supplement items to fill the baskets. The additional items were sent to the food pantry at Second Chance Building supply store downtown. This resource is available to any homeless. Thanks so much to our most tiny hands and feet of Jesus. We were able to deliver on Sunday before Thanksgiving. I heard from a few of the delivery teams how blessed they were to meet and see the smiles on the residents faces and big Thank You's.

If you would like to make a delivery of our Christmas baskets on Dec 18th after the service, please let me know. We will be delivering a full Ham dinner for 9-16 people per house.

A list of the items still needed is as follows:

Large cans of Cherry pie filling, Canned corn, green beans, peas, Canned Olives, Canned yams, Canned Fruit of any kind, Foil pans for cooking Ham, Bagged oranges, cuties, apples, Evaporated Milk

Our Giving Tree is up in the Narthex, You can grab a tag to help out our homeless friends

The needs this year are as follows:

- 75 each \$10 gift cards to the Dollar Store (these are for personal care items)

- Large Electric Skillet (No wrapping required for household items)

- Twin Sheet Sets - Toasters

- Money for Disabled Day Bus Passes (Each pass is \$1 so any Dollar amount you wish)

- Money for the Bike Project

(any dollar amount helps, they fix bikes for residents to get back and forth to jobs).

All checks can be made to S.H.I.P. This can be your tax deduction document.

Our Beautiful Savior Family generously participated in Prison Ministries Angel Tree Project for 10 years. This being a new outreach for all of us including me, hopefully it will go as seamlessly as in the past.

Looking forward to serving side by side with each of you as we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Thanks again to all! God Bless and Merry Christmas!

Carol Ahrens

Assistant Mission Service, LWML



Beginning Years Child Care

Beginning Years' annual Christmas Pageant is on Thursday, December 15th from 5-6pm. Come and be blessed by an old fashioned Christmas Pageant! The children are already singing the songs from last year. One will suddenly burst out and the others quickly jump in too! I praise God for their JOY in praising Him by retelling the Christmas Story.

May the excitement of the season heighten your awareness of opportunities to share the good news with those in your community. Oh, that we would have the abandon to walk down the grocery store aisles singing Christmas songs like our kids do. You never know when the words you sing will reach out into someone's soul so deeply that they turn to God this season. 'a little child shall lead them.'

Mission Moments - opportunities happened again this year in November for Beginning Years' kids - both local and global.

- The children collected food that filled 6 'fall decorated' Thanksgiving Meal boxes; working with the church to be a blessing.

- Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes were filled with toys, school supplies, and toiletries for children around the world.

Beginning Years wishes you all a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas Season!!!

For information on Beginning Years Daycare contact Sandy Edmondson or Brandy Berck at 338-0000

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LWML

The 34th Annual LWML Advent Brunch was held Saturday, December 3rd at the Red Lion Hotel Downtowner. The theme was "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. Musical entertainment was provided by a choir from Les Bois Jr. High. The speaker was Marcia Anderson from City Light who also brought a recent grad of their program to share her story. The collection of hats, scarf's, and mittens and the Red Stocking money that was collected will go to City Light.

If you have questions concerning LWML, call Charlotte Schaefer. - 208-863-3096.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am
Holy Communion - 1st and 3rd Sundays

Sunday Bible classes 10:45:

Children's Sunday School:
Pre-K - downstairs classroom
1st - 5th - upstairs classroom

Confirmation - upstairs classroom- led by Paul and Karen Peterson

Youth Beyond Confirmation - upstairs classroom - led by Pastor Josh Hower

Adult Options:

'The Gospel of John' - meets in the library - led by Calvin Miller

'Jeremiah' - meets in the sanctuary - led by Don Moll

'Marriage and Family' - meets upstairs in the choir loft - led by Micheal Spencer

Early bird special meets at 8:30 in the library - studying the book of Acts - led by Cedric Fedde



Adult Weekday Bible Studies:

Tuesday - 6:15am - Study on the book of Isaiah.

Meets at Eddie's on Overland.

Tuesday - 6:15am-Women's Bible study- Meets at Eddies on Overland.

Tuesday - 9:30am Women's Bible study on Nehemiah meets at BSLC..

Wednesday- 2:00 to 4:00pm - Life Light will resume January 4. It is led by Don Brigham, beginning a new study on Hebrews.

Friday - 6:30am -, a DVD series.

Meets in the BSLC library. Led by Cedric Fedde.

"Let the message of Christ swell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom." Colossians 3:16



Project ♥ Linus

Project Linus doesn't meet in December, but wishes everyone a blessed Christmas. Since we don't meet in December, come join us next year. We'll meet the first Saturday of the new year at 9am in the church library. No experience necessary!

For more information, contact Ruth Volkert at ruth.volkert@gmail.com or at 208-631-9321.



Boise Rescue Mission Food Barrel: canned and boxed food items are always needed. The food barrel is in the entryway at BSLC. Thanks for your help in filling the barrel!

LRG: (Local/Regional/Global)

Would you like to do something significant? Where is there brokenness in the world you want changed? If you could do anything to help, what would you do? There is a difference between wanting a life filled with significance, and actually pursuing significance. If we can help, we'd invite you to pick up and fill out an L.R.G. Mission Funding Request Form from the information board or request an L.R.G. form by emailing: bslcboise@gmail.com for this or you can make a pack/packs on your own.

The Nativity play was going as planned, with Joseph and Mary going from house to house asking if there were any rooms available. As every innkeeper told them no, a little voice called from the back, "You should have booked ahead."

Attention Thrivent Members!

If you have questions or would like more information about Thrivent or how to apply for Action Team project funding, please contact Faith Brigham at 342-3551 or fbrigha@boisestate.edu

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Our mission is to develop people into devoted Followers of Christ through invitation, Bible Literacy, Worship, application and service.

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