



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
BEACON

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, January 4th,
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 11th, Two
Services and Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study resumes

Bethel Ministries

The LWML Advent Brunch on December 6th was once again graced with a wonderful message - this time by Rob Lee and Jeff Hansen of Bethel Ministries. Participants donated \$1439 to Bethel Ministries through the Red Stocking collection (including \$600 matching funds from Thrivent).



Boise-based Bethel Ministries provides discipleship homes to Christian men released from prison. Residents attend classes, obtain employment, and attend counseling during their six months in the program, with the option to extend their stay. Lee said Bethel Ministries has graduated 79 men, and 90% "remain productive members of society."

Room, board, and classes cost \$400 per month per client. The state of Idaho contributes a one-time monetary allotment for new residents, but the rest comes from private contributions. To donate or get more information, go to www.bethelministries.net or call Rob Lee at (208) 724-1734.

To end his presentation, Rob Lee asked, "Is your church a hospital for the hurt and broken of the Body of Christ, or is it a retirement home for the righteous?" He asked that we be open to accept former inmates into our church.

Women's Bible Study on the Book of Ruth

A new women's Bible study will meet every other Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m., from January 18 through March 29. This study is open to all college-aged women and up as a time of fellowship. Leah Steinbronn will lead the study on the first topic, the book of Ruth. The outline through the summer is available on the bulletin board (in the foyer) for women to take home with them. Volunteers can lead chapters of the second book, beginning in April. Purchase *The Gospel of Ruth* by Carolyn Custis James (ISBN 0-310-26391-3) at Family Christian Bookstore or online at a bookselling website. Contact Leah to join!

LCMS News

- * Portland 2009 LWML Convention will be June 25-28 in Portland, Oregon. Those who volunteer to work 8 hours or more at the convention are eligible for a reduced registration fee. To volunteer, contact Sharon Bird at tweetebird2@msn.com or 503-492-8240 by January 15.
- * There are 36 Lutheran schools in the Northwest District, serving 4,700 students. 70% of the enrolled students are not members of District churches, but attend to receive a quality education. - Northwest Passage, Fall 2008.

LWML Officers for 2009

LWML Officers were announced at the brunch on December 6th. Thanks first to Sherrie Rumpeltes for her wonderful job as brunch chairperson, and to all the women who helped make it a success.

Thanks to the outgoing LWML officers for 2008:

Secretary: Shirley Heil
Mission Service: Beth Rupprecht
Christian Life: Marge Marske

Incoming LWML Officers for 2009:

President: Arlene Warenko
Vice President: Kay Kurtz
Secretary: Barbara Young
Treasurer: Gladys Johnson
Networker: Ladora Butler
Christian Life: Faith Brigham
Asst. Christian Life: Cindy Wilson
Mission Service: Kathryn Norton
Asst. Mission Service: Virginia Hazzard
Historian: Charlotte Hetherington

U&I District Officers are:

Mary Smith - V.P. Christian Life
Sherrie Rumpeltes - V.P. Servant Resources

Remember to Return Church Library Books!



The church lending library will be on display between worship services on January 10. Please return books you have finished reading so that others can also enjoy them. Thank you, Ladora Butler, 377-1083.

Stewardship Committee

By Pastor Barth

Wes Smith is heading the Stewardship Committee. Action Statements will be printed weekly in the bulletin and quarterly pamphlets will be handed out on stewardship topics exploring the meaning of stewardship and tithing. In the spring we will offer a Biblical Money Management Seminar. This is an ongoing process, not a "We Want Your Money" campaign. All we have is a gift from God and is part of our worship and service to the Gospel. Contact Wes for more information at wsmith@romarelectric.com.

Member News

- ❖ Reese Madelyn Vachek was received into the kingdom of God by baptism on December 14. She is the daughter of members Raleigh and John Vachek. Travis and Mandy Thompson were her sponsors. Welcome, Reese!
- ❖ Meghan Allen held a senior piano recital at BSLC on December 14. She graduated last spring from Timberline High School and is attending Boise State University.

This 'N' That

- ❑ Wendy Graham found several violin books of Jennifer Lamb in the Beacon mail slot. Is somebody giving her this music or wants it back? Contact Wendy at 850-4918 or wendyj@cableone.net.
- ❑ **Junior High Winter Retreat at Camp Perkins** is February 6-8. Leah will have information posted on the bulletin board at church for items to bring on the retreat. It should be a lot of fun!
- ❑ **Senior High Winter Retreat is March 13-15.** This will be the senior high version of the junior high retreat, but this retreat is being planned by senior high youth (under the supervision of Paul Holle, Camp Program Director).

BSLC Beacon Newsletter Staff is looking for writers!

If you can help, please contact Wendy Graham at 850-4918.

Pray For Us Calendar

Print the January's issue from their website,
<http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=1063>

Calling Senior High Youth!

By Leah Steinbronn

How do I live the way the Bible says in today's world?!?

How do I have a relationship with God?!?

How do I get along with my parents (and why would I want to)?!?

Is it okay to date?!? How do I act when I date since I'm a Christian?!?

To help answer these questions, I would like to invite you to my Christian Living Series, the first of which will be starting in January. The first series is called: *I AM Getting to Know about God*; the second series is called: *Teens vs. Parents* and the last series is called: *Sex. Dating*.

Youth! We'll meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm for the last two series and on Sundays after the 11:15am service. We'll have dinner available if you would be willing to chip in \$\$ for drinks. There is no homework with this series, so you only need to commit to the 2 hours.

Dates for the series starting in 2009:

I AM Getting to Know about God: 01/18, 01/25, 02/01, 02/08, 02/15 (Sundays)

Teens vs. Parents: 04/15, 04/22, 04/29, 05/06, 05/13 (Wednesdays)

Sex. Dating: 06/10, 06/17, 06/24, 07/01, 07/08 (Wednesdays)

Parents! This series is a video series so we'll watch a 10-15 minute video each week and go through the study associated with it. If you have any questions or concerns about this series, please let me know!

If you have any questions, please call Leah Steinbronn at 908.770.7188 (cell) or 208.367.1432 (office) or email at dce@bslcboise.org

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, contact Linda Barth at 429-1112 or howardbar@msn.com. All requests for prayer for individuals, families, or groups are welcome. We encourage you to follow up your request with more information, such as praise for answered prayer, or a change in the status of the request. No chain letters, web-lore, or urban myths will be accepted. If the request is not for you or your immediate family, we recommend that you have the person's permission to post the request.

Bible Study Resumes January 11th!

Sunday Morning Studies

Three classes for adults are held at 10 a.m Sunday mornings: "This Week's Sermon in Depth," with Pastor Barth, "Good News Topics" with Paul Petersen, and "Marriage" with Bill and Becky Young.

DAWN – Women's Bible Study (Ladora Butler)

This small group studies the lectionary, the Bible verses read at the following Sunday worship. Meets on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7:45 a.m. The new location is The Chef's Hut at 164 S. Cole Road, in an industrial complex off Franklin. Bring your Bible. Contact Ladora at 377-1083.

Men's Bible Breakfast (Lynn Thaldorf)

After breakfast at Eddie's Restaurant, 7067 Overland, enjoy discussing the book of Acts with 6 others. Meets Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 a.m. Bring your Bible. Contact Lynn at 362-5276.

Mid-Week Bible Study (Pr. Barth)

Pastor Barth leads this group from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays at church. The topic is "The Coming of Our Lord." Drop-ins welcome!

Life Light Bible Study (Don Brigham)

In mid-September, this large group will begin a new study on the Life Light book "Prophecy." Meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at various locations. Participants pay for their own study guide. Contact Don at 375-3419.

Men's Bible Study (Cedric Fedde)

The book of Revelation is the topic for the Men's Bible Study on Fridays from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. at church. Join us! Contact Cedric at 338-5619.

Beacon Deadline is the 20th

You'll find Beacon newsletters and great information about Beautiful Savior at www.BSLCBoise.org. Hardcopies of the Beacon are on the ledge by the office. Send article submissions by the 20th of each month to editor Wendy Graham at wendyj@cableone.net. We aim to publish on the last Sunday of each month.

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Thoughts for the New Year: Priorities

Reprinted from *U&I Together*, Winter 2008

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go, "Hmm. Where is my Bible?"

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Senior High Youth

Christian Living Series begins:

- I AM Getting to Know about God:* January 18, 6:30-8:30
- I AM Getting to Know about God:* January 25, 6:30-8:30

Junior High Youth Retreat

February 6-8, 2009

Contact Leah Steinbronn for more information 367-1432 or e-mail at dce@bslcboise.org.

Reminder

Please call the church office to let us know of any address, phone number or email changes so we can stay current with our snail- and e-mailing lists.

Know Christ and Make Him Known

Our mission is to develop people into devoted followers of Christ through invitation, Bible literacy, worship, application, and service.

January Worship Duty Schedule

DATE	TIME	USHER	SERVE	SCRIPTURE	PRAY	GREETERS	ALTAR	TREATS
4-Jan	10:00am	Jones family	--No Communion-----	Bill Young	Pastor Barth		Nancy Brigham	Nortons, Youngs
	>>>		Ray Ahrens					
11-Jan	8:30	Rich Novotny,	Truman Keith, Mike Killworth	Rich Novotny	Shirley Paul		Jeanne Keith	
	>>>	Lynn Thaldorf	Truman Keith					Zmmermanns, Volkerts
	11:15	Brubaker family	--No Communion-----	Leah Steinbronn	Pastor Barth		Beccie McHale	
	>>>		Christian Nafzger					
18-Jan	8:30	Jones family	--No Communion-----	Alyssa Petersen	Paul Petersen		Karen Petersen	
	>>>		Charles Weymouth					Reeders, Driskells
	11:15	Pingel family	Christian Nafzger, Bob Yocum	Tracy Pingel	Bob Braun		Faith Brigham	
	>>>		Bill Young					
25-Jan	8:30	Reeder family	Cedric Fedde, Mark Kroll	Phyllis Royston	Don Brigham		Nancy Brigham	
	>>>		Cedric Fedde					Boyd, Boyd, Royston
	11:15	Kohtz family	--No Communion-----	Leah Steinbronn	Beth Rupprecht		Becky Young	
	>>>		Ray Ahrens					

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Office hours: Tuesday – Friday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

worship, 10:00 fellowship

September- May Sunday worship times: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

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