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Knocking at Another's Heart

By Cedric Fedde

After our weekly Tuesday morning Men's Bible study, Lynn Thaldorf and I were visiting in front of Eddie's restaurant. Our discussion centered on the miracle that we are so different yet alike in many aspects of life. First, we are one in faith. We are to be more like Christ in all things in our daily lives. By example we are proclaiming our faith in Jesus even though we are different in many ways.

In Matthew and Mark we were told to preach the Word throughout the world and to obey everything God has commanded. Jesus wanted each of us to proclaim God's Word and to encourage all people to believe in God and accept Christ as their Savior. "How?" is the question all of us ask. My opinion is that there is no one "how" but many ways to preach and teach God's Word, just like no two people are exactly alike. Our faith leads us to teach the Word and to be in the Word in our daily lives. We cannot of ourselves convert another to believe, but through the Spirit another person's faith in God will grow. We need not fear rejection if someone does not accept God's Word, for it is through the Spirit that God's Word will be accepted and grow. Take heart and fear not, as we are so often told through the Word, for God is with us always.

Talking about God's Word to another person is often a challenging and downright scary event. Knocking on doors always brings with it the fear of rejection. Knocking on another's door is not standing at the door of someone's home. When Christ said, "Knock and it shall be opened," that was not door knocking. When we share God's Word, we are knocking at another's heart to be opened to Christ and the Word of God. The Word through the Spirit will enter in and the Word will grow through the Spirit, not by something we have done but by the gift of faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We cannot give another person faith, but we can share our faith with another and in faith believe the Spirit of God will do the rest in bringing them to Christ.

Equipping believers is the work of the church. Knowing what Christ expects of all Christians is the easy part. Teaching the faithful to carry out the great commission is the hard part. The command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" is the first work of the church. Encouraging words are given to all believers to share with all people, but too often we feel under-equipped to talk to others about God's Word. Take heart; opportunity awaits you. Come to the evangelism training on February 28.

Lenten Season Begins 2/25

The 2009 Lenten theme is "King of Kings." Ash Wednesday service is on February 25 at 7 p.m. The topic for that night is "King David: The King Who Laid Bare His Soul." Join together to meditate on Christ our King.

February 1st Congregational Meeting

We will be meeting in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour.

The agenda includes:

1. Presentation & Vote for AV system,
2. Architectural Committee Update,
3. Vote for Circuit Counselor

Steinbronn to Speak at Evangelism Class on February 28th

Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn will head up an evangelism workshop on February 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beautiful Savior. Everyone is invited. A light lunch will be served, sponsored by the Board of Directors.

Rev. Dr. Steinbronn is the Mission Executive of the New Jersey District, and also the father of our DCE, Leah Steinbronn. He holds Master's degrees in Divinity and in Sacred Theology and a Doctorate of Missiology. Over the past 26 years, he has served as a parish pastor, missionary, and mission executive. He is an adjunct professor with the Masters of Christian Outreach program at Concordia – St. Paul in Minnesota. He just returned from conducting a week of evangelism training in Nigeria.

Sign up on the list on the bulletin board to attend. A freewill offering will be taken to help cover the cost of materials. Contact Leah at dce@bslcboise.org or the church office at 336-3616 for more information.

“Men of the Invitation” Group Starts

Wes Smith, Scott Stultz, and Pastor Barth have started a new men’s group, called “Men of the Invitation.” Their first gathering was January 31. They will meet the last Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at church. The theme is “Encouragement,” something needed in this time of anxiety. All men are invited to join them for fellowship, food, singing, and discussion. Contact Wes at 338-9163 for more information.

This ‘N’ That

- **“Faith and Money” free seminar** will be held Saturday, February 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church. The speaker is member Joel Lund, from Waddell and Reed Financial Advisors. Find out how our Christian faith influences our financial decisions. Refreshments will be served.
- **Thanks to Kay Kurtz** for volunteering to cover the LWML beat for the Beacon! More writers are always welcome: contact the editor at wendyj@cableone.net.
- **Worship assistants** need to mark dates you are unavailable for the next quarter on the Duty Schedule sheet by the office. This will help Jenny with scheduling!
- **Albertson’s Community Partner Cards need to be re-linked!** To earn funds for BSLC go to www.albertsonscp.com, enter your preferred card number and the BSLC ID# 49000102397. All funds that we receive from the use of the cards goes to the BSLC Benevolence Fund.
- **Bring your gently used Portals of Prayer back to church for recycling!** The Idaho State Correctional Institute will “gladly receive” them for their Inter-Faith Chapel. The copies can have no markings, tears or cut out pages. Put them in the box in the narthex. Questions? Contact Ledora Butler at 377-1083.
- **The Volkert family is thankful that Nik Volkert was able to be home for Christmas.** He is back at his home port in Pearl Harbor until the end of March. At that time he will be deployed aboard the USS Chicago Submarine. Please keep Nik in your prayers.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Jr. High Winter Retreat at Camp Perkins February 6-8

Refer to the information posted on the bulletin board at church for items to bring on the retreat. It should be a lot of fun!

Sr. High Winter Retreat at Camp Perkins 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.

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



News from the LWML

By Kay Kurtz

Pastor Barth often speaks fondly of the LWML, but just what is the LWML here at Beautiful Savior? Well, we meet once a month, usually the second Saturday of the month. Our meetings start with treats, of course! An opening devotion follows, then a program – a Bible study or speaker. After a short break, we have our business meeting where we plan our activities. We take a small collection to run our Society. We close with a mite devotion and collection. We have \$3 yearly dues and a \$4 yearly fee for the Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly.

At home, we have our mite boxes for pennies, nickels and quarters. We save our dimes for our Red Stockings to be collected at our Advent Brunch in December. In 2008, we collected \$1260.47 in mites, which were sent to the Utah-Idaho District. Of this, 25% was kept in the District for our District projects. The rest was sent to LWML headquarters in St. Louis. The 2007-09 Biennium goal is \$1.7 million dollars for mission grants, of which more than \$790,000 has already been granted – from loose change!

This group of ladies is anything but dull! We have lively discussions and a lot of laughter and fun at our meetings – and at our Zone Rallies and District Conventions, too.

This year our National Convention will be in Portland in June. Almost half of our Society plans to attend and work there. Our district joins the other Northwest districts in hosting this convention. Ladies who have attended other conventions tell us that it is a beautifully uplifting experience.

We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us Saturday, February 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the church library for worship, fun and fellowship.

Thank You from the Angel Tree Project

By Carol Ahrens

Carol Ahrens, Chairman of the Angel Tree Project, and the ladies of our LWML want to thank the congregation for their wonderful support of the children of prisoners in the Idaho Correctional System. Several of the older children went out of their way to express their gratitude.



Beautiful Savior served 11 families with a total of 24 children from 6 months to 15 years old. Each child received two gifts from their parent in prison, one of clothing and one of a playful nature. Each family received a \$20 gift certificate for a grocery store near their home.

Seven families attended the Christmas Party at the church. Special thanks go to Janet Lund, Andy Wood, and Jessica Wood for the puppet show, and to Leah Steinbronn and the youth group for the caroling. Pr. Barth led a tour of the church and talked about our Christmas tree and the eternal candle in the sanctuary. Bernard and Lynn Driskell delivered packages to families in Mountain Home. Four packages were mailed to families out of town.

The LWML is now looking into sponsoring one or more of “our kids” for summer camp. Again, thank you, and God bless each and every one of you!!

Bible Study

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)

This large group is finishing the Life Light study book, “Miracles of the Bible.” 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.

Women’s Bible Study - Book of Ruth (Leah Steinbronn)

A new women’s Bible study will meet every other Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m., now through March 29. Check bulletin board for dates. This study is open to all college-aged women and up. Contact Leah at 367-1432.

Pray For Us Calendar

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

Beacon Deadline is the 20th

Visit our website at www.BSLCBoise.org for Beacon newsletters and other information. 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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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.

Beginning Years: A Ministry of Reaching Out

By Sandy Edmonson

Did you know? Beginning Years is a full day preschool/pre-K academic outreach ministry of BSLC, reaching out to families with 1-8 year olds in our neighborhood. We bus to Liberty, Riverside and White Pine for before and after school care. We currently have two full time openings in our 3 year old class, one in our 4 year old class and one in our Before and After-School Class. Spread the news of this great program! Those interested should call Sandy at 338-0000 or 385-0300 to tour our facilities.

Did you know? Almost half the families of our 52 children are unchurched! What a wonderful opportunity for ministry!

How do our children and teachers reach out?

- **Operation Christmas Child** - We fill shoeboxes with Christmas gifts, a gospel tract and bookmark for needy children around the world.
- **Gospel for Asia** - We send our change monthly for 8-year-old Monty, a boy from the untouchable class in India. Monty can now attend a Christian school, get clothes, food and medical care. The children send letters with their donations.
- **National Day of Prayer** – Our children pray for all the children in the world in their classes, alone in their prayer corner and then together around the tree in the play yard with Pastor.
- **Alterra/Wynwood Assisted Living on Parkcenter Blvd.** - We go at least 3 times a year to sing, fellowship, and making crafts with the residents. At Easter time we share the gospel and at Christmas we sing the songs from our pageant.
- **Thanksgiving Food Boxes** – We collect, sort and give to the needy children at our local elementary schools. In 2008 we gave several boxes of food and 4 Butterball Turkeys!
- **Christmas Hat, Scarf and Mitten Drive** – We collected these at our Christmas pageant for White Pine elementary school.
- **Parent Outreach** – We invite parents to worship with us through devotional newsletters and the bulletin boards, pray with parents, and share the Gospel and Bible verses. We put on the Christmas pageant and Pastor or Leah gives a message.
- **Ministry to Children** – We teach Christian values throughout the day with Pastor’s chapel time, prayer, Bible stories and memory verses, Christian books, songs, poems and finger plays.

We thank God for the opportunity to reach out for Beautiful Savior with the ministry of Beginning Years!

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.

February Worship Duty Schedule

DATE	TIME	USHER	SERVE	SCRIPTURE	PRAY	GREETERS	ALTAR	TREATS
1-Feb	8:30	Wes Smith,	--No Communion-----	Mary Smith	Jean Novotny		Sue Howell	Jones, Mitchells
	>>>	Lynn Thaldorf	Wes Smith					
	11:15	Brubakers	Christian Nafzger, Bob Yocum	Bob Yocum	Pastor Barth		Beccie McHale	
	>>>		Christian Nafzger					
8-Feb	8:30	Mitchell family	C. Weymouth, Don Brigham	Janice Boyd	Joel Lund		Karen Petersen	Lola Swanson, Rick Kober
	>>>		Charles Weymouth					
	11:15	Swanson family	--No Communion-----	Becky Young	Bill Young		Chris Swanson	
	>>>		Bill Young					
15-Feb	8:30	Jones Family	--No Communion-----	Toby Norton	Shirley Paul		Jeanne Keith	Ladora Butler, Charlotte Hetherington
	>>>		Toby Norton					
	11:15	Steve Mitchell family	Ray Ahrens, Wayne Valentine	Wayne Valentine	Pastor Barth		Beccie McHale	
	>>>		Ray Ahrens					
22-Feb	8:30	Sherrie Rumpeltes,	Wes Smith, George Heil	Rich Novotny	Jean Novotny		Sue Howell	Rumpeltes, Tanikuni
	>>>	Rich Novotny	Wes Smith					
	11:15	Spencer family	--No Communion-----	Mike Spencer	Pastor Barth		Nichoel Spencer	
	>>>		Mike Spencer					
25-Feb	7:00pm							
Ash Wednesday								

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.

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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