



Congregational Meeting Results

Board of Directors President Joel Lund facilitated the congregational meeting on Sunday, February 1st. Here are the results:

Rev. Tom Hausch of Friendship Celebration was the congregation's first choice for circuit counselor. Rev. Tim Pauls of Good Shepherd was second.

The Expansion Committee (formerly reported as the Architectural Committee) gave a report on the goals and challenges regarding BSLC expansion.

- Goals are:*
- 1) Larger foyer,
 - 2) Add a downstairs office and reconfigure current office,
 - 3) Expand the footprint of the present library, and
 - 4) Update existing classrooms, restrooms, sanctuary, storage rooms and hallway.

- Challenges are:*
- 1) Expansion may require a conditional use permit,
 - 2) There might be other work to bring the facility up to code, and
 - 3) Funding of the building program (either refinance our current mortgage or a capital fund-raising campaign).

Special Thanks: To Truman Keith, Sandy Edmonson, and Drake's Plumbing for the upgrade of the women's restroom.

A-V System Approved: The congregation approved the purchase and installation of a new audio-visual system, which consists of screens in the sanctuary, overflow room, nursery, and hallway. The goals of the system are to create a more inclusive worship experience and expand our ability to host special events like seminars, films, and concerts. Rocky Mountain Visual is the company with the winning bid. The project costs will be paid from our capital improvement fund.

Have the Habit of Using Opportunities for God

By Cedric Fedde

A popular country western song concluded we will be here on earth for a little bitty while. We know that is true, but not in a negative sense, since God gave us a way to live for eternity. Our time here on earth is our opportunity to be a blessing to others just as God has been a blessing to us. However, it is so easy to be of this world and many of our habits relate to worldly behavior.

Habits come easy to us because they make life simple, predictable and comfortable. I have read that habits dictate 95% of our daily activities. We certainly take comfort in them and that comfort zone is hard to overcome. Even our relationship with God and one another is dictated by our comfort zone.

My grandson says being the third baseman is hard. He is right because the fastest, hardest hit balls with the least reaction time come to third base. Courage gives the third baseman the ability to react quickly and accurately in response to a hard hit ball. Fear can freeze those same responses, and it is often fear that scares Christians into their failed response in sharing God's Word. God creates the miracles of life and in his Word there is great power. We can take great comfort in knowing this, and out of habit expand our comfort zone to include Christ in all things. As we grow in the Word, new opportunities will present themselves, and we need to be in the habit of using those opportunities for God. God first, habits second, and then more and more Christ will be our guiding light and our fears will dissipate before our very eyes. Let God's Word be the light that guides our feet.

Lenten Season Begins

Lent began on February 25 with the Ash Wednesday service. The 2009 Lenten theme is "King of Kings." Wednesday Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday worship services begin at 7 p.m. Easter services will be held at 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ in meditating on these themes:

March 4, Wednesday
"King Saul: The King who Fell From Grace"

March 11, Wednesday
"King Solomon: The King Who Had Everything"

March 18, Wednesday
"King Ahab: The King Whose Repentance Was Too Little Too Late"

March 25, Wednesday
"King Zedekiah: The King Who Turned Out The Lights"

April 1, Wednesday
"King Herod: The King who Could Not Kill Jesus"

April 5, Palm Sunday
"King of Kings: A Humble Coronation"

April 9, Maundy Thursday
"King of Kings: Condemned to Die"
– Communion offered

April 10, Good Friday
"King of Kings: Life Through Death"
– We nail our sins to the cross

April 12, Easter Sunday
"King of Kings and Lord of Lords"





LWML National Convention

By Kay Kurtz

Easter Lilies and the Convention: what do these have in common?

This year, the LWML National Convention will be held June 25-28 in Portland, OR. The theme is "Look to the Hills...God Reigns" taken from Ps. 121:1-2 and Isaiah 52:7.

The convention objectives state that "attendees are given the opportunities for and are motivated to: Worship God the Maker of all things; Trust in the Lord who daily meets their needs; Declare God's peace and provision through tangible acts of mercy and grace; and Share the Good News of Jesus in every day situations." One day is set aside for servant activities.

At present, 16 of our 30 members plan to attend. Most of us will be working 8 hours during the convention and will receive a \$70 "worker coupon" toward our registration fee. That leaves food, lodging and transportation costs. Our Society has voted to use some of our general funds to help defray these costs to members.

And the Easter lilies? Master gardener and florist Carol Ahrens is helping us make florist-quality Easter lilies available for purchase. An order form will be in the bulletin March 1-29. The suggested donation for a "single" in a 6-inch pot is \$15 and \$28 for a "double" in an 8-inch pot. The order forms and donations can be given to any LWML member through March 29. The lilies can be picked up during services beginning April 1. If the flowers are purchased as a gift for someone locally, the LWML has offered to deliver them.

The money collected at the April 1 Lenten Soup Supper will also go toward this cause. We are asking Thrivent for matching funds for this mission activity.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us at our next meeting Saturday, March 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Convention registration forms are available in the Winter Quarterly or at www.lwml.org.

Neiwert's Art to be Featured

By Kay Kurtz



The LWML National Convention Committee has commissioned Angela Neiwert to make a large (23-inch) pot with handles to be called the Jar of Plenty. The pot will resemble the wine jars of Jesus' time.

It will have the words of Ps. 121 wrapped around it in spiral fashion and depict the mountains and sky of the Northwest. This jar will be placed on the stage during the entire convention to receive the mites of the more than 5000 members and guests expected to attend.

LWML Zone Spring Workshop

By Kathy Bohlken

Mark your calendar now for a chance to do mission work locally at our LWML Zone Spring Workshop to be held on Sat., April 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Immanuel, New Plymouth. "Bruised, not Broken" will be our Bible study on Isaiah 42:3, led by Amy Hubach. We will collect bath towels, hand towels, washcloths, and dishtowels to assemble into gifts of love for Project Dove in Ontario.

Camp Perkins Winter Youth Retreats

By Leah Steinbronn

With snow on the ground and a theme picked, it means it's time for the winter retreats at Camp Perkins. On February 6, seven youth, along with Wes Smith and me, traveled to Camp Perkins for the Junior High Retreat. With the snowman building competition, plenty of Bible studies and an interesting game of Capture the Flag, there was never a dull moment up at camp! This year the theme was "By Faith" and we looked at what faith is and what it means to do something "by faith."



The Senior High Youth will get their opportunity March 13-15 to experience the winter retreat. For a new twist this year, this retreat is being planned by a group of high schoolers. It's open to grades 9-12. If you're interested in going to this retreat, please sign up in the youth room or by email to dce@bslcboise.org so we can reserve a spot for you (my inside source says space is filling up fast). However, everyone will still need to register online at www.campperkins.org.

Confirmation Movie Night: Luther



Confirmation movie night is March 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the church sanctuary. We will watch Luther starring Joseph Fiennes, rated PG-13. All young people now in confirmation, those confirmed, and those soon entering confirmation are invited to join us on these Saturday evenings. Your parents or significant adults are also invited. Enjoy dinner, a great movie, and lively discussion afterwards. Contact Leah Steinbronn at dce@bslcboise.org if you have any questions.

LCMS NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Join with the synod March 1-7 in praying for LCMS Schools. We have 1,406 early childhood centers, 976 elementary schools, and 103 high schools with 273,903 students. There are 43,603 students in before/after school care. For more information, go to <http://www.lcms.org/pages/default.asp?NavID=1694>.



Member News

We extend a warm welcome to our new members who joined in February:

Roberta Rousseau and sons Nathan and Trystan

Jana Smith and Tara Smith,
daughters of members Wes and Mary Smith

David Valentine and his wife Rebecca Lange

Terry and Kimberly Ahrens

Sharon Hutton

WELCOME!

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 Toby and Kathryn Norton.

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 “Prayer.” 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.

NEW MOMS BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Moms Bible study group is starting a new topic. The book is called “I’m Glad You Asked” by Ken Boa and Larry Moody. This study will give us “in-depth answers to difficult questions about Christianity.” We will discuss questions such as, “Is there really a God?” and “Why do innocent people suffer?” We are still meeting on Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:15 at Beautiful Savior and Mothers of all ages are welcome.

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.

Newsletter staff: Wendy Graham, Christine Tufts, Kay Kurtz, Pastor Barth, and Jenny Neurath. **Contributors:** Kathy Bohlken, Janet Lund, Leah Steinbronn, Sandy Edmonson, and Cedric Fedde.

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.

Career Month at Beginning Years

By Sandy Edmonson

February was career month at Beginning Years. Many parents came in to “show and tell” their job. One father came in to talk about advertising and helped the children design an ad for “What we like about Beautiful Savior” and the children’s first response was JESUS and the cross and joy. Then they talked about learning their ABCs and 123s in their classroom at Beginning Years. The ad was designed on the white board with the children signing their name as a finish. He took pictures and printed it out for us to see. (The picture is posted on the front bulletin board.) What a fun day to see the children telling a dad how wonderful this ministry is! We praise God for our outreach opportunities! There are openings for one 3-year-old and two afterschoolers attending White Pine, Liberty or Riverside. For more info call Sandy at 338-0000.

This ‘N’ That

- **The Lunds would like to put together a quilt** of favorite Youth Ministry T-shirts, and are seeking to pay a quilter to do this before their 20th anniversary in September. Contact them at 336-8331 if you are interested.
- **Family & Friends Retreat** at Camp Perkins is March 27-29. Enjoy worship, tubing, and fellowship. For more information, visit www.campperkins.org.
- **The Soup-er Bowl Sunday** project collected \$540.90 and Thrivent added \$200 for the Boise Rescue Mission. By the way, that food barrel in the narthex holds an average of 170 lbs. of food when full. God has indeed blessed the Rescue Mission through this congregation!
- **The Faith and Money Seminar** on February 7 had 13 in attendance.
- **If you would like a Giving Statement** for 2008 for tax purposes, email Jenny at office@bslcboise.org or sign the list on the desk in the office.
- **Recycle your T-shirts!** Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) needs them to wrap medical supplies for their mission to the Congo. This is an ongoing project led by Barb Young. We can use torn, stained, colored, printed long or short sleeve T-shirts that are at least 50% cotton. Please drop them off at the BSLC office.

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.

Pray For Us Calendar

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

March Worship Duty Schedule

DATE	TIME	USHER	SERVE	SCRIPTURE	PRAY	GREETERS	ALTAR	TREATS
1-Mar	8:30am	Driskell family	--No Communion----- Cedric Fedde	Joel Lund	Bernard Driskell		Jeanne Keith	Petersen, Smith
	11:15am	Swanson family	Bill Young, Bob Braun Bill Young	Bill Young	Pastor Barth		Becky Young	
4-Mar	7:00pm	Lenten Service						
8-Mar	8:30	Reeder family	Truman Keith, Mark Kroll Truman Keith	Truman Keith	Pastor Barth		Nancy Brigham	Johnson, Niltz
	11:15	Steve Mitchell family	--No Communion----- Christian Nafzger	Leah Steinbronn	Beth Rupprecht		Chris Swanson	
11-Mar	7:00pm	Lenten Service						
15-Mar	8:30	Johnson family	--No Communion----- Charles Weymouth	Shirley Paul	Toby Norton		Karen Petersen	Gladys Johnson, Kohtz
	11:15	BSLC Youth	Ray Ahrens, David Kohtz Ray Ahrens	Faith Brigham	Pastor Barth		Faith Brigham	
18-Mar	7:00pm	Lenten Service						
22-Mar	8:30	Wright family	Toby Norton, Rich Novotny Toby Norton	Toby Norton	Joel Lund		Jeanne Keith	Marge Marske, K. Wassom
	11:15	Brubaker family	--No Communion----- Bill Young	Sonja Garza	Bill Young		Beccie McHale	
25-Mar	7:00pm	Lenten Service						
29-Mar	8:30am	Jones family	--No Communion----- Wes Smith	Mary Smith	Pastor Barth		Sue Howell	Eden, Eden
	11:15am	Spencer family	Mike Spencer, Dean Brigham Mike Spencer	Faith Brigham	Nichoel Spencer		Nichoel Spencer	

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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