



Pray in the New Year at BSLC

The sanctuary at Beautiful Savior will be open for prayer from 8 p.m. until midnight on December 31st.

The lights will be low and the Christmas tree and wreath brightly lit.

Stop by for a half hour or more to end this year and begin a new one together.

Welcome, Visitors!

We are thrilled that you have worshipped with us today! Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a vibrant and growing congregation established to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. All are welcome to share the warmth and strong friendships here at Beautiful Savior. Join an adult Bible study group to help you grow in Christ. Children will find VBS and Sunday School a fun part of their Christian life.

You'll read up-to-date information about our congregation – such as worship service times, a calendar of events, and Beacon newsletters – at www.BSLCBoise.org. Go to the Announcements / Blog web page and subscribe to get church announcements by email.

LWML Advent Brunch

Beautiful Savior's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) held their 25th annual Advent Brunch on December 1st at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel. Sixty-nine people enjoyed breakfast, devotions, and singing. East Jr. High Madd Jazz Singers came to perform many beautiful Christian songs with a professional touch. The speaker was Kathie Slusser from the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), which is headquartered in Nampa. MAF received \$909.50 in donations from the BSLC Red Stocking collection, and Thrivent matched that with \$500, for a total contribution of \$1,409.50.

2008 LWML Officers installed were:

President – Arlene Warenko

Vice President – Kay Kurtz

Secretary – Shirley Heil

Treasurer – Gladys Johnson

Networker – Ladora Butler

Christian Life – Marge Marske

Assistant Christian Life – Faith Brigham

Mission Service – Beth Rupprecht

Assistant Mission Service – Kathryn Norton

Historian – Charlotte Hetherington

Thanks are extended to those who made the brunch a success, including: Kay Kurtz as chairperson; Beth Rupprecht, who drew program covers which depicted how the nativity scene would look if Jesus had been born in that country; and Don Brigham and the Mom's Bible Study for making and painting the souvenir ornaments.

Thanks to outgoing LWML officers for their year of service: Kathryn Norton, Arlene Warenko, Shirley Heil, Virginia Hazzard, Barb Young, Kay Kurtz, Marge Marske, Ladora Butler, and Charlotte Hetherington.



Junior High News

Several youth have already signed up for the Junior High Retreat on February 1- 3, 2008. Activities include snow tubing and other snow fun, Bible Study, games, and campfires. The cost is \$80 per person if registration is received before January 2. Download the retreat health form from the Camp Perkins website.

The Junior High Youth Group is updating their youth room, but can't do it alone. The following donations are requested: Four solid color sofa covers (3-seater couches); solid fabrics to make large pillows for more seating; sewing machines on the work day; and paint. To make a donation, contact Leah at 908-770-7188 or leah.steinbronn@cune.org.

Neiwert's Art Displayed at St. Al's



Artwork by BSLC member Angela Neiwert was chosen to be part of the permanent collection at the new tower of the Saint Alphonus Regional Medical Center, unveiled October 28. Angela's twelve creations are part of the 600 sculptures of artwork in the new tower. The artwork supports the hospital's overall healing ministry.

Neiwert's "A Time and A Season," is a grid of nine clay sculptures showing

Boise in the changing of time and seasons, taking a theme from Ecclesiastes 3:1-2. It is located on the main floor of the new tower, near the elevators. The sculptures highlight the Greenbelt, the Foothills, the Capitol Boulevard Bridge, the first Saint Alphonus hospital, and farming.

"I was told that a lot of people from rural areas come to this hospital," Neiwert said. "I wanted them to feel more comfortable, so I included the Fordson Blue Goose tractor that my husband Neil and I used to farm with.

The Studebaker truck [depicted in one scene] is from my Dad's farm." The ninth niche shows five nuns in front of the first Saint Alphonus on State Street, their arms uplifted in praise to God. Saint Alphonus was founded by five nuns in 1894 and there are still five nuns on staff today.

Neiwert's "Tea for Three - But Just Half a Cup" sculpture is displayed in the teapot collection by the tower's third floor ICU unit. "Teapots of Fire" is in the surgery waiting room on the second floor. Her twelfth piece, "Tea Break," is awaiting a location in the tower.

Take the time this holiday break to view the art at Saint Alphonus. Visit Angela's Wilderness Ranch studio by appointment at 368-9991, or see her sculptures at the J Crist Gallery, 223 S. 17th Street.



More About MAF from the LWML Advent Brunch

World War II pilots founded Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in 1945. MAF seeks to

overcome barriers to the Gospel – cultural, literacy-based, technological, or geographical barriers. MAF pilots assist over 600 Christian and charitable organizations, such as Doctors Without Borders. Some rural areas require medical personnel to hike five days in and five out; instead, MAF flies doctors to the area so they can spend more time in direct service. MAF has a fleet of more than 100 aircraft around the world. It was one of the first groups to assist with tsunami relief in Indonesia.

In the 1970s, MAF added technologies to their list of services. Through MAF, volunteers can email from remote places to get advice or contact family. MAF uses technology to assist in church leader training. With 4000 new churches starting every week, there is a shortage of 250,000 church leaders every year, said Kathie Slusser at the LWML Advent Brunch.

"Ninety percent of leaders who leave their home culture to receive training elsewhere never return to shepherd those in their native area – the very ones to whom they were preparing to minister," Kathie said. Instead, MAF helps train church leaders where they live. To train non-literate church leaders, MAF distributes solar-powered Megavoice MP3 players with an audio library of Bibles and leader support books.

MAF moved their headquarters recently from California to Nampa, Idaho.

Half of the flight training is done in Idaho. Pilots learn water landings, landing in narrow mountain valleys, and landings on airstrips with 16% grades.



Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, contact Linda Barth at 429-1112 or howardbar@msn.com, or contact the church office. 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.

This 'N' That

- *Thanks to everyone who decorated for the Advent season, contributed to the worship services and soup suppers, and helped with the Day Care and Sunday School programs!*
- *Beginning Years has three openings in their Monday through Friday after-school program. Beginning Years provides bussing to Liberty, Riverside and White Pine elementary schools. In December, the preschool children went to Alterra Care Center, bringing gifts and singing. Parents interested in the program should call Sandy Edmondson at 338-0000 or 385-0300.*
- *A festive group gathered at church on 12/16 for caroling, led by Leah Steinbronn. Members roused Christmas cheer at care centers, members' homes, and through the neighborhood.*
- *Ruth Hartman and her son Dr. David Hartman will be traveling to the Congo in January to take diapers and medical supplies for Missionary Aviation Fellowship. Thanks to everyone at BSLC for contributing T-shirts for diapers.*
- *Audiotapes from our worship services are available from the pastor.*

LCMS News

- Zion Lutheran Church, Daycare, and School in Nampa has a new website! They advertise, "Providing a quality education where Christ makes the difference!" Zion has Pre-K for 3 and 4 year olds, and Kindergarten through 4th grade. Go to <http://www.zlc.lutheranchurch2000.com/>.
- Friendship Celebration is holding their Winter Celebration Fundraiser on February 2 at 4:30 p.m. There will be an auction, silent auction, and a dinner to raise funds for their preschool.
- Life Journey Prayer Retreat is being held on January 25-27, 2008 at the Evangelical Conference Center in Milwaukee, Oregon. More information is available from Lenette Schultheisz, lschultheisz@cu-portland.edu
- This year's theme for the Center for Prayer Renewal Retreat is "Spiritual Formation Through Prayer." The retreat is January 28-30, 2008 at the Cannon Beach Conference Center in Cannon Beach, Oregon. Contact Susan Olson, SusanO@nowlcms.org, or download the flyer from <http://www.nowlcms.org/Resources/Prayer/CPR-Jan-08-retreat-flyer.pdf>

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.

Wintertime Studies

If you find you have extra time during these winter months, consider joining one of BSLC's adult study groups. Drop-ins are always welcome!

Study	Day	Time	Place	Contact Name	Topic / Notes
The Book of Acts	Sun.	10 – 11 a.m.	The side room off the sanctuary	Paul Petersen, 362-8942	Bring your Bible.
Good News Series	Sun.	10 – 11 a.m.	Church	Bob & Carolyn Yocum, 322-1544	"The Devil"
"Jesus, Legend or Lord"	Sun.	10 – 11 a.m.	Church	Cedric Fedde, 338-5619	
DAWN – Women's Bible Study	Tues.	6:15 - 7:45 a.m.	Elmer's on Capitol Blvd.	Ladora Butler, 377-1083	The lectionary
Men's Bible Breakfast	Tues.	6:15 - 7:30 a.m.	Eddie's Restaurant, 7067 Overland	Lynn Thaldorf, 362-5276	The book of Luke
Mid-Week Bible Study	Wed.	1 - 3 p.m.	Church	Pastor Barth	"Office of the Keys"
Life Light Bible Study	Wed.	7 - 9 p.m.	Various locations	Don Brigham, 375-3419	The book of Joshua
Bethel Bible Study	Wed.	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Church	Shirley Paul, 336-6999	Overview of the New Testament
Mom's Bible Study	Thurs.	11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church	Angela Neiwert, 368-9991	"Speaking the Truth in Love to Mormons" by Mark Cares (through January). Bring a sack lunch. Babysitting provided.
The Purpose-Driven Life	Fri.	6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Church library	Cedric Fedde, 338-5619	"The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren



Worship Duty Schedule

DATE	TIME	USHER	SERVE	SCRIPTURE	PRAY	GREETERS	ALTAR	TREATS
6-Jan	8:30	Wrights	Kyle Mackey, Mike Killwort	Joel Lund	Kyle Mackey		Nancy Brigham	
Pastor Vacation	>>>		Kyle Mackey					Marge Marske, Karla Wassom
(Joel Lund)	11:15	John & Vicky Brubaker	--No Communion-----	Joel Lund	Bob Yocum		Becky Young	
	>>>		Bob Yocum					
13-Jan	8:30	Jones family	--No Communion-----	Colby Howell	Cedric Fedde		Sue Howell	Janice Boyd
	>>>		Charles Weymouth					Sharon Boyd
	11:15	Steve Mitchell family	Ray Ahrens, Bob Braun	Faith Brigham	Pastor Barth		Faith Brigham	Phyllis Royston
	>>>		Ray Ahrens					
20-Jan	8:30	Johnson family	C. Fedde & Paul Petersen	Bob LaChance	Paul Petersen		Sue Larsen	
	>>>		Cedric Fedde					Gladys Johnson, Novotnys
	11:15	Spencer family	--No Communion-----	Micheal Spencer	Pastor Barth		Nichoel Spence	
	>>>		Christian Nafzger					
27-Jan	8:30	Driskells	--No Communion-----	Leah Steinbronn	Bernard Driskell		Nancy Brigham	
	>>>		Kyle Mackey					Pingels, Finkbeiners
	11:15	Shannon & Laurie	Bob Yocum, Dean Brigham	Bob Yocum	Pastor Barth		Beccie McHale	
	>>>	Smith	Bob Yocum					

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.

Beacon Deadline is the 20th

The deadline for article submissions is 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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