



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
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## Leah Steinbronn Accepts Call to Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior will have a Director of Christian Education, Leah Steinbronn, beginning June 1, 2008. The installation service is planned for June 8 at 9 a.m. A reception will follow the installation service. The scope of the DCE position involves Kindergarten through college age ministry, family ministry, and the Ablaze! synod program, as well as support of VBS, Sunday School, daycare and preschool programs. Leah's office will be upstairs where the senior high students meet. We are excited to have Leah!

### Greetings from Leah: "A New Calling"

*By Leah Steinbronn*

Hooray! Let the celebration begin! Well kind of...really the work is about to begin. I can't say this is what I thought God had in mind when he pointed me to Boise State University for graduate school two years ago. After spending 4 ½ years at Concordia University in Nebraska working on my Secondary Education degree in Mathematics and Physics, I planned on accepting a call to teach at some Lutheran high school once I had my Masters of Science. God thought otherwise. While I thought God wanted me to use my skills in Mathematics and Physics to serve him, apparently that was his method of getting me more involved with theology and in church.

It took about fifteen minutes of the church service my first Sunday for me to realize that Beautiful Savior is where God wanted me, at least for my supposed short stint in Boise. I hadn't always been quite this receptive to God's hinting in my life – there have definitely been some Jonah moments, but I learned that relying on God is really the only way for me to survive. I have never walked into a church that felt like coming home before walking into BSLC, so I took that as a God hint and decided to see where it led. Since that moment I have been able to meet some incredible Christians and have been invited into a loving family who I can see every week.

Other than overall excitement for this new position, I don't really know what to expect. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul talks about the church being one body with many members. Our church body has many members all functioning as one congregation with one purpose: 'To know Christ and to make him known'. I feel you decided to extend me the call to be Director of Christian Education because you saw that my gifts and talents fit into the body of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. But this ministry will not survive without your help. Asking for help is definitely one of my weaknesses, so I hope you'll help me by saying 'yes' when I do ask for volunteers!

I'll summarize with Paul's words, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." This journey will not be smooth since this is a new position, but this IS God's doing and God doesn't fail or leave us alone.

## Summer Schedule at BSLC

### Worship

We are now in the season of Pentecost. The summer worship schedule began May 25 with worship services at 9 a.m. and fellowship time at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Two services will resume September 14.

Music rehearsals will be Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

### Weekly Bible Studies

**Mid-week Bible Study** on 1 & 2 Corinthians: 1-3 pm Wed. at church

**DAWN:** 6:15 - 7:45 am Tues. at Elmer's on Capitol Blvd.

**Men's Bible Breakfast:** 6:15 - 7:30 am Tues. at Eddie's Restaurant on Overland

**Life Light Bible Study** on Joshua (June) and John 3:16 by Max Lucado (July & August): 7 pm Wed. at various locations

### Purpose Driven Life:

6:30 - 7:30 am Fri. at church

**"Marriage! The Great Adventure":** 10 am Sun. at church

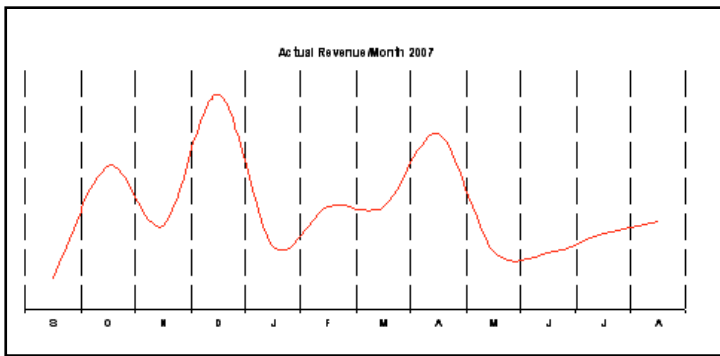
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## It's Vacation Time!!

By Paul Petersen

I'm always amazed at how busy life gets during the summer months. I really look forward to vacations, and for me, the simpler the better. Vacation time allows me to recharge my proverbial batteries and spend some quality time with family in God's creation. This time is really a blessing and a gift from God that I relish. With that said, do you think God ever takes a vacation? Sure, he rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day after creating everything (Gen 2:3), but do you think God ever takes a vacation when it comes to His plan for our salvation? Like a tireless shepherd, he is constantly watching over his flock, blessing and keeping us from evil.

Do we sometimes take a vacation from God? As we juggle our busy schedules does the priority of God in our lives take a back seat to the world? Do we become lackadaisical in our worship of him and giving glory to all he has done for us? I think if we are all very honest, we can say yes to these questions. One trend that brings this to light is in our giving at church. The graph below shows our giving to BSLC from Sep 06 to Aug 07, and is consistent with years past.



As you can see, after Memorial Day it seems like we are taking a vacation from God in our tithing. Why? The important work of the church in fulfilling our mission statement, "To know Christ and make Him known," still applies, regardless of the time of year.

After much prayer, my wife Karen and I decided to set up a bi-monthly direct depos-

it into the BSLC account. Now, even when we are not at church, we can still honor God with the gifts he has given us. If you are interested in setting up a direct deposit, contact the church office.

Regardless of the tithing method, your offering should be an expression of praise and thanksgiving from a grateful, trusting heart (Heb 12:28-29). I would encourage you to assess your tithing annually and ask yourself if it is consistent in putting God first. Pray for help and guidance in your tithing practices.

My prayer for all of us is to not lose sight of Christ during the summer months and to remember that Christ is ALWAYS with us no matter where we are. Have a great and blessed summer!

### ABC Music & Me Summer Camps

Introduce friends to our church by inviting them to a summer music camp. These camps are for 4 – 6 year-olds, and will be held June 9-12 & July 14-17 from 10 to 11 am.

In the June camp, we will experience African rhythms, play drums, dance, & sing. In the July camp, Latin American music will fill the room as we listen to unique instruments, learn notes, and speak a little Spanish. Cost is \$65 for 1 camp, \$120 for both camps. Interested? Call our licensed Kindermusik teacher Janet Lund at 514-7128.

### Acolyte Scheduler Needed

We are in need of someone to take over the scheduling of the acolytes. Sami Johnson has been doing this but she will be heading off to college in the fall. Many thanks to Sami for her time and efforts with the acolytes! Please call the church office if you can help with this ministry.

## Summer Schedule at BSLC

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### Quilting

Quilters will meet June 28 and July 26. "Our goal is to make 200 quilts in 2008 and are well on our way to meeting this goal," said Ruth Volkert. "We gladly accept volunteers, no experience required."

### Other Events

**Undie Sundays:** June 1, 8, 15

**ABC Music & Me**

**Summer Camps:** June 9-12 & July 14-17 from 10 – 11 a.m.

**LWML Bible Study** at Crystals Home: July 6

**LWML Retreat** at Camp Perkins: July 18-20

**Vacation Bible School:** August 3-7

### 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.

### June Undie Sundays

LWML asks the congregation to bring new underwear for men, women, and children to the donation bin at church in June. The clothing will be distributed to City of Light and the Boise Rescue Mission. "We usually hold this event in October, but due to the urgent need now, we are having this drive in June," said Kathryn Norton.

### This 'N' That

- BSLC gave Camp Perkins counselors Alyssa Petersen and Laura Kroll an Adopt a Staff bin in May with items donated by the congregation.
- Eleven LWML members joined other volunteers at the Idaho Food Bank on May 13<sup>th</sup> to sort food and have fun fellowship.

## BSLC Wraps Up Months of Learning

*Sunday School ended in May, and we thank Superintendent Tami Rich, and these teachers:*

Preschool:	Lynn Driskell
Grades 1 - 2:	Traci Johnson
Grades 3 - 5:	Bernard Driskell
Grades 6 - 7:	Pr. Barth
Grades 8 - 9:	Leah Steinbronn
Grades 10 - 12:	Mike Spencer
Music and Puppets:	Janet Lund

*Thanks to this year's Bible study leaders:*

Pr. Barth	Angela Neiwert
Don Brigham	Shirley Paul
Ladora Butler	Paul Petersen
Cedric Fedde	Lynn Thaldorf
Rev. Martin Heinicke	Bill and Becky Young
Joel and Janet Lund	

*Shirley Paul announces the graduates of the Bethel Bible Study. "These fine people have completed the 40 week study of the Old Testament and New Testament," she said.*

Nancy Abdallah	Barbara Matson
John Brubaker	Jenny Neurath
Vicky Brubaker	Leah Steinbronn
Chad Fulda	Tyson Stichka
George Heil	Karen Thomas
Shirley Heil	Andy Wood
Colby Howell	Jessica Wood
Sue Howell	Barb Young
Jeanne Keith	Steve Young

*Altar Guild leader Beccie McHale was honored on Sunday 5/18 for her service to the church.*

## Congratulations!

*We congratulate these high school graduates:*

Alex Abdallah  
 Meghan Allen  
**JILLIAN BOYD**  
 Heather Eden  
 Sami Johnson  
 Madeline Kroll

Leah Steinbronn was awarded an M.S. degree from Boise State

### 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.

## Room for Guys Since 1971

*By Lynn Thaldorf*

The Tuesday morning Men's Bible Breakfast started as a Lenten study in 1971 under Pastor Kermit Kaczor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. At the end of Lent people asked, "Why should we quit?" So we didn't and have been going ever since, with or without a pastor. Occasionally, we may take a week off for Christmas or some other special occasion. We've "closed down" two restaurants. Originally, we met at Sambo's and when it was no longer politically correct, they shut down and we met in the church basement for a number of years. Donna Witt Wagoner cooked breakfast for us; usually sausage and pancakes.

When Beautiful Savior left St. Paul's we no longer had a basement to meet in so we went back to Sambo's, which was now Denny's. That was always an adventure. We didn't know what kind of surprises they had in store for us. Little things like whether or not the cook would show up or if the waiter would have to do the cooking, or if they had to run up the street to get some milk for cereal. Since they were open all night we never knew what kind of characters would be there to greet us, often wanting a hand out. One morning we showed up and the place was closed, which, I guess, didn't really surprise anyone. That's when we began meeting at Eddie's. So far they don't show any signs of closing. The waitresses are great and not only know everybody by name, but practically what they want for breakfast.

We have always studied a book of the Bible. Our longevity could be attributed to that, since you can't go wrong when you've got good material. Some books we have gone through more than once, especially the Gospels. For the past few years we have been especially blessed since we enjoy and learn from the insight of two Pastors. We have just started the book of Acts and always have room for more guys. I've never known of anybody being turned away. We meet at 6:15 am, but it seems there is a contest to see who can be the first one there! That may seem awfully early, but it's worth it.

## Thanks for Your Generosity

We were greatly privileged to have third-generation Lutheran John Peter Kirubakaran speak at Beautiful Savior on May 10 and 11. "Thank you in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod for sending missionaries to India!" he repeated several times. Many years ago, an LCMS missionary told his grandfather the Good News about Jesus; his grandfather later became a Christian.

John Peter thanked BSLC for their support of UEMI ministries. 22 sponsors signed up to support the orphan program and \$575.00 was given in support of UEMI. Thanks to the LWML for hosting the terrific lunch on Saturday and helping with publicity for the event.

### Pray For Us Calendar

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

## LCMS News

- Members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans are invited to watch the **Boise Hawks v Eugene Emeralds** on June 17 at 6 pm at Hawks Stadium. Tickets for the game, BBQ, and hats for kids are \$7 per person. To order, contact Danny at 322-5000 by June 9.
- Six people from **Friendship Celebration** are joining Hope Lutheran Church members to build houses in Mexico in June.
- **Christ Lutheran** will have a float in the Meridian Dairy Days parade on June 20.
- **Three deacons have recently been licensed** for Word and Sacrament ministry in the state of Washington - Dave Kurth, Bill Matulich, and Rich Lutz.
- **Kaleidoscope:** High school youth are invited to a six-day experience of Christian community in Alaska or Washington in July. Go to [www.nowlcms.org](http://www.nowlcms.org) and search for "Kaleidoscope."
- Over 1500 Northwest District LCMS **Prayer Partners want to pray with/for you.** Click the Prayer link at [www.nowlcms.org](http://www.nowlcms.org) to submit a request or share answered prayer.
- Applications are being accepted for **outstanding artistic and architectural achievement in the LCMS.** Go to Featured Information at [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org).

### Beacon Deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup>

You'll find Beacon newsletters and great information about Beautiful Savior at [www.BSLCBoise.org](http://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](mailto:wendyj@cableone.net). We aim to publish on the last Sunday of each month.

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## District Convention

A record number of participants came to the LWML District Convention in Utah last month, according to Beautiful Savior delegate Cindy Wilson. "It was an absolutely wonderful time," she said. "Twelve from our society attended. It was such a joy that Pastor and Linda could go, too. It just gave us so much support." The group traveled to the [www.Rejoice!](http://www.Rejoice!) convention in a purple bus driven by a woman named Joy.

Mission grants approved at the convention for 2008-2010 were:

- Food Bank of Concordia Seminary St. Louis: \$5,000
- Light of the Valley Lutheran Church Mission Plant, Great Salt Lake County, Utah: \$5,000
- St. John's Sudanese Ministry Mission to Southern Sudan – Akobo Region: \$8,000
- Morning Star Club and Mentoring Program on the Makah Indian Reservation, Washington: \$3,000

### *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.

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 Pastor Howard C. Barth  
 Sept-May Sunday worship times: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.  
 10:00 a.m. education hour  
 June-August Sunday worship time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## June Worship Duty Schedule

DATE	TIME	USHERS	SERVER	SCRIPTURE	PRAYER	GREETERS	ALTAR	TREATS
1-Jun	9:00	Driskell family	Bob Yocum, Steve Young	Phyllis Royston	Bernard Driskell	Killworth's	Nichoel Spencer	Ladora Butler
	>>>		<b>BOB YOCUM</b>					Charlotte Hetherington
8-Jun	9:00	John & Vicky Brubaker	>>>>No Communion >>>>	Cindy Heiser	Shirley Paul	B & P Eden	Beccie McHale	
	>>>		<b>CEDRIC FEDDE</b>					Edens, Edens
15-Jun	9:00	Wright family	C. Weymouth, Paul Petersen	Paul Petersen	Pastor Barth	M Marske & L Butler	Barb Young	
<b>Father's Day</b>	Filling in for Pastor Barth will be Bob Kaestner		<b>CHARLES WEYMOUTH</b>					Novotnys
22-Jun	9:00	Nancy Abdallah, Tracy Pingel	>>> No Communion >>>	Janice Boyd	Bill Young	G Johnson & G Bell	Becky Young	
			<b>BILL YOUNG</b>					Pingels, Finkbeiners
29-Jun	9:00	Johnson family	C. Nafzger, George Heil	Wayne Valentine	Pastor Barth	K Kurtz & L Barth	Sue Howell	
			<b>CHRISTIAN NAFZGER</b>					Snow's, Warenkos