



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
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January, 2017. No. 112

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Whole Life Ministry - 10:45am

**Happy New Year!**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

Psalm 50:7, "...wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

As Boise is blanked, bombarded by record snowfall...

Allow the snow to remind you of what is yours through your faith in Jesus Christ.

While a fresh snow can bring a beauty to a tree or a landscape, different than was there before...how much more, in what Jesus Christ has done for you.

Not only has God sent record amounts of snow, God sent His Son Jesus Christ, to cover us and adorn us with greater beauty than snowfall of any amount.

Isaiah 61:10 describes our reality in Jesus Christ. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness."

Through your faith in Jesus Christ, you have been clothed with the garment of salvation, that garment being Jesus Christ Himself. When God the Father looks to you, He sees more than you...He sees His Son Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, you have peace with God.

In Jesus Christ, God has claimed you as His own.

As one might rejoice over a Snow Day...

Along with the Psalmist, "greatly rejoice" in the Lord, for what He has done.

God is good, and Has done good things.

Exult in your God! Worship Him, who has done great things for you.

Have a great January!

Walking Together as we Follow Christ...

Joshua M. Hower, Pastor

**From the Editor:**

I had a doctor's appointment on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December and the staff was taking down the Christmas decorations already. I said, "Haven't you heard of the twelve days of Christmas?" "They start on Christmas Day and run twelve days 'til Epiphany". Obviously, they hadn't. I figure I can leave my decorations up until the 6<sup>th</sup> of January.

We are in January of a new year and you hear everyone saying, "Where did the year go?" Think back and count the blessings you have received during that time. That will tell you where the time went. We put up with "ten years" of campaigning and we now have a new president. Remember to keep these new leaders in your prayers, that God will provide them with discernment and direction. And give them the faith to lean on You, as the founding fathers did and we all should do. Have a Blessed 2017.

*Lynn Thaldorf*

"May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD." Psalm 104:34

**LWML**

We would like to thank all those who were able to attend the annual Advent Brunch sponsored by the Beautiful Savior LWML. Along with the hats, gloves and scarves that were donated, City Light received \$915.50 from the Red Stocking ingathering. An appreciated blessing to their ministry.

The LWML will be starting the new year with a meeting on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Please join us for bible study and fellowship. All ladies of the congregation are invited. We will begin at 9:15am with a light brunch in the fellowship room at church. If you have questions or are in need of babysitting for the meeting please contact Charlotte Schafer at 208-384-0374.



## Upcoming Event:

### **A Shield & Refuge Ministry Special Presentation**

Grace Lutheran is hosting a special presentation by Shield and Refuge Ministry on Saturday, January 28 from 9:30-Noon at Friendship Celebration in Meridian.

A Shield and Refuge Ministry is a specialized ministry to polygamist desiring to escape the FLDS. Doris Hanson, a former polygamist, will be sharing her story of escape, the ministry that she has been called to and how large the polygamist world really is - even in our own back yard here in the Treasure Valley. A Shield and Refuge Ministry is currently building the "Hagar Home," a safe house for women who are fleeing their polygamist family. Doris was a speaker at our LWML District convention last year and we are so pleased to have her share with us locally. For more information regarding this presentation, please contact Amy Hubach at 407-8912.

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### **Beginning Years Daycare**

Beginning Years wishes you all a Happy New Year! May this year be filled with exuberant JOY as you walk with your Savior.

At our Christmas pageant this year our school aged kiddos put on skits about JOY.

And one of my favorites is a song about JOY which they exuberantly sang and acted out.

J is for Jesus, O is for others, Y is for you and you and you and you and you. La la la la .....La la la la la

A good reminder of God centered priorities for the new year.

J is for Jesus - put Him 1st !!!! Not just in morning prayers but all day long.

O is for others - it's all about LOVING your neighbors. Watch for God's divine appointments.

Y is for you. You are God's precious child, His treasure. You are forgiven, loved always and forever.

Never forget.

God bless your walk with Him in 2017 !

Beginning Years wishes you all a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas Season!!!

For information on Beginning Years Daycare contact Sandy Edmondson or Brandy Berck at 338-0000.

## Project Linus:

How can it be 2017 already?! It's time for our 2016 year end statistics. In 2013 we turned in 238 quilts; in 2014 – 265; in 2015 – 323; and in 2016 – 333! Last year our ladies admitted to working 1410.25 hours. Undoubtedly, they didn't count a few hours here and there, since it can take from 5 to 12 hours to complete a quilt, depending on its size and pattern complexity. By my calculations that would be somewhere between 1665 and 3996 hours.

Ruth, or one of the other expert quilters, has "Show and Tell" where they "Show" us a new quilt pattern and "Tell" us how to make it. Then they challenge the rest of us to make the quilt. As you can see by the smiles, it is an enjoyable challenge.

**NOTE:** Project Linus will meet on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - just a change for this month. Join us!

If you're free the fourth Saturday of any month, except December, join us in the Church library starting at 9 am. No quilting or sewing experience necessary! For more information, contact Ruth Volkert at ruth.volkert@gmail.com or at 208-631-9321.

"But, I trust in you LORD; I say, 'You are my God.'" Psalm 31: 14
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### **BSLC Sunday Worship Schedule**

Worship - 9:30am

Whole Life Ministry/Sunday School - 10:45am

Children's **Sunday School:**

Pre-K - downstairs classroom

1st - 5th - upstairs classroom

Confirmation - upstairs classroom- led by Paul and Karen Peterson

Youth beyond confirmation - upstairs classroom - led by Pastor Josh

Adult Bible study Options:

The Gospel of John - meets in the library - led by Calvin Miller

Jeremiah - meets in the sanctuary - led by Don Moll

Marriage and Family - meets upstairs in the choir loft - led by Micheal Spencer

Early bird special meets at 8:30 in the library – studying the book of Acts - led by Cedric Fedde

**Thank You...!** to everyone for the gifts, food, \$ and time that has been donated this holiday season to help Make Christ Known.

**And Thank You** to all who hosted Advent D3's and to those who helped with the Advent D3's on the BSLC campus.

**JEM Friends:** Would like to thank BSLC and LWML for your support this past year. For more info and ways to help go to [info@jemfriends.org](mailto:info@jemfriends.org)



**Adult Weekday Bible Studies:**

Tuesday - 6:15am - Study on the book of Isaiah.  
Meets at Eddie's on Overland.

Tuesday – 6:15am-Women's Bible study-  
Meets at Eddies on Overland.

Tuesday - 9:30am Women's Bible study on  
Nehemiah meets at BSLC.

Wednesday- 2:00 to 4:00pm - Life Light led by Don  
Brigham, beginning a new study on Hebrews.

Friday - 6:30am , a DVD series.  
Meets in the BSLC library. Led by Cedric Fedde.

**Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request, contact Linda Barth.  
We encourage you to follow up with any change in the status of the request.



**Making Christ Known... Mission Moment:**

The kiddos at Beginning Years delivered coats, boots, hats and mittens to the International Refugee center this morning. It was so exciting because after they had prayed for the families that would be getting the warm winter clothes, we walked in and met a refugee family - mom and 2 children. We were able to find items for everyone and they were so so thankful. The children got to see first hand where their donations were going and how God answers prayer in such beautiful ways.



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**Boise Rescue Mission Food Barrel:** canned and boxed food items are always needed. The food barrel is in the entryway at BSLC. Thanks for your help in filling the barrel!

“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” 1 John 4:7,8

**LRG: (Local/Regional/Global)**

Would you like to do something significant? Where is there brokenness in the world you want changed? If you could do anything to help, what would you do? There is a difference between wanting a life filled with significance, and actually pursuing significance. If we can help, we'd invite you to pick up and fill out an L.R.G. Mission Funding Request Form from the information board or request an L.R.G. form by emailing: [bslcboise@gmail.com](mailto:bslcboise@gmail.com) for this or you can make a pack/packs on your own.

**Attention Thrivent Members!**

If you have questions or would like more information about Thrivent or how to apply for Action Team project funding, please contact Faith Brigham at 342-3551 or [fbrigha@boisestate.edu](mailto:fbrigha@boisestate.edu)

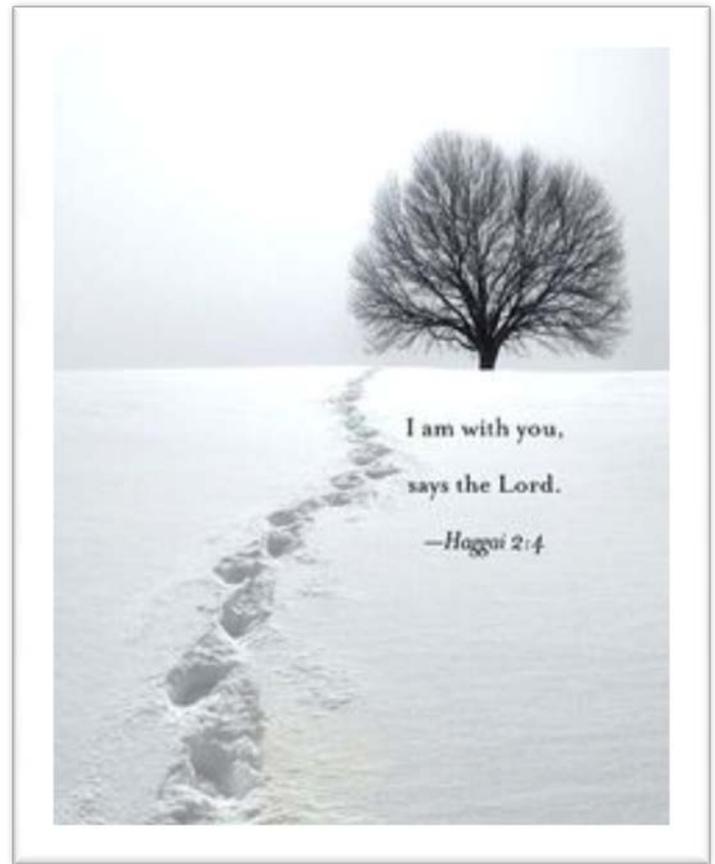
“Why is it called a building when it has already been built?”

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## **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**

'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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