



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
BEACON

March, 2016 No. 103

Sunday school 8:00a.m. & 9:00a.m.
Sunday Worship 9a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Happy Easter!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.” – Isaiah 53:4-5

A few months back on this History Channel, there was a series called, “Live to Tell” where one could hear of Iraq and “Charlie Platoon and the Story of Marc Lee”, of Afghanistan and “Red Wing Recovery”, of Iraq and the “Battle for Haditha Dam”, along with Afghanistan and “Task Force Merrill”. True stories of courage, soldiers laying their life on the line for the lives of others, with death a daily possibility.

Into this reality...now imagine that you volunteered to wear the uniform of one of these soldiers, serving with their name still stitched on the uniform, with you willingly and readily served in their place. Jesus Christ, did this for you, for me, for the world. Facing the enemy of sin, death, hell...an enemy outmatching us, certain to overwhelm and defeat us...Jesus took your place, humanities place on the front lines. Jesus served, suffered, died, rose...doing so willingly, readily, motivated solely by His love for you.

The result of what Jesus Christ has done? You and I, through Jesus Christ, “Live to Tell”. Your sin, forgiven. Earthly death, the doorway to eternal life. Heaven, not Hell, your eternal home. Jesus pierced, crushed, chastised, stricken, smitten, afflicted...receiving what was ours to face...and by the work of God’s Son, Jesus Christ...we are healed.

In the Concordia Heritage Series entitled, “The Justification of the Sinner before God”, this powerful reminder is shared: “The bars of our prison are broken, its gates are shattered. What we could not do another one has done: Jesus Christ, true man and true God.”

As we walk close to Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday...pause, remember, celebrate, that what Jesus Christ did, He did for you.

Walking Together as we Follow Christ...
Until the Last Sheep Is Found.
Joshua Hower, Pastor

From the Editor:

How many of you have read the constitution? What does it say? How many signers were there? How many were Christian? I’m watching a DVD series called “the American Heritage Series”, by David Barton, a Christian author who founded Wallbuilders. According to Mr. Barton modern history is based on economics, ie money, starting in about the 20’s. He debunks the modern teaching that our country was not founded on Christian principles and uses actual documents from those founding fathers to prove his point. There were 250 founding fathers, of which approximately 95% were Christian. Of the 55 signers of the Constitution, 52 were orthodox Christians. Old history books listed all of the 55 signers. Today’s history books may refer only to Franklin and Jefferson, the least religious of the signers.

It is interesting to note that in 1800 Congress approved the use of the capitol building for church services. This was when Jefferson was president. John Hancock, the most prominent signature on the Declaration, when he was the governor of Massachusetts issued more than one proclamation recognizing the deity of Christ.

In all that you do search for the truth, for Christ says “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32)

Lynn Thaldorf

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LWML

Our next meeting will be March 12th at 9:15 am in the Church library. The featured speaker will be Joy Bislenberg of McCall. Joy is the Regional Rep. for Cancer Companions. Cancer Companions are trained church volunteers who support cancer families through individual meetings and/or Christian cancer support groups. Who would benefit? Cancer Companions reach out to anyone in treatment, post treatment, their loved ones. Child care is provided upon request. Please contact Charlotte Schafer at 208-384-0374.

LWML thanks everyone for contributing to our "Get Cash for your Trash" drive. Through this recycling program we exceeded our goal of \$20,000. We ask you to contribute your “Trash” to other organizations that are using it as a fundraiser. Check with your local public schools!

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

February/March – new sound equipment, speakers and acoustic treatments will be installed during the same time as high efficiency LED light fixtures.

March – Old School Painting will continue giving our church interior a much-needed fresh coat of paint.

March – Work will begin by Stonecrest Masonry on a 1700 square foot brick patio on the right side of the entry.

March – Doors: Retrofitting the existing entrance doors so that they are easier to lock and have improved access control. This will be accomplished by retrofitting the existing doors with magnetic locking devices controlled by a keyless entry/security system.

April – Remodel sanctuary platform area

April – New carpeting

April - Landscaping

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UPPER ROOMS - NOTE: As many of you know, in the past Sandy has done a Journey Through the Upper Room during Easter week. There won't be any journey this year because of all the remodeling/painting that is taking place. We will look forward to it returning next year. In the meantime we ask you to study on your own and ask your patience while the updating is underway.



2016 LENT SCHEDULE

Lenten D3 - March 9th - at BSLC - Sign up sheets are on the table in the entryway.

Lenten D3 - March 16th – In homes

✚☐ HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - March 20th

Maundy Thursday - 7p March 24th - BSLC

Good Friday - 7p March 25th - BSLC

'Eggs'travaganza - Saturday, March 26th

Easter Sunday - March 27th



Camp Perkins Retreats -
March 18-20: Sr. High Snowfest



Easter 'Egg'stravaganzas!...

If you would like to host an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 26th, sign up sheets is on the table in the entryway. Thanks!

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Sunday Adult Bible classes:

'The Book of Acts' - The Message of Jesus in Action - 8am - Led by Cedric Fedde, meets in the BSLC library.

'Revelation' - 9am - led by Calvin Miller, meets in the BSLC library.

4th Sunday of the month: Bible study meets after the second worship service - about 11:30am. Meets in the BSLC library. Led by Ray and Carol Ahrens.

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 Chef's Hut east of Cole south of Franklin

-Tuesday, 9:30am at BSLC - Women's Bible study.

- Life Light Bible Study will not meet during Lent. It will resume the first Wednesday after Easter. It is led by Don Brigham and they will be studying the "end times" Meetings are from 2:00 to 4:00 on Wednesdays in the BSLC library.

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

Children's Sunday school: Kingdom Quest Curriculum - Year 4 - 9:00am

Teachers-

Pre - K and K: Sue Howell, Marti Dinkelman

Meets downstairs in Room 8 (the Preschool classroom)

1st and 2nd grades: Tracey Poorbaugh
Meets upstairs in Room 12

3rd, 4th, 5th grades: Maddie Killworth
Meets upstairs in Room 9

Confirmation: Karen and Paul Petersen
Meets upstairs in Room 15

Jr. and Sr. High: Abby Lipschultz, Aaron Jenkins
Meets upstairs in Room 14 - the Youth room.

BSLC YOUTH

Sunday School

Abby and Aaron are continuing teaching on the topic of "Belief stronger than skepticism" They are hoping to help youth dive into their faith and grow in their knowledge and confidence in the Lord through the exploration of tough questions that we have all faced in the transition times of high school and college.

Camp Perkins Sr. High Retreat (9th-12th grade)

March 18-20, 2016

Start planning now to come have a blast at camp! The cost to attend is \$90 and registration is online at: <http://campperkins.org/sr-high-winter-retreat.php>. Everyone will register individually, and just mark on the form online that you are with BSLC. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Abby Lipschultz

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Making Christ Known:

Glocal Training - March 15 – (regular volunteer training) 6-9pm at Cathedral of the Rockies
707 N 11th Street - Phone 343-7511

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? 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 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

Habitat for Humanity

Questions? Please contact Traci Johnson (841-6279)



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!

"Once, there was a guy named Joe. One day, he died and found himself standing in front of the pearly gates . . ."

- St. Peter: Joe, if you can answer one question, I'll let you into heaven.
- Joe: Sounds easy enough.
- St. Peter: Who is with you always?
- Joe: Oh, that's easy, Andy!
- St. Peter: Andy?
- Joe: Yeah, haven't you heard that hymn, "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me?"
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Project ♥ Linus

Our Project Linus Quilters now have a Ladies Auxiliary! Our Leader, Ruth Volkert, Office Manager at Park Place Assisted Living Community in Nampa, recently, with the blessing of the Activities director, began a quilting program with some of the residents. She picks a Quilt pattern, designs the squares, and cuts out the pieces. Each month, 6 - 8 ladies, 75-85 years young, meet to put the pieces together. Ruth then takes the squares home and finishes the quilt. Once the Quilt is finished, it is returned to the Community where it hangs in a hallway for a month before being given to Project Linus. The names of the ladies who worked on the quilt that month are listed on a card that hangs beside the quilt so that family and friends can admire their handiwork.

This activity and the pride of accomplishment stimulate the ladies thought processes and motor activities. With encouragement and gentle direction even those with memory difficulties have been encouraged to participate and end up enjoying the activity. They feel useful knowing that the finished project will brighten the life of a child in need. As Paul tells us, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

Come and help us put together quilts for children in need! We meet in the BSLC library the 4th Saturday of each month (except December), starting at 9:00am.

Any questions? Contact Ruth at 208-631-9321 or ruth.volkert@gmail.com.

A JEMfriends - Aging-Out ?...

Our Idaho Governor Otter declared March “Aging-Out Awareness Month”. Many of us may not even know what ‘aging out’ means or who it applies to.

Don’t worry, it doesn’t apply to us senior citizens.

Aging-out describes the point in time when a youth in foster care reaches the age of maturity and is no longer the responsibility of the state. At this point, all support the youth has usually goes away. With no place to go and no support system, they may end up on the street or the homeless shelter.

This is where Liberty Barrett comes in; when she graduated from high school, she decided that this was her calling, to help these kids if they wanted help with the transitioning from a home to being on your own. She called the support group for these youth “JEMfriends” and is supported completely by private donations and volunteers. So far she has started a home for girls in Boise and plans to open a home for boys sometime this year.

Our church is helping this Christian organization by using some of our LRG funds to pay the monthly utilities for the girls home. Watch for information when our LWML may have a drive for collecting things needed in the home, especially when the boy’s home gets started later. Several people from our congregation have signed up for their volunteer program and if you would like more info, check their web page, JEMfriends.org and also see when their next volunteer training is scheduled.

If you have questions, you may speak to Arlene Warenko also.



“My grace is sufficient for you; for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Cor. 12:9

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.

Beacon Newsletter published every now and then.

Visit our website at www.bslcboise.org for Beacon newsletters and other information. We welcome any or all articles you may want to submit, subject to editing. Forward them to lthaldorf@q.com

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‘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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