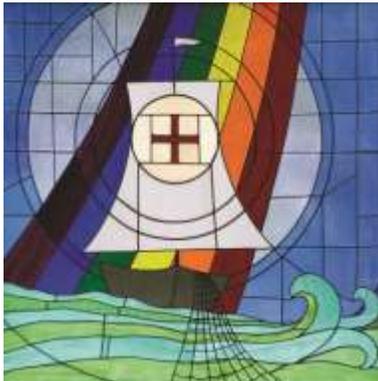


FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

You need to see the movie, "The Finest Hours".

If you've seen it, let me encourage you to see it again. As you watch the movie, consider this beautiful stained glass panel adorning the BSLC Sanctuary, the panel proclaiming theology through artistry:



"The Finest Hours" is a theatrical re-telling of a true account from 1952, many considering these hours the greatest small boat rescue in Coast Guard history.

One of the things I appreciate about this moment in history, they are considered

"the finest hours". As the movie depicts, this historic rescue is filled with trial, adversity, risk, the lives of those involved laid on the line for the lives of others.

I find it fascinating that "the finest hours" are not about comfort or ease. "The finest hours" are not about people being self-focused, self-absorbed. "The finest hours" are about people showing courage, grit, resolve, personal sacrifice...doing so with no regard for self, but for those who are in need of help, those in need of rescue.

As I watched this movie, two things came to mind:

1. I thought of Jesus Christ, and what He has done for me, for you, for every person in the world. Jesus was not content to only live what was truly His perfect life. Jesus leveraged everything perfect and good about His life, for those undeserving and unworthy of His costly sacrifice. Jesus gave His life, to not being served, but serving. Today, for eternity, we have life because of the self-less others focused actions of Jesus Christ.
2. Along with Jesus Christ, I was reminded of you and I, and all Christ-followers around the world – God's Church, the body of Christ. As depicted in the stained glass panel, for centuries "The Ship" has symbolized the Christian church. Church, not being "somewhere you go"...but "something you are". If you follow Jesus Christ, you are part of "The Ship", God's people sent out on God's mission sharing Jesus Christ, as He has been shared with us.

Something for personal reflection: As you consider "what would be the finest hours of your life"...consider what history considers "the finest hours". Also consider what Jesus Christ considered "the finest life"...what Jesus did, how He lived.

As you are likely aware, there is a cost to Christ's Calling to follow Him. And yet, in view of the needs all around us, even as Christ viewed the need in our lives...the Calling of Christ, worth the cost...as life and death hang in the balance. "The finest hours" being each hour, of each day, wherever your feet find you, and whomever you are around...those hours being moments of serving and caring for others, as Christ has served and cared for you.

Have a great November!

Walking Together as we Follow Christ...

Until the Last Sheep Is Found.

Joshua M. Hower, Pastor

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From the Editor:



Here it is November already; time to remind you again that this is the month of Thanksgiving, but we should be thankful for the blessings we receive all year. Look back over your life and I'm sure there are times that caused you to be especially thankful. When I was ten years old I had a ruptured appendix and spent a week in the hospital. I am thankful that God saw me through that, but as importantly I am grateful to my mother, who I know was praying for me, although she never said it. During my stay in the hospital our minister gave me a little prayer book, *Prayers for Boys*. It was first published in 1927. I still have it and even with all the "thees and thous", it is still appropriate. There are many things that I am thankful for. The number one thing is that Jesus sacrificed his life for you and me and that is something we need to be thankful for all year.

Lynn Thaldorf



LWML will meet on Saturday,
November 12th, 2016 -
9:00 - 10:15am Brunch and Speaker.

Come and listen to Laurel McLellan speak about SHIP! Supportive and Innovative Partnerships is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to developing a holistic system to serve the needs of people in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse.

The LWML meeting will follow.
Opening Devotion: Arlene Warenko
Mite Devotion: Charlotte Schaefer
Hostesses: Gladys Johnson and Sherrie Rumpeltes
Child Care is available upon request.
Contact Charlotte Schaefer at 208-384-0374 for more information.

*Going on Now at BSLC: Ingathering of non-perishable items for SHIP Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

■ Collecting non-perishables on Sun., Nov. 6 & 13.
- Items needed: tin foil cooking pans, cooking bags, stuffing, cans of green beans, cans of mushroom soup, olives and cans of cranberry sauce.

■ Collecting perishables on Sunday Nov. 20:
Items needed: Turkey or ham, potatoes, gravy, French fried onions, rolls, pies, eggs, butter.

“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.” Prov. 16:9



Sunday Bible classes 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 Joshua Hower

Adult Options:

- The Gospel of John - meets in the library
- Jeremiah - meets in the sanctuary
- Marriage and Family - meets upstairs in the choir loft
- Book of Acts - 8:30am - early bird special meets in the library



→ Mark your calendars for these Upcoming Events....

- **Thanksgiving Eve Worship** - 7pm on Wednesday, November 23rd

- **LWML Advent Brunch** - Saturday, December 3rd at the Red Lion Hotel Downtown

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Projet Linus by Kay Kurtz

November is the month for Thanksgiving, so we can sing with David, “O my God, I will give you thanks forever” (Ps10:12) The ladies of our Linus Project are thankful for many things, including the opportunity to serve God with our hearts and hands so we make quilts for children in need; our joyful fellowship as we work together during our workdays; the women from our community, but not members of Beautiful Savior, who join us on our workdays, often bringing fully made quilts to donate to Linus and the support of our Beautiful Savior congregation.

Your support comes in many ways. Some of you provide fabric for our quilts; some offer prayers on our behalf, but all of you support us through the LGR funds. We are part of the local in LRG. We thank God and you for that! These funds are used to purchase the most expensive part of a quilt – the batting. Ruth buys it by the bolt. The funds are also used to buy the colorful threads used for the actual quilting, cutting utensils, and masking tape used to secure the quilts to the tables so that our ladies can pin the pieces together.

We are thankful for Idaho Sewing and Vacuum Center who help store the quilts until they are picked up by the local Linus Project organization for actual distribution to the children. Since we don't meet in December, come join us next year. We'll meet the first Saturday of the new year at 9am in the church library. No experience necessary!

For more information, contact Ruth Volkert at ruth.volkert@gmail .com or at 208-631-9321.

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 in the library at BSLC.

-**Wednesday**- 2:00 to 4:00 - Life Light Bible Study led by Don Brigham meets from in the BSLC library. The study is on the Minor Prophets.

-**Friday** - 6:30am -, a DVD series.

Meets in the BSLC library. Led by Cedric Fedde.

Beginning Years Child Care

As we enter into the Thanksgiving Season I look back with thanksgiving on last month. October is one of the children's favorite months due to the changing season: beautifully painted leaves on the trees, the gentle wind that brings them falling all around, the pumpkins and gourds in our garden and our end of the month Harvest Festival with games, making scarecrows and snacking on donuts and cider. The day was beautiful - so much to be thankful for but especially for our families.

So many of them came and many came with grandparents and friends! All there to enjoy their families and get to know the others - dads making friends with other dads, moms talking to moms, children and parents together laughing with other families. And we even had a great grandma! And so much fun to hear the different accents all together - people from all over the world. God has blessed us by bringing these families and their children here to enjoy and to share His love.

We waited to see if the turkey would show up at our Harvest Festival but he didn't. Have you seen our visitor on a Sunday? I first saw him on Rally Day cruising the parking lot and being chased by our kids, with the dads



running behind, yelling 'stop chasing the turkey!' It was so funny. The turkey wasn't scared at all. Once the kids stopped he came right back. And he visits a lot now. I do thank God for bringing so much wild life to our campus. What a blessing. A month ago I was standing on the modular steps

talking to a dad when he looked up over my shoulder. I turned and there, between the modular building and sidewalk, was a 3 point buck standing and watching us. Every time God brings one of His creations onto our campus at just the right time for us to see, I feel like He's saying, "Look, I brought you something special to enjoy and to remind you I'm here with you and I love to see your smile."

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

"Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way" Isaiah 35:3

Prayer Requests

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

LRG: (Local/Regional/Global)

Would you like to do something significant? 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 .

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



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!

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"Through faith in Jesus we may approach God with freedom and confidence" Eph. 3:12

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