



Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Whole Life Ministry 10:45a.m.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> marked the first of three presidential debates. After sharing supper, our family joined the some 84 million people who tuned in to watch.

As the debate took shape, I remember saying to our three kids, "this is intense."

Walking closer to Election Day...

I take comfort in the fact that Jesus was born, lived, served, died, rose...with God then planting and growing His church from its earliest beginnings...doing so in a region under foreign occupation.

Government does not need to be godly, or even Christian, for God to work God's Work. When Jesus was born, as well as when Jesus was killed, and the enemies of God thought they had won...God's Kingdom had come, God's Will done. Under the rule of earthly foreign power, and even with spiritual forces of evil working their darkest work, God's Work on behalf of His created people and world, advanced.

How God has worked, is reason for us to have hope.

God's Work in history will not be stopped. The Kingdom of humankind will not dictate to, or determine, the Kingdom of God. The same God who called us from darkness to light, (1 Peter 2:9-10) is the same God that darkness will not overcome. (1 John 1:5). As a Christian, you are in Christ.

In Christ, there is always hope (Romans 15:13).

By way of another perspective on the Monday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> debate, I thought I'd share a blogged thought by Dr. Dale A. Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. In "the Meyer Minute" Dr. Meyer writes:

### **The Meyer Minute for September 27, 2016**

I feel like I should write something about last night's debate, but what?

A line from a hymn comes to mind, "*And guide us when perplexed.*"

The pundits are judging the candidates' performances, but even they add that this is a most unusual campaign; so who knows? The majority of Americans are not feeling super positive about the next top leadership of our country, at least not now.

That hymn line is a prayer. Followers of Jesus go to work today under two sovereigns, the government and God. Whatever perplexes us about earthly rulers becomes secondary when we consider our heavenly citizenship.

*"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed"* (John 6:68-69).

In any perplexity we go to our Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus. "*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long*" (Psalm 25:5).

*"Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,*

*With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next."*

(Lutheran Service Book, 895, 2)

Not confident in the candidates? The first line of the hymn is "*Now thank we all our God.*" Now. "*Our citizenship is in heaven*" (Philippians 3:20). Today will be a great day.

For more reflections visit: The Meyer Minute

<http://themeyerminute.typepad.com/meyerminute/>

Have a great October!

Walking Together as we Follow Christ...

Joshua Hower, Pastor

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22



## From the Editor:

I volunteer at the Morrison Center and occasionally they draw a name out of the hat for that volunteer to enjoy a performance from Velma Morrison's box seat. Last night my wife and I had the good fortune to enjoy a three hour performance by the Gaithers. They started out as the Gaither Trio but Bill Gaither is now 80 years old so his group has been replaced by a younger bunch of musicians and it now has about ten. They sing Gospel music and they were superb! They were not afraid to share the Gospel message. I guess there is a message there for us and that is that we should be willing to share our faith. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," Matt.28:19

*Lynn Thaldorf*

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## 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 Josh and Andy DeLoney

Adult 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

## 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 meets at BSLC in the library. The study is led by Karen Petersen.

Wednesday- 2:00 to 4:00pm - 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.

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LWML will meet Saturday, October 8, 2016, at 9:15am in the church library.

The topic is "Living Joy", a Bible study from the LWML quarterly. If "Joy" was defined as a "source or cause for delight", what would you add to your list of things that bring you joy? Why? Questions to ask yourself!

As always, childcare is available upon advance notice. If you have questions, call Charlotte Schaefer. – 208-863-3096

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## Project Linus

Occasionally, Ruth puts some of our quilts on display in the Church Library. There is usually a variety of patterns and designs showing the quilts made specifically for infants, toddlers, youth and teens. However, the design most often made is a String Quilt, and it is truly the one quilt that is made by a community! Ruth's 90year-old mother takes strips of material of various widths and colors and sews them onto squares of muslin. (She makes several hundred of these squares a month!) The squares are then given to Ruth's very artistic daughter who arranges them in strips of 8 squares with 6 strips needed to make a 60 x 45 inch quilt. She puts the squares into piles and marks them so that those of us who sew the squares together can maintain the pattern. Then the quilt top is brought to our Saturday meeting where it is placed on two of our tables and two to three of our ladies pin the top, batting, and backing together. Then, it is given to one of our quilters who machine quilts it and sews on the binding. At our last meeting we figured this whole process takes about 12 hours.

So, you can see that these quilts are touched by many loving hands. Finally, before they are sent for distribution to the children who wrap themselves in the comfort and security of their own quilt, we off a prayer which usually includes words of thanks for this opportunity to serve, blessings for the children being served and for continued service of out ladies.

Come join us in the Church Library the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, except December. We start at 9am and work until noon or 1pm. If you want more information or have any questions contact Ruth Volkert at (208) 631-9321 or at ruth.volkert@gmail.com.



## Beginning Years Child Care

Beginning Years ended their summer session with a family picnic of pizza, jump houses and their 1st Annual Art Fair. The children had worked for 3 weeks on individual and class cooperative art pieces to display - like their modern art "Circle Collage" and Van Gough's "Starry Night" which was composed by 12 first-seventh graders on individual canvases and put together to replicate the masterpiece. And do you recognize any of the individual works from our 4 year olds? The children interpreted great works of Art like Georgia O Keeffee's "Oriental Poppies" or Henri Rousseau's "Tiger in a Tropical Storm" . Yes, Every Child is an Artist, gifted by the Master Artist Himself to reflect His beauty and creativity. We are so blessed to be a part of Beautiful Savior's outreach ministry to these children. Thank you.

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.” Rom. 12:9

### **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)

I'm sure you've all noticed the new patio and the finished altar area. Next is some landscaping adjacent to the patio.....



**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!

“As it is, there are many parts, but one body ”  
I Cor. 12:20

### **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.



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