




# THE MESSENGER

*Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church*

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**Check out our website. It's full of information and it's updated regularly!**

**Worship times—8:30 and 11 AM with Adult Forum and Sunday School in between at 9:45 AM.**



*The Messenger*  
APRIL 2010

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

**4/01 Seder Meal 6:00 PM**

*(reservations required)*

**4/01 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 PM**

**4/02 Good Friday Service 7 PM**

**4/04 Easter Sunday Festival 8:30 AM**

**Easter Festival of Flowers 9:45 AM**

**Easter Sunday Festival 11 AM**

**YOUTH CHOIR  
VISITS**

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
APRIL 11**

On Sunday, April 11, a high school and college youth choir, under the direction of Karen Shaffer, will sing at both services at Beautiful Savior. This choir sang on the Sunday after Easter last year. We have invited them back to sing four anthems during worship once again.

*“Celebrating,  
Deepening,  
and Sharing  
in  
God’s Love.”*



## From Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have been following and exploring the Way of Jesus throughout the season of Lent, and now we enter Holy Week. Jesus takes us into the time of dying and rising. As we journey with Christ through Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter, we discover the deepest mystery that it is in giving that we receive and it is in dying that God raises us to new life.

Jesus uses the image of a planted seed to talk about this.

*“Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the earth and dies, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is, destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you’ll have it forever, real and eternal.”*

*(John 12:24 The Message)*

In a number of different settings at Beautiful Savior over the last weeks, I have heard people talking about how we are the seeds that God plants. God plants us in the world; we sprout and grow; our lives then transform the world itself. Rachel Brocker and the Senior High Youth group talked about this one Wednesday evening. Chris Isely, in his Lenten Vespers’ sermon, did an excellent job of giving good examples from everyday life. In the common, daily routines of parenting, working, sharing, and supporting each other, we become the seeds of God’s justice and love springing up and reproducing ourselves many times over.

Jesus reminds us that, when God plants us as seeds of life, there is a “dying” that is needed. The safe, exterior shell of our life must be cracked open. Our instinctive tendency to play it safe and look out only for our own success must be let go.

Love is risky. It costs us our time, our energy, our attention. In Jesus’ case, it literally cost him his life as he poured out his love and power for others. Yet the deepest joy and fullest life becomes ours when we entrust ourselves to God and allow the grace and presence of God to live through us, no matter where that takes us.

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Think of those who have been reckless in their love as they followed Jesus: James and John, Mary and Mary Magdalene, St. Francis, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Jr. Trusting God, they poured out their lives for others. In turn they became seeds of life, transforming the world.

Walking through Holy Week, we see the Way of Jesus expressed in its complete and fullest form. Centered in God; eyes opened by God; re-born to new life; changing the world. That is the path of dying and rising that Jesus invites and empowers us to take. We die to our old, habitual, fear-filled life and rise to the new and full life that God has wanted for us all along. May God bless us all as we travel through death to Easter and the life that knows no end.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rick Jaech



## EDUCATION NEWS

### ADULT FORUMS IN APRIL Sundays at 9:45 AM in our Sanctuary.

- April 4 Easter Sunday Brunch—No Adult Forum
- April 11 Christian Hospitality: How do we welcome people into the family of God and into our church community? Led by Pastor Jaech
- April 18 Christian Hospitality, part II. Led by Pastor Jaech
- April 25 Friendship Sunday. Come to the special refreshments time in the Fellowship Hall and help welcome the guests that are with us this Sunday.

### WEDNESDAY AT CHURCH!!

#### Resumes after Easter ...

**Wednesday Night @ Church** is in full swing!! Not only do you not have to fix the meal, you get to eat out with some of the best company in town. Last year there was an average attendance at dinner of 65-70 people from Beautiful Savior. Come, bring the kids and enjoy the evening. Dinner at 5:30 PM!

How could anyone pass this up? Even the price is right. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to help cover costs, but **everyone eats**, regardless of whether they donate.

Of course there is more, much more, than just the dinner hour. **Cherub and children's choirs** rehearse before dinner (4:30 PM). **Bell choir and adult choir** rehearse after dinner. **Confirmation class** (see related article) and **high school youth group** meet after dinner, as well as the very thought provoking **Bible studies** led by Gerald Hoffman. Nursery and supervised activities for children are provided.

This is an opportunity for whole families, single people, older people and young ones to come together and enjoy getting better acquainted. At the same time we are being enriched by our common desire to celebrate and enrich our faith. No doubt about it, Beautiful Savior is **the** place to be on Wednesday evenings. See you there!

#### Spanish Class ~

As part of our Wednesday at Church program, Pastor Abel Gomez, is teaching Spanish to those that are interested. There may be a nominal fee for materials. Join Pastor Gomez on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM!

### FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

**April 25**

#### Why are we planning a Friendship Sunday?

Some of us are "old timers" here at BSLC, while others of us are relatively new. One thing we all have in common is that we have chosen this place, and these people, as the community with whom we gather to worship, pray, share our faith, and work to bring God's love and forgiveness to the world. We come with joy or sorrow, peace or confusion, confidence or doubt, clear direction or uncertainty, victory or defeat, or, most of the time, with a mixture of these conditions. Yet we come together as God's forgiven family, God's empowered servants in God's world.

We know our triune God loves each person more than we can love anyone. Not everyone knows this. Not everyone is even looking for it. Yes many people would like to be a part of a community with this love and faith. Although in reality everyday is a "Friendship Day", our Friendship Sunday can help us focus on these friends, neighbors, fellow workers, or others we meet in our daily life, who could have their lives enriched by sharing our walk of faith. We encourage you to invite those friends to come to church with you on April 25!

Soon we'll be celebrating Easter and the death and resurrection of Jesus. As **April 25** approaches, consider praying that God will, through us, invite others to find the love, grace, peace, and forgiveness our loving Creator wants for every person in this world. On that day, we'll share not only our worship, music, friendship, and refreshments after each service, but also God's love and forgiveness with those we invite to our church.

And let's share the first names of our expected guests so we can together pray that God will work through us to welcome them into God's family in this place!



## SUMMER FAITH FORMATION EVENTS ...

\*June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> **Vacation Bible School:** Camp Lutherwood Oregon will again be bringing down staff members to lead our program. There will be a half-day (9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) pre-school program for potty trained kids ages 3-6 and a full day (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) program for elementary age kids. The cost will be \$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child. Scholarships are available if cost is an issue. Registration will begin the middle of April. Volunteers are needed to help with camp activities, crafts, photography, food, set-up, and clean-up. Please contact Rachel, the Director of Faith Formation, for more information.

(360) 254-9243

\*July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> **Confirmation Camp:** Confirmation students will be headed to Camp Lutherwood for our annual week of confirmation camp. The cost for this week is \$300. Please see Rachel for more information.

\*July 10<sup>th</sup> **Creation Awareness Hike:** A day long hike / fellowship time / workshop for all ages led by Rachel Brocker, the Director of Faith Formation. We will meet at the church and carpool to a TBD trailhead within an hour of Vancouver. Pack a lunch, put on some comfortable shoes, and get ready to think about and appreciate God's creation. Please see Rachel for more information or to sign-up.

\*July 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> **Family Camp** - a weekend at Camp Lutherwood Oregon set aside for families to come together to relax, swim, play, worship, and enjoy being away from home and at camp together. The cost for a family of four is \$170 and there may be options for car-pooling. Please contact Rachel to sign-up or for more information. Lutherwood Camp Info web address: <http://www.lutherwood.org/camplutherwood.php>

\*August 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> **Holden Village:** Members of Beautiful Savior will be spending a week at Holden Village, a retreat center in the Cascades. A week at Holden offers many opportunities for worship, exploring the great outdoors, learning from notable scholars, doing arts and crafts, and deepening relationships. The total cost ranges from \$450 to \$1400, depending on the number of people per family. If you are interested, please contact Rachel as soon as possible.



## Opportunities to learn, share, and grow ...

### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR BUSINESS

#### DIRECTORY COMING SOON ...

**Do you own or manage a business or provide a service that you'd like others to know about? Introducing the BSLC Business Directory. This networking tool is designed to not only generate business for you, but to allow others to call on you first.**

**From yard service, auto repair, house cleaning to dog walking, if you would like your business known to our members to call on first, let us know.**

**We will have a sign up sheet in the narthex.**

### BROWN BAG COLLECTIONS

**April:** Protein foods, especially canned tuna, canned chicken and peanut butter

Brown bags will be distributed the second Sunday of each month and collections will be delivered to shelters or food banks at the end of each month. Donations should be placed in the marked barrel which will be in the back hallway or in the narthex.

The organizations that receive your donations have expressed their heartfelt thanks to all of you as we have made deliveries.

~Your Social Ministries Committee

### SPRING CLEANING THE GREEN WAY

Spring has sprung and the whole house needs airing and cleaning. When things are all spic and span the last thing we need is to feel guilty about all the chemicals we have used to get the job done. So here's a few GREEN tips.

Look for commercial products that do not contain sulfates, phosphates, artificial fragrances and colors.

You can take a green step further by checking your kitchen for vinegar, baking soda, and club soda.

You can clean most hard surfaces (not granite and marble) by mixing 30% white vinegar with water.

Mix a half cup of baking soda with a cup of club soda to clean and polish your stainless steel appliances.

Clean glass by pouring a pint of isopropyl alcohol in a clean gallon milk jug with one third cup of ammonia. Add water to fill container and one squirt of dishwashing detergent. Pour in a spray bottle and use newspaper to dry glass. Not totally green but it really works.

Sweep rather than hose out the garage floor.

Finally, take a note from your grandmothers book and resolve to clean frequently in order to avoid heavy duty cleaning products.

## OPPORTUNITES ...

### A big thanks for your support!!

Thanks to all who purchased Canaan Fair Trade Products on Sunday, March 7 before and after services. The Fair Trade Olive Oil, Za'atar seasoning, Couscous, and soap were completely sold out after the second service! For those who missed the sale, there will be another opportunity to buy these products coming soon.

### Peace & Justice

Beautiful Savior's Peace & Justice group meets the third Monday of every month at the home of Rick & Ann. The evening begins with a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. and continues with a meeting at 7:00. All who feel called to this ministry are welcome.

### Free Clinic of SW Washington Sack Lunch Program—April 15

Our congregation continues to make sack lunches once a month for the clients of the Free Clinic. We pack 50 lunches usually on the third Thursday of the month. The cost is about \$100 and we thank all those who have donated money and/or time to this program. If you'd like to help make and pack lunches, please call Jo'an .

## Buenos Dias Senors and Senioritas

**April 17<sup>th</sup> - Save the date!** The Mexico Mission Dinner and Auction is just around the corner and the Beautiful Saviors Construction Crew needs your help. You don't have to bring a hammer or saw, just come out for an authentic Mexican meal followed by a fun filled auction. After the overwhelming success of last years live auction, we will again have a colorful guest auctioneer and many terrific items to bid on. Tickets are \$7 per person or \$20 per family and are available from any team member or at the door. Dinner starts at 5:00pm and the auction will follow immediately after. As always donations of auction items is greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the church office prior to the 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry and we look forward to seeing you!

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## OUTREACH NEWS ...



### **AUTOMATED OFFERINGS** **through *Simply Giving***

Did you know that you can arrange with your bank to mail your church offerings directly to the church each week or each month, as you wish? We call that option *Simply Giving*. Quite a few of our church members use this method. It allows you to decide in advance what you want to give to the church and makes it happen on the schedule you create. In that way, you don't have to worry about forgetting your offering envelope on Sunday or losing track of what you are wanting to give.

*Simply Giving* was designed by Thrivent Financial, the Lutheran financial services association. It is similar to other bank or online services that people use to make regular bill payments. Beautiful Savior members have been using this method for about ten years and have found it very helpful. If you would like to use our *Simply Giving* program to send your offerings, please contact the church office. We have an enrollment form that you can fill out.



BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEER**

### **APRIL**

4 Julie & Ginger  
11 Chieko  
18 Alisa  
25 Kay

### **Communion Bread Bakers**

April Alisa  
May Jan

*If you cannot volunteer on the date that you are scheduled, please call find another person on the Altar Guild to trade with.*

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

4 Albrecht  
11 Need Volunteer  
18 Need Volunteer  
25 R & C Smith

*The 2010 Flower Chart is posted in the narthex. If you'd like to share flowers on a special Sunday, please sign up with your name and how you'd like the flowers designated in the announcement page.*