



The Tie That Binds

The Newsletter of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

VACANCY PASTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE

"Why do you seek the living among the dead?" He is not here, but is risen!"

The astounding thing about it all is this: *This sort of thing just doesn't happen!* In spite of Jesus' words to the disciples that He would rise from the dead, they just didn't get it. Even when they looked at the empty tomb, they didn't understand. It took the angels, asking a pointed question, to wake them up. *"Why do you seek the living among the dead?"*

We're slow to pick it all up because it transcends anything in our human experience. For the most part, dead people stay dead. Now, if these disciples had thought back just a bit, they would remember that Jesus raised their friend Lazarus from the dead. They would remember that Jesus raised a young girl from the dead. They would remember Jesus had healing power, power to restore sight and restore the strength to the limbs of the lame. They'd recall that He cast out demons from people who were hopelessly possessed by the devil.

But all they could remember at the moment was the disappointment of Jesus death – the crushing memory of His scourging, beating and crucifixion. But now Jesus HIMSELF has been raised from the dead after dying on the cross for our sins. Does this mean...can this possibly mean...is it likely – or even remotely possible that this means that Jesus has now *conquered sin and death?*!

Yes, that is exactly what it means! Paul said it well when he said, *"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."* 1 Corinthians 15:22

The resurrection changes everything!

1. It means that Christ has died in our place to make us pleasing to God.
2. It means that He conquered death, hell and sin by dying and rising again.
3. It means that He is alive today to walk with us and live in us.
4. It means that when we die to our old way of life, He swaps our life for His!
5. It means that we worship a God who is alive, not one who is dead.
6. It means we have eternal life when we have HIS life.



Today we can celebrate that – and more! Let your worship of the resurrected and living Christ be exuberant, joyful and passionate. Let unbridled praise come out of your mouth, because Jesus Christ is ALONE worthy to be praised.

And know this; when we lead people to know about Jesus Christ, we lead them to the One and Only God who can see them, love them, and give them eternal life.

Lord Jesus, because you are alive, I can live. I can have confidence of eternity! I can boldly tell others about you because you've proven that you alone are God. As I tell them, help me lovingly fulfill the purpose to seek and save that which was lost.

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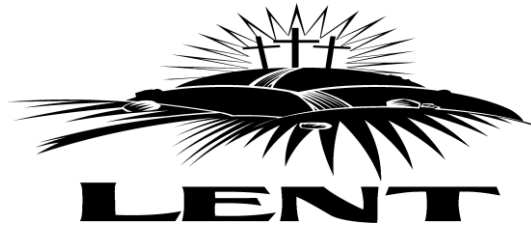


I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

A “GOOD NEWS” class is being planned to begin on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:00 pm and will run for ten weeks. This course is an exploration of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. It can be either a preparation for communicant membership or a “refresher” for those who are already members. All the basic teachings of Scripture will be covered.

A promise to you: you will not only grow in knowledge, but you will move closer to God through your participation and interaction with others in this course. People from various church backgrounds will be in attendance which promotes good discussion and excellent questions. All sessions are informal and a video will also be used in conjunction with the course.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a neighbor, friend, or relative so we can explore the GOOD NEWS together.



**WORDS OF LIFE FROM THE CROSS
MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES
(All Services at 7:00 pm)**

Wednesday, March 10 *The Compassionate Word*
"Woman, behold, your son!" . . . "Behold, your mother!"
(John 19:26-27)

Wednesday, March 17 *The Suffering Word*
"I thirst" (John 19:28)

Wednesday, March 24 *The Dying Word*
"Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46)



Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday 10:30 am
Procession with Palms

Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm *The Remembering Word*
"This do in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:25)

Friday, April 2 Good Friday 10:30 am *The Fulfilled Word*
"It is finished" (John 19:30)



Sunday, April 3 Easter Sunday 10:30 am
Holy Communion
The Vindicated Word
"He is risen!" (Luke 24:6)

Hello you!!!

Do you enjoy curling, dogs, horse riding, golfing, and reading? So do your brothers and sisters in Christ. If you wish to tell your story, it is very easy! You can send it to ana@ludke.com.br or put in Ludke's mail box at church. Don't forget to provide a picture along with your story. Your "mini" biography can have from 10 to 20 lines. Tell us how did you or your family end up at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, what is unique about you/your family, what are your hobbies, etc...If you know somebody that is a member of the church and he/she is unable to come to church, we'll be glad to visit this person to gather the story as well. We want to know our brothers and sisters, members of BSLC, very well. It'll help to create more and more bonds.



I've been a member of Beautiful Savior since I was a little girl, attended Sunday school and was confirmed by Pastor Kentel. Brent and I got married at BSLC on Aug. 17/91 and have been together for 27 years (8 yrs dating and 19 yrs married)!

I've worked at Great-West Life for 25 yrs (this Oct.) in the Group Retirement Services Sales

Office. I educate employees about their group retirement plans through group presentations and also present to pension committees of my clients about industry trends, investment performance, new products and services. I travel to Saskatoon, Regina and Thunder Bay at times to service my clients.

Aside from my busy work day, I am a busy mother caring for Hannah and Emma and taxiing them to and from their dance and music lessons! I also take a jazz dance class which I really enjoy, and Brent and I workout early in the mornings 3-4 times a week at Snap Fitness. During the summer months, our family enjoys our weekends at Falcon Lake. My grandfather built our cabin almost 50 years ago, and in the recent years, we've made a few renovations so we can enjoy it even more! I enjoy golfing, relaxing at the beach, and I love to read and power walk!

I thank God often for my life and all the blessings that He has given to me. I don't know when my earthly life will end, but I am not afraid to leave this earthly life, for I know my home in heaven is waiting, where I will be with all those I love, including Jesus! The assurance of this really became clear to me when my Auntie Val passed away a few years ago. She was an inspiration to me, and showed me what a strong faith in God means! Jesus loves me this I know! **Kelly Leung**

**Elvin and Joan Dueck**

Elvin and Joan were married in June 2006. Joan was a long-time member of Saint James Lutheran, but transferred to Beautiful Savior after moving to St. Vital. Elvin was a former member of a United Church, but decided to join Beautiful Savior as well. They belong to a floor curling club called Dakota LaZers. They attend the club every week and enjoy the game and the socializing. They like going for long walks in St. Vital Park in summer, and walking in the mall in the winter. They enjoy spending time at their cabin in Clear Lake in season. They have close family ties and spend considerable time with their siblings, children and grandchildren.

My wife, Adele and I are both retired; she from nursing and I from the Canadian Forest Service. We have no children so our two dogs (Westies), Quincy (15) and Simon (4) receive a lot of attention. Adele volunteers at the Winnipeg Human Society and at River East Personal Care Home. Last year she was recognized by Canadian Blood Services for having made 100 blood donations. I enjoy walking, usually with my dog, bike riding and cross country skiing. I joined Beautiful Savior in 2002 by affirmation of faith. **Norman Walker**



Hi, we are **Len & Sita Schultz**. We have been members of BSLC since 1975. Previously members of Immanuel Lutheran and transferred to BSLC when we moved to Southdale. We have 2 married children, Dave who lives in Winnipeg and has 2 children, and Jennifer who lives in Florida and has 1 child. Sita's career was a school teacher and later she was employed and retired from The Bay. Len retired from the Royal Bank. We both enjoy reading, golfing, playing bridge, exercising at the Reh-Fit centre and traveling to Florida to visit our family. The Lord has blessed us in many ways, especially with our Christian friends at BSLC.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League News

Our guest speaker for the February meeting was Sandy Belisle, Ministry Manager from Lutheran Urban Ministries (known as 'The Urban'), located at 743 Ellice Avenue, 2nd floor. The Urban is a place of caring, sharing and belonging, which helps to form a bridge for the disadvantaged, often voiceless and invisible community of urban Winnipeg. The Urban offers a variety of services/programs including worship opportunities, community meals, kid's club, kid's camera club, as well as plenty of opportunities open for people in the community to just drop-in. The work of the Urban is operated by volunteers, and supported by Lutheran Churches. They are very happy to have Aubrey Hemminger join them recently to assist with Pastor Care.

Sandy shared with us her list of "Opportunities To Help The Urban", which includes:

- Meal Teams, which is a group to provide a meal for the Urban, or just make a batch of soup, chili or stew to donate. They currently serve over 100 meals a week.
- The Urban maintains an emergency food pantry – packages are handed out as needed. This pantry also serves as a reserve for community meal preparation. Donations of non-perishable food are appreciated.
- Weather appropriate clothing can be donated.
- Hygiene kits for male or female are needed. These kits include shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, socks and underwear.
- In the summer, tarps and sleeping bags are needed for the homeless. Also bedding, towels and tea towels are distributed when available.
- Easy to read Bibles are distributed.
- The Urban is in need of beds for families.
- Volunteers to work with Canadian Footwear, which accepts donations of gently used runners. Groups are taught how to clean them, sanitize them to prepare for free distribution through the missions.
- Prayer groups to keep those less fortunate in their prayers.

On March 2 at 7:00 pm, the LWML has invited Kerry Mushumanski, House Manager from Ronald Mc Donald House (RMH) to be our guest speaker. All women are invited to attend. RMH is a home away from home for many out-of-town families, whose children are undergoing treatment for cancer or other life-threatening illnesses at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

On April 6th at 7:00 pm, LWML will hold a bible study, entitled "If The Shoes Fits...Wear It". We all have experienced walking in different kinds of shoes for each role we play in our lives. Sometimes we can easily slip into our comfortable old shoes, but there are times when we need to try on new shoes. God has laid before us challenging new paths to walk. He challenges us to step forward in faith trusting He would make our new shoes fit. Join us as we hear about how the characters in the Bible adjusted to their new shoes, the challenges Jesus faced as He set about wearing His new shoes and how

we will be better fitted into our shoes whether they be old or new if we just follow the footsteps of our Lord Jesus.

Last year, LWML members and women of the church, who are not LWML members completed a survey intended to help improve the direction of the work of LWML-Canada. I would like to share the survey results with all ladies of our congregation.

- Of community organizations where non-member women are involved, one quarter of them were involved in compassionate ministries. Like LWML members, these women have a heart for those who are hurting.
- Important elements non-member women look for in an organization they would serve include fellowship, spiritual growth, friendship, encouragement and missions (they want to serve where they can make a difference).
- Women's current needs include bible study, learn more about their faith and how to respond to secular issues from Christian perspective, how to witness to their faith in the world we live in.
- Interesting topics/speakers include a new Christian class, street people in Canada, homosexuality and stewardship, mission presentations by local and organizations abroad, health issues and ways we can use God's gifts to carry out His work.
- Ways to get more members involved include asking individual women to form a team to work on a mission project, which would require only a short obligation. Help each worker see her little job in the big picture of the LWML. Also mentoring a woman by reaching out to develop a friendship as part of a LWML experience. Meetings or projects could be conducted in a member's homes, including bible studies. Other societies could be invited to participate in mission events. Women from the church can be invited to join as the LWML serves the congregation. Reaching out by inviting friends to assist with the work of the LWML.
- Personal outreach and follow-up can be done with the help of God through prayer.

Some inspirational ideas from the survey include: invite all women of the congregation, so they can join when their time allows; be positive and happy, so LWML projects can be enjoyable by all those involved; visit shut-ins to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers; more focus on the congregation, which promotes fellowship within the church and community; get more involved in the mission work of our community by reaching out to those in need; be aware of women's struggles/needs locally and around the world; and share mission work/events with other societies.

Lorraine Weir,
President, Beautiful Savior
LWML-C



News from Beautiful Savior School

The theme for the 2009-2010 school year is Stewardship. The children are learning about Caring for God, Caring for People and Caring for the World. Our goal is to help global and local communities through service, financial means and prayer. Every month there is a different theme that the children learn about. So far this year we have sponsored a child through Compassion Canada, made shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, collected money and/or food for Winnipeg Harvest, Christmas Cheer Board and CLWR. We have also collected coats for "Koats for Kids", collected money for walk/runs for Terry Fox and Breast Cancer. The students also held a hat day and taco lunch in which all money raised was donated to Haiti.

The students in grades 5 thru 8 participated in a CPR program sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba called "The Tree for Life". They received CPR Anytime Kits which they took home to train family and friends. They were encouraged to teach at least 5 people. To symbolize the number of people trained, schools were asked to design a tree and attached leaves, hearts, etc. The staff at the Heart and Stroke Foundation voted and we won the most creative tree. They received a bucket of various balls, skipping ropes, and games as a prize.

- *Sandy Katyrnuik*



Grade 5 - 8 students in front of the Tree of Life