

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” *Philippians 4:6*

What fitting words for all of us at Beautiful Savior at this very time!

Our church is at an exciting moment of challenge and opportunity. As you may have read in the Sunday bulletin or heard in church, Beautiful Savior’s reserve funds have been regularly drawn upon over the past many months to pay our bills, since weekly offerings have not kept pace with expenses. If this trend continues, our treasurer has informed us, within a short time there will be no more reserve funds available. While this situation may seem scary to some, nevertheless the Christian, trusting in God, has a different response.

In our text St. Paul tells the Christians in Philippi not to be anxious—*about anything*. It is a blanket statement, absolute and unqualified. There is nothing that the Philippians are to be fearful, worried, or anxious for—*nothing*. It is not that all is perfect in Philippi. It is not that there are no problems, difficulties, or dangers. It is because God is with them—that is the reason why they need not and must not be anxious. God is with them, and they are to pray to Him.

For God’s people at Beautiful Savior, now is not the time for anxiety, it is the time for prayer. That means each of us and that means all of us together. (We have recently begun and will continue a brief time of corporate prayer for our congregation following each week’s Divine Service.) The Holy Spirit gave to Paul these very words, intended for us today every bit as much as for the Philippian believers: “In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” What follows in the very next verse are the familiar words, “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” So we see what God intends for us—peace, through Christ, when we pray to Him.

It remains to ask, For what shall we pray? What specifically should be our requests which we will make known to God at this crucial time? Here the Word of God must be our guide and not our reason. Human reason seeks pragmatic solutions; our sinful nature seeks slick gimmicks, temporary band-aids. God’s Word prompts us to go to the spiritual heart of the matter.

God has richly blessed the people of Beautiful Savior; we do not lack the material resources to fund the Word and Sacrament ministry here in Broomfield. The issue lies with the allocation of our resources. The way one spends one’s money speaks volumes about what one values. What does the way you spend your money say about you? Are you living for the passing pleasures of this world or are you investing in eternity? Are you anxious and concerned for material things, or are you seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness? Are you giving God your firstfruits or merely your leftovers? Which of us has been perfect in these matters? Whether our fault be small or great, we all miss the mark.

Therefore our prayer at this time, our basic and fundamental prayer, must be the repentant prayer of the tax collector in the temple, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:13). It will not do to have some of us stand to the side and congratulate ourselves for our dedicated and sacrificial financial giving, looking with scorn on those who have not given or done as much. That puts us in the shoes of the Pharisee in Jesus’ parable who did *not* go home justified, for he had already justified himself. We must flee pride and self-righteousness—every bit as much as greed and materialism—and instead, humbly ask for mercy. Then, justified by grace and assured of God’s forgiveness for Christ’s sake, by the Holy Spirit we may really begin to pray, “Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee” (LSB #783).

And God will answer. And our church will be blessed. And we will know His surpassing peace.

Pastor Groth



THOSE SERVING IN OCTOBER

9:00 a.m.

Ushers

Dave Esslinger
Rick Mericle
Wayne Mericle

Peter Bell
Craig Ludwig

Mike Brown
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Elders

<u>10/5</u>	<u>Cal Meisner & Marc Bower</u>
<u>10/12</u>	<u>Cliff Evans & Mike Brown</u>
<u>10/19</u>	<u>Cliff Evans & Rick Mericle</u>
<u>10/26</u>	<u>Marc Bower & Mike Brown</u>

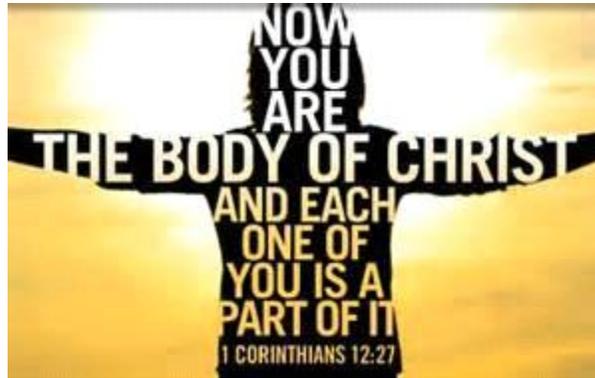
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<u>10/5</u>	<u>John Acker & Emily Bower</u>
<u>10/12</u>	<u>Damien Dittrich & Tyler Bell</u>
<u>10/19</u>	<u>Nicholas Little & Annabelle Yaksich</u>
<u>10/26</u>	<u>John Acker & Emily Bower</u>

Altar Guild

Sue Rada and Judy Werner





God has given us a beautiful world. In autumn we can enjoy all the beautiful colors He has placed here on His Earth. It is exciting to see the greens, yellows, and reds in His trees. We can go to the mountains or just drive down Midway Street. In a short while, He will cover His World in a white blanket of snow.

God also gives us many other enjoyable things. He gives us many different activities in which we can participate. There are more activities we can participate in than we can count.

Our children can join Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. They can take dance lessons, piano lessons, or swimming lessons. In sports they can join soccer, baseball, softball, football, basketball, etc. Adults have many organizations they join and the list can go on to fill this page.

These clubs or activities we join do work into whole families taking part in them. These family activities are very enjoyable. They can keep a family active, healthy and together. These different groups we can join can provide services to us that we can count on and enjoy.

It is stated that the organized Church is feeling the effects of people joining different organizations. We seem to see the results of this in the fall soccer, baseball, and more, on Sunday morning. Stores, restaurants, movie theaters are open and doing great business. It is then stated that these people are not in church and that is why churches are empty.

When people join organizations they quickly learn it means perks. Membership means others will be of service to us. We just pay the going rate and we can have others take care of us, while we enjoy a life of leisure.

When people bring this idea of membership to the Church it does cause conflict. Membership in the Church means service, not being served. The wrong view of Church membership sees tithes and offerings as membership dues that entitle members to a never-ending list of privileges and expectations, instead of an unconditional cheerful gift to God.

The biblical concept of Church is found in I Corinthians 12:27-28, "Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it and God has placed these in the Church." When a Church is run on the business concept it is being run on an unbiblical concept.

Church membership means we are different, but we still work together in Christ. I Corinthians 13 states that we can have many things but if you do not have love you gain nothing.

God shows His love through Jesus who showed His love to His people. Now it is people who show love to others.

For example, our Ladies Group, now L.W.M.L., has decided to have a mission project called "Pillowcase Dresses for Africa". They will be supported and assisted by Orphan Grain Train. The hope for this project and others at Beautiful Savior is to bring our congregation and school together as members of the body serving God as we reach out in love to serve others.



October Birthdays

- Oct. 1 Rona Taylor
- 2 Tristan Cassily
- 3 Souwanthong Pigors
Carol Thompson
- 4 Chelsea Cozad
- 6 Carolyn Schierkolk
Victoria Wilburn
- 9 Lynda Meisner
- 13 Siglinde Ferlet
Pastor Thompson
- 14 Johnathan Acker
Sue MacDonald
- 16 Danyel Brech
- 20 Sandy Akmenkalns
Karen Young
- 22 Jordan Dittrich
Stephanie MacDonald
- 26 Dixie Cassily
Seth Galati
- 30 Evlyn LaVoy
Martha Vinquist
- 31 Anita Yanke



October Anniversaries

- Oct. 4 David & Joan Boysen
- 14 Larry & Vee Rotvold
Don & Pat Sall
- 15 John & Kitty McDaniel



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 10/30/2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**



Open House at the Groth's

Pastor and Dawn Groth invite the *entire* Beautiful Savior family—church members, school children and their families, church and school staff—to our home for a Saturday morning Open House on November 8th, from nine until eleven o'clock. We live at 8732 Quigley St. in Westminster. For planning purposes we would appreciate RSVP's from all who intend to come. Contact Dawn at (720) 557-3639 or dancetildawn22@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Our Stewardship Message

October 2014



Giving is a spiritual issue. The Scriptures are replete with how giving and believing go hand in hand, that our trust and faith in God are commensurate with our giving. In 2013, the *Religion News Service* reported that the **average annual percentage of income given to the church had fallen to 2.3 percent.** (<http://www.religionnews.com/2013/10/24/report-church-giving-reaches-depression-era-record-lows/>) So, what does this confess about our trust in the Lord who has given us all that we need for body and soul, not sparing His own

Son into death so that we would not die but live? What does this say about our faith, when even the Jew gave at least ten percent, while we, having received the fullness of God's generosity, barely give one fifth of that?

Meanwhile, churches and schools continue to fall into disrepair or close their doors due to the lack of funding; pastors and teachers live at or under the poverty level; and the State replaces the Church as the source of care for the widow, the fatherless, and the poor. Something is very wrong with this. Though we have received generously from our generous and loving God, we have not given or loved in like manner. How can this be? How can we, as Christians and especially as Lutherans, who stake everything on that most beautiful doctrine of justification - *that God, out of His divine goodness and mercy, has saved us by grace through faith on account of Christ's death and resurrection without works of the law* - not help but give of our time, talent and treasures just as generously? How can we who have received so much give so little?

It is a shame, and we need to repent. As the Lord spoke through the prophet Malachi, ***"Return to Me, and I will return to you", says the Lord of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?' "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In your tithes and offerings. "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows"***. (Mal. 3:7b-10)

Do not these words even cut us to the heart? Are they not true for us even as they were for them? Are we not now reaping what we have sown in faith? We have sown little, we have sown sparingly, and so is our harvest. But what if we were to take the Lord at His word? What if we, like them, were to put Him to the test and give to support the work of the church as our generous God has given all things to us? Would not the storehouses burst open? Would not the windows of heaven pour out blessing upon His church so that we could be a blessing and a light to the world? Imagine it.

But doing this takes faith. It takes trust that the Lord will be faithful just as He has promised. For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes, He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God always provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

Christ's merits have set us free from the tithe. Giving is no longer something we have to do. It is what we do because of what God has first done for us. We give not because we must in order to keep the law. We give as a response of faith, a confession of faith in deed about what God has done and continues to do for us. For in Christ, we are freed from the tithe, freed that our giving is not out of compulsion or reluctance but generously from a cheerful heart and a life richly lived in the forgiveness of all our sins and for the good and blessing of those around us. A life so lived enriches us all with His blessings until there is no more need and thanksgivings to the One who promised to make it happen.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!



“The Lutheran Hour”

Sermon Schedule for October 2014

LHM produces and airs radio and TV programming around the world in more than 80 languages. “*The Lutheran Hour*” began in 1930 and is the world’s longest-running, continually broadcast Gospel radio program. It proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to more than 1 million people every week on 1400+ North American radio stations! Please tune to **850 KOA** (AM) at **6:00 a.m.** on **Sunday** mornings **OR** go on-line to **www.lutheranhour.org** (24/7) to hear and/or download the current and archived sermons.

- Oct. 5th** **“Show Me the Money? No, Show Me Jesus!”** (Ephesians 2:8-10)
St. Paul urges us to get down to brass tacks, face faith facts, and trust in the Good News of God’s grace in Jesus.
[Footsteps of St. Paul, Part #4] (Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Gregory Seltz**)
- Oct. 12th** **“Today’s the Day for God’s Grace for All”** (Revelation 7:9-12)
The ruins of ancient Pompeii show how life can change in an instant.
[Footsteps of St. Paul, Part #5] (Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Gregory Seltz**)
- Oct. 19th** **“God’s Peacemakers for a Troubled World”** (Philippians 4:4-13)
Jesus calls and enables us to be peacemakers who share His gifts with others in a broken world. (Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Gregory Seltz**)
- Oct. 26th** **“Keep It Simple and Straightforward”** (Romans 3:22-25)
The Bible’s message is simple and straightforward: the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
(Lutheran Hour Speaker, Emeritus: **Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**)

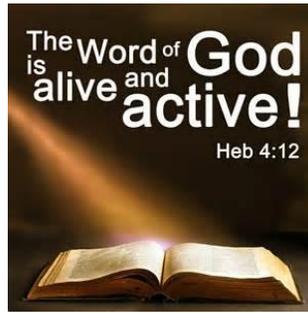
Please contact Mike Brown at (303) 438-5766 or mbrown_zone2@comcast.net with any questions you may have about “*The Lutheran Hour*” and the numerous **Outreach Resources** available from **LHM**.

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Sign up to Receive E-Mail Devotions from Pastor Groth

Would you like to receive a short e-mail devotion three times a week, in which you can further meditate upon the three readings heard in Sunday's Divine Service? In late September Pastor began sending out devotions according to the following schedule: Monday—Reflection on the Old Testament Lesson; Wednesday—Reflection on the Epistle; Thursday—Reflection upon the Holy Gospel. These e-devotions assist us all in “keeping before us” the Word of God heard together on Sunday morning. Also, these e-devotions help bind us together as a family of faith as we all use and pray God's Word.

If you are not currently receiving these e-mail devotions and would like to sign up, simply send an e-mail to tedgroth1970@comcast.net and I will add you to the list. It is not necessary to be a Beautiful Savior member to sign up, so if you have friends or family who would appreciate a Christian devotion, submit their e-mail addresses too.



Talk to your aging parents before it's too late

Talking to your parents about caregiving, end-of-life decisions and their wishes is important, but many people put it off because they don't know how to begin the conversation. Reduce the stress by starting the discussion with something nonthreatening, like the location of important information and documents, rather than talking about their contents.

Start by taking a financial inventory, which should be updated annually, that includes:

- **Legal documents:** property deeds, wills, trusts, living wills, health care and financial directives, and birth, marriage and military discharge certificates.
- **Contact information:** attorneys, accountants, financial planners, physicians and anyone else who provides financial, legal or medical advice and care.
- **Current account information:** type, number and institution for all financial accounts, including checking, savings, retirement, investment, plus loans and insurance contracts.

Get financial guidance to help you prepare for the future. Contact Janet Geist, Financial Consultant, or Nickie Yaksich, Financial Associate, at 303-451-7297 or Janet.Geist@Thrivent.com or Nickie.Yaksich@Thrivent.com today, or visit Thrivent.com. There, you'll find helpful information and resources, including a checklist to help start “the talk” with your aging parents.

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“BUCK-A-BAG” FUNDRAISER

Beautiful Savior Lutheran School
September 15-October 15, 2014
6995 W. 120th Ave Broomfield, CO Rm 13

The “buck-a-bag” fundraiser is the simplest of all our fundraising opportunities. You collect bags/boxes of clothing and gently used household items at your location* (100 bag minimum). arc Thrift Stores picks up the bags/boxes and pays your organization \$1 per bag or box.

100 BAGS/BOXES = \$100,
500 BAGS/BOXES** = \$500, ETC**

** Please use 13 gallon kitchen trash bags or average sized moving boxes.

Contact Kristi Bower at 303-469-2049 or
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