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Christian Education Sunday

September 9, 2018

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Christian Education Sunday is an exciting day each September at Beautiful Savior. Not only do we get to hear the Word of God together, but we get to hear that Word sung by God's children. We will also join our voices this morning in several hymns. One of today's hymns, "Be Strong in the Lord," is Beautiful Savior's "hymn of the month" this month, and you will see how it relates to our school year's theme of "The Armor of God" based on Ephesians 6:10-20. In today's sermon, Pastor Groth will focus on the Luke 18 account of Jesus and the little children under the theme "Straight Path to Jesus". You have come into God's presence today; may He be gracious to you and bless you! (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

Be strong in the Lord In armor of light, With helmet and sword, With shield for the fight; On prayer be dependent, Be belted and shod, In breastplate resplendent: The armor of God. LSB #665, st. 1



The Armor of God

Today's Elders:
Elders for Sept. 16:

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Today's Acolyte:
Acolyte for Sept. 16:

Nicholas Little
Bradley Dittrich

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-10
Epistle: James 3:1-12
Gospel: Mark 9:14-29
Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9



Special OFFERING Door Offering for John Wolf Family. Next Sunday John Wolf, LCMS missionary to Africa, will be with us. You are invited to bless the Wolf family with a cash gift to be received after the service as a door offering. This will help the Wolf family with their travel and associated expenses as they journey around to their supporting churches this summer. We are excited to see John and Jenn and family next week!



This Month's Hymn, "Be Strong in the Lord" (LSB #665), is another hymn text by contemporary English hymn writer Timothy Dudley-Smith, whose hymn "When to Our Word the Savior Came" (LSB #551) we sang throughout July. September's hymn treats the "Armor of God" theme with which the apostle Paul concluded his epistle to the Ephesians. "The Armor of God" will be our special theme at Beautiful Savior Lutheran School for this 2018-19 school year. We hope that learning new hymns will be enjoyable for all, and will enrich our worship of God, the Holy Trinity.



The Regular Voters' Assembly will meet Sunday, September 23rd, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you are 18 years old or older, and a communicant member of Beautiful Savior, you are eligible to become a Voter. If interested, please notify one of the Elders, or Pastor Groth, and pick up and read a copy of the Constitution of Beautiful Savior before the meeting.



Learn and Live More Deeply THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

On Saturday, September 29th at 9AM our pastor will begin a class for those interested in the faith we teach and confess here at Beautiful Savior. This class prepares people for Baptism or for communicant membership at Beautiful Savior. It is also useful as a review for our church members, or as an informational experience for parents/grandparents wishing to become familiar with the doctrine taught in our classrooms Monday through Friday. For more information about this class please call the Beautiful Savior church office at (303) 469-1785.



Dr. Adam Francisco, professor of history and chair of the History and Political Thought Department at Concordia University, Irvine, California presents . . .

Is There A Good Reason to Believe that God Exists? Why do people believe in God? On what do most religions base their truth claims about God? Is Christianity any different? Dr. Adam Francisco will address these questions in this free presentation at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 305 E. Elizabeth St., Fort Collins. A reception will follow.

Confessing the Faith in an Unbelieving World. St. Peter calls us to give a reason, a defense, for the hope that we have in Christ. How do Christians engage with modern skeptics? How do Christians give a witness to an unbelieving world? Join us for a one-day conference led by Dr. Adam Francisco 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Saturday, September 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Lunch available (\$10.00). Registration appreciated by September 26. Visit www.stjohnsfc.org for more information.



A Word of Greeting to Our Guests: We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are honored to have you with us today and pray that this celebration of God's love and grace through Jesus Christ will be a blessing to you.

If you would like additional information, please contact:
Pastor Groth @ 303 469-1785 or email tedgroth1970@comcast.net or
Mike Brown @ 303 438-5766 or E-mail: mbrown_presbslc@comcast.net.
We are a family that has been called together in faith through the Gospel of our Lord Jesus and we invite you to worship with us as often as you can.



Prayers - Let's remember the following people in our prayers this week: Chloe Werner, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Vince Roberto, Robert and Nancy Snurka, Roberta Nigon, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Charlotte Davis, Pat Kubat, James Nuoffer, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Marta Bannigan, Alyssa Stephenson, and our homebound members: Wilda Davenport, Hub Diedrichs, Linda Frederking, Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, and Verna Walsh.



The Flowers adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Mrs. Ginny Smith in loving memory of Jerry.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
- Tuesday: 09:00 a.m. Pastors' Winkel at Mt. Zion, Boulder
05:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
- Saturday: Broomfield Days
- Sunday, 9/9: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Class with John Wolf

At Worship, Sept. 2: 79 Communed: 69



Provide A Meal? At University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, every week during the academic year various groups or individuals can sign up to provide a student meal either Sunday after the 10 a.m. service or Tuesday at 7 p.m. after the prayer service. You are encouraged to attend the service and the meal if you so desire. If it is for a Sunday it can be either brunch or lunch and is usually for 15-20 people attending so plan to bring enough for that many plus those providing the meal. If you are interested you can go to ULC's website to sign up at Universitylutheranchapel.com. Thank you.



Add your voice **It's Time To Get Those Vocal Chords Warmed Up!** Choir Practice begins Sunday, September 30, at 12:00 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to come. If you are unable to come but would like to join, please contact Marc Bower at 720-272-1115.



Beautiful Savior Prays September 15 -This Saturday, take time to pray for God's people at Beautiful Savior, for the church and our world, for your family and relationships, and for those who do not yet confess Jesus as Lord. We have begun a new prayer initiative in which the mid-point of each month, the 15th, is a day of prayer for the whole Beautiful Savior family. Contact the church office for further suggestions for prayer.



The September Messenger is out. Pick up your copy from the bookshelf by the main doors to the Sanctuary or one of the tables in the lower Narthex.



The Bill Board is up again. Please stop by the Church Office and see if you can help out with any of the past due bills. Once your decision is made, please remove the bill, attach your check, and drop it on Eleanor's desk. If you want to pay part of a bill that works too; just attach your check and the bill will be reposted for the balance. Thank you again for your generous giving!



Prayer Partners Program 2018 - 2019

In an effort to exercise our faith, our school children's faith (and their parents'), and to teach them about intercessory prayer, we are continuing the "Prayer Partners" program for our church/school again for this school year. Church members and school kids will be matched and forms will be given to each. We then ask the member(s) of Beautiful Savior Church to begin to pray daily for the child(ren). We will also be asking that each of the children (and their parents) make a commitment to pray daily for their adult prayer partner. If you are the parent of one of the children who will be participating in the program, you will be encouraged to pray with your child for his/her prayer partner and family.

Participation in some of the student's school activities by the church member will also be encouraged and it is our hope that the children will begin to have a true friendship built with their prayer partner. Activities might be planned at school so that the partners can meet one-another.

If you have any questions about Prayer Partners please contact the school or church offices. Thank you for putting your faith to work and for strengthening a child's faith. Please be in earnest prayer about this exciting ministry as the school is the main outreach of our church.

1 Sam. 12:23-23 As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He had done for you.

Eph. 3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father ... I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

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Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Deuteronomy 6:4-15

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰“And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you— with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹²then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. ¹⁴You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— ¹⁵for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be

given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”