

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Guest Preacher: Reverend Robert Korytkowski

Welcome Guest Preacher!

Pastor Korytkowski has served in Big Bend National Park in Texas. He also served congregations in Toledo, Oregon, Grangeville, Idaho and West Bend, Wisconsin. For 20 years he was a chaplain or chaplain assistant in the Idaho and Wisconsin Army National Guard. Now retired he is a member of Blessed Savior Lutheran Church.

An outline of today's sermon:

"Time to Make a Choice" – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

- 1. There is a time for everything.**
- 2. Things we need to do at the right time.**
- 3. God's people are about to enter the Promised Land.**
- 4. Follow God or follow something else.**
- 5. God is trustworthy. It would be wise to follow him.**
- 6. Joshua had to remind these people to follow God.**
- 7. Who or what are we following?**

Selections for review:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Joshua 24:14-15, 1 Peter 4:3, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 8:13-14, Proverbs 14:12

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You*

A disciple of Jesus Christ will “*bear his own cross*” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “*all that he has*” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “*his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life*” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “*life and good, death and evil*” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “*choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him*” (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “*that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord*” (Philemon 14).

SERVICE AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is led by Mr. Graf at 6:30AM in the Fellowship Hall will begin on September 3. This class will be studying the Gospel of Mark.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY meets every Tuesday at 9:15am and 7:00pm, starting on Sept. 10, in the Fellowship Hall and is focusing on the book, *Love Rules- A Study of the Ten Commandments*. All ladies are welcome to join us! If you have small children at home, you are more than welcome to bring them along!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Mr. Graf will be teaching 2nd Corinthians from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Get to know your fellow Bible Study members as you study God's Word. We hope you will join us.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Rick Krause leads this Bible Study on the *Old Testament* at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall, currently studying the book of *Proverbs*. Everyone is welcome.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS Our Special Missions project for the third quarter of 2019 is Missionary Micah Wildauer. Pastor Wildauer is a professor at the Lutheran Seminary in Dapaong, Togo. This seminary trains pastors for many French-speaking African countries. The students come from, besides Togo, Mali, Senegal, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, and Congo. Pastor Wildauer just visited Blessed Savior on June 13 and gave a presentation about the work of the Eglise Luthérienne du Togo. It is heart-warming to see God's promises unfold: “My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish that for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11) Blessed Savior is a participant in this exciting work!

DID YOU KNOW? Housing First was founded in 2015 in a co-operative effort by the City and County of Milwaukee with a mission of placing our acute homeless population into permanent residence. This was accomplished; a total of fifteen hundred homeless have been established in affordable living. Since inception, the organization has also converted from a public service organization to a public/private service organization. (Reported by WTMJ-10:00PM News 8/25/19) BSLC Hope for the Homeless and Destitute Fund

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Are you planning to pack some Christmas boxes with us this year? Now is a great time to stock up on some warm weather clothes and shoes as they go on sale! Many of the places that our boxes are sent are warmer climates and they would very much appreciate the tank tops, flip flops, shorts and short sleeve shirts!

SCHOOL BACKPACKS We are collecting school supplies to fill backpacks that will travel to children in need. Supplies are now on sale, so please consider supporting this mission. A list of items needed for the backpacks can be found on the table in the narthex.

CHURCH INFORMATION

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU!!! We had a battalion of volunteers ensuring that everything was set up and food set out for everyone. Over 280 people gathered in a feat of fellowship and delicious food. Many made and brought their favorite and best dishes to pass around. We thank all who gave their time and effort to make this great event possible. It was a beautiful show of the true Christian spirit among us. It is alive and well!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF Children ages 2 through 8th grade are invited to join us for Sunday school this year! Our year will kick-off Sunday, September 8 at 9:15AM in the Fellowship Hall with food, fellowship, and a chance to get to know your class. Families are invited to join this fun morning as well as we dive into another year of learning about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We hope to see you at kick-off!!!

PRAYER BOOKMARKS We encourage you to pick up a prayer bookmark or two! These bookmarks contain the names of all our students in preschool through 8th grade, both from the congregation as well as our preschool. Simply keep this student and his/her teacher in your prayers! Bookmarks can be found on the fellowship table in the narthex.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FELLOWSHIP & MEETING Tuesday, September 10, 6:30–8:30 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. All women are invited. Join us for a short meeting, doing some broad-brush planning for the Craft Fair, Bake Sale, and Christmas by Candlelight Dinner. We will also elect a new Secretary and Treasurer. Then the short documentary, "Period, End of Sentence" will be shown, followed by our assembly of Orphan Grain Train Feminine Hygiene Kits. In-gathering items needed for these can be brought that evening or placed in the box labeled in the Narthex: 2-gallon Ziplock bags, girls panty sizes 10-14, travel size bars of soap, washcloths, 100% cotton fabric in darker colors, snaps, waterproof PUL, twill tape or shoelaces to use as drawstrings. Please sign up on the Women's Ministries bulletin board so we can plan for seating and refreshments.

SWD-LWML FALL RETREAT September 19 – 21. Join other Lutheran Women in Mission from our District at the beautiful Green Lake Conference Center as you grow in faith and refresh your spirit. This year's retreat theme will be "Go & Tell the Story". Register today and join us for a fun, Spirit-filled weekend at www.lwml-swd.org.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT Vaughn Rognsvoog, a longtime member of our congregation, is working toward his Eagle Scout Rank, and has chosen our courtyard area as his project! He will be landscaping, laying paver stones and sprucing up the entire area that we'll be able to use for Coffee Fellowship, to walk to the playground, and to enjoy some peace in God's creation. Vaughn is fundraising to purchase the flowers, mulch, pavers and other supplies. If you would like to support his project, please make a check out to "Blessed Savior Lutheran Church" and place it in the Rognsvoog mailbox. For more information on his project, please see the project board in the Narthex.

LEAD CHILDCARE TEACHER WANTED Blessed Savior is growing and looking for a fun, energetic, kid-loving, qualified team player to join our early childhood team. Our childcare class is looking for a morning teacher and it could be you! The hours are 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and the hourly wage is \$13.00. Early childhood courses and experience preferred, but not required. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jennifer Leinss at preschool@bslc-wi.org.

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