The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their "peace offerings" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we "encourage one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

THANKSGIVING SERVICES: Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30pm.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES: Please join us for special Midweek Advent Worship Services on Wednesdays, December 6th, December 13th & December 20 at 11:00am or 6:30pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 3-year-olds through 8th grade are invited to join us weekly at 9:15am. Please note that there is no Sunday School on Sunday, November 26.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is at 9:15am and is studying the Gospels in chronological order.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of Acts on Tuesdays at 7am in the Church Library. **TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and is studying 1, 2, and 3 John.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office for more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is looking at the parables of Jesus through Scripture and the response from a LCMS Pastor and Rabbi on Wednesdays at 7pm.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7pm to study "Faith in an Anxious World". **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor DeArmond is leading participants through a longer look at the Sunday lessons.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall and will be going through the book "Mission Possible".

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FOURTH QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: As we enter the fourth quarter of our year, our Special Mission Offerings will support Bethany Lutheran Church and Food Pantry. Bethany Lutheran is located at 2031 N. 38th St. in Milwaukee and has been serving God's people since 1893! Their mission is to be a beacon of light reaching out into the neighborhood with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Some of their mission work includes distributing clothing and blankets to the homeless, making and serving food to the hungry and maintaining a food pantry. Food collected by Blessed Savior already is delivered several times a year to Bethany to help maintain the food pantry. Besides continuing to collect food, our fourth quarter Special Mission Offerings will also go to Bethany for help with these mission projects! To God be the glory!

CHURCH INFORMATION

VETERANS DAY: Veterans, we are grateful for you and the sacrifices you made so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. Thank you for your service and may God richly bless you!

FULL-TIME LEAD CHILDCARE TEACHER: Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool is seeking a compassionate individual who is caring and loving to teach our children. This position is for the lead childcare teacher in our multi-age childcare room and is a full-time with benefits position. Early Childhood Courses 1 and 2 and experience in this field is required, along with CPR and first aid training. For a complete job description or more information please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR LUMIN: Sunday School is collecting sporting equipment for LUMIN (Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative Inc.) Schools in the greater Milwaukee area. We encourage you to bring in NEW: soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, playground balls, hula hoops, and jump ropes! All items collected will be distributed throughout all 7 LUMIN schools.

STUFF THE SHELVES: Our annual "Stuff the Shelves" campaign is back for the month of November!! Join us as we bring in non-perishable food items to donate to our local food pantry. Donations can be placed in the

fellowship hall or on the lower level near the north entrance. Help us to share the love of Jesus by donating food to those who might otherwise go hungry! Donations will benefit Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry.

WARMING TREE: We will be collecting new, or like new, winter hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and jackets of all sizes, as well as blankets and boots. These items will be distributed this winter to those in need.

EVANGELISM MEETING: The Evangelism committee will be holding a meeting Tuesday, November 21st at 6 pm. Come and be a part of our planning to share God's love and grace within our community. If you have any questions, please contact committee chair BobbieJo Koski.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE SURVEY: Our Time Talent Treasure survey form has been updated. We encourage each member of every family (high school and older) to give prayerful consideration to serving the Lord at Blessed Savior in some capacity. If each member of our church would choose one new item, we would be so blessed. The survey forms are in your mailbox. Please complete and return them to the box in the narthex marked "Time Talent Treasure. "Thank you! "We have different gifts according to the grace given us." Romans 12:6 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Mark 10:45

RAISE RIGHT: We are excited to announce that Raise Right now accepts credit cards for payment, in addition to check and cash! Please note that there is a 2.6% service fee for all credit card purchases. To purchase Raise Right gift cards, please stop by the table in the hallway.

YOUTH GROUP: All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, November 19th from 6-8pm for our annual Thanksgiving celebration. Following dinner together, we'll head to the grocery store to compete in a shopping challenge that benefits local food pantries.

KRINGLE FUNDRAISER: It's time for the Youth Group's Annual Kringle Fundraiser! To order Kringles, simply stop by the table in the Narthex and purchase from one of the youth or fill out the order form that is on the bulletin board. Kringles are \$11 each and will be available for pickup on Monday, December 18th-just in time for Christmas!

POINSETTIAS: Will be available for purchase to beautify the altar on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You may place your order on the church sign—up sheet found on the bulletin board through December 3rd. Please use the envelopes by the sign—up sheet and mark it "Holiday Plants".

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT: Women's Ministry will be selling tickets for Christmas by Candlelight after the Church services starting Nov. 9th and continuing for the next three weeks. The cost is \$20.

SAVE THE DATE: Christmas by Candlelight will be held on December 5th at 6pm. Entertainment provided by David Drake, featuring his "Let there be Light" Christmas concert.

YOUNG AT HEART: Come celebrate the season with us at our Young at Heart Christmas Party, featuring the Harmony Singers! We will gather on Thursday, December 7th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST FOR JESUS: Please join us on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00-10:30 AM for Birthday Breakfast for Jesus. This is a free event for ANY children ages 3 through 5th grade. Come and hear the Christmas story, make a craft, enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast, and even birthday cupcakes for Jesus! Registration is required so we know how many kids to plan for. Please see the Sunday School bulletin board in the hallway for more information as well as a registration form. We will also need volunteers that day so if you are willing and able to help please sign up as well! Questions or for more information please see Jennifer Leinss.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We would love your help decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday, December 2nd at 11am. Lunch will be provided!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Herb Ron Karena Martinho

We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:

Dan Chance Ellie Jill Jim Ron Micah Curtis Mary Russell Julie B.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Jerry and Diane Sutton in celebration of their wedding Anniversary. **Bulletins are sponsored by** Ruth Priewe in celebration of her birthday.

Special Missions are sponsored by Carol Weber in loving memory of her husband.

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 10th- 19th

| SAT | 8:30 am Men's Bible Study | WED | 9:00 am Quilters |
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| | 9:00 am Handbell Rehearsal | | 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study |
| SUN | 8:00 am Worship and Communion | | 7:00 pm Confirmation |
| | 9:15 am Education Hour | | 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 am Worship and Communion | THURS | 9:30 am Bible Study |
| TUE | 7:00 am Bible Study | | 7:00 pm Worship |
| | 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study | SAT | 9:00 am Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 6:30 pm Elders Meeting | SUN | 8:00 am Worship |
| | 6:30 pm Women's Home Bible Study | | 9:15 am Education Hour |
| | | | 10:30 am Worship |
| | | | 11:30 am Voter's Meeting |
| | | | 6:00 pm Youth Group |

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday- Fridays: 8:00am- 2:00pm

Attendance: 226 Offerings: \$12,738.00 Needed Weekly: \$10,212.08

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