

# Beautiful Savior November Newsletter

## How can I be happy when I have little to be thankful for?

*“Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!”  
Revelation 19:9*



For many of us, as the calendar is flipped to the month of November, thoughts of turkey and pumpkin pie make our mouths water. We think ahead to family traditions that we have faithfully followed through the years. Family, food, and football all provide the opportunity to gather and reflect on the many things we're thankful for.

But for some—perhaps you—giving thanks might not be high on your “to-do” list this year. It may be that you simply don't feel that there are all that many reasons to give thanks. A lost job. Dwindling savings. Poor health. Any one of these circumstances, or a combination of them, may lead you to the conclusion that you can't be happy when you have so little to be thankful for.

But here's some good news to lift your spirit: there's a huge party being planned in heaven, and you're invited. This party is being thrown in honor of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Why? Because Jesus Christ has overcome our sin and all the evil in this world as well as its source, the devil. God has extended an invitation to all people to come and celebrate!

No, being invited to this party won't necessarily mean your career will pick up again, your savings will plump up, or your health will suddenly be restored. But being invited to this party reminds us that the struggles of this life are temporary while the blessings of the wedding supper are eternal. We can start to identify with a man in the Bible who wrote, *“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us”* (Romans 8:18). This writer was elated to know that he was going to the heavenly wedding party.

God wants more guests there too. He wants you there. He wants you to share in the joy that is yours in Jesus Christ.

We invite you to a Thanksgiving worship service at our church. Find out how others, many of whom have the same struggles and hardships that you do, nevertheless have found something to be thankful for. Come and share in the blessings they enjoy because of their invitation to the greatest party ever. Find out more about your invitation and how richly God wants to bless everyone invited to his party. In doing so, you'll truly have a happy Thanksgiving!

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*From the pen of the Pastor.* As we get into the last two months of the calendar year there will be more opportunities for worship. Our human nature might resist these opportunities and yet as the holiday season brings so many activities and busyness it is good to spend more time with your fellow Christians and with God. When we gather for worship we are reminded of the blessings that God brings us and we are able to encourage our fellow Christians and to receive encouragement from each other. Plan to take advantage of these opportunities.

**Quarterly Voter's Meeting** is set for Sunday, 11/5/2017 after the worship service. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

**Recent Membership changes.** None for this month.

**Finances and attendance.** For the month of October we have received \$8440 against a budgeted need of \$10770 (5 weeks) with one week to go. The average attendance in October so far has been 65 per Sunday compared to 65 per Sunday in 2016. Let's renew our commitment to be refreshed by God's Word on a regular basis and if you run into a member you haven't seen in church let them know that we miss them.

**Women's Bible Study** continues on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, November 20<sup>th</sup> this month. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew and it is easy to jump in even if you have not attended before. Come and join us and even invite a friend to come with you if you wish. No previous Bible knowledge required.

**Men's Bible Study** will be on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. We are going to continue our study of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. All the men of the congregation are invited to join us and bring a friend if you can. No prior Bible knowledge required. In this study Paul gives us some practical insights as we serve as leaders in the church and in our own families.

**Choir Practice** – The choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. More voices are always welcome. If you have questions, talk to Lynee Larson or to Pastor Welke

**Handicap Parking spots** – The signs have been ordered and we hope to get them installed during November.

**Tree Trimming and Decorating the Church** – will take place on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> after church and fellowship. There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School on that day.

## **As You Plan Ahead:**

11/22/2017 – Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:00 PM with coffee and pies following the service

Midweek Advent Services at 7:00 PM on: 12/6/2017, 12/13/2017 and 12/20/2017

Practice for Children's service: 12/9/2017, 12/16/2017 and 12/23/2017

12/24/2017 – Children's Christmas Service Sunday morning at 9:00 AM with brunch following

12/24/2017 – Christmas Eve worship service at 6:00 PM

12/25/2017 – Christmas Day worship service at 9:00 AM