

Do Good with Jesus

Get a Tree - Help Teen Challenge

If you are planning to pick up a Christmas tree from a lot, consider making your donation count. Teen Challenge, a loving organization that helps addicted teens and adults find freedom in Christ, is selling Christmas Trees in Gresham and on Sunnyside.

Family Worship Center, 5001 Powell Blvd, Gresham
Sunnyside Church, 13231 SE Sunnyside Rd, Happy Valley



They have premium, local fresh-cut trees, including Grands, Douglas, Nordman and Elf. 100% of the proceeds fund this community's Adult and Teen Challenge residential drug and alcohol recovery programs.

Thanks for the Life

Thank you for those that gave the gift of life through the blood drive. Up to 78 patients could receive the gift of life as each donation may help up to 3 people.

Here are the results of our November drive:

- 30 donors registered (5 walk-ins and 0 no shows)
- 3 deferrals and 1 incomplete
- 0 first time donors
- 26 units collected on our goal of 24



Our next blood drive will be on Tuesday, Feb 26. We already have 22 slots filled. If you want to reserve a time to donate, please call Maria S.

Your Gifts in Action

Jonathan Guest ministers to international students at OSU. He disciples the believers who want to reach their peers. One of students is from Vietnam. She is working on her Masters and has a great desire to speak to anyone about Jesus. She expressed a desire to attend the Urbana Missions Conference in St. Louis, MO, the last week of December. It is a conference focused on training, igniting and challenging college students to reach their world with the Good News. Jonathan asked if we had some funds available to help this Vietnamese student go to Urbana. The Sending Committee agreed to send her \$500 through InterVarsity to help with her travel costs. This amount came out of Undesignated funds, which are gifts that are specified for missions but have no other designation. Thank you for the support of Jonathan and his family and for this student to be encouraged in her "harvest" work.



BSLC Connections

SUNDAY 12/2

8:00 am Prayer in Prayer Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service
10:30 am Classes for All Ages
12:00 pm Heaven's Grace Church
1:00 pm FOL Church
5:00 pm Bethel Church
6:00 pm Women's AA-Spkr/Disc

MONDAY 12/3

4:45 pm Stretching & Breathing
6:30 pm GriefShare

TUESDAY 12/4

12:30 am Parkinson Movement Grp
6:30pm Stephen Ministry
7:00 pm AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY 12/5

2:00 pm Pinochle (Seniors group)

WEDNESDAY (continued)

4:45 pm Stretching & Breathing
6:30 pm Youth Group (6:00 Dinner)

THURSDAY 12/6

9:00 am Clothing Ministry
6:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg
7:00 pm AA Mtg-Big Book Study

SATURDAY 12/8

8:15 am Stretching & Breathing

SUNDAY 12/9

8:00 am Prayer in Prayer Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service
10:30 am Classes for All Ages
12:00 pm Heaven's Grace Church
1:00 pm FOL Church
5:00 pm Bethel Church
6:00 pm Women's AA-Spkr/Disc

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Pray for One Another

We would like to pray for you! If you have public prayer requests you can share them on the Connection Card or call the office.

Pray for Family

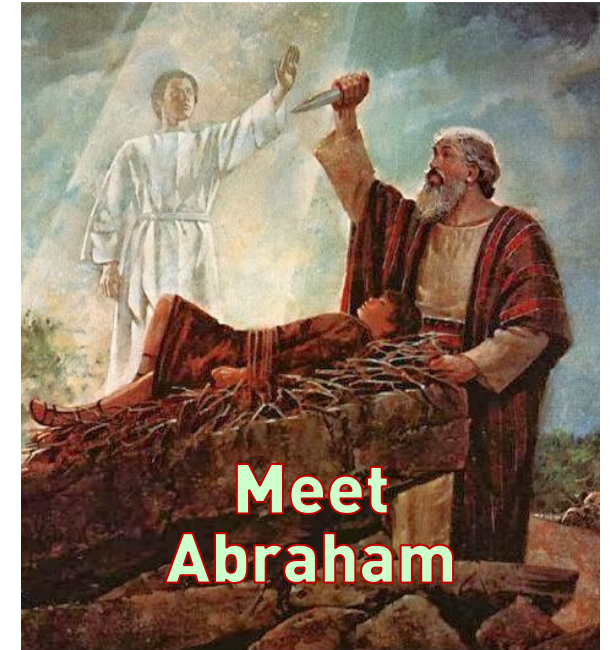
Provide strength and comfort for those struggling physically:

Pray for Community

Draw to faith in CHRIST JESUS: Katie, Tyler, Brooke, Ed, Douglas, Philip, Curt, Sue, Ronda, Tammy



**BEAUTIFUL
SAVIOR**
LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Meet
Abraham**

9:00 a.m. December 2, 2018
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
9800 SE 92nd Ave
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Today

Message Notes

- Welcome
- Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
- Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel
- Family Message
- John 8:51-58
- Message
- Confession
- Communion
- Announcements
- Offering
- Prayer
- Lord's Prayer
- Benediction

Meet Abraham

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are provided by Phyllis B in loving memory of her husband, Jim.

We have a staffed nursery upstairs for any tired or restless young ones (ages infant to 4 years), as well as a Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary with speakers for hearing the service.

December Monthly Verse

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6



CareNetwork

A Wreath to Remind Us

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. A Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays and the four white candles were lit on Sundays. We use a wreath with five candles for each Sunday and Christmas



- The first candle symbolizes hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.
- The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.
- The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy.
- The fourth candle represents peace and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace-- He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.
- The (optional) fifth candle represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day.

Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, reminding us that Jesus came as Light into our dark world.
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Communion Information

Altar: Darlene

Elders: Chuck, Kurt, Scott

In *1 Corinthians 11*, Paul tells us of the power of Communion to forgive sins and unite us to Jesus and each other. Paul invites each of us to examine our self so that we receive this gift well. Those who receive communion well are baptized Christians who:

1. Trust in Jesus as their Savior who provides full forgiveness through His death on the cross.
2. Repent of all known sins, wanting to change their life.

In this gift we received the real presence of Jesus and a real unity with each other. If you are not in agreement it is best to refrain and then come and discuss this with a pastor. If a child has been prepared for communion by formal instruction, they are invited to receive this gift. Anyone may come to receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten/soy/dairy/nut/corn/yeast-free options are available upon request.

Enjoy People & Walk Together

Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m.

KIDS COMMUNITY SUNDAY

Nursery (infants thru 3yr)
3yrs - 4yrs
K - 1st grade

2nd - 3rd grade
4th - 5th grade

YOUTH

Middle School
Sr. High



ADULTS

Joseph: Carpenter of Steel - During Sundays in December, we will learn all we can about and from Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus. It might be hard to swallow that your betrothed is with child – and by the Holy Spirit no less. But that would be only the first of many things Joseph would have to deal with. Beyond that bombshell, there was the inconvenient trek to Bethlehem with the pregnant Mary to fulfill the census, finding a suitable place for the baby to be born, later trekking down to Egypt to escape Herod's homicidal directive and, finally, the no-small matter of raising the Son of God! In this four-part video-assisted study we will examine the fascinating life and times of this New Testament "average Joe" in rich and absorbing detail.



Christmas Sing-a-Long

SAINTS LIVE Saints Alive will be meeting on Thursday, December 13th, at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with a Christmas Sing-a-Long and a festive luncheon. Christmas songs and carols will be led by Rebecca Bassett and Keith & Chris Heck along with other special music. Just as the Wise Men brought their gifts to the new born Baby, we ask that you bring gifts to benefit the Clackamas Service Center participants (whatever you did for the least of these, you did for Me). Please sign up in the lobby today or call Shirley L for more information.

CSC requests that we donate these hygiene items:

Shampoo	Body wash	Shaving cream	Feminine Hygiene items
Conditioner	Deodorant	Toothbrushes	Wipes (body, baby, and feminine)
Liquid soap	Razors	Toothpaste	

Going Deeper

Below are the groups that would welcome new people to grow and learn and care together. Contact Kathy in the office to get more information. (Some groups take a break in the summer and resume in the fall.)

Mixed Adults (couples & singles)

Thursdays 7pm (2nd/4th)

Women

Mondays 10am
Wednesdays 10am & 6pm
Thursdays 9am & 4pm

Men

Mondays 7:15am
Tuesdays 5am & 7am
Wednesdays 10am (Senior Men)
Thursdays 6am
Saturday 7:30am