



## November 19th, 2023

In the faith of Christ, we seek to invite all to live in GRACE.

Generosity- blessing as we have been blessed.

Reaching Out- caring within community.

Advocacy- doing God's work with our voice.

Compassion- loving as Jesus loved.

Encouragement- supporting one another.

[Click to read from our website](#)

## WEEKLY DEVOTION FROM PASTOR DAVID



"Good is the enemy of great." Jim Collins "Good to Great"

The Gospel is Matthew 25: 14-30

Noted Harvard business professor and author, Jim Collins, made that argument in his famous book amongst business leaders. If you settle for good, you will never be great.

The question then is, what is enough? Perfection? Who is perfect?

The saying goes, "Practice makes perfect." But does it really? Professional athletes who train all the time ALWAYS get it right? Professional musicians who play all the time NEVER hit a sour note?

The answer is, maybe they didn't practice enough? So what is enough?

If those that do it all the time, and get constant coaching by experts and surrounded by others who are also striving all the time- if they can't be perfect...

Now apply that to faith.

Am I faithful ENOUGH?

Am I good ENOUGH?

I hear that so many times from people nearing the end of their lives. Would God accept them knowing that they weren't good ENOUGH?

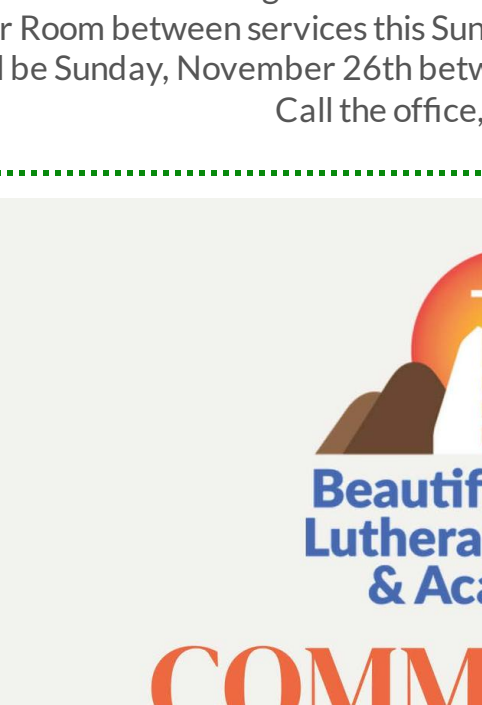
<GRACE!!!!>

We are called in faith to discipleship, to be a student, to practice. We also need to remember that practice makes progress! There is value and meaning in walking the talk, working it out, striving and learning. Notice though that we practice with what we have been given, not with what we are trying to gain or acquire. We take what is given to us.

The talent is given...will we use it, or will it stay buried unused somewhere?

May you take your God-given talents and blessings, and find ways to use them!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BSLC?



## Become Part of Our Church Family

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION THIS SUNDAY BETWEEN SERVICES

If you are interested in becoming a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, please meet in the Luther Room between services this Sunday, November 19th. The next new member orientation will be Sunday, November 26th between services, also in the Luther Room. Questions? Call the office, 520-744-2665



## COMMUNITY Concert

Gréta Pásztor, piano

Featuring the works of Claude Debussy, Alexander Scriabin, and Franz Liszt



Sunday, November 19, 2023

2pm

Free Admission

Reception to follow

7570 N Thornydale Rd.

You are invited to a concert featuring Gréta Pásztor, a third year Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance at the University of Arizona School of Music. Gréta is an award-winning pianist and Music Director at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Tucson.

This is a free concert for the community with a free will offering collected after the concert. All proceeds will benefit the performer as she continues her studies at the UoA.



## MIDWEEK WORSHIP THIS WEEK

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 7:00 P.M.

Join us for a pie social after service in Werner Hall. Bring your favorite pie to share!

You can join us live or online

[\(Zoom\)](#) and [Facebook Live](#)



## COMMITMENT SUNDAY

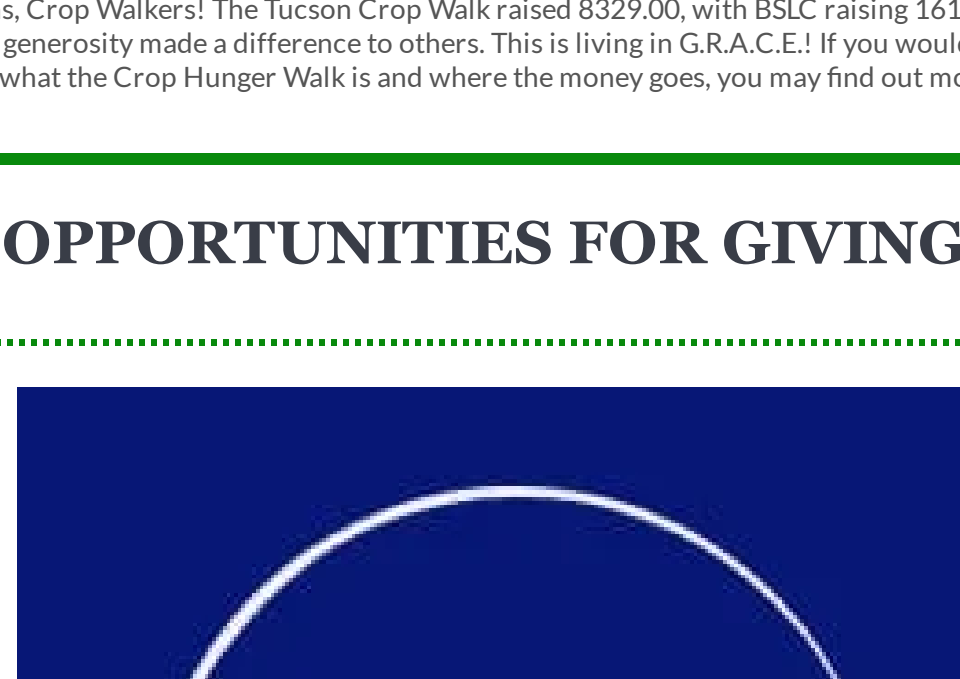
DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

Stewardship Quote: 1 Timothy 6:18 "Do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share"

The Temple Talks this Sunday will be delivered by:

Janice Molina - 8:00 a.m.

Jeanne Sisco - 10:00 a.m.



## CROP WALK UPDATE!

Congratulations, Crop Walkers! The Tucson Crop Walk raised \$329.00, with BSLC raising \$619.00 of that total! Once again, your generosity made a difference to others. This is living in G.R.A.C.E.! If you would like to know more about what the Crop Hunger Walk is and where the money goes, you may find out more [here](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:



### Help us with serving Thanksgiving Dinner to the Less Fortunate

Join us in giving someone in need a reason to be thankful. The need is great! Please join us in showing care to 300 neighbors through The Lot on 22nd.

The available donation/volunteer opportunities are listed on Signup Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FACAC2DA6FF2-45300698-thanksgiving>

Items needed:

- 40 cooked & carved Turkeys
- 320 servings of Mashed Potatoes
- 320 servings of Gravy
- 320 servings of Stuffing
- 20 large cans of Mixed Vegetables
- 80 cans of Corn
- 40 cans of Cranberry Sauces (14 oz.)
- 25 bags of Salad Mix
- 20 bottles of Salad Dressing
- 300 Dinner Rolls
- 50 Pumpkin Pies
- 15 cases of Water
- 25 donations of 12-packs of Soda or Hot Chocolate
- 25 donations of 12-packs Apple Juice boxes
- 300 disposable Salad Dressing containers
- 300 disposable Meal "To Go" containers
- 300 disposable Pie containers
- 40 disposable/reusable Aluminum Foil pans
- 20 disposable Table Covers
- Volunteers to prepare uncooked food, carving turkeys, and cutting pies
- Volunteers to pack 300 meal containers

Monetary donations are also very appreciated! Please mail it to: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, PO Box 90925, Tucson, AZ 85752 with "The Lot on 22nd" in the memo line. Please coordinate with Mary Havenhill (520-481-5684) for donation drop-off dates/times. Donations are appreciated before Thanksgiving Day if and when possible.

Any and all support is greatly appreciated! Many thanks!

### Clean Up Crew Is Also Needed!

Our BSLC volunteers for the Lot need to recruit 5-10 people to help clean up Werner Hall on Thanksgiving Day after the preparation for dinner for The Lot on 22nd St has been completed. The volunteers would need to arrive around 2pm.

Clean up activities would include the following: Clean up kitchen, wash and put away dishes, sweep and mop floors, take out trash, put away all items used for preparation of food, putting tables and chairs back if needed.

Asher Havenhill can be reached at 520-771-5994 after 3:30pm during the work week or at [maryvanderhemn@com](mailto:maryvanderhemn@com)



## LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE SOUTHWEST ANGEL TREE

We are collecting the following items for the LSS-SW Christmas drive, that benefits the elderly that may not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas, as well as children in the foster care system:

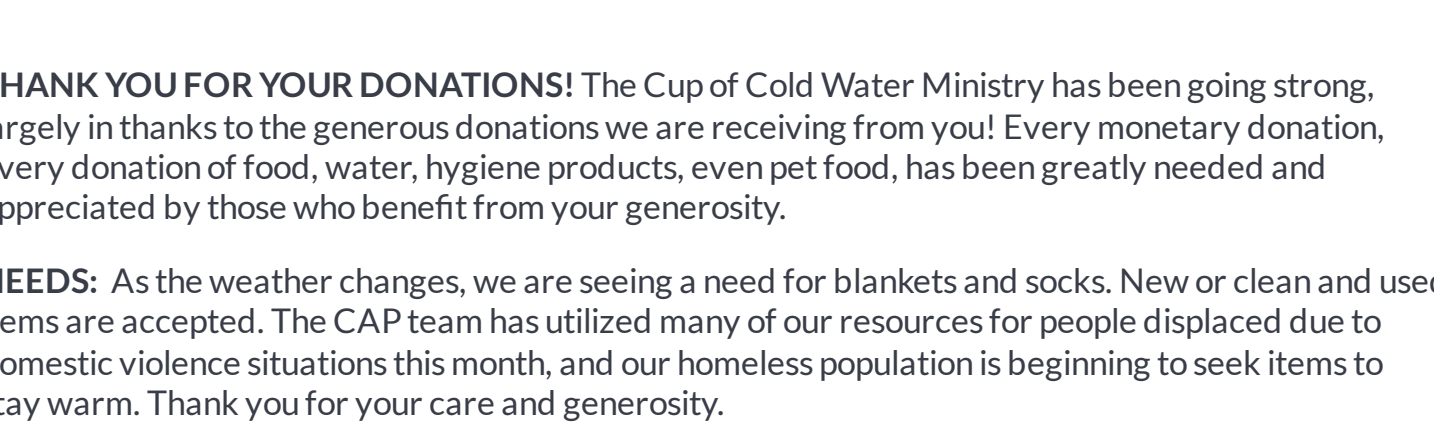
- Blankets and comforters, twin and queen sized
- Kids jackets (new) in any size
- Baby clothes (new) in any size

Pick an ornament off the tree in the narthex and shop that item.

You can shop from their [Amazon Link](#) or, you can make a [gift directly](#) and they will do the shopping for you.

Please plan to drop off all unwrapped gifts by Dec. 18th at 1pm at the church. Gifts dropped off before the deadline is appreciated to help us in planning.

### CUP OF COLD WATER



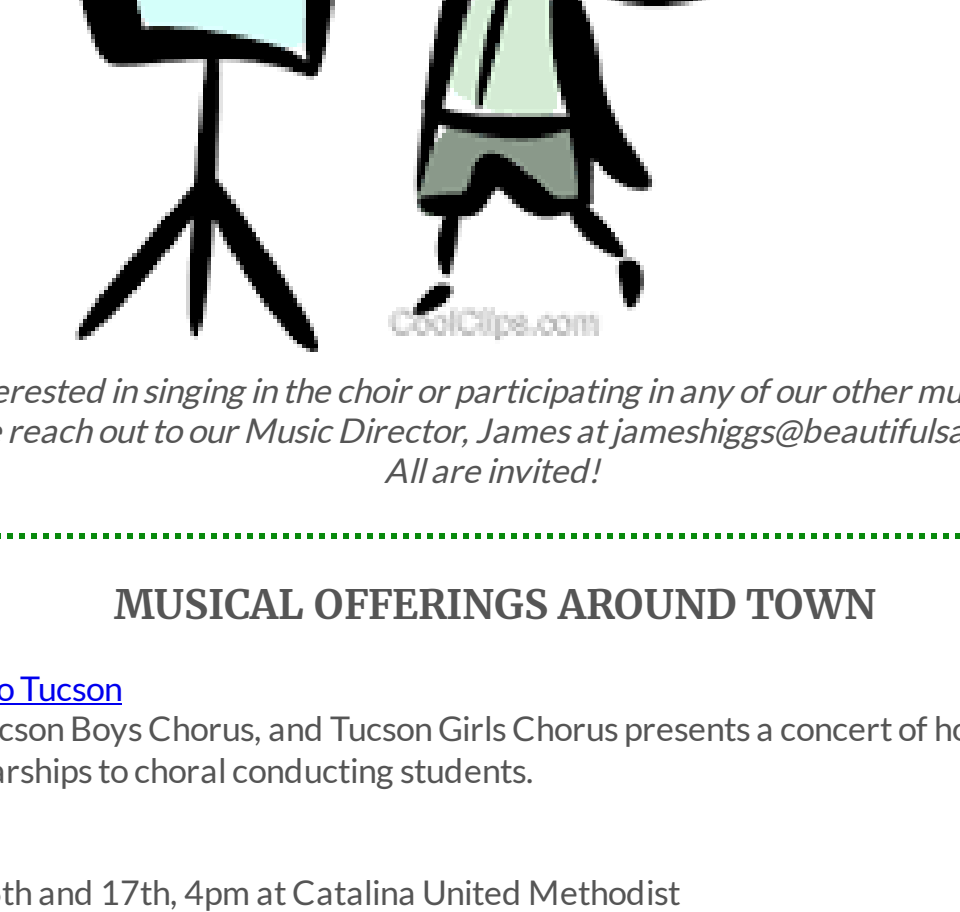
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!** The Cup of Cold Water Ministry has been going strong, largely in thanks to the generous donations we are receiving from you! Every monetary donation, every donation of food, water, hygiene products, even pet food, has been greatly needed and appreciated by those who benefit from your generosity.

**NEEDS:** As the weather changes, we are seeing a need for blankets and socks. New or clean and used items are accepted. The CAP team has utilized many of our resources for people displaced due to domestic violence situations this month, and our homeless population is beginning to seek items to stay warm. Thank you for your care and generosity.

**PRAYER TEAM:** If you cannot volunteer on Thursdays and cannot donate items for the GRACE Center, you can help by becoming part of our prayer team! Each Thursday afternoon you will get an email with a list of people who came to BSLC for help and their prayer requests. We ask that you pray for them, in any way you know how. That's it! If you would like to receive these requests, please call the office to be added to our prayer team: 520-744-2665

**TAKE A LOOK:** The award we received for the Grace Center is in the Narthex. If you would like a peak at the Grace Center and hear more about how it operates, please see Sig Smitt, Andy Anderson or Rhonda Anderson.

## MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES



If you are interested in singing in the choir or participating in any of our other musical ministries, please reach out to our Music Director, James at [jameshiggs@beautifulsavior.net](mailto:jameshiggs@beautifulsavior.net). All are invited!

### MUSICAL OFFERINGS AROUND TOWN

[Holiday Card to Tucson](#)

- UA Choirs, Tucson Boys Chorus, and Tucson Girls Chorus presents a concert of holiday music. This provides scholarships to choral conducting students.

Desert Voices

- December 16th and 17th, 4pm at Catalina United Methodist

- Our own James Higgs directs this choir and they are presenting a fun program of holiday music!

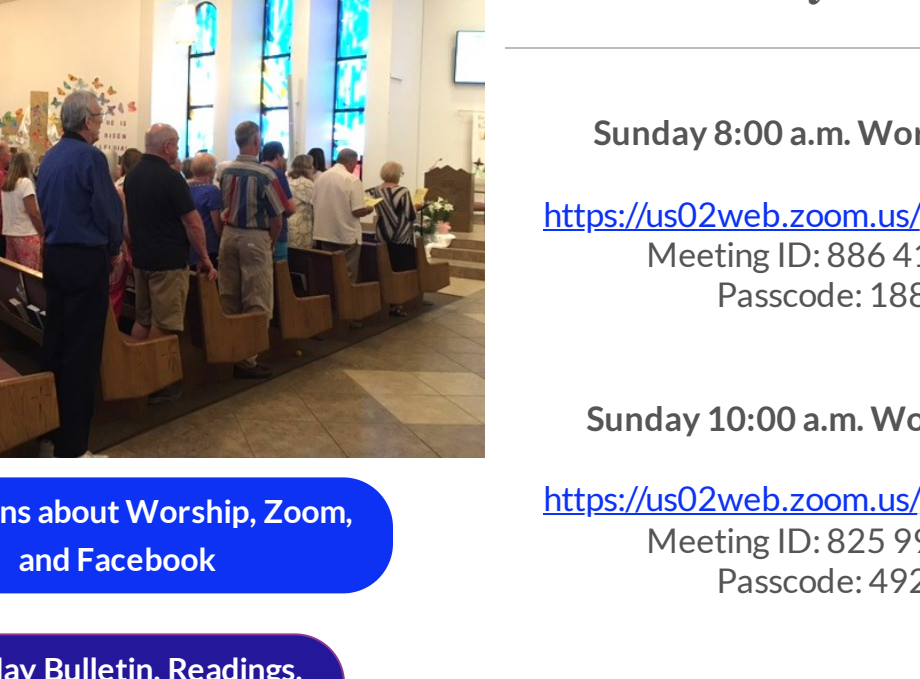
## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

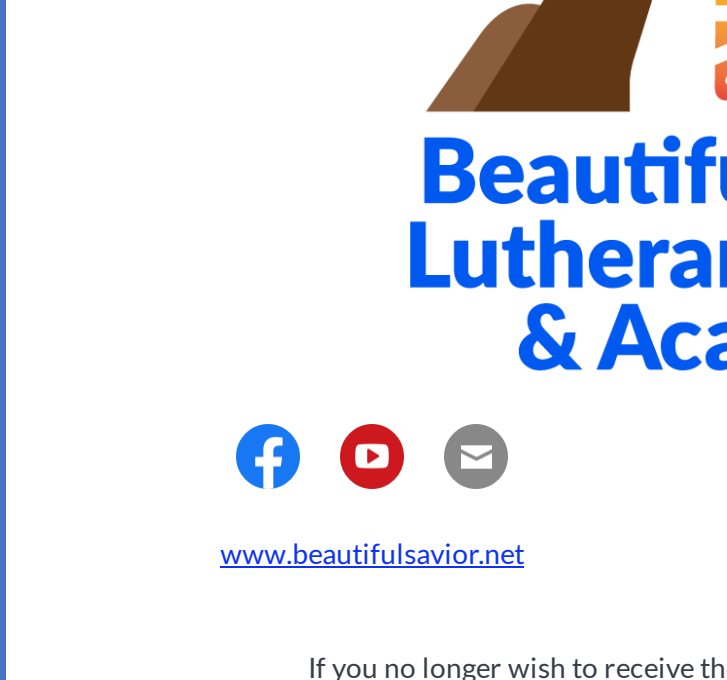
### FAITH LENS: LISTENING FOR HOPE

In the wake of recent harrowing events in the world, the latest ELCA Faith Lens explores the complexities of coping with distressing news, seeking understanding, and finding hope amidst despair. Learn more at: <https://blogs.elca.org/faithlens/author/faithlens/>



## RESOURCES FOR THE CONFLICT IN THE HOLY LAND

In addition to the posts on the [Grand Canyon Synod site](#), the [ELCA](#) has a [resource page](#) containing statements from some of our Lutheran and global partners in the region, as well as ELCA resources for a deeper understanding of the context, the humanitarian crises of the current war, and the ELCA's work for a just peace in Palestine and Israel. Click the links above to learn more.



### Sunday Worship

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship - Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88641186563>  
Meeting ID: 886 411 86563  
Passcode: 188820

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship - Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82599628068>  
Meeting ID: 825 9962 8068  
Passcode: 492256

[Directions about Worship, Zoom, and Facebook](#)

[Sunday Bulletin, Readings, Hymns, Prayers](#)

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The BSLC Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorTucson/>

Videos of the worship services, sermons only and special music will be posted on our YouTube channel as soon as possible.

Look for [BSLC Tucson](#) on YouTube.



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