

BOLDLY SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Worship Services – Saturday, 6:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00, 10:30 & 10:45 am

Education Hour – Sunday, 9:15 am

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WELCOME to members & friends who have gathered for worship. We pray that our worship together will give you strength and joy for living the Christian life.

VISITORS: If you're a visitor, please sign the friendship register in your row, and do come again. Join our church family as we grow in faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ! Please also take note of our explanation of Holy Communion. **Note: Those needing a large print bulletin may obtain one from an elder.**

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated this Saturday at 6:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 am. It is our desire that as many Christian friends as possible join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. God's Word, however, requires that one have sufficient instruction concerning the Sacrament and the unity of faith with those communing. We, therefore, ask guests who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to speak with one of the pastors before communing.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! We encourage children of all ages to experience worship with their families so they will learn how to worship little by little as they grow. By being regular in worship, they will learn much more than how to "sit through church," they will also learn the faith! Plus, they will see a good example set by the adults concerning the importance of worship. Our MOPS group has provided "Busy Bags" for the little ones, which contain fun, quiet activities to occupy them during worship. Please return the bags to the narthex as you leave. For families with a nursery need, there is child care available this morning from 9:00-11:45 (ages 0-5).

BOLDLY SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST is our vision here at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. We accept Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples of all people (Matthew 28:18-20). We are a community of believers called by God to:

- Build relationships
- Share Christ's love
- Live in God's grace
- Care for all people in need

SERVING THIS WEEKEND:

Saturday Elder: Paul Lampe; **Usher:** Randy Hackler

Sunday (8:00) Elders: Austin Wolfe & Brad Holmes; **Ushers:** Lewis Bechtel & John Flood;
Acolytes: Jessica Lampe & Danika Williams; **(10:30) Elders:** Mark Larson & Dennis Kleyh;
Ushers: Paul & Donna Boenisch; **Acolytes:** JD & JJ Mooneyham; **(10:45) Elders:** Todd Michel
& Jon Mooneyham; **Acolyte:** Sam Larsen

IN OUR PRAYERS: Police officers, fire fighters, and first responders; those serving in the military, including Cheyenne Kitzmann & James Mooneyham; those having surgery, including Debbie Breitenstein; those recovering from surgery, including Gretchen Troester, Dick Dammerman, Chris Pembroke, Ed Bliefnick, & Tami Binder; those with health concerns, including Betty Smith, Bill Milborn, Rev. Paul Schnelle, Joan Schnelle, Dorothy Eckhoff, Mary Lou Rowland, Caleb Roth, Michelle England, Linda Gibbons, Jennifer Erickson, Dolores Merrifield, Marge Schultz, Jennifer Caster, Alan Duensing, Fawn Nelson, Caison Rush, & Dorothy Campbell; those with cancer, including Patty Aten, Donna Owens, Shelly Mulling, Johynee Stewart, Eric Richardson, Janet Bergman, Jana Kindall, Al Dochnal, Butch Haynes, Sam Wagner, Ron Swenson, Terri Milborn, Barbara Allegri, Thatcher Hawk, Tonya Hunter, Christina Obenshain, & Kelli Briggs; those in hospice care; expectant mothers; those seeking employment; those in care centers, including Dorothy Andersen, Gerry Hunter, Joan Simpson & Elnora Dammerman; and those grieving.

This Wednesday, December 5 is the first Midweek Advent Service. This will be the schedule for December 5, 12 & 19:

6:00 worship

6:45 meal

7:15-8:00 midweek and confirmation

The youth will be serving “Chipotle” style bowls & burritos. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert. We will see you Wednesday, as we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

BLAZE News:

December 5th- We are responsible for the Advent Meal. If you have not signed up for a time to work and a food donation on the Sign-Up Genius please do so.

December 9th- We will be having our Annual Port-A-Party! We will begin at Waldo Pizza at 12:00pm, have a photo Scavenger Hunt, and end at the Smith’s home with dessert, white elephant gift exchange and devotion. We plan to end at 4:00 at the Smith’s home.

December 15th- We are looking for volunteers to set up and usher at our Annual Beautiful Christmas Music Program “In Awe of the Manger” beginning at 3:00, contact Jenn if your youth can help.

December 16th- We will have Praise & Worship in the Youth Room from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

BLAZE would like to thank everyone who purchased trash bags in the month of October. We raised almost \$400 toward our trips to NYG and LVR. Special thanks to **Marsha Lampe** for organizing the sale and delivery!

FIRE News: December 16th- Join us from 1:00pm-4:00pm in the FLC to prepare cookie trays and deliver them to our area first responders. After our deliveries we will have pizza, devotion and

games at the church.

Cookie Donations, Please! FIRE is asking for the congregation's help to show our first responders how thankful we are for their service. If you would like to help please bring your cookie donations to the church kitchen by 1:00pm on Sunday, December 16th. We will be packaging them and delivering them to local police stations, fire stations, and emergency rooms.

Thank You Dawn! Join us on December 23rd at 9:15 in the FLC to thank Dawn for 23 years of faithful service to our church. Come share delicious refreshments and fellowship! We'll have a basket for cards and gifts of appreciation. Have a favorite story or memory? We'll share those also! See you all the 23rd!

Once again, we will be adorning our sanctuary and Family Life Center with poinsettias for the glory of God this Christmas. **Please sign up if you would like to purchase a red poinsettia.** They are \$9.50 each. Please write your check to Beautiful Savior, with "poinsettia" in the memo line. You'll be able to take your plant home any time after the final service on Christmas Eve.

3rd Annual Beautiful Christmas Music Program "In Awe of the Manger"

Join us for a special musical celebration of Jesus' birth on December 15 at 3:30 pm at Lee's Summit North High School. Here is information for all those who will be participating:

Preschool through 6th Grade practices are Saturday, Dec. 8 and 15, at 9 am
in the church basement.

Instrument Ensemble practice will be Dec. 8 at 9 am in the Family Life Center.

If you would like to help with this year's **Respite Christmas party** on Sunday, December 16, from 3 – 5:30 pm, contact Denise Murphy at 816-229-2625 or murphyfab5@gmail.com. Do you know someone with a special needs child? Have them join our mailing list for Respite events by sending an email to respite@beautifulsavior-lsmo.org.

We are teaming with St. Matthew Lutheran Church again this year to serve the **Christmas Dinner at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church** at 711 Benton Blvd, KCMO, on Sunday, December 9. Please sign up if you can donate a pie or if you can help serve the meal. Pies need to be at the church kitchen by 10:45 on December 9. Please meet at the church by 1:15 if you would like to carpool. We will need volunteers to help serve at the church by 2:00 pm.

UPWARD BASKETBALL: Please consider helping us during January and February on game days. If you would like to referee, coach, keep score/time, or introduce players, please contact Pam Williams at (816) 524-7288 or pam@beautifulsavior-lsmo.org.

The SCIA Christmas gathering will be Thursday, December 13, from 11 am to 1 pm at Places Restaurant at John Knox Village. We will order lunch off the menu. After lunch, we will sing a

few Christmas carols and enjoy fellowship. Those attending should sign up in the communication center by December 9. If you have any questions, please call Carl Larson.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Mark your calendar and join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Sat. Dec. 22 (No worship service)

Sun. Dec. 23 (Regular worship times; no Sunday School/Bible Class)

Mon. Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

3:00 p.m. - Traditional Family Service

5:00 p.m. – Contemporary Family Service

7:00 p.m. - Traditional Festival Service (with Holy Communion)

10:00 p.m. - Traditional Festival Service (with Holy Communion)

Tues. Dec. 25 - (No worship service)

Sat. Dec. 29 (No worship service)

Sun. Dec. 30 (Regular worship times; no Sunday School/Bible Class)

Mon. Dec. 31 – 5:00 p.m. – New Year’s Eve Service (with Holy Communion)

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

SATURDAY: 6 pm, Worship/C

TODAY: **1st Sunday in Advent**

8 am, Traditional Worship/C

9:15 am Education Hour

10:30 am, Traditional Worship/C

10:45 am, Contemporary Worship

MONDAY: 6-9:30 pm, Upward Basketball Practice

7 pm, In-Home Bible Study

TUESDAY: 6-9:30 pm, Upward Basketball Practice

6:30 pm, Girl Scouts

7 pm, Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 am, Bible Study

6:00 pm, Advent Worship

6:45 pm, Meal

7:15 – 8:00 pm, Confirmation/Midweek

THURSDAY: 6-9:30 Upward Basketball Practice

FRIDAY: 6-9:30 pm, Upward Basketball Practice

SATURDAY: 9 am, Instrumentalists Practice

9 am, Christmas Program Practice

2 pm, Baptism

5-9 pm, Basement reserved (Major)

6 pm, Worship

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 am, Traditional Worship

9:15 am, Education Hour

10:30 am, Traditional Worship/Baptism
10:45 am, Contemporary Worship
12:00 noon, Blaze Port-a-Party
1:15 pm, Carpool to Our Redeemer

SAVE THE DATE:

Dec. 15 Christmas Music Program
April 13 Confirmation Speech Banquet
April 14 Confirmation Sunday

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

12/1 Mackenzie Glasgow
Connor Richardson
Donna Steele
12/2 Linda Gibbons
Kelsey Harmon
12/3 Tami Binder
Melanie Mason
Karen Resinger
12/4 Dee Kuse
Shelby Williams
12/5 Bennett Gruen
Christopher Paul
12/6 Neva Leo
Robin Meyer
Cheri Porter
Aaron Tebbenkamp

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

12/1 Don & Bobbie Pattison

SERVING AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR (December 5, 8 & 9):

Wednesday: Elders: Chris Davis, Gayle Lunning, Joel Larsen, Steve Wolters; **Ushers:** Joel & Benjamin Lampe; **Acolytes:** Caden Bichsel & Joshua Michel; **Saturday Elder:** George Dawson; **Usher:** Bob Kueck; **Sunday (8:00) Elders:** Bob Nelson & Greg Tebbenkamp; **Ushers:** Kevin Eckhoff & Robert Treece; **Acolytes:** Nathan Testa & Graham Elbert; **(10:30) Elders:** Paul Lampe & Austin Wolfe; **Ushers:** Denis Barnes & Ed Bliefnick; **Acolytes:** Nathan & Evan Murphy; **(10:45) Elders:** Mark Larson & Dennis Kleyh; **Acolyte:** Jace Nelson