

***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 Sunday at 10:45 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:** George Dawson; **Usher:** Bob Kueck

**Sunday (8:00) Elders:** Jon Mooneyham & Greg Tebbenkamp; **Ushers:** Kevin Eckhoff & Robert Treece; **Acolytes:** Nathan Testa & Graham Elbert; **(10:30) Elders:** Paul Lampe & Austin Wolfe; **Ushers:** Dennis Barnes & Ed Bliefnick; **Acolytes:** Nathan & Evan Murphy; **(10:45) Elders:** Mark Larson & Chris Davis; **Ushers:** Matt Hoyes **Acolyte:** Jace Nelson

**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, 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, including the family of Mary Lou Rowland, and Rich & Judy Olson and family at the death of Rich's sister Ruth Williams.

(Saturday, December 8, at 2 pm) We give thanks for the baptism of **MEGAN NICOLE SPENCER**, daughter of Joel & Jill Spencer. Megan was born on November 2, 2018 in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Her sponsors are Eric & Paige Ulrich. Proud grandparents are Lynn & Donna Spencer and John & Karen Finkbiner. May Megan grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Sunday, December 9, at 10:30 am) This morning we will welcome into God's family through the waters of Holy Baptism, **AUGUST WEHKING BECKEMEIER**, son of Karl & Nickol Beckemeier. August was born October 30, 2018, in Independence, Missouri. His sponsors are Kyle Durham, Courtney Durham & Eric Beckemeier. Proud grandparents are Kurt & Cindy Beckemeier and Denise (Sutter) Estes. We pray God's richest blessings on August as he grows in his faith in Jesus Christ!

**This Wednesday, December 12 is the Second Midweek Advent Service.** The schedule is as follows:

**6:00 worship**

**6:45 meal**

**7:15-8:00 midweek and confirmation**

The Trustees and Board of Early Childhood will serve casseroles. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert. We will see you the next two Wednesdays as we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** We are asking for donations of cookies for the Christmas Program on the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can donate 3 or 4 dozen cookies, please bring them to the church kitchen by 10 am the day of the program, December 15.

**BLAZE News:**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**- We will be having our Annual Port-A-Party today! We will begin at Waldo Pizza at 12:00 pm, have a photo Scavenger Hunt, and end at the Smith's home with dessert, white elephant gift exchange and devotion. We should be finished at 4:00 pm at the Smith's home.

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**- 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 16<sup>th</sup>**- We will have Praise & Worship in the Youth Room from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

BLAZE Youth Group is currently looking for members of the congregation to **sponsor youth for the National Youth Gathering** trip this summer. We would like to thank the twelve families who have signed up as sponsors. We still have 6 youth who need sponsors. Here is what is involved:

-It is \$100 to be a sponsor.

-You are invited to join your youth for one of the NYG Bible Studies before we leave for the gathering.

-You will receive notes each day from your youth while we are at NYG.

-You will be invited to attend a special reception with your youth when we return to hear all about their experience at the gathering.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to share this experience with you. Please consider becoming a sponsor. If you are interested, please talk to Lisa Smith, Jenn Larsen or Pam Williams.

**FIRE News:** December 16<sup>th</sup>- 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 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be packaging them and delivering them to local police stations, fire stations, and emergency rooms.

**Thank You Dawn!** Join us on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>!

**New Office Hours:** The new office hours will be from 8:30 – 3:30 Monday through Friday. Lisa Chapman, our new Administrative Assistant, will continue to use the email address, [office@beautifulsavior-lsmo.org](mailto:office@beautifulsavior-lsmo.org).

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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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. *The final Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade* practice will be Saturday, December 15, at 9 am in the church basement.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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, today, December 9. Pies need to be at the church kitchen by 10:45 today. Please meet at the church by 1:15 if you would like to carpool. Our shift at Our Redeemer is from 2-4 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](mailto: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 today, 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: 2:00 pm, Baptism (Spencer)  
 5-9 pm, Basement reserved (Major)  
 6 pm, Worship

TODAY: **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
 8 am, Traditional Worship  
 9:15 am Education Hour  
 10:30 am, Traditional Worship/Baptism (Beckemeier)  
 10:45 am, Contemporary Worship/C  
 12-4 pm Blaze Port-a-Party  
 1-6 pm, Upward Basketball Practice  
 1:15 pm, Carpool to Our Redeemer Christmas Dinner

MONDAY: 6-9:30 pm, Upward Basketball Practice  
 7:00 pm Fire Leadership Meeting

TUESDAY: 6-9:30 pm, Upward Basketball Practice  
 6:30 pm, Blaze Leadership Meeting  
 6:30-8:30 pm, Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 am, Bible Study  
 6:00 pm, Advent Worship  
 6:45 pm, Meal  
 7:00 pm, Christmas Program Practice  
 7:15 - 8:00 pm, Confirmation/Midweek

THURSDAY: 11-1 SCIA Christmas Gathering/Places Restaurant  
 6-9:30 Upward Basketball Practice  
 6:00 pm, MOPS

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

SATURDAY: 9-10:15 am, Christmas Program Practice  
 10-12, Praise Team Rehearsal  
 3:30 pm, Christmas Program at Lee's Summit North  
 6 pm, Worship/C

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 am, Traditional Worship/C  
 9:15 am, Education Hour  
 10:30 am, Traditional Worship/C  
 10:45 am, Contemporary Worship  
 1-4 pm, Fire Cookie Delivery  
 2:30 -5:30 Respite Christmas Party  
 6-8 pm, Blaze Praise & Worship

**SAVE THE DATE:**

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

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

- 12/8 Pam Fowler  
Michael Frazier  
Stacy Miller
- 12/9 Christopher Barrier  
Brandon Blohm  
Alice Deskins  
Andrew Jenkins
- 12/10 Dennis Kleyh Jr.  
Tony Runyon
- 12/11 Cheyenne Kitzmann  
Ennen Thurber
- 12/12 Kristen Beatty
- 12/13 Keith Day
- 12/14 Marcia Barber  
Emma Pointer

### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

- 12/8 James & Ruth Standridge
- 12/10 Norman & Debbie Baldwin
- 12/11 Joel & Linda Dickmann

### **SERVING AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR (December 12, 15 & 16):**

**Wednesday: Elders:** Todd Michel, Jon Mooneyham, Chris Davis & Gale Lunning; **Usher:** Rick Chapman; **Acolytes:** Gavin Boor & Nick Cherney;

**Saturday 6 pm Elder:** George Dawson; **Usher:** Randy Hackler; **Sunday (8:00) Elders:** Greg Tebbenkamp & Bob Nelson; **Ushers:** Joel & Benjamin Lampe; **Acolytes:** Kaela & Zachary Domsch; **(10:30) Elders:** Austin Wolfe & Paul Lampe; **Ushers:** John Bearman & Aaron Krause; **Acolytes:** Jackson Willig & Sam Larsen; **(10:45) Elders:** Dennis Kleyh & Todd Michel; **Usher:** Joshua Lampe; **Acolyte:** Lucas Barry