

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: 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:** Chris Davis & Todd Michel; **Usher:** Joshua Lampe **Acolyte:** Lucas Barry

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, 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 Teresa Gallo, Patty Aten, Donna Owens, Shelly Mulling, Johynee Stewart, 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 19, is the Third Midweek Advent Service. The schedule is as follows:

6:00 worship

6:45 meal

7:15-8:00 midweek and confirmation

The Elders are serving Chili and Hot Dogs. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert. This is the final Advent Service as we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

BLAZE News:

December 16th- Tonight we will have Praise & Worship in the Youth Room from 6-8 pm.

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: Join us today 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 are still needed.** Drop them off at the church kitchen by 1:00pm today.

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!

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.

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.

If you would like to help with the **Respite Christmas Party today** 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.

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.

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)

Please pick up your **2019 offering envelopes**. They are in your mailbox!

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

SATURDAY: 3:30 pm, Christmas Program at LSN
6 pm, Worship/C

TODAY: **3rd Sunday in Advent**
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
2:30–5:30pm, Respite
6-8pm, BLAZE – Praise & Worship
6-9 pm, Upward Basketball Practice

MONDAY: 5:00 pm, Girl Scouts
6-9:30 pm, Upward Basketball Practice
7:00 pm, In Home Bible Study

TUESDAY: 6-9:30 pm, Upward Basketball Practice
6:30 Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 pm, ECMC at Kathy Tebbenkamp's

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

THURSDAY: 8:30 am, Pastors' Conference at BSLC
6-9:30 Upward Basketball Practice
ABOUNDING LOVE CHRISTMAS BREAK THROUGH 1/2/19

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

SATURDAY: No Worship

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 am, Traditional Worship
No Sunday School or Bible Class
9:15 am, Reception for Dawn
10:30 am, Traditional Worship
10:45 am, Contemporary Worship/C

SAVE THE DATE:

April 13 Confirmation Speech Banquet
April 14 Confirmation Sunday

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

12/15 Tom Manwarren
Sarah Sunderland
12/16 Larry Arnold
Marissa Hamilton
12/17 Adam Brown
Vickie Suthers

12/18 Christian Childs
12/20 David Lantgen
Chris Sipe
12/21 Christopher Watson

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

12/16 Dennis & Rebecca Kleyh
12/18 Wendell & Lynn Smith Jr.
12/19 Wayne & Laurie Persich
12/20 Larry & Marilyn Arnold
Amanda & Tyler Asher
12/21 Curtis & Kimberly Smith

SERVING AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR (December 19, 23 & 24):

Wednesday: Elders: Jon Mooneyham, Steve Wolters, Chris Davis & Gale Lunning; **Usher:** Ed Bliefnick & Bob Kueck; **Acolytes:** Ethan & Aiden Gruen

Saturday No Worship Service

Sunday (8:00) Elders: Joel Larsen & George Dawson; **Ushers:** Dennis Barnes & John Flood; **Acolytes:** Maya Binder & Rylee Krause; **(10:30) Elders:** Greg Tebbenkamp & Bob Nelson; **Ushers:** J.R. & Johnathon Steele; **Acolytes:** Jackson Krause & Caden Bichsel; **(10:45) Elders:** Paul Lampe & Austin Wolfe; **Acolyte:** Amelia Mooneyham

Christmas Eve (3:00) Elders: Mark Larson, Greg Tebbenkamp & Brad Holmes; **Ushers:** Aaron Krause & Gunter Stein; **Acolyte:** Jayden Bennett; **(5:00) Elders:** Jon Mooneyham, Gayle Lunning & Bob Nelson; **Ushers:** Damon LaCour; **Acolyte:** Marin LaCour; **(7:00) Elders:** Steve Wolters & Joel Larsen; **Ushers:** Ed Bliefnick; **Acolyte:** Caden Bichsel & Emerson Smith; **(10:00) Elders:** George Dawson & Dennis Kleyh; **Ushers:** Kevin Eckhoff; **Acolyte:** Maya Binder