

***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 MORNING:**

**Sunday (8:00) Elders:** Joel Larsen & George Dawson; **Ushers:** Dennis Barnes & John Flood; **Acolytes:** Kaela & Zachary Domsch; **(10:30) Elders:** Greg Tebbenkamp & Bob Nelson; **Ushers:** J.R. & Johnathon Steele; **Acolytes:** Jackson Willig & Sam Larsen; **(10:45) Elders:** Gayle Lunnng & Austin Wolfe; **Acolyte:** Lucas Barry

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

**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 Roxanne Johnson, 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.

**BLAZE:** January 13 we will be gathering to watch the NFL playoffs at someone's house. Time and exact location to be announced.

**BLAZE invites FIRE for Combo Event!** January 27, 2:00pm-4:00pm in the FLC. Join us for games, food, devotion and fun! Don't miss it!

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 fifteen families who have signed up as sponsors. We still have 3 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.

**Thank You Dawn!** Join us this morning at 9:15 in the FLC to thank Dawn for 23 years of faithful service to our church. Come share delicious refreshments and fellowship!

**THANK YOU FOR THE COOKIES!** Many thanks for all the cookies that were donated last weekend. The First Responders and all who attended the Christmas program were blessed by your generosity.

**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)

**Please sign up if you would like to purchase a 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.

It’s time to renew your subscription to **THE LUTHERAN WITNESS**. If you *do not* care to renew, please call or email the church office by **no later than January 17**. If you are not currently receiving “The Lutheran Witness” and would like to start a new subscription, we’ll order one for you. **The order will be placed on January 24**. Make your check payable to Beautiful Savior for \$10.80 and note that it is for “The Lutheran Witness.”

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

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: No Saturday Worship

TODAY: 8 am, Traditional Worship

No Sunday School or Bible Class

9:15 Reception for Dawn

10:30 am, Traditional Worship

10:45 am, Contemporary Worship/C

MONDAY: 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)

TUESDAY: Christmas Day No Worship

WEDNESDAY: No Midweek/Confirmation/Small Groups  
6-9:30 Upward Basketball Practice

THURSDAY: 6-9:30 Upward Basketball Practice

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

SATURDAY: No Worship  
9-4 Upward Basketball Practice

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 am, Service of Readings and Carols/C  
No Sunday School or Bible Class  
10:30 am, Service of Readings and Carols/C  
10:45 am, Service of Readings and Carols /C

**SAVE THE DATE:**

April 13 Confirmation Speech Banquet  
April 14 Confirmation Sunday

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

12/22 Mark Horsey  
12/24 Melissa Reynolds  
Susan Stice  
12/25 Lynelle Luther  
12/26 Cindy Barnes  
Paul Boenisch  
Greg Tebbenkamp  
12/27 Brady Braamse  
12/28 Dennis Kleyh  
Jennifer Steele

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

12/ 28 Elise & Willard Barry  
Paul & Pam Lampe

**SERVING AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR (December 30):**

**Saturday No Worship Service**

**Sunday (8:00) Elders:** Paul Lampe & Austin Wolfe; **Ushers:** Joel & Benjamin Lampe; **Acolytes:** Joshua Hecker & Davin Mathes; **(10:30) Elders:** Mark Larson & Dennis Kleyh; **Ushers:** Gunter Stein & Jim Cherney; **Acolytes:** J.D. & Amelia Mooneyham; **(10:45) Elders:** Todd Michel & Brad Holmes;

**Usher:** Matt Hoyes; **Acolyte:** Nate Wernsman