

BOLDLY SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Worship Services – Saturday, 6:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Education Hour – Sunday, 9:30 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 the first and third weekend of each month, at all services. 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 the pastor 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. Our More than Moms 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.

TELL THE NEXT GENERATION is our current theme, based on Psalm 78:4, which motivates us to appreciate the heritage of faith that has been handed down to us. It also motivates us to share that faith with all. We will Tell The Next Generation with our:

- Vibrant Ministry
- Faithful Legacy
- Courageous Witness

SERVING AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR THIS WEEK (December 29 & 31):

Saturday No Saturday Evening Service

Sunday (8:00) Elders: George Dawson & Todd Michel; **Ushers:** Lewis Bechtel & John Flood;

Acolyte: Lane Wegner & Zachary Lampe

(9:30) Elders: Richard Peters & Mark Larson; **Ushers:** Paul & Donna Boenisch;

Acolyte: Lauren & Tyler Weiss

(11:00) Elders: Tab Sunderland & Damon LaCour; **Usher:** Matt Hoyes; **Acolyte:** Marin LaCour

New Year's Eve: (5:00) Elders: Norman Baldwin & Chris Davis;

Ushers:

IN OUR PRAYERS: Police officers, fire fighters, and first responders, those serving in the military, including: Cheyenne Kitzmann & James Mooneyham; those hospitalized; those having surgery; those recovering from surgery, including: Kevin Lindeman, & Bob Dustman; those with health concerns, including: Donna Lewis, Jim Clarke, Marcia Barber, Dennis Stewart, Sam Lindsey, Darla Wolters, Vonda Schnelle, Amy Rowland, Cheri Maurer, Jim Mills, Elsie Lenz, Dolores Merrifield, Fred DeHass, Darren Cheshier, Rick Posler, Keith Estes, Betty Smith, Bill Milborn, Rev. Paul Schnelle, Joan Schnelle, Dorothy Eckhoff, Michelle England, Linda Gibbons, Marge Schultz, & Fawn Nelson; those with cancer, including: Alan Erickson, Sigrid DeVita, Robert Colantino, Nancy Abbhul, Patty Aten, Donna Owens, Shelly Mulling, Johynee Stewart, Jana Kindall, Al Dochnal, Sam Wagner, Barbara Allegri, Thatcher Hawk, & Christina Obenshain; those in hospice care, including: Gerry Hunter; expectant mothers, including: Meghan Rogers, Cenedra Eaton & Rachel Vaught; those seeking employment; those in care centers, including: Dorothy Andersen, Fred DeHass, and Joan Simpson; those in hospice care; and those grieving;

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

Sun. Dec. 29 (Regular worship times; NO Sunday School/Bible Class)

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

Warm Holiday Greetings on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Abounding Love Preschool keeps adding to its numbers. We have openings for a teacher and teaching assistant Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Please speak to Katherine Palmer.

Help Wanted – We are looking for a few people who are willing to use their time and talents to help “Tell the Next Generation” all that God has done for us in Christ! Right now, we are looking for **Faith stories** from people who want to tell others about the wonders God has done in their life. Contact Pastor Jon with questions or to volunteer.

Men's Breakfast - Join us at Caribou Coffee the second Saturday of each Month at 8:00 am for your favorite breakfast beverage, food, fellowship and a brief bible study. The next breakfast will be **January 11th**. 920 NE Langsford (Hy-Vee Gas Station at 291 and Langsford). Contact George Dawson for more information.

Recent Board of Directors discussions have been focused on the opportunities to build the ministry here at Beautiful Savior by making sure we have the necessary operational funds to support the day to day activity of Telling the Next Generation. Praise the Lord, there have been a number of positive developments over the past months. Special gifts have been received, Year over Year giving has improved, and our Pre-School / Upward Basketball programs are now covering significant portions of their operational costs. All the credit belongs to God for how he blesses the church with the skills and resources necessary to carry on His ministry! As we look into 2020 we see continued opportunities to care for the ministry by filling open positions and upgrading our facilities, setting us up to have even greater impact in the future. To do this, we continue striving to practice good stewardship.

We know from bench-marking with many charitable organizations that the end of the year creates a unique window for donors to give to important causes. **If you are blessed and considering a gift to a cause that matters, we ask that you continue to consider supporting us in Telling the Next Generation (TNG) with a gift to Beautiful Savior.**

Thanks for everything you've done to support the ministry at Beautiful Savior. I wish you a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas Season.

Joel Lampe
BOD President & TNG Supporter

The Associate Pastor Call Committee would like to provide the members of Beautiful Savior with the following update:

- An important component of the call process is Beautiful Savior's congregational profile (a rather lengthy document). BSLC's profile will go to the district office by end of month.
- BSLC is pursuing both the field and seminary option. That said, the right candidate is the goal regardless of which option pans out.
- BSLC must inform the District President by the end of January if we want to engage with new grads at the seminary (if so, we must put a pause on any work on calling from the field).
- The call committee has received eight names of prospects (thank you!). We will submit these names to the District President for review.
- Please submit any other prospects here - <https://forms.gle/LAKC913RpviGi82E6> - or reach out to a call committee member.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. *The Associate Pastor Call Committee*

BLAZE High School Youth Group

- **January 4th** Trivia Night

FIRE Junior High Youth Group

- **January 19th** Lazer Tag at Jaegers 2:00 – 4:00

Basketball Concessions: Take a basketball or two from the display in the Narthex. Help the youth by providing food for the concessions stand. The money they raise during the Upward Basketball games will go toward some of their future trips and projects.

Upward Devotions: We are looking for people to help with Upward Devotions on Saturday's in January and February. If you would be willing to do a whole day or part of a day we would love to have you. Please contact Pam Williams for dates that are still available.

Choir resumes on January 16th. We would like to invite anyone that wants to sing this spring to come and join us then. The rehearsals are every other Thursday (Jan 30, Feb 14, 28)

TRIVIA NIGHT IS COMING!!!! Saturday, January 4th from 7:00pm-9:00pm BLAZE Youth Group will be hosting our annual Trivia Night. This year's theme will be "Movie Night"! Each team is invited to decorate their table in the theme of their favorite movie. We will have a prize for the best decorated table. Your team will be challenged in a wide variety of trivia categories. The cost will be \$15 per adult. Players 18-years-old and up, please. \$10 discount if you register a full team of 8. Don't have a team? We will find one for you! Admission will include movie concessions: popcorn, candy, soda, etc. Join us for trivia, 50/50 Raffle, Heads or Tails Challenge and lots of fun! Registration is now open! All proceeds go to making our summer mission trip & LVR possible! ***Babysitting will be available at the cost of \$10 per child (additional children from the same family will be \$5 each.) Babysitting must be reserved by Sunday, December 29th so that we can plan for babysitters.

New Mailboxes near the FLC: New mailboxes have been put up next to the conference room near the Family Life Center. If you would prefer to have your mailbox moved to this location, please sign the clipboard next to the mailboxes.

Small Group Bible Study: Are you interested in knowing more about Heaven through the thoughts and biblical perspectives of Chip Ingram? If so, the small group bible study groups will be getting back together for a 6 session exploration of the afterlife, and what happens the moment after we die. What will our redeemed relationships be like? Chip Ingram digs into Scripture to reveal what God wants us to know about the hereafter—and how it affects our decisions today. Heaven is a hot topic on today's bestseller lists for sure.

Our first lesson begins on Monday evening, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm. We will continue with our two groups meeting at the Village Cooperative with Joe Rinella, and at Chris Troester's home. For more information, please contact Joe Rinella or Chris Troester.

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."



BASICS CLASS

What: A class covering the BASICS of Christian teaching, using the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, and a few helpful videos.

Who: This class is for any adult (high school and up) who wants to learn. It is especially geared for those who are learning for the first time and/or those who

are interested in becoming members of BSLC (This is our adult confirmation class). It is also a great place to review if you have already learned the chief teachings of Christianity.

When: Thursday evenings, 4 weeks, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. on January 9, 16, 23, 30.

(Note: Nursery care can be made available upon request. Please indicate the need when you RSVP).

Where: BSLC's Conference Room -- 615 SE Todd George Pkwy, Lee's Summit, MO, 64063.

Why: Everyone needs to learn and re-learn the basics! These teachings are God's true Word to us concerning our need for Him, our salvation through the cross, and how He delivers His mercy to us. (Those who complete this course may join our congregation through adult confirmation if they so choose.)

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR (December 28 – January 5)

SATURDAY: 10:00 am, KcKelvey/Calder wedding

No Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY: 8:00 am, Traditional Worship

NO Sunday School/Bible Class/Small Group

9:30 am, Traditional Worship

11:00 am, Contemporary Worship

1:00 - 5:00 pm, Upward Practice

MONDAY: 6:00 pm, Upward Practice

TUESDAY 5:00 pm, New Year's Eve Service

WEDNESDAY: New Year's Day/Offices Closed

NO Worship/Midweek/Confirmation

THURSDAY 6:00 pm, Upward Practice

FRIDAY: 6:00 pm, Upward Practice

SATURDAY: 6:00 pm, Saturday Evening Worship/C

7:00 pm, Trivia Night/FLC

NEXT SUNDAY: 8:00 am, Traditional Worship/C

9:30 am, Sunday School/Bible Class/Small Group resumes

9:30 am, Traditional Worship/C

11:00 am, Contemporary Worship/C

1:00 - 5:00 pm, Upward Practice

SAVE THE DATE:

Dec 31 New Year's Eve Worship 5:00 pm

Jan 4 Trivia Night

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

12/28 Kellan Braton

Dennis Kleyh

Jennifer Steele

12/29 Sharon Dammerman

Brandon Dulin

Jordan Riggins

Sara Riggins

Kevin Smith

12/30 Deb Rinella
Lara Rutledge
12/31 Jane Petri
1/1 Kevin Cochran
Teresa Creamer
Jeffrey Kitzmann
Cody Krause
Matthew Krause
1/3 MeLinda Bogue

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

12/28 Elise & Willard Barry
Paul & Pam Lampe
12/30 Keith & Jody Diercksen
Bryce & Anita Lieser
1/1 Seth & Sandie Hanebutt

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Saturday (6:00) Elder: Greg Tebbenkamp; **Usher:** Randy Hackler
Sunday (8:00) Elders: Dennis Kleyh & John Bearman; **Ushers:** Joel & Ben Lampe;
Acolyte: Carson DeMoss & Madison Davis
(9:30) Elders: Austin Wolfe & Dan Schelp; **Ushers:** Gunter Stein & Jim Cherney;
Acolyte: Zachary Paul & Graham Elbert
(11:00) Elders: Richard Peters & Todd Michel; **Usher:** Matt Hoyes; **Acolyte:** Aidan Gruen