

BOLDLY SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

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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. **Note: Those needing a large print bulletin may obtain one from an elder.**

ONLINE WORSHIP: Can be located on our YouTube Channel, *Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church - Lee's Summit, Missouri*, or, on our Facebook Page, *Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church – Lee's Summit, MO*.

VISITORS: It's great to have you with us! We kindly ask you to fill out the attendance card. We hope that you join our church family, as we grow in faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ! Please also take note of our explanation of Holy Communion below.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated on the first and third weekend 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.

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 (January 2 & 3)

Saturday (6:00) Elder: Dan Schelp; **Usher:** Mark Hecker

Sunday (8:00) Elders: Brad Holmes & Damon LaCour; **Ushers:** Lewis Bechtel;

(9:30) Elders: Dana Schnelle & Austin Wolfe; **Ushers:** Paul & Donna Boenisch; **Acolyte:**

(11:00) Elders: Rich Peters & Chris Davis; **Usher:** Kyle Schnabel; **Acolyte:** Alexa Braton

IN OUR PRAYERS: for Police officers, fire fighters, and first responders and those deployed; those serving in the military, including: Cheyenne Kitzmann & James Mooneyham; those hospitalized; those having surgery, including: Vicki Suthers; those recovering from surgery, including: Glen Blunk, Vonda Schnelle; those with health concerns, including: Claire Kuddes, Mikki England, Loraine Gooley, Don Brown, Christina Obenshain, Gary and Pam Fowler, Matt Dawson, Rodney Lewis, Sigrid DeVita, Donna Lewis, Sam Lindsey, Darla Wolters, Elsie Lenz, Dolores Merrifield, Darren Cheshier, Rick Posler, Keith Estes, Betty Smith, Bill Milborn, Joan Schnelle, Dorothy Eckhoff, Michelle England, Linda Gibbons, and Marge Schultz; those with cancer, including: Glen Blunk, Susanna May, Randy Hackler, Hannah Larson, Teresa Creamer, Bret Getzel, Sarah Moellman, Barb Gutierrez, Robert Colantino, Nancy Abhul, Patty Aten, Donna Owens, Shelly Mulling, Jana Kindall, Barbara Allegri, Thatcher Hawk, & Christina Obenshain; those in hospice care, including: Hazel Fleck, Betty Smith; expectant mothers, including: Ashley Hensiek, Betsy Cochran and Nikki Beckemeier; those seeking employment; those in care centers, including: Dorothy Andersen, and Joan Simpson; Those with COVID, including: Kurt and Cindy Beckemeier; and those grieving;

Christmas Decoration Help Needed TODAY!!! There will be no Congregational Work Day in January. Instead we will begin to take down the Christmas Decorations after the 9:30 service in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 3rd. After the 11:00 service is done, we will finish by taking down the decorations in the FLC. We will need additional hands to store them in the garage.

Wednesday morning Bible Class – Bring your Bible and get ready to study the book of Proverbs. We will resume on January 6, 2021.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY is at 9:30 am, in the Family Life Center. We will begin a study on the parables of Jesus on January 10th.

Help with some projects! If you are a Thrivent member, you may be eligible to apply for 1 or 2 “Action Team” grants a year! It is a \$250 grant (at no cost to you!). These can help church and preschool complete some of our projects! For more information, contact Jim Yanez at james.yanez@thrivent.com. Or, talk to Rick Chapman

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 15**. 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 18**. Make your check payable to Beautiful Savior for \$10.80 and note that it is for “The Lutheran Witness.”

We need your help to Tell The Next Generation!

Overall BSLC continues to be very blessed despite the challenges that the Pandemic has caused. Although this is the case we have been watching a negative trend in giving the past 4 months that impacts our longer term vision for ministry. Our ambition is dependent on giving that supports our team of ministry professionals and facilities. The average monthly giving during July - October is down by 15% from the average in the 1st half of 2020. Projecting this forward suggests that we would fall short of our annual giving budget by as much as \$90,000. While the size of the projected gap seems scary, history teaches us to be optimistic that a seasonal bump in giving will help reduce the projected gap. This noted, we do also expect that we will need some “angel” gifts to help us achieve this year’s giving targets. If you have questions about the giving trends or may even be interested in an “angel” gift, please feel free to contact either Dave Frank or myself. Contact Information:

Joel - bodpres@beautifulsavior-lsno.org ;

Dave - BOD-DaveFrank@beautifulsavior-lsno.org

Although the trend in giving grabs our attention, our largest near term concern is for how we can support you as you *Tell The Next Generations* in your families. We know that the pandemic has impacted engagement and will impact holiday activities. Worship and Educational opportunities remain available both live and virtually. We also hope you’ll use our Christmas lights to assist in your efforts to *Tell The Next Generation*. And.... please don’t hesitate to let us know if you have another idea.

Together, Let’s Tell The Next Generation about Christmas!

Joel Lampe

Generosity – In addition to our normal, sacrificial, first fruits offerings to the Lord, we can use over-and-above offerings in this season of generosity to do great good in our church and our community. You are invited to consider giving over-and-above offerings to the following efforts: 1) “Tell the Next Generation” helps us proclaim the Good News of Jesus far and wide. 2) Our “Elder Help” fund enables us to provide relief and aid to those in need. Just write “Tell the Next Generation” or “Elder Help” on the envelope or the memo line of those additional gifts. God bless you!

2021 Contribution envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. You can also stop by during the week if you are not able to attend on the weekend. Call Lisa at 524-7288 and she will bring them to you in the parking lot.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: As winter is here, please be aware that we announce all **cancellations** via email and Facebook. So, if the weather looks questionable, please check those communications, or phone a friend who can check for you!

Sunday School

In case you haven't heard, on January 10, 2021 we're starting our brand new "Simply Loved" Sunday School for Preschool through 4th grade! We'll be singing and dancing, doing hands-on activities, meeting Bible Buddies like Guac the Iguana and Tina Termite and learning the same Bible verse for several weeks!!

This is our new schedule for Sunday School that starts on January 10th:

9:00-9:30am Welcome Activity

9:30-9:45am Opening

9:45-10:30am Class time

We will also continue to take temperatures of children and teachers as they arrive to Sunday School, use hand sanitizer, social distance, have individual supplies for each child and sanitize all classrooms and supplies after use.

We're so excited to rollout this new Sunday School program, with each lesson focusing on how we're all simply loved by God! If you have any questions or comments, please contact DCE Erika at dce.erika@beautifulsavior-lsmo.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RESOURCES:

Have you checked out our updated Children's Ministry tab on the website yet? If not, go check it out! All of our past resources can be found there! Now for this week's resource, we're looking at the last 5 family Christmas ideas listed on an article from childrensministry.com! If you want to see the first 15 ideas, scan the QR code!



16. Make hot chocolate mix, freezer jam, or a simple fruit bread. Give to neighbors or people who live near your church. Write a Christmas message on each item.
17. Join with other families to sing Christmas carols to elderly people.
18. Trade childcare with another family for an evening or Saturday so you can shop, bake, clean, decorate, or sleep.
19. Help children shop for gifts for their parents (particularly in a single-parent household). Help children wrap and tag their gifts.
20. Adopt a needy family and provide gifts and food for their Christmas celebration.

IGNITE MINISTRIES Watch for announcements on Facebook, email or sign up for text notifications. To sign up, text "blazesrhgh" to 84576 for BLAZE. Text "firejrhgh" to 84576 for FIRE. If you are not already a part of the FIRE or BLAZE "Parent Connect" on Facebook, add Erika as a Facebook Friend or contact her. DCE Erika's contact information is dce.erika@beautifulsavior-lsmo.org 402-730-7119 We will continue to take temperatures, use hand sanitizer and wear face masks so that we abide by Jackson County's recent mandates.

- January 6 – BLAZE will meet at church during Midweek from 6:30-8:00pm.
- January 10 – BLAZE will meet at church from 6:30-8:00pm.
- January 13 – BLAZE will meet at church during Midweek from 6:30-8:00pm
- January 17 – FIRE will meet at church from 6:30-8:00pm.

- January 20 – BLAZE will meet at church during Midweek from 6:30-8:00pm.
- January 24 – FIRE and BLAZE will meet at church from 6:30-8:00pm.
- January 27 – BLAZE will meet at church during Midweek from 6:30-8:00pm.
- January 31 – BLAZE will meet at church from 6:30-8:00pm. More details to follow soon!

Health order and precautions – You may have heard that Jackson County has updated its guidelines. While many establishments were affected, the main functions of what we do at church were not. We continue to operate (worship, classes, etc.) at no more than 50% capacity for each space, and we wash/sanitize our hands, wear masks over mouth and nose, and distance (6ft.) from others. Please do not come to church if you have covid, a family member with covid, a known exposure to covid, or any covid symptoms (fever, body aches, cough, etc.). If we take these steps, together we can make a visit to church just as safe as any other outing. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 1/3 Melinda Bogue
 1/4 Kristen Whipple
 1/5 Miles Metcalf
 Owen Organowshi
 1/6 Carly Meyer
 1/7 Jon Gruen
 1/8 Cody Binder

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 1/4 Mark and Dawn Larson
 1/7 Patrick and Jackie Braton

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR (January 2 - 10)

- SATURDAY: 6:00 Saturday Evening Worship/C
 SUNDAY: 8:00 am, Traditional Worship/C
 NO Sunday School/Bible Class
 9:30 am, Traditional Worship/C
 11:00 am, Contemporary Worship/C
 MONDAY: 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal
 TUESDAY; 6:00 pm, Girl Scouts/Conference Room
 6:00 pm, FLC reserved
 7:00 pm, Elders Meeting/Basement
 WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm. Midweek/Confirmation/Bible Class
 SATURDAY: 6:00 Saturday Evening Worship
 NEXT SUNDAY: 8:00 am, Traditional Worship
 9:30 am, Sunday School/Bible Class
 9:30 am, Traditional Worship
 11:00 am, Contemporary Worship

SERVING AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR NEXT WEEK (January 9 & 10)

Saturday (6:00) Elder: Norm Baldwin; **Usher:** Mark Larson

Sunday (8:00) Elders: Steve Wolters & Brad Holmes; **Ushers:** John Flood; **Acolyte:** Harper DeMoss

(9:30) Elders: Jim Yanez & Brad Holmes; **Ushers:** J.R. & Johnathon Steel; **Acolyte:** Hali Bequette-Young

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