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Growing in Jews... BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL and MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mission

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

Gather, Grow, & GO

Passover Celebration at Beautiful Savior

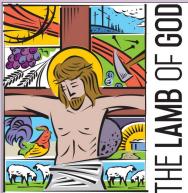
Passover is the oldest of the Jewish festivals commanded by God to be observed by His people Israel. The story that began in Genesis 12 with Abraham, reached a climax in the book of Exodus where God's people had been in slavery for 400 years.

God caused plagues to come upon the Egyptians in order to force the Pharaoh to let His people go free. The tenth and final plague was the killing of the firstborn of man and animal across Egypt. The Israelites escaped this plague by trusting in the substitutionary sacrifice of a perfect, one year old, male lamb. The lamb was to be selected on the 10th day of the first month of the year, and slaughtered on the 14th day. Some of its blood was to be painted on the two doorposts of the entrance to the house. The lamb was to be eaten that night, the 15th day of the first month, along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

That night at midnight God killed the firstborn in the land of Egypt, but He **passed over**, the houses of the Israelites. Pharaoh rose in the middle of the night and told Moses and Aaron to take the Israelites out of Egypt. God commanded the Israelites to observe the Passover each year to remember and commemorate the great and mighty deeds of the LORD.

This great and mighty deliverance from bondage in Egypt foreshadowed an even greater act of deliverance for God's people – the deliverance from bondage to sin and death. This was a deliverance made possible by the substitutionary sacrifice of a perfect lamb – the LAMB OF GOD.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, He was sharing this Passover meal with His disciples teaching them and no doubt recounting the salvation God brought to the Israelites. It was in the context of this meal that He pointed ahead to His suffering



and death by instituting the Lord's Supper. In this meal, Jesus, the Lamb of God, who was sacrificed in our place, for our sin gives us His very Body and Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Christ's blood, shed from the cross, covers us. And the glorious news is that on the Last Day God's judgment will *Passover* us.

Today, our Lutheran congregations celebrate the Lord's Supper regularly but apart from the Passover meal. However, Lutherans do continue at

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Please contact the Church office to add a request and when a prayer can be removed.

REQUESTS



Serving stateside:

- ★ Lt. Cmdr. Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.)
- ★ SGT, Casin Down-Wilson (KSARNG)
- ★ CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Campbell, Ky.)
- ★ SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron)
- ★ Caleb Schempp (KSANG)
- ★ STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Lewis-McChord, Wash.)
- ★ SPC, Nathan Wibe (KSARNG)



For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- Brad Alyea (cancer)
- Tonya Baker (cancer)
- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- **Rev. Bryan Drebes (cancer)**
- Sharon Drew (cancer)
- Jordan Ebach (cancer)
- Ken Ernster (cancer)
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- Michelle Held (cancer)
- Gary Huseman (cancer)
- John Huss (brain tumor)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma) •
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Beth Johnson (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Stephen Koontz (cancer)
- Karen Kuhn (cancer)

- Judy Landall (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorette Marsh (cancer)
- Bill Marshall (cancer)
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Dave Semro (cancer)
 - Tom Serafin (cancer)
 - Eric Shaffer (heart surgery)
 - Tyler Smith (cancer)
 - Eydie Taylor (cancer)
 - Ted Teuscher (stroke)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Kathy Woods (cancer)
- Kara Zech (cancer)

For Our Expectant Mothers: Beatrice Kastner, Allie Melton, Alison Reigel, Mary Schultz, Rachel Totten, Paige Vanderpool, and all other expectant mothers, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For the Sake of the Gospel:

For Vicar Josiah Sandcork and his wife Amanda, as they spend their vicarage year with us.

*New additions to the continued prayer list are in **bold**.











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times to celebrate the Passover meal as a way to *complete the picture* of God's mighty acts of salvation in our lives.

This year, at Beautiful Savior, we will have the opportunity to *complete the picture* of God's salvation as we celebrate the Passover on Tuesday, April 15. This will be an incredible opportunity to grow in our understanding of our connection to Old Testament Israel and see how we fit into God's plan of salvation from beginning to end. Look for opportunities to reserve your places soon.

In Christ's Service,

Parto Joel Schutz

NEWS & NOTES





The Faith Alive group transitioned to the Fellowship Hall for their March get-together. Their attendance has grown with 43 seniors attending and now room to grow! Brad Keefe presented a devotion on *Telling His Story While Telling Our Story*, written by Richard Bimler. The lesson reminds us that as seasoned seniors (ages ~55+) we have a special calling to share our faith journey with younger generations. Psalms 154:4 says it this way: "One generation shall commend Your works to another."



We want to thank Keith and Carolyn Clarke for hosting and providing some delicious lasagnas. Others brought sides and desserts to share. After dinner, we enjoyed a spirited Bible Trivia competition with rotat-

> ing teams and *sweet* prizes!









Come join us in the Fellowship Hall on **April 12, at 4:30 pm.** Contact <u>Brad Keefe, Randy Kanoy or Charlotte Hundley</u> if you would like to get on the e-mail list.





MISSIONS







Happenings at Fieldstone, Mission Southside, and BSLC this past month:

- We facilitated delivery of a sofa from Mission Southside to one of our neighbors.
- We met and shopped with two neighbors at Mission Southside (MSS has a small thrift store) – as you can see from the photo, one little shop per was quite happy to play while mama shopped.
- A couple of neighbors attended Vicar's Basketball Camp. We had a total of 21 students attend the Bas

ketball Camp with 6 additional adult helpers. A big Thank You to all who helped out with that! It was a great turn out and opportunity to practice some Bball skills but more importantly, hear about Christ Crucified. Our theme was Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ." All participants got a



Christ." All participants got a **2025** Galatians 2:20 free t-shirt and lunch. Thanks to Ron Aerni and Laser Apparel for the great t-shirts!

Met a few new neighbors at the Spring Break Lunch Bus. Volunteers and the Mission Southside bus came to Fieldstone and played with kids and handed out lunches despite the cold wind blowing! The volunteers (youth group from Grace Church) were awesome. They played with kids, knocked on doors, and delivered lunches to those who didn't brave the cold wind.

- One of our neighbors had their taxes prepared through an opportunity offered at Mission Southside.
- Looking for 4-5 BSLC members who would be willing to be in contact with 3-5 families from Fieldstone by sending emails and text messages throughout the month to be a *Connector* between BSLC and Fieldstone Apartments. The Fieldstone Team is looking to deepen relationships with our neighbors by asking for prayer requests and identifying ongoing human and spiritual care needs at Fieldstone. Responsibilities are as easy as sending and responding to text messages/emails; praying for our neighbors; and letting Vicar, Ann Campbell, or Paul Peterson know if anything of concern arises. Thanks for your consideration! If interested, please let <u>Vicar Sandcork and Paul Peterson</u> know via email.

Prayer requests:

- For Maria's son, Christian, that he would be able to find part-time job during school and full-time for the summer.
- For Amel's husband that he might find good employment.
- For Maryam who is recovering from surgery prayers for healing and that she would feel better soon.
- Prayer of thanks at the birth of Zahra and Ahmed's new baby.

We will be holding our 4th Annual Easter Egg hunt at Fieldstone Apartments April 12! Pray that many would come out for it and children and parents alike would have open ears and hearts and hear the best piece of news ever – that Jesus died on a cross to pay for their sins and rose from the dead to bring them life everlasting!

MISSIONS

Ladies from our congregation will be attending the LWML KC Crossroads Zone Spring Event on Sat., April 5, at Hope Lutheran Church, Quivera Rd., in Shawnee. We would like to send some **Gifts from the Heart** that will be distributed to Shawnee Community Services.

Please choose and donate from the following items: Canned meat, boxes or pouches of rice, potato, pasta side dishes, peanut butter (NO glass jars), and canned diced tomatoes. Please put your donations in the large, wooden box in the narthex. Since the event is com-

ing up soon, we will only be collecting through Friday, April 4.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Preschool News



Spring picture days were finally taken after being pushed back due to snow days.

While the children waited for their pictures, the Delancy children volunteered to come and read stories to them. Thank you, George, Nathan, and Isla!

The Concordia University, Nebraska Initiative for Early Childhood Education Team met at the PSD District Office this month. The team includes early childhood leaders from around the country, includ-

ing Amy Schultz (Kansas), Cheryl Haun (Missouri), Eunice McCarty (Nebraska), Andrea Lohman (Missouri), Dr. Annette Anschutz (Nebraska), and Mary Wolfinbarger (PSD).

The Concordia University, Nebraska Initiative for Early Childhood Education seeks to partner with Lutheran schools, districts, and organizations by offering innovative, accessible, and affordable systems of Gospel-

centered equipping that reflect best practices in early childhood education. Specific attention is given to the following areas: leadership development, faith formation, play-based learning, developmentally appropriate practice, and authentic assessment.

Our first Train the Trainer program will launch in June, entitled "Play-Based Learning in the Faith-Based Classroom." Amy Schultz will attend the training and share this with her staff at BSLP. The Initiative will also begin an Interactive Learning Series this fall, including topics such as leadership development, faith formation, play-based learning, developmentally appropriate practice, and authentic assessment. Clock hours and CEUs will be available for all training.

The demand for teachers of young children, from birth to age five, has steadily increased in recent years, driven primarily by workforce shortage. Equipping and supporting our LCMS preschool directors, teachers, and staff is essential. We ask that you keep the Concordia University, Nebraska Early Childhood Initiative in prayer as we begin to roll out this much-needed training and also as we prayerfully look to convert the Concordia University, Nebraska Early Childhood Initiative into a Concordia University, Nebraska Institute, which will enable us to continue to offer a range of professional development and training experiences to better equip those who may never earn an academic degree, to those seeking to advance themselves in a Bachelor's or Master's program. If you would like to make a gift to support the formation of the Concordia University, Nebraska Early Childhood Institute, please get in touch with Deb Jurchen at <u>deborah.jurchen@cune.edu</u>.



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MIDWEEK LENTEN SUPPER April 2 and 9

Served from 5:15 – 6:10 pm

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES April 2 at Noon and *6:45 pm

April 9 at Noon

(*Hymn sing at 6:30 pm)

LESSONS AND CAROLS

April 9 at 6:45 pm (No hymn sing)

Easter Schedule

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> 8:00 am Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Education Hour

10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

SEDER MEAL – April 15 at 6:30 pm

Advanced reservation is required.

Please email the <u>office@bslcks.org</u> to reserve your spot.

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY – April 17 Services at 4:45 pm and 6:45 pm

GOOD FRIDAY – April 18 Services at 4:45 pm and 6:45 pm EASTER EGG HUNT – April 19 9:30 -11:00 am EASTER VIGIL – April 19 Service at 6:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY – April 20

6:30 am

Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

7:30 – 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast

8:00 am

Easter Holy Service with Holy Communion

9:30 am

Easter Holy Service with Holy Communion

11:00 am

Easter Holy Service with Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	P	April 6	April 13	April 20 Easter Sunday	April 27
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Caleb Bahr Landon Elliott	Isla Delancy TBD <i>Crucifer:</i> Nate Delancy	6:30 am Sonrise TBD TBD Crucifer TBD 8:00 am Isla Delancy Caleb Bahr Crucifer Nate Delancy	TBD TBD
	10:45 am	Rowen Clark Aubrey Huseman	Maya Hughey Emma Ronsick <i>Crucifer:</i> Blake Hughey	9:30 am Maya Hughey TBD Crucifer Blake Hughey 11:00 am TBD TBD Crucifer TBD	Haldey Holste Skylar Sears
Greeters:	8:00 am	Tom & Brenda Bremer	Doris Baker	6:30 am Jake Lewallen/ Chuck Tuttle 8:00 am Chuck Tuttle	Riechers Family
	10:45 am	Scott & Denise Behrman	Jere & Sharon Brandt	9:30 am Scott & Angela Hodge 11:00 am Lois Clendening & Lixa Pillers	Ken & Shirley Knese
Altar Guild	Denise & Scott Behrman, Deb Hodnick, Debbie Johnson and Mary Jane Rees		Carol Brandt, Carolyn & Keith Clarke, Angela Hodge, Barb & Gary Levan, Liza Pillers, and Rebecca McDonald	Doris Baker, Carol Brandt, Deb & Dana Froelich, Deb Hodnick, Rebecca McDonald, and Gina Stoehr	Carol Brandt, Nancy & Jim DeLaney, Sam Mohr, and Liza Pillers
Education Hour Nursery:	Sheila & Aubrey Huseman <i>Helping Hands:</i> Andrew & Marissa Lippe		Jason & Alli Bauck <i>Helping Hands:</i> Sheila & Aubrey Huseman	Easter Sunday No Education Hour	Michelle & Shayla/Kaylee McKay <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt & Morgan Riechers
Counters:	Jym Fees and Chuck Tuttle		Roger Berardi and John Blakley	George Ledgerwood and Todd Scheumann	Eric Domsch, Todd Scheumann, and Bob Welsh
Altar Flowers:	Hudson Holste's Baptism Birthday		Bob & Karen Rinne 57th Wedding Anniversary	Easter Lilies	Marc & Gretchen Olson <i>35th Wedding</i> Anniversary
	TBD		In memory of Pamela Wellons' Parents		Carol Brandt In memory of Dale Brandt's Birthday
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am	
	Randall Barrett, Roger Berardi, Beau Campbell, Bob Newman, and Chris Wibe			Kurt Batten, Matt Tripp, and Rick Vaughn	

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ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
3/2/2025	467
3/9/2025	454
3/16/2025	370
3/16/2025	447
3/30/2025	415

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	6:45 pm	April 2	pril 2 April 9 Lessons & Carols		
Lenten Services	Acolytes	Layla Schepmann Caroline Stoll Sophia Teply Adam Stoll			
Holy Week	Acolytes	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> April 17	<i>Good Friday</i> April 18	<i>Easter Vigil</i> April 19	
		4:45 pm Acolytes TBD TBD		4:45 pm TBD TBD	6:00 pm TBD
		6:45 pm Emmett Gruhn Jack Gruhn	6:45 pm TBD TBD	TBD	



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