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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

What Christmas Means for You

My newsletter article for December comes from a devotional reading found in the devotion book Martin Luther Day by Day published by Concordia publishing house, December 30. Here Martin Luther aptly describes why Jesus, true God from eternity, came down to earth and took on human flesh on that day we celebrate as December 25.



Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh. 1 Timothy 3:16

"He is the promised savior come from heaven—that is, the true Son of God from eternity, for if He comes from heaven, then He must have been with God eternally. However, He descended or came down from heaven not as an angel descends and appears, and then again vanishes and goes away. Rather, He has taken human nature onto Himself and as John 1:14 says 'has dwelt among us' on earth. That is why He calls Himself here 'the Son of Man' (John 3:13), that is, true man who has flesh and blood just like us.

"However, this descent of the Son of God properly means that He has subjected Himself to our misery and distress; that is, He has taken on Himself God's eternal wrath merited by our sins and become a sacrifice for them, as He here says that 'He must be lifted up' (John 3:14).

"However, because this Man comes down from heaven, for His own person He must be without any sin, innocent, and of divine purity. Thus He is not said to be born of flesh, as we are, but of the Holy Spirit, and His flesh is not sinful, but a purely holy flesh and blood. This was so that He could make our sinful flesh and blood pure and holy through His purity and holy, unblemished sacrifice."

May the Lord fill you with awe and wonder and great joy as you once again ponder the incarnation of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Peace,

Pastor Joel Schultz

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



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



Serving stateside:

- ★ Lt. Cmdr. Michele Kerns (D.C.)
- ★ SGT, Casin Down-Wilson (KSARNG)
- ★ SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron)
- ★ Caleb Schempp (KS ANG)
- ★ FSG Brandon Seutter (KS Army Recruiter)
- ★ SPC, Nathan Wibe (KSARNG)

Serving overseas:

- ★ 2nd Lt Austin Raetzel, KSARNG, deployment to Middle East

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

- Kathy Alber (cancer)
- Patty Allen (cancer)
- Brad Aleya (cancer)
- Tonya Baker (cancer)
- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- **Dr. Gary Bertels (cancer)**
- Jeff Beverstock (cancer)
- Jackson Collins (cancer)
- **Richard Cooley (cancer)**
- Rev. Bryan Drebes (cancer)
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- **Kevin Grace (C5 palsy)**
- Michelle Hill (cancer)
- John Huss (brain cancer)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Beth Johnson (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Stephen Koontz (cancer)
- Marilyn Kucks (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorette Marsh (cancer)
- Bill Marshall (cancer)
- **Holly McFarland (cancer)**
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- **Pam Ott (cancer)**
- Edna Pitts (cancer)
- **Brad Reece (cancer)**
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Brian Schissel (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Dave Semro (cancer)
- Tom Serafin (cancer)
- Eric Shaffer (heart surgery)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Ted Teuscher (stroke)
- John Turek (cancer)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Cindy Whitney (cancer)
- Pam Young (cancer)
- Kim Zeldenrust (cancer)

For Our Expectant Mothers:: Lauren Barrett, Cassie Nichols, Rachel Totten, and all other expectant mothers, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For the Sake of the Gospel:

For Vicar Jonah Wilson as he spends his vicarage year with us.

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



NEWS & NOTES



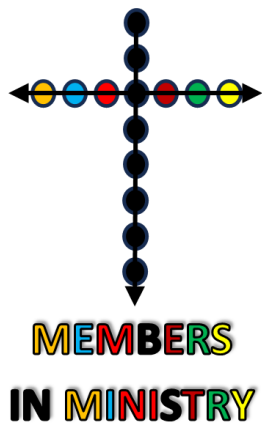
Attendance Growing!

Submitted by Gary Olson

Attendance seems to be increasing at our Family of Faith Night dinners, based on the number of people in the double line for food. Thanks be to God!

These Wednesday evening meals, many of which are sponsored by Thrivent Action Teams make it possible for families and friends to skip cooking at home to attend mid-week Bible studies or to participate in bell and choir rehearsals. Thrivent's clients have contributed more than 15 million volunteer hours in various projects through its Action Teams.

These photos were taken on November 12, when the night's menu included loaded baked potatoes, hot dogs, brats, mixed salad, and several choices of dessert bunt cakes. Additional serving and clean-up volunteers assisted our regular meal planners. Even the Holy Spirit appeared and posed for a picture, which didn't turn out. The Spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak!



For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10

Thank you for responding to our 2025 service opportunity announcements and to everyone who serves in numerous ways. Maybe the timing was not right but you are now available to serve – it's not too late. Please see the Church Directory Additional Pages for an overview of these service opportunities with contact information. We are blessed to be part of a family of faith who responds by serving.

Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.
Proverbs 16:3



NEWS & NOTES



SAVE THE DATE for December 13, 2025

Faith Alive (55+) is planning a special Christmas evening on Saturday, December 13, at 4:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a time to **RELAX** and have some **FUN**. We will be having a devotion and a special **CATERED DINNER**. (**RELAX**= Catered dinner=NO cooking!) Please RSVP to Randy Kanoy by **Thursday, December 4** so we know how much food will be needed. After dinner, we will start the **FUN**. **FUN**= Our White Elephant, Yankee Swap, Dirty Santa Gift Exchange! (Call it what you want.)

We've seen some very hilarious "gifts". If you are interested in coming, Randy Kanoy has an email with more detailed information about the exchange and the evening. We always encourage new seniors to come and join us. Any questions or interest, contact Randy Kanoy, Brad Keefe or Charlotte Hundley.

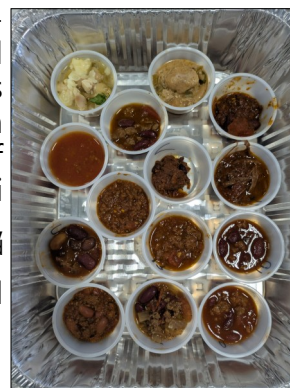
Fellowship Board News



On November 9, the Fellowship Board hosted Novemberfest after church. Food served was Bierocks, brats, hotdogs, pretzels and cheese, and fruit with desserts of peach or apple crisps. There were a variety of games played along with BINGO. Prizes were awarded to the winners. The adult pie eating winners were 1st Zach Gardner, 2nd Andrew Nichols, and 3rd Pastor Schultz. The kids pie eating winners were 1st John Yarnell, 2nd Jack McDonald, and 3rd Andrew Stoll.



On November 16, prior to the Voter's Meeting, the Fellowship Board held a Chili Cookoff. Attendees tasted 14 different chilis along with cinnamon rolls and a variety of desserts. The winners of the chili cookoff were 1st place Dave Elliot, 2nd place Paul Peterson, and 3rd place Lisa Gruhn. Thank you to all who participated.



MISSIONS



MISSION SOUTHSIDE CHRISTMAS STORE

Please help us support Mission Southside's Christmas Store again this year. Grab a tag from the Christmas tree in the narthex or breezeway, purchase the item, return the **unwrapped** new gift to church and place under the tree display no later than December 7.

Neighbors in our community who have applied – like our neighbors at Fieldstone – are then able to shop at Mission Southside on Dec. 13 and 14 and choose gifts for their children as well as stocking stuffers, among other benefits. There will be volunteers on hand to help them shop, wrap their gifts and pray with them. If you have questions, contact Ann Campbell.

Prayer Requests & Thanksgiving

- For our connectors Nancy DeLaney, Tamara Morin, Reece Berens, Cameron Ziegler, and Amy Schultz! We are so thankful for their contributions in cultivating relationships with our Fieldstone families!
- This month we continue to highlight the amazing team at Mission Southside, especially Program Manager Nick Wagoner! We are blessed with an amazing partner in the faith who relentlessly supports our neighborhood teams.
- Thanksgiving and abundant joy for the generosity of our family of faith at Beautiful Savior! Your free-will offerings on November 9 and 23 allowed our neighborhood families to buy groceries with \$150 Walmart gift cards the week of Thanksgiving.
- Thanks and praise for our neighborhood team at Beautiful Savior, especially this month Ann Campbell. Ann is the glue and an incredible gift to our ministry at Fieldstone, meeting new families, providing transportation, groceries, and even rent assistance! She is truly a joy to be a partner in ministry with!
- BSLC helped several neighbors with rent in the last month. Two single moms who are struggling due to SNAP benefits interruption and an disabled woman who he is waiting on Section 8 housing which can't come soon enough. Please pray it comes through soon for her.
- Met with a Latina woman and her niece who lives with her. The niece just had twins. This past month, we delivered a rocker/glider my daughter donated and a baby swing. Babies take a special formula that is \$30/day. Hope to help with that as well as newborn size diapers.
- Paul Peterson brought one of our neighbors at Fieldstone to Bible class and church last month. She was confirmed as an adult at Redeemer. We pray she continues to join us!
- Greg Koontz took meals to another neighbor who gets dialysis treatments and is very weak on those days. Please pray for her health.
- We participated in a fun Trunk or Treat event with Fieldstone management. Thanks to Pastor Ada, Roger Berardi & Beau for transporting the grill and cooking! Thanks to the Walz family for setting up a trunk and to Lily for passing out candy!



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MISSIONS

- Last Bible story discussion for the year was November 22. The October Bible story was held on the 25th. It was the first one inside at BSLC's Fellowship Hall. Greyson Huseman read the story and Vicar filled in and led discussion. Attached are a couple photos.
- We continue to serve just under 30 households, 95 persons each week. We will not deliver food the weeks of Thanksgiving or Christmas. But we will be preparing a greeting card with a Walmart gift card included for Christmas time as well.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Women of Beautiful Savior you are invited to join us for Advent by Candlelight - The Light Has Come at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 6 at 6:00 pm. It will be an evening of fellowship and reflection, as we focus our hearts and minds on the true meaning of the Advent season - the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall with appetizers and salads, then move to the sanctuary for a brief program of scripture, songs, and candle lighting. The program will reflect on the words of the Old Testament prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah, God's own Son, who would redeem His people from their sins. We will see how these prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus in the New Testament. We will end the evening with dessert and fellowship.

This event is for women and girls (6th grade and older), members and guests alike. Please sign up if you are able to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert and if you can host a table. We also need volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. You can sign up through [SignUpGenius](#) or you may also RSVP directly to [Christy McCombs](#). **Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 3.** If you have any questions about this event, please contact Christy McCombs .

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION




We had a busy November at BSLP! Our Family Engagement Committee organized our first ever Preschool Pizza Party. We gathered in the Fellowship Hall for pizza, fruit, cookies, art, tricycles, and lots of other large motor play. Our families had a chance to enjoy a nice meal while meeting other families from our school. We also celebrated our first ever Book Blast when our books arrived. The children were given fun hats as prizes and every child in our school received at least two books for their home library. Generous donors of our preschool families shared gifts



that allowed us to bless each child in our school. Many of our students received a set of over 10 books. We also celebrated our blessings by donating cereal, granola bars, and fruit cups for the Back Snack program at Pioneer Trail Middle School. It was a great month of giving thanks to God for all of the ways that He provides for us through our church's preschool ministry!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

		December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28		
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Jack Gruhn Caleb Bahr	Maya Hughey Connor Hughey	Charlotte Gardner TBD	Charlotte Gardner TBD		
	10:45 am	Greyson Huseman TBD	Greyson Huseman TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD		
Greeters:	8:00 am	Mary Jane Rees & Bob Welsh	Nichols Family	Nick & Ashley Walz	Bob & Karen Rinne		
	10:45 am	Lewallen Family	Mark & Sara Zarnstorff	Norm & Linda Jagels	Scott & Angela Hodge		
Altar Guild	Keith & Carolyn Clarke Dana & Deb Froelich Gary & Barb Levan		Angela Hodge Deb Hodnik Sam Mohr Mary Jane Rees	Denise & Scott Behrman Jim & Nancy DeLaney Debbie Johnson	Doris Baker Carol Brandt Rebecca McDonald Gina Stoehr		
Education Hour Nursery:	Kyle & Jessie Tsai <i>Helping Hands:</i> Ashley & Adam Stoll		Andrew & Marissa Lippe <i>Helping Hands:</i> Michelle & Shayla/Kaylee McKay	Sheila & Aubrey Huseman <i>Helping Hands:</i> Zach & Alaina Booth	Michelle & Shayla/Kaylee McKay <i>Helping Hands:</i> Andrew & Cassie Nichols		
Counters:	Randy & Jeanne Knoy		Roger Berardi John Blakley	George Ledgerwood Todd Scheumann	Eric Domsch Todd Scheumann Bob Welsh		
Altar Flowers:	<i>TBD</i>		<i>Zoey Booth's Baptismal Birthday</i>	<i>Kellan Mahnken's Birthday</i>	<i>Christmas Poinsettias</i>		
	<i>TBD</i>		<i>George Ledgerwood's Birthday</i>	<i>TBD</i>			
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am			
	Zach Gardner, Bob Rinne, Karen Rinne, Kent Thompson, and Justin Wingerter			Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, and Dennis Smith			
Advent and Christmas Worship Services	Midweek Services at 6:45 pm	Wednesday, Dec. 3	O Antiphons Service Wednesday, Dec. 10	Lessons & Carols Service Wednesday, Dec. 17			
		<i>Acolytes:</i> Jack Gruhn & Jack McDonald		<i>Acolytes:</i> Emmett Gruhn & Christopher Chapa		<i>Acolytes:</i> Christopher Chapa & TBD	
	Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Services	4:00 pm	6:00 pm	8:00 pm	Alter Guild		
		<i>Acolytes:</i> Charlotte Gardner TBD		<i>Acolytes:</i> Jack Gruhn Emmett Gruhn		<i>Acolytes:</i> TBD TBD	
		<i>Acolytes:</i> Doris Baker Denise & Scott Behrman Carol Brandt Dana & Deb Froelich Angela Hodge					
Dec. 26, Christmas Day	9:00 am		<i>Acolytes:</i> Isla Delancy Charlotte Gardner		Jim & Nancy DeLaney		
New Year's Eve	6:00 pm		<i>Acolytes:</i> TBD		Carol Brandt		

ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
11/2/2025	424
11/9/2025	426
11/16/2025	387
11/23/2025	395
11/30/2025	392

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[Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church](#)

8 am & 10:45 am
Sunday Education Hour
9:30 am
Sunday Worship

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Advent Supper: Fellowship Hall 5:30 – 6:15 pm
Midweek Advent Service – **6:45 pm** (Hymn sing 6:30 - 6:45 pm)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Advent Supper: Fellowship Hall 5:30 – 6:15 pm
Midweek Advent Service – **6:45 pm** (Hymn sing 6:30 - 6:45 pm)
This O Antiphons service focuses on the hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Advent Supper: Fellowship Hall 5:30 – 6:15 pm
Lessons and Carols Worship Service – **6:45 pm**
This service of Lessons and Carols focuses on the prophecy and fulfillment of the coming Christ in Scripture and song.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent Service with Communion: 8:00 am and 10:45 am
Education Hour: 9:30 – 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Service with Communion: 9:00 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

First Sunday after Christmas Service with Communion: 8:00 am & 10:45 am
Family Education Hour: 9:30 – 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year’s Eve Service: 6:00 pm



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