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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Inform and Inspire phases of the Trusting Hearts Capital Campaign are over and we are now in the 3 year Impact phase of the Trusting Hearts Capital Campaign. Before we set the stage for the Impact phase, it is important we look back and give thanks to God for blessing the congregation at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church with such faithful stewards of His gifts.

We began planning and organizing the Trusting Hearts Capital Campaign in July of this year. **Kerri Schlef** and her team played an integral role in developing and designing all communication pieces during the campaign. **Keith Gloe** and his team organized town hall meetings to hear and address concerns of the congregation. **Kerri** and **Keith** did an awesome job of setting the stage for the campaign and getting it started off right! **Danny Hundley** and his team collected everyone's concerns and expressions of thanksgiving and offered them to our Lord in prayer. **Tom Bremer** and his team worked with congregation members who graciously opened their homes or invested their time in hosting cottage events for the Impact phase. **Phil Freese** and his team worked with individual members to help them explore various means by which they could gift investments or portions of their retirement accounts to the campaign. **Ashley Stoll** and her team organized and facilitated the celebration events that took place during the campaign. **Chris Martin** and his team worked with our youth developing plans to raise funds and design the youth space for the new fellowship hall. **Sheila Huseman** and her team designed activities to get the children of our congregation excited about the campaign. **Brad Keefe** and his team informed the community at large and former members of Beautiful Savior about the campaign and our vision for serving the community going forward. **Amy Schultz** and her team engaged our pre-school families about the campaign and created a video that did an awesome job of showing the impact our congregation has had on the pre-school families. **Adam Holste** and his team followed up with all families that did not turn in a commitment card on Commitment Sunday. **Mia Schreiner** and her team were the glue that filled in gaps and made sure all teams had the resources they needed. **Danny Tutwiler** with LCEF held us accountable and reminded us God will provide for us immeasurably more than we could ever imagine. Finally, **Pastor Schultz**, delivered sermons, cottage meeting devotionals, and Bible studies that reminded us of our role as stewards of God's gifts. In all, over 100 people at Beautiful Savior gave of their time and talents contributing to the success of this campaign. It wasn't one individual, but a team of people working as one Body in the Church of Christ to glorify our Lord and Savior. As a result, our congregation received 138 pledges totaling **\$1,875,215!** For our First Fruits giving on December 8th, **\$403,926** was collected! These totals will allow us to begin construction on a new fellowship hall in Spring 2020!

Now, during the Impact phase, we will move forward with our eyes set on the commitment total and the plot of land to the north of our current facility. It is important we continue to pray for God's guidance through the Impact phase and the construction of the fellowship hall. The Impact phase will be managed by myself, Impact Director Kerri Schlef, and Pastor Schultz. We will provide periodic updates on the progress of the campaign and construction of the new building. Should you have any questions or concerns over the next 3 years, feel free to contact myself, Kerri, or Pastor Schultz.

Merry Christmas,

Trenton Travis, Trusting Hearts Capital Campaign

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

will take place this evening, Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm. This will take the place of the evening worship service. If you have any questions talk to Amy Schepmann (amyschepmann@hotmail.com).



MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR THE BSLC STAFF! For those who would like to acknowledge our staff this Christmas, the Board of Elders is collecting monetary gifts to be distributed just before Christmas. You may place your gift of cash or check in the envelope provided in your mailbox and drop it in the decorated Christmas gift box located in the narthex by Sunday, December 22. Thank you for your loving generosity!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS If you would like to provide a poinsettia for our Christmas Services, you can do so by signing up on the sheet in the narthex. The poinsettias will be **\$13.00** this year. You can designate your poinsettia to be in memory of someone, or any other reason. Questions? Call Sharon Kester 913-782-7964.



FAITH ALIVE

January - We are planning a BINGO Night on Sat., Jan. 11 from 6:30-8:30pm in the fellowship room. Bring snacks to share. Also, bring ideas to plan activities for the new year! For any questions or if you would like to be included, email Danny Hundley (dannyhundley@aol.com) We'd love to have you join us!

COUNTERS NEEDED – Please call Todd Scheumann 916-809-6373 or email afits@aol.com if you are interested in this opportunity.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! A Special Christmas Eve Choir is forming to sing at the 6:00pm and 8:00pm services on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be Saturdays December 7, 14, and 21 from 10:30-11:30am. Please plan to attend at least two of these rehearsals. Contact Lauran.Delancy@gmail.com with questions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL In this week's lesson, "A Nativity Night," Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable serves as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announce the birth of the Savior to ordinary shepherds, who hastened to worship the child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. Ask one another, "How can we share the message of the birth of the Savior today?"

CHILDCARE IS NEEDED for the Thursday morning Bible study group. Hours are approximately 9:15 - 10:45am, which includes any set up and clean up needed. Please contact Michelle Wibe at the church office regarding your availability and questions about locations and pay. The group meets weekly except when school is not in session.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT 20/20 THEME IS FOCUS ON CONNECTIONS - our connections with our Savior and one another through Visual Faith practices. We will do that by incorporating visual elements and responses to our Bible study, prayer time, and connections with others. **Save the dates: February 21 & 22!** It will be held at church this year to eliminate travel to an outside venue, with Fellowship and Introductions on Friday evening, home to sleep and then the retreat sessions Saturday morning until 3 p.m. Watch for more information and registration information in the coming weeks! For more information contact Eden Keefe.

WOMEN OF BSLC, you're going to want to invite your gal pal's to an evening of fun, encouragement, and love.... Oh, and there'll be snacks; always snacks! We are

so excited to kick off 2020 with a wonderful guest speaker (and member of BSLC), Kristin Clark! She will present a lighthearted but also insightful talk on fear and how we push through to become the beautiful creation God created us to be. This is sure to be an evening you won't forget! See you on Monday, January 20th @ 6:30pm. If you have questions please reach out to Tiffany Harkins nateandtiffwed@hotmail.com

MISSIONS

THE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF KANSAS CITY'S LOST AND FOUND THRIFT STORE, located at 12104 Blue Ridge Blvd. in Grandview is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are needed to price and organize donated items; clean donated items; sort incoming items and put out-of-season items back into boxes for storage; assemble display boxes; label bed linens with sizes; measure curtains & label with dimensions; run the cash register, & much more! To volunteer at the store, contact Gina directly at 913-271-4405, sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844aeaa28a13-lost>.

LUMA FOOD COLLECTION For the month of December, we will be collecting food for the Jesus El Buen Pastor Food Pantry that is sponsored by LUMA (Lutheran Urban Mission Agency). The pantry has a great need for food that has a pop tab for opening the can. Many in the homeless community do not have access to a fridge or stove. The pantry would like the 19 oz. size cans of soup; cans of vienna sausages, spam, etc. Please make sure the food you buy has this type of opening. Aldi has a nice selection of different kinds of soup. Contact Charlotte Hundley (322-0042) with any questions.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

*Connecting children and families to Jesus
as we gather, grow, and go.*

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS will be Monday, December 16th at 6:00 and 7:15 pm. Cookie donations are welcome if you'd like to share with our preschool families. The children are excited to share *Starry Starry Night* with their families this year. Church members are welcome to come and hear our sweet children share the message of Jesus' birth! We'll have our classroom Christmas parties later in the week and

then our last day of school before Christmas Break will be on Friday, December 20th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TEACHER ASSISTANT (PART-TIME) We are currently looking for a friendly and competent Teacher Assistant to join our team. If interested, please contact Mrs. Nancy Jankowski at jankowski@hopelutheran.org or call 913-631-6940.

SPECIAL SERVICES & PROGRAMS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT w/ Communion

Sunday, December 15, @ 8:00 & 10:45am

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 15 @ 6:00pm

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Monday, December 16, @ 6:00 & 7:15pm

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE, "O ANTIPHONS"

Wednesday, December 18 @ 7:00pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT w/ Communion

December 22, 8:00 & 10:45am, 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES w/ Communion

Tuesday, December 24, 4:00, 6:00, & 8:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE w/ Communion

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00am

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS w/Communion

Sunday, December 29, 8:00 & 10:45am, 6:00pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE w/ Communion,

Tuesday, December 31, 6:00pm



CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 15

8:00am – Worship w/ Communion & Booth Baptism
 9:30am – Education hour
 10:45am – Worship w/ Communion & Holle Baptism
 12:00pm – Booth Baptism dinner (Fellowship Room)
 4:00pm – Beata Ringers Rehearsal
 6:00pm – Children’s Christmas Program
 7:00pm – Church Council

Monday, December 16

8:30am – Preschool Music Practice until 1:30pm
 6:00pm – Preschool Christmas Program
 6:30pm – LWML
 7:15pm – Preschool Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 17

9:30am – Organist Practice
 1:00pm – Staff Meeting
 6:30pm – MUSIC PRACTICE
 7:00pm – Happy Helper 4H Club

Wednesday, December 18

6:30am – Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
 9:30am – Organist Practice
 6:00pm – Confirmation
 6:00pm – Pre-Confirmation
 6:00pm – Youth Group Advent Devotion
 7:00pm – Midweek Advent Service “O Antiphons”

Thursday, December 19

7:00pm – Women’s Bible Study

Friday, December 20

8:00pm – Senior Youth Lock-in

Saturday, December 21

8:30am – Altar Guild Sunday Prep until 9:30am
 9:30am – Christmas Bells Rehearsal
 10:30am – Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 22

8:00am – Worship w/ Communion
 9:30am – Education hour
 10:45am – Worship w/ Communion.
 6:00pm – Evening Worship w/ Communion

**GOD GAVE US THE BEST GIFT
 POSSIBLE WHEN HE GAVE US
 HIS SON. BECAUSE GOD GAVE
 HIS BEST, WE WANT TO GIVE.**



“For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Birthdays:

December 15	Christopher Chapa, Sheila Huseman, Rev. Richard Pingel
December 16	Noah Denker, Melanie Smith, Christi West
December 17	Kevin Brumley, Sue Gehrt, Evan Herrs
December 18	Alaina Booth, Lillian Flores, George Ledgerwood, Kellan Mahnken, Anita Mariani, Jeanne Sumstine
December 19	Cooper Olson
December 20	Michael Butler
December 21	Kurt Batten, Brian Beisner, John Blakley, Kelly Grace, Shirley Knese, Travis Mozden, Rebekah Raetzal,

Anniversaries:

December 17	Richard & Becky Hainje
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Our Worship 12/8/19

Offerings	\$16,312.00
Trusting Hearts	\$414,624.00
Worship	319
Thanksgiving Eve	181
Sunday School	
Offering	\$90.76
Attendance	202

Stewardship Corner

The very beginning of Jesus’ life on earth revealed episodes of giving. At the birth of Jesus, shepherds from the field went to the birthplace to give praise to God and to worship the newborn king. The shepherds said, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us” and they went “glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them” (Luke 2:15-20). Later Magi came and they “opening their treasures, they offered [Jesus] gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh” (Matthew 2:11). Before they gave their lavish gifts, they fell down in worship to the new born King. Their gifts expressed their great joy.