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Updated Mask Policy for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

The purpose of this message is to convey the unanimous decision from the Board of Elders, with the Pastors included in the discussion, to lift the mask mandate at Beautiful Savior effective immediately. This outcome is in line with the Johnson County Commissioners recent decision to let the county's mask mandate expire. (*Note: The Johnson County Commissioners and the CDC still "strongly recommend masks in public spaces."*) Personally, I will continue to wear a mask during Worship Service and Bible Study and will be respectful of each of your personal decisions.

It is a tough topic to talk about, but more important, is what the decision could do to our congregation. Some have said, "Shouldn't we mandate masks to love our neighbor?" while others say, "Masks and social distancing are a joke." I have read, "I won't come back to church until you mandate masks" and elsewhere, "I won't come back to church if you mandate masks." The elevation of the doctrine of mask wearing over the doctrine of Christ holds the potential to divide our congregation. **We CANNOT let this happen.**

Let us be reminded that *"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23 ESV) The Gospel teaches that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. He died both for those who wear masks and for those who do not. **He died for all of us, and that is truly the most important thing.**

Parking lot Communion services continue to be offered in conjunction with the late service at approximately 11:20am. If you are apprehensive to join in live worship, please do make sure you are still receiving God's gift of forgiveness through Holy Communion. During distribution, both inside and outside, Pastors and Elders will continue to wear masks and gloves.

A couple more thoughts. If you are feeling sick, please stay at home and watch Worship and Bible Study online and return when you have recovered. If you are not wearing a mask and see seats next to people that are, perhaps ask if it is okay to sit, put on your mask, or find another spot with more distancing.

Finally, if there are any questions or thoughts you would like to share, please reach out to me (via email at lericolson1@gmail.com or by phone at 913-523-6290) or contact your elder directly. If you need to know who your elder is, simply go to your listing in the church directory and you will see his name.

Thank you for your attention. I pray we get to see each other Sunday in church **at** BSLC to receive His gifts through Word and Sacrament!

In His Service,
Eric Olson
Chair, Board of Elders

MEET OUR NEW VICAR!

Greetings to all at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, I am absolutely thrilled to be joining all of you in Olathe in my year of vicarage! My name is Zach, my wife's name is Latashia, our two-year old daughter is Tinley, and we are expecting our second child (another girl!) with a due date of August 1. We are eager to meet all of you, serve alongside you, and to learn from you all.

I received my bachelor's degree in Biblical and Theological Studies from Liberty University in May of 2019, although my undergrad years were all over the place! I first attended a Junior College close to my hometown in northeastern Colorado. My second year was spent at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. It was the summer between my first and second year of college that I met my beautiful bride, and we were married July 23, 2016 in Colorado Springs. I finished my undergrad online so that I could also work full-time while adjusting to married life. Latashia grew up in the Ohio valley about an hour away from Pittsburgh, and she graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Exercise Physiology. We lived in Colorado Springs until we moved to St. Louis to start seminary in June 2019.

Latashia and I are both huge baseball fans! I am a Rockies fan (thank you for your sympathy), and Latashia is a Pirates fan (again, the sympathy is appreciated!) I am also a huge hockey fan and my Colorado Avalanche have been a treat to watch the last few years. Latashia loves to work out and she is trying her hardest to transfer some of that love to me! We both love to go hiking and take walks together. Tinley loves the playground and doesn't love the walks as much. She has also learned the words to Jack and Jill and we will be hearing her grace us with that song for a while as she just loves to sing (especially at church)!

I understand that you have had a vicar every year for some time, and I am excited and humbled to be a part of that succession. Mostly, I promise to come prepared to learn all that I can and to be formed into a faithful servant of the Church. My family and I are so grateful to be invited into your church family for the next year and we are just so eager to be welcomed into your midst and to get to know you. The Lord's richest blessings to you all!

In Christ,

Zachary Roll



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of Life for Bill Rinne Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 2:00 pm

My family and I will plan to be there by 1:00 pm. Masks are encouraged. Following the service, a light lunch will be offered at the church, and all are welcome. The service will be live streamed on BSLC You-tube channel.

God bless each of you and my thanks abound for all of your expressions of sympathy since Bill's death on December 10, 2020. Donna Rinne

ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS SPRING? Attention graduating high school seniors and college graduates, you should have received an email that requests information regarding your graduation and future plans. Please take a moment to provide this information and return as soon as possible. If you are graduating from high school or post-secondary degree and do not receive this email, please call the church office so that we can get this information from you. Graduation Recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 16th. Please mark your calendars for that day so that you can be celebrated!

LAWNMOWING HELP NEEDED!! We need several people to help with lawn mowing. Some of our volunteers from last year are unable to continue. If interested, please contact Mike Johnson at 816-686-5478 or email him at 33215mikej@gmail.com.

ALTAR GUILD is looking for help as we welcome more members back to in church worship. Our responsibility include cleaning the altar area and filing the oil candles. This can be done anytime during the week. Sunday duties include setting up communion for 8 and 10:45 services, and cleaning up after each service. Couples are invited or we can pair you up with another person. Please email Carol Brandt at ddcabrandt@att.net or call 913-645-3780 if you are willing to help or have any questions.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Young Adult Ministry has been meeting over the past few months to discuss the history of the Christian church, based on our reading *Christian History Made Easy* by Dr. Timothy Paul Jones. It has given us the opportunity to reflect on what the Church has dealt with in the past and how it informs our actions for today. It has been my pleasure going through this with you all. For those who are interested in joining, you can still feel free to come and join us at Beautiful Savior in the sanctuary from 7:30 – 9:00 pm or at 7:45 pm on BSLC's YouTube page online for our remaining sessions. See below for our remaining dates for this:

- May 6th (Chapter 9) and May 20th (Chapter 10)
- June 3rd (Chapter 11) and June 17th (Chapter 12)

KIDS GROW UP. FAMILIES MOVE. CELL PHONE NUMBERS CHANGE. Please take a moment to review your family's information and picture in the Instant Church Directory app (or website <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com>). To edit your family's profile - Click MENU - Click EDIT MY FAMILY - Make your changes - Scroll down to the bottom - Click SUBMIT EDITS. Thank you for making it easier for the church to contact you and for members to put names with faces. (Instant Church Directory is only accessible to members of BSLC.)

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL In today's lesson, "A Whirlwind Ascent," Elijah take Elisha along as they travel from place to place. Along the way, they meet the sons of the prophets, who warn Elisha on Elijah's impending departure. Upon reaching the Jordan, Elijah parts the river with his cloak, allowing them to cross over. There, Elisha asks to receive a double measure of Elijah's spirit. Chariots and horses of fire appear, and God takes Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind. Gathering his master's cloak, Elisha continues the elder prophet's work.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Lectionary Images for May 9

https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-05-09_lectionary-images.pdf

Children's Worship Notes May 9

https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-05-09_childrens-worship-notes.pdf

VBS REGISTRATION BEGAN ON MAY 3!

Join us for God's Wonder Lab

June 7th - June 10th

Questions: See Amber Goeglein, Kara Herrs, Kerri Schlef.

In-Person VBS Option (capped at 105 kids - ages 3 (and potty trained) until they have finished 5th grade).

Virtual VBS Option via the sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4FAEAD2AA46-gods>

Volunteers (must have finished 6th grade)



SOCIAL MINISTRY

THANK YOU for all the donations that have been given to the Pioneer Trail Backsnack program this school year. School is almost over and they have enough cereal and fruit cups to finish the school year. The coordinator wanted me to pass along their sincere appreciation for our participation in this program. I assured her that we would continue our tradition of supporting Pioneer Trail in the next school year. Thanks again!

SACK LUNCHES the time has been extended thru the end of May. We will be collecting food items to be included in sack lunches that Metro Lutheran Ministries will distribute to those in need. Last year the number of lunches they gave out each day had drastically increased – 6000 in a two-month period. The need is till there. Our goal is 300 lunches. The lunches will be assembled as one of the mission projects planned for the children participating in VBS in June.

We will focus on providing the protein items that the people prefer. The single serve boxed tuna salad kits and

the chicken salad kits are well liked; as well as turkey and beef sticks. They also enjoy the fruit cups instead of applesauce cups.

Please add these items to your grocery list:

Tuna salad kits (Snack size – approx.. 3 oz.)

Chicken salad kits (Snack size/ approx.. 3 oz.)

Turkey and Beef sticks (indivi. wrapped)

Fruit cups (not applesauce)

Our goal for the MLM sack lunches is 300. Here are the counts so far: Tuna/Chicken salad kits (approx. 3 oz preferred): **102**; Fruit cups (No applesauce): **176**; Beef/Turkey sticks: **67**. The sack lunches will be assembled at VBS June 7-10. Please consider donating to this mission project. There is a poster in the narthex of samples of what to buy or contact Charlotte Hundley with any questions.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY TEA



Pre-K children held their Mother's Day Tea events this week for their moms. The children made hats, special presents, and art work to give their mom. They sang songs for their moms, visited together,

took pictures, and then were sent out with special cookie treats from the bakery, Crumbl. All of our classes were taped singing songs for their parents. We're making a Spring Program video for all of our parents to enjoy. Next week on Thursday is our last day of school for the school year.

OUR PRESCHOOL TEAM was blessed by our church and school this Teacher Appreciation Week! Our families brought flowers through the car line for three days and two of our Preschool Board members arranged the flowers for every teacher on staff. We had huge bouquets for every teacher PLUS more flowers to grace our narthex with this week. Thrivent Action Teams sponsored a special catered lunch for our staff on Wednesday and our parents and even church members have been bringing in cards and gifts all week. We are so thankful for our Beautiful Savior family and their tremendous love and generosity this week!

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE LOST & FOUND THRIFT STORE benefiting Lutheran High School's scholarship fund is in need of volunteers to work a day per week or a day per month or more. The Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-3pm. Volunteers are needed for cleaning/dusting, washing clothes, sorting, pricing, floor workers, and checking out customers. Support your Lutheran High School and volunteer your time - call Lohren Meier at 816-309-7856 or the store at 816-673-1099 to sign up. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE "AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART ANNUAL AUCTION-32nd EDITION."

Lutheran High School of Greater Kansas City has been involved in spiritually and academically leading the young people of this region for over 40 years. For over thirty of those years we have asked our community to support these efforts by participating in our annual auction. This year's Live Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at the school, with an online Silent Auction beginning May 8th. If you did not participate in last year's auction, you may register for this year's event online under the Auction tab of the lhskc.com website. Tickets may be purchased through the website after May 8th. Save the date on your calendar today, and prepare to share your heart with the ministry of Lutheran High School.

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL is seeking a highly motivated individual who is excited about working as a full time Kindergarten Aide in our Classical Christian School. Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree or substantially similar educational background. Experience with Kindergarten aged children is a plus! Individuals interested in learning more about the position are invited to speak with School Principal, David Rindt. David.Rindt@clcop.org or 913.754.5888.

ARIAL VIEWS OF PROPERTY

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Beautiful Savior Lutheran Youth Groups



Please help raise funds for our new youth group room, and Mission Trips!

Please fill 33 gallon bags with items listed below.

Your donation is tax deductible & we will provide you with a tax receipt.

Drop off at BSLC starting the week of May 16th. Bring your items to the downstairs church entrance between the hours of 8:00 and 4:00 or by appointment if after hours. Delivery to Savers takes place on 05/21 for drop off and weigh in at 4:00.

If you are in need of a pick up our Senior Youth and family volunteers are happy to do that. Just let us know how we can help you. Please share this collection with your family, friends and HOA neighborhood groups. The more we collect the more we earn.

Thank you for your support, Beautiful Savior Youth Groups.

Got Questions: Jennifer Bertels 913.735.5817 or Jennifermbertels@gmail.com

Please pack all items in a 33 gallon bag



CLOTHING



SHOES



BEDDING / LINENS



HATS, PURSES, BAGS



JACKETS



BOOTS



TOWELS



BELTS, JEWELRY, BACKPACKS



<https://www.savers.com/fundrive>

CALENDAR:

Sunday May 9

8:00am - Worship w/ Comm. & live streamed
9:30am – Education Hour live and streamed
10:45am – Worship w/ Rite of Confirmation
11:20am – Parking Lot Communion – gather for
concurrent communion w/ sanctuary
1:00pm – Music Prep and Recording until 3:00pm
3:30pm – Laudate Ringers until 4:15pm

Monday, May 10

8:30am - Preschool
12:15pm – Preschool
7:00pm – MOPS in sanctuary

Tuesday, May 11

8:30am - Preschool
9:30am – Organist Practice
12:15pm – Preschool

Wednesday, May 12

7:00am – Men's Bible Study
8:30am – Preschool
9:30am – Organist practice
12:15pm – Preschool
7:30pm – Adult Handbells

Thursday, May 13 LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL

8:30am - Preschool
9:30am – Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)
12:15pm – Preschool
6:30PM - Trustees
7:00pm – Women's Bible Study

Saturday, May 15

8:30am – Altar Guild Prep until 9:30am

Sunday, May 16

8:00am – Worship w/ Comm. & live streamed
9:30am – Education Hour & Live streamed
10:45am – Worship w/ Communion
11:20am – Parking Lot Communion – gather for
concurrent communion w/sanctuary
1:00pm – Music Prep and Recording until 3:00pm
3:30pm – Laudate Ringers
7:00pm – Church Council

Birthdays:

May 9 Beth Travis, Jeff Seutter
May 10 Dave Seutter, David Wellons,
Trish Shiever, Eric Domsch, Meg Voigt
May 11 Marcus Taege, Olivia Bodenshtab
May 13 Bruce Lurtz
May 14 Ann Campbell
May 15 Katie Hiller, Dakota Pierson, Caleb Bahr

Anniversaries:

May 9 Al & Rayema Martin
May 12 Tim & Suzanne Spear, Pat & Barb Gossen

Our Worship for 05-02-21

8:00am	144
10:45am	115
You-Tube streaming	107
Total	366
Offerings	\$14,320.00
Sunday School	19.75
Trusting Hearts	\$6,678.33

Offerings do not include any Electronic Contributions.

Stewardship Corner

In the explanation of Third Article of the Apostle's Creed, we read, "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith..." Through this explanation of the Third Article of Sanctification, we are helped to understand the work of the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, in both bringing us to faith and in nurturing our faith. Through faith, we are compelled to use our lives and resources to serve others and extend God's kingdom.

AS GOD'S STEWARDS, WE ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL THAT HE ENTRUSTS TO US.

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy"

(1 Corinthians 4:2).

