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December 7, 2025

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Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Advent Supper – Fellowship Hall 5:30pm – 6:15pm
Lessons and Carols Worship Service – **6:45pm**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 w/Communion – 8:00am and 10:45am Education Hour – 9:30am – 10:30am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Service w/Communion - 9:00am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

First Sunday after Christmas Service w/Communion – 8:00am and 10:45am Family Education Hour – 9:30am – 10:30am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Service – 6:00pm



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIA SIGN-UP



If you would like to help decorate the altar with poinsettias for our Christmas services, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by the Altar Guild room. Each plant will have 5+ blooms and includes a gold sleeve. The **last day** to sign up is **Wednesday**, **December 10**th.

The cost is \$16.00, and checks can be made out to BSLC with "poinsettia" on the memo line. Please use the green envelopes in the Narthex or mail your check to the church.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE BSLC STAFF!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior draws near, please consider the staff at BSLC when creating your shopping list. Each year the Board of Elders collects monetary gifts for distribution prior to Christmas day. This year we will collect until Sunday, December 21st, and we utilize three options for giving: You may place your gift of cash or check in the wooden Christmas gift box located in the narthex, you can give through the Vanco mobile app, or contribute via Venmo (@BSLC-StaffGift). Thank you for your loving generosity! Feel free to call or text Jeff McDonald with any questions at 913.961.5602.

Jeff McDonald – Board of Elders

2026 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN UP

A new flower chart has been posted for 2026. It is posted on the wall by the altar guild room. **The cost is TBD** as waiting on a cost per arrangement from the florist. Last year, the cost was \$40 per arrangement. Please sign up and list the occasion for the flowers. Thank you for adorning the altar with flowers!



FREE COMPUTER MONITORS AVAILABLE THIS SUNDAY

Beautiful Savior has 13 surplus computer monitors (5–10 years old, all in good working condition) available between services this Sunday (12/7) in the Fellowship Hall breezeway. Great for use as a second screen at home!



Monitors are **free**, with optional **free-will donations** supporting the church's IT budget. A **40" Sony non-smart TV** is also available.Questions? Contact **Fred Gruhn** at **fred.gruhn@bslcks.org**.

LETTERS FROM THE PAYNE FAMILY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Payne family went to Germany for an Africa Region Continuing Education. We visited Wittenberg with all other LCMS missionaries from the Africa Region. You'll never guess who our instructor was! Check out the newsletter below to find out. While we were in Germany we also visited Bryan's brother's family who had recently moved to Ramstein with the US Airforce. Germany was full of Paynes!



If you'd like to know more about this picture and see how the Lord has been working in our lives over the past month, download our newsletter by clicking the link below. Thank you for your prayers and may God bless each of you.

DOWNLOAD NEWSLETTER

STAINED GLASS WINDOW SCRAPBOOK



In 2001, numerous BSLC families contributed to crafting the 16 small stained-glass windows in our sanctuary. A 12x12" scrapbook was created to

document this project, featuring photos of the families, the windows, and background information. Unfortunately, it has gone missing, possibly during recent flood repairs or construction. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in finding this important piece of our history. Please contact Pamela Wellons.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In today's lesson, "Mission Wonders," Jesus gathers seventy-two followers and sends them out to the surrounding towns and villages. Taking nothing with them, these disciples depend on the willing welcome of local residents. There they remain, healing and spreading God's Word. Returning from their mission, the seventy-two rejoice in the many miracles they witnessed. Jesus reminds them to rejoice in their salvation.

WORSHIP RESOURCES Lectionary Images for December 7th

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My Worship Notes for December 7th

https://www.bslcks.org/wpcontent/uploads/2025/12/2025.12.07-My-Worship-Notes.pdf

HEALTH MINISTRY

BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAY

On Sunday, stop by our table during fellowship time and have your blood pressure checked by one of our members of the Health Ministry committee.



GRIEFSHARE CLASS JANUARY 2026



You are invited to join our upcoming GriefShare seminars, a 12 session series designed to help you heal from the pain of grief due to the death of a loved one. This is open to the community.

The sessions will begin on **Saturday the 10th of January**, from **2 to 4 p.m**. in the Narthex Conference Room and conclude on Saturday March 28th.

You may register for the series and purchase a workbook on the <u>Griefshare.org</u> website under Find a GriefShare support group.

Please contact Jere Brandt for additional info or insight.

FIELDSTONE

FIELDSTONE MINISTRY – HYGIENE ITEMS

We are adding some tags to our Christmas Tree displays in the narthex and breezeway for hygiene items. We would like to include these items in the

food boxes we deliver to our neighbors. We currently serve 29 households totaling 95 persons! The quantity on the tag is a suggestion, purchase what you are comfortable with. Please place the items in the wood mission box in the narthex. Thank you for your



generosity and showing love to our neighbors in this way! Any questions, ask Vicar Wilson or Ann Campbell.

DECEMBER FIELDSTONE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Beautiful Savior is in partnership with Mission Southside to distribute food to families at Fieldstone Apartments here in Olathe. We meet every Friday at 2:45pm at Mission Southside 514 S. Kansas Ave. in Olathe to box groceries and then drive to Fieldstone Apartments where we deliver them to our families at their apartments. We are usually done by 4:15pm. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please click on the link below to sign up. Thank You!

<u>Congregation: Fieldstone Food Distribution</u> (signupgenius.com)

MISSIONS

MISSION SOUTHSIDE CHRISTMAS STORE



Please help us support Mission Southside's Christmas Store again this year. Grab a tag from the Christmas tree display in the narthex or breezeway, purchase the item, return the unwrapped new gift or gift card to church and place under

the tree display no later than December 7th.

Neighbors in our community who have applied – like our neighbors at Fieldstone – are then able to shop at Mission Southside on Dec. 13th & 14th and choose gifts for their children as well as stocking stuffers and 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: acampbell2298@gmail.com.

BACKSNACK PROGRAM

We are continuing this school year to support the Pioneer Trail Middle School Backsnack program. We need:

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- Cereal (regular-size, not family-size boxes)
- Fruit cups (not applesauce)
- Granola/breakfast bars

Please watch for far-from-expiration dates since they cannot distribute expired items. You may put your donations in the large, wooden donation box in the narthex. Pioneer Trail is very thankful that we continue to support them through the years. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Hundley.

FAITH ALIVE

SAVE THE DATE – DEC. 13, 2025 – FAITH ALIVE



Faith Alive (55+) is planning a special Christmas evening on Dec. 13, at 4:30p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy an evening to RELAX and have some FUN! We will be having a devotion and a special CATERED DINNER. RELAX = Catered dinner = No cooking!

After dinner we will have some crazy FUN with a "White Elephant, Yankee Swap, Dirty Santa GIFT EXCHANGE." Randy Kanoy has an email with more detailed information about the gift exchange and events of the evening. Contact him with your interest and RSVP. RSVPs are needed to plan for how much food we will need. We always encourage new seniors to come and join us. If you have any questions, contact Randy Kanoy, Brad Keefe or Charlotte Hundley.

YOUNG ADULTS

YA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us for the Young Adult Christmas Party as we

celebrate the season with food, games, music, and fellowship. The party will be December 14 at 6:00pm at the Ohlman's house. Bring small



gift under \$20 for our gift exchange and come ready to enjoy a joyful evening together!

YOUTH BOARD

CHRISTMAS CARDS NEEDED!

Youth will be delivering cards and cookies when they go caroling, so the youth board is looking for donations of unused holiday cards with a religious theme. If you have any you'd be willing to donate, please drop them off in the mission box in the narthex or give them to Pastor Ada by Dec. 7th.



SENIOR YOUTH ADVENT DEVOTIONS



Senior Youth are encouraged to attend devotions on Wednesday evenings during Advent. Beginning Dec. 3rd, Pastor Ada will meet with the senior youth in the youth room

from 6:00-6:30. Youth can then stay to participate in the hymn sing and midweek Advent services.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Congregation members are invited to join youth of all ages and their families to go Christmas caroling on Dec. 14th. The youth board is hosting a soup and sandwich lunch following the late service, followed by

singing and delivering cookies to members of the congregation that are home-bound or in



need. Youth will decorate cookies during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome to come spread some holiday cheer!

Confimation students can count this as a family service project as well!

JOURNEY IN JANUARY AT CAMP LUTHERHOMA

Senior Youth (9-12) are invited to attend *Journey in January* at Camp Lutherhoma in Tahlequah, OK from

Jan. 16-18th, 2026. Journey in January is a high school winter weekend retreat planned and led by a high school leadership committee. The weekend is full of Christian growth, fellowship, fun,



food, and friends. We will arrive Friday night between 8 & 9pm and depart Sunday morning at 11. Watch your email for the registration form. Cost for BSLC youth is \$100. Registration and payment are due to Pastor Ada by Dec. 21st. Questions can be directed to Michelle McKay or Pastor Ada.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



Advent by Candlelight, *The Light Has Come* is on Saturday, December 6, at 6:00 PM. This event is for women and girls 6th grade and older, members and guests alike. 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.

After our program, we will return to the Fellowship Hall for more fellowship and desserts.

PRESCHOOL

THIS WEEK

We had a snowy return to school this week on Monday and then a late start on Tuesday. We are thankful that everyone was safe during this first snow of the year! We're starting to see Christmas decorations and hear Christmas songs throughout our building as we prepare for Jesus' birth and our upcoming Christmas programs. We're also very thankful for BSLC's prayer and care email group who is currently reaching out to our preschool families to ask for prayer requests this December. It's wonderful to have the care of our church members for our families here at BSLP!



LUTHERAN HIGH

PARENTS NIGHT OUT



LCMS KANSAS DISTRICT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends in Christ, Joy to the world, the Lord is come! May God bring you and your loved ones abundant blessings as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Be sure to check out this month's *Workers Together* newsletter for important information and upcoming events!

To view or print the December *Workers Together* issue, click/tap the following link: *Workers Together*, *December*.

You can also find the newsletter by visiting the Kansas District website at https://kslcms.org. Scroll down the homepage and look for the "Workers Together" icon. Also visit the Communications page on the website to view the newsletter.

THIS WEEK



Sunday, December 7th

8:00am – Worship w/ Comm. with live stream

9:00am - Blood Pressure Sunday

9:30am - Education Hour with live stream

10:45am - Worship w/Communion

12:30pm - Music Prep and recording

12:30pm - Christmas Day Bells Rehearsal

2:15pm - Laudate Ringers Rehearsal

3:00pm – Intermezzo Ringers Rehearsal

4:00pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 8th

7:30am – Monday Mornings with Psalms

8:15am - BSLP

8:30am - BSLP Chapel and/or Music

8:30am - Beautiful Moms in Christ

12:15pm - BSLP

4:00pm - Organist practice

Tuesday, December 9th

8:15am - BSLP

8:15am - BSLP Movement Class

8:30am - BSLP Chapel and/or Music

12:15pm - BSLP

12:15pm - BSLP Chapel and/or Music

12:20pm – BSLP Movement Class

6:00pm - Saving Grace Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 10th

6:30am - Men's Bible Study

8:15am - BSLP

8:15am - BSLP Movement Class

8:30am - BSLP Chapel and/or Music

12:15pm - BSLP

12:20pm - BSLP Movement Class

5:30pm – Adult Handbells Rehearsal

5:30pm – Midweek Advent Supper

6:45pm – Midweek Advent O Antiphons

Service (Hymn sing 6:30-6:45)

7:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 11th

8:15am - BSLP

8:30am - BSLP Chapel and/or Music

12:15pm - BSLP

12:15pm - BSLP Chapel and/or Music

4:00pm - Organist practice

Friday, December 12th

8:15am - BSLP

8:15am – BSLP Movement Class

12:15pm - BSLP

Saturday, December 13th

8:00am - Saturday Breakfast for Men

4:30pm - Faith Alive

Sunday, December 14th

8:00am – Worship w/ Comm. with live stream

9:30am - Education Hour with live stream

10:45am – Worship w/Communion

12:30pm - Music Prep and recording

12:30pm – Christmas Day Bells Rehearsal

2:15pm - Laudate Ringers Rehearsal

3:00pm – Intermezzo Ringers Rehearsal

4:00pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal

4:45pm – Beata Handbells Rehearsal



BIRTHDAYS:

Dec 7 Carol Boland

Dec 8 Graham Vanderpool

Dec 10 Matthew Pillers & Doug Mahnken

Dec 11 Ryan Fee, Scott Wielage, & Beatrice Kastner

Dec 12 Marc Wachter

Dec 13 Trenton Wielage



ANNIVERSARIES:

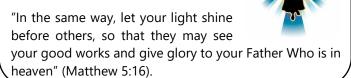
Dec 9 Cameron & Peyton Ziegler 2 years **Dec 11** Victor & Susan Chapa 15 years

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The four Sundays prior to Christmas are the four Sundays of Advent, which begin the Church year. The purpose of Advent is not only to prepare us to celebrate the birth of Jesus which occurred over two thousand years ago but also to prepare us for His second coming. Jesus, Who came to us in a stable, will come again when the trumpet sounds in glory on the Last Day. The New Testament stresses that Christians must be ready at all times for the second coming. We are to live with joyful expectation. Whether by Jesus' return or our own deaths, we should always be prepared to meet Him. Peter wrote, "The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers" (1 Peter 4:7).

AS GOD'S STEWARDS, WE ARE TO LET THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINE THROUGH US SO THAT OTHERS SEE CHRIST IN US.



Our Worship for 11-30-25 8:00 am 221 10:45am 131 Online 40 Total 392 Offerings \$16,306 Sunday School in person 69 Children 138 Adults 207 Total SS Offerings \$84 SS Offerings Recipient **Orphan Grain Train** Offerings do not include any electronic contributions.

