

# Gather, Grow, & GO Newsletter

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## Church Office Hours

### Monday-Thursday

8 am to 4 pm

### Friday

8 am to 12 pm

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL  
and MOTHER'S DAY OUT

## Mission

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

## Preschool Office Hours

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## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

### Meet our New Vicar

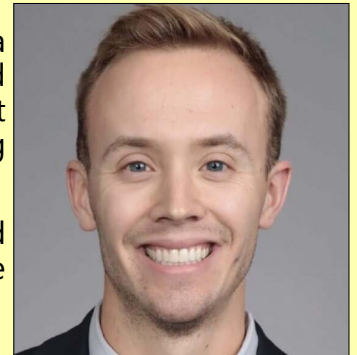
It is with great joy that I announce that we have received a Vicar on call day, April 30. Jonah Wilson will be our new vicar. Also, Daniel Christianson received his vicar placement at Our Savior, Baraboo and Trinity Wisconsin Dells in Wisconsin.

There is great excitement as we look forward to a new vicar and how he will impact our lives and ministry. However, it is also a stark reminder that Josiah Sandcork along with Amanda. are not going to be with us much longer.

Let us pray that God will bless these three men and their families as they faithfully do the work of the Gospel where they have been called.

In Christ's Love and Service,

*Pastor Joel Schultz*



Vicar Elect Wilson

Hello Beautiful Savior Family,

My name is Jonah Wilson, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as your new vicar from Concordia Seminary St. Louis! I cannot express how excited I am to join your community and begin serving in ministry with you later this summer.

I come to you from Omaha, Nebraska, though I spent most of my youth in central and southern Illinois. My zeal for ministry has been on my heart ever since grade school! I am incredibly grateful to take this next step in my pastoral formation with you.

In addition to my passion for ministry, I love spending time outdoors and staying active. Whether it's slow-pitch softball, pickleball, or a good game of pick-up basketball, I crave doing almost anything athletic. When it comes to sports teams, I'll confess early: I'm a proud Chicago Cubs fan and perhaps a bit more controversially in Chiefs country.. a die-hard Denver Broncos fan. I hope we can still be friends during football season!

More than anything, I am eager to walk alongside you, learn from you,

*From the  
Vicar-Elect*



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# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



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



Serving stateside:

- ★ Lt. Cmdr. Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.)
- ★ SGT, Casin Down-Wilson (Deployed to Washington, D.C. - KSARNG)
- ★ CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Campbell, Ky.)
- ★ SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron)
- ★ Caleb Schempp (KS ANG-Qatar)
- ★ rank promotion to FSG Brandon Seutter (KS Army Recruiter)



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

- Brad Alyea (cancer)
- Tonya Baker (cancer)
- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- Jeff Beverstock (cancer)
- Rev. Bryan Drebes (cancer)
- Jordan Ebach (cancer)
- Ken Ernster (cancer)
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- Michelle Held (cancer)
- Michelle Hill (cancer)
- John Huss (brain tumor)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Beth Johnson (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Stephen Koontz (cancer)
- Marilyn Kucks (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)
- Edna Pitts (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:** Paige Burau, Beatrice Kastner, Alison Reigel, 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 Josiah Sandcork and his wife Amanda, as they spend their vicarage year with us.

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



## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

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and grow together in Christ. I am passionate about sharing His good news in many and various ways, cultivating relationships, and helping form faithful followers in Christ. I look forward to meeting you all soon and jumping into life and service at Beautiful Savior.

In Christ,

*Jonah Wilson*

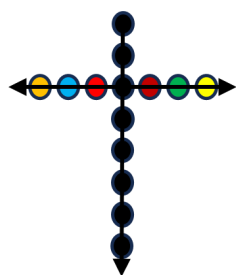
## NEWS & NOTES



Dozens of BSLC seniors enjoyed the **Faith Alive** get-together in April. As usual, our focus was on faith, fellowship, food and fun. Brad Keefe presented a devotion titled "Thank God I'm Old," written by Richard Bimler. The light-hearted lesson reminded us that although many humorous birthday cards draw a thin line between laughing *with* older people and laughing *at* older people, the fact is seasoned seniors (ages ~55+) are still very relevant, and each birthday affirms that the Lord is not finished with us yet in this life!

We dined on delicious entrees, sides, and desserts at our potluck dinner. Our group activity was to work in teams to fill hundreds of plastic Easter eggs with assorted candy. We will not meet in May so

we can celebrate with Mothers and graduates. **Faith Alive will resume in June – in the Fellowship Hall – on the 14th, at 4:30 pm.** Contact [Brad Keefe](#), [Randy Kanoy](#) or [Charlotte Hundley](#) if you would like to get on the e-mail list.



## MEMBERS IN MINISTRY – service opportunity coming soon

The Board of Member Engagement and Assimilation will use the Members in Ministry Cross to highlight service opportunities.

Monthly, there will be a slide in the deck running prior to church highlighting the service opportunity, an announcement will be made before the church service by the person coordinating, this person will be available in the narthex after church if you have interest or questions.

God has equipped our family of faith with various gifts, as represented by the various colors, to serve others. While our gifts are different the cross reminds us of a shared gift; Christ's death and resurrection for our salvation.

We are blessed to be part of a family of faith who responds by SERVING.



## NEWS & NOTES



Jubilate Chimes



Intermezzo



Laudate



Beata



Adult

### Spring Bell Concert

Beautiful Savior hosted a bell choir concert on Sunday, March 27. The following groups participated in the concert: Jubilate Chimes Choir, Laudate Choir, Intermezzo Choir, Beata Choir, and Sanctus (Adult) Choir along with duets by Lauran Delancy and Eric Schlef. The public was able to listen to the many talents of our congregation in praising the Lord every Sunday. The Jubilate Chimes performed one piece for the audience to enjoy while the other choirs performed three pieces and ended the concert with all bell choirs performing a piece.

Thank you to all the choir members for taking the time to practice and provide the congregation with this blessing throughout the year. A free will offering was collected for maintenance and upgrades to the bells and chimes for the choirs.



Duets

### Easter Egg Hunt

The youth held an Easter Egg Hunt for ages preschool to 4th Grade. The youth packed easter eggs during the Sunday School hour. On Saturday, April 19, they hid the eggs for kids to find. It was a brisk morning and chocolate was provided to everyone. Vicar Sandcork shared a devotional prior to the hunt.





## NEWS & NOTES



It was a joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord in De Soto. We were rejoicing for all who gathered to marvel at the empty tomb of Jesus. We were especially excited by church members who invited their friends and neighbors to join in the festivities. We were also happy to see some folks find us through our internet posts. We are hoping the new church sign and a refreshed website will help to make our mission more visible to those who live in De Soto and the surrounding areas.



The next big event we will have is a ribbon cutting and open house sponsored by the De Soto Chamber of Commerce. All Beautiful Savior members are invited to come and see our new worship space. Join us on Thursday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. Food and drink will be provided at [33391 Lexington Ave, Suite B, De Soto, Kan. 66018.](#)

## MISSIONS



This past month, our BSLC Fieldstone Ministry had the wonderful opportunity to share the Good News with our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments during our 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had roughly 40-50 people attend the Easter Egg hunt where we began with the True Easter Story beginning with Holy Week and the triumphal entry and ending with Jesus' Death and Resurrection –Good News indeed! One attendee even talked to Pastor Ada about starting to attend Beautiful Savior.

Praise God for the power of the Gospel! **A big thank you to all who attended, especially the BSLC Youth Group and families for hiding eggs, as well as Mission Southside for packing the eggs with candy!**



Additional Fieldstone News and Events to look forward to:

- ➔ May 7 –Fieldstone Team Meeting at BSLC at 5pm in Church Office Conference Room
- ➔ June 14 –Summer Pool Party at Fieldstone
- ➔ July date TBD – End of Year Fieldstone Ministry Recap meeting with Food and Drink welcome to all!
- ➔ July 26 –School Supply Packing/Delivery
- ➔ August 2 –End of Summer Event with Kona Ice



Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

- ★ Pray for Vicki who has chronic back pain
- ★ Pray for Maria who has chronic knee and back pain. Also ask God to raise up volunteers to help Maria move from her upstairs apartment to the ground level apartment on May 31
- ★ Thanksgiving for Christian, Maria's son, who got a job at Lowes. Continued prayers for strength as he works long weekends.
- ★ Thanksgiving for Amel who was able to get a washer and dryer from Blessings Abound
- ★ For Discernment and Encouragement as we seek to start a Bible Study at Fieldstone soon!

## MISSIONS



Ladies from BSLC provided and served a meal on April 28 to the Connections Group at Two Lines Pregnancy Clinic (previously Advice & Aid). Connections is the group of young families going through the program who meet every Monday evening. The fourth Monday evening is set aside for fellowship, having a meal together and sharing their experiences and everyday happenings with each other.



We served 25, with lots of toddlers in this group! They all enjoyed the meal of Chicken Strips, potato casserole, green beans, pistachio salad, applesauce and dessert. Thank you to our crew – Karen Kuhn, Gloria Peterson, Vaunda Palmer and Charlotte Hundley – and to those ladies who volunteered to provide items to compliment the meal.

We will provide and serve a meal for them in October. It will be fun to see how much all these toddlers have grown by then! It is very rewarding to spend time with these young families.



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

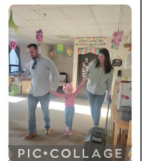
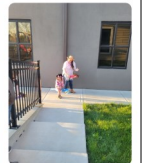
**THANK YOU** for all the donations throughout the school year for Pioneer Trail Middle School's Backsnack program. They have let us know that they are well supplied for the rest of this school year. We will team up with them at the start of the new school year. Pioneer Trail has been very appreciative of our donations. Thank you again for blessing these students with your donations!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Preschool News



This year's theme for our annual open house was Wild West Preschool Open House. We had a special guest, Buddy the horse, a lasso room, line dancing, wild west playdough, saloon snacks, horse races on the playground, cowboy boot art, and a special campfire and tent reading room. We loved spending time with our students and their families!



It was great to celebrate Jesus' resurrection with our children during our classroom Easter parties and the BSLC Easter Egg Hunt. We had great parent volunteers who hid eggs and provided fun snacks, games, and crafts for the children. The beautiful weather allowed us to enjoy outdoor egg hunts. We've also enjoyed letting our butterflies go this month after watching the life cycle of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly in our classrooms. God's creatures are just amazing to learn about at our school!



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<i>May</i>		May 4	May 11	Msy 18	May 25
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	TBD TBD	Emmett Gruhn Caleb Bahr	Blake Hughey Maya Hughey	TBD TBD
	<b>10:45 am</b>	Rowen Clark Skylar Sears	Hadley Holste Kendall Herrs	Corrine Jensen Hadley Holste	Brielle Francis TBD
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Kent & Paula Thompson	Beau & Ann Campbell	Nichols Family	Nick & Ashley Walz
	<b>10:45 am</b>	Williams Family	Lewallen Family	Mark & Sara Zarnstorff	Norm & Linda Jagels
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Carol Brandt Carolyn & Keith Clarke Dana & Deb Froelich Gary & Barb Levan	Doris Baker Cindy Chain Angela Hodge Deb Hodnick Gina Stoehr	Scott & Denise Behrman Deb Hodnick Debbie Johnson Mary Jane Rees	Jim & Nancy DeLaney Rebecca McDonald Sam Mohr Gina Stoehr
<b>Education Hour Nursery:</b>		Kyle & Jessie Tsai (HH - Zach & Alain Booth)	Andrew & Marissa Lippe (HH - Ashley & Adam Stoll)	Ashley & Adam Stoll (HH - Michelle & Shayla/Kaylee McKay)	Matt & Morgan Riechers (HH - Jason & Alli Bauck)
<b>Counters:</b>		Brian Olson Paul Peterson	Jym Fees Chuck Tuttle	Ron & Karen Aerni Trevor Huseman	Randy & Jeanne Kanoy
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>		<i>Karen Ledgerwood's Birthday</i>	<i>Keith &amp; Carolyn Clarke's 57th Wedding Anniversary</i>	<i>Elizabeth Booth's Baptis- mal Birthday</i>	<i>Sarah Brumley &amp; Caleb Hommez's Wedding on 5/31</i>
		<i>Doug &amp; Jennifer Mahnken's 30th Wedding Anniversary</i>	Jere & Sharon Brandt's 45th Wedding Anniversary	TBD	TBD
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>		<b>10:45 am</b>		
	Joel Ada Zach Bahr Kyle Bodensab Joe MacDonald Bob Welsh		Carter Clark Adam Holste Ken Knese Jim Teig		





## ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
4/6/2025	383
4/13/2025	449
4/20/2025	641
4/27/2025	451

## PASTORAL STAFF

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Hour****9:30 am****Sunday Worship**

# "I AM GOING TO THE FATHER."

JOHN 14:28



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