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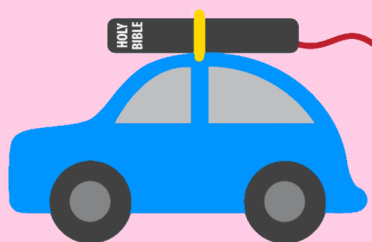
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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ



Vacation Worship

WHEREVER YOU GO, THE LORD'S GIFTS ARE NOT ON VACATION

As May turns our eyes toward summer travel, I'm grateful for the chances many of you will have to rest, visit family, explore new places, and enjoy God's creation. And as you make your plans, I want to offer a simple encouragement: **keep the Lord's Day** by gathering with Christ's Church for the Divine Service.

For Lutherans, worship is not mainly about what we do for God, but about what **God does for us**. In the proclamation of His Word, in Holy Absolution, and in the Sacrament of the Altar, our risen Lord Jesus comes to serve His people with forgiveness, life, and salvation. That's why regular worship isn't a "nice extra" for Christians; it is where our Father delights to keep giving what we need most.

So, when you're away from home on a Sunday, I encourage you to look for an **LCMS congregation** and join the saints there in hearing the Gospel and receiving the Lord's gifts. The Synod provides an easy tool to help you connect with a faithful congregation: the **LCMS Locator** ("Find a Church"). You can use it here: <https://locator.lcms.org/church> (or start at <https://www.lcms.org/locator>).

A simple travel-Sunday plan: (1) Search early in the week (some congregations have seasonal schedules). (2) Call or check the congregation's website if you can – especially on holiday weekends. (3) Arrive a few minutes early and introduce yourself; you'll be a blessing to them, and they'll be a blessing to you.

And if you truly can't find an LCMS congregation where you're traveling (or if distance, illness, or circumstances keep you from attending in person), please don't simply let Sunday pass by as "just another day." **Join us online** and hear God's Word with your Beautiful Savior family by watching

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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:

- ★ 1st Lt Austin Raetzel, KSARNG, deployment to Middle East
- ★ Staff SGT Mitchell Grams, MI ANG, deployment to Kuwait.

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

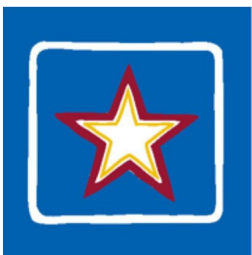
- Patty Allen (cancer)
- Brad Alyea (cancer)
- Tonya Baker (cancer)
- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- Jeff Beverstock (cancer)
- Jackson Collins (cancer)
- Richard Cooley (cancer)
- Ray Cromer (kidney)
- Christie Crooks (cancer)
- Peggy Doane (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- Kevin Grace (C5 palsy)
- Michelle Hill (cancer)
- John Huss (brain cancer)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Beth Johnson (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- **Valerie Kandt (cancer)**
- Carl King (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- **Tammie Kohl (cancer)**
- Stephen Koontz (cancer)
- Marilyn Kucks (cancer)
- Mark Kurz (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorette Marsh (cancer)
- Bill Marshall (cancer)
- Holly McFarland (cancer)
- **Lily Morgan (cancer)**
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- Pam Ott (cancer)
- Brad Reece (cancer)
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Brian Schissel (cancer)
- Robert Schmidt (cancer)
- Dave Semro (cancer)
- Tom Serafin (cancer)
- Eric Shaffer (heart surgery)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Carol Starnes (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Ted Teuscher (stroke)
- John Turek (cancer)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Tyson Wolfer (cancer)
- Cindy Whitney (cancer)
- Pam Young (cancer)

For Our Expectant Mothers: Audra Bruschi, Michelle Giangrosso, Chanel Gloe, Debra Lewallen, Marissa Lippe, Amy Oestmann, Peyton Ohlman, Aubrey Scarlett, Stacey Vanderpool, 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**.



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

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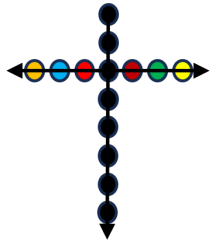
our service on our [YouTube channel](#). While a livestream can't replace gathering in person around Word and Sacrament, it is a genuine help for staying rooted in the Scriptures and connected to your church home when you're away.

May the Lord grant you safe travels, true rest, and joyful worship—wherever you may be. As the Psalm says, **"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'" (Psalm 122:1)**. See you in the Divine Service—here at Beautiful Savior, or alongside brothers and sisters in Christ on the road.

In Christ,

Pastor Joel Schultz

NEWS & NOTES



MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

Summer Sunday School Teachers

Thank you for a strong start to sign-ups! We still have openings across most weeks and age groups and need a few more volunteers to make each Sunday special. Please sign up even if your summer schedule isn't finalized—if a conflict comes up, we'll gladly work with you to find a different date.

Serving together helps our children grow in faith and community. *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.* — Proverbs 22:6

Please sign up today — your time makes a difference. Sign-up in breezeway or contact Michelle Wibe.

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**



Prayer Vigil, Thursday May 7 6:30 am to 6:30 pm

Please sign up for a 30-minute time slot at BSLC or LOTW. If that does not work, please sign up to pray from home. The 6:30 am and 6:00 pm time slots will be streamed to open and close our day of prayer—please consider attending one or both of those plus an additional 30-minute slot. Links below:

- Sign up: [Prayer Vigil sign up](#)
- Submit requests (even if you can't attend): [Prayer Vigil prayer request form](#)

Redeemer will have a Prayer Service at 7:00 pm and has invited BSLC and LOTW to join them.

To be Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

Martin Luther

NEWS & NOTES

Meet our New Vicar

On Tuesday, April 28, I had the opportunity to drive to St. Louis to attend the Vicarage Placement Service at Concordia Seminary. During that service, we received the placement of Seminarian Brian Fish. I spent a couple of hours at dinner getting to know Brian and his wife, Katie. They are a delightful couple. I am sure they will be a great blessing to BSLC as we will be to them. Below is a brief introduction Brian sent our congregation.

For the past 15 years, this placement service has been bitter sweet. There is great excitement as we look forward to a new vicar and wife and how they will impact our lives and ministry. However, it is also a stark reminder that Vicar Wilson is now a short-timer with us.

If you would like to send Vicar elect Brian and Katie a greeting, their address is:

13 Founders Way Unit D
St. Louis, MO 63105.

In Christ's Love and Service,

Pastor Joel Schmitz



Vicar Elect Fish

Dear Beautiful Savior Congregation,

Greetings in the name of our Lord! It is with great pleasure and excitement to announce that I will be your new vicar for the upcoming 2026-2027 academic year. I give thanks to God for His continued guidance and provision throughout my seminary formation. My wife, Katie, and I have heard great things about this vicarage and feel very blessed that we have the opportunity to learn from your congregation. We pray that this experience greatly benefits your congregation, the community, and us as we all faithfully learn and grow together in our Lord and Savior.

A little about Katie and I. Katie grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska. I grew up around the Seattle, Washington area. We met at Concordia University Wisconsin. From there, we became good friends and later began to date. By the end, we were engaged! We got married a year later and then quickly began our lives together by moving to the Seminary. Katie currently teaches preschool at Zion Lutheran School in St. Charles, Mo., and I stay busy studying and preparing for ministry. In our very limited free time, we like to play board games, go on walks, go to the theater, try new cooking recipes, and go to major league and some minor league sports.

*From the
Vicar-Elect*



Vicar Elect Fish
and his wife, Katie

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The biggest news that we have is that Katie is pregnant with our first child! Baby Fish is due at the end of June. We are so excited to become parents and begin to learn how to fulfill one of God's vocations for us. We are a little nervous because the baby will only be a few weeks old (maybe even days) when we move to Olathe, and there will be a lot of new transitions. Despite our nerves, God is Good, and we know that He will continue to care for us and our every need.

That is some background information about us. We are so excited to meet all of you and get to know each other more throughout the next year. We look forward to what God has in store for this part of our formation. We will continue to pray for all of you and that God uses this year for us to learn, serve, and help to spread His Word!

Anchored in Christ,

In Christ,

Brian, Katie, and Baby Fish



FAITH ALIVE (55+) met on Saturday, April 11, with a small group of 16. Even though we were a small group, we still enjoyed the fun and fellowship of being together. After a dinner of lots of choices of delicious food, Brad Keefe led us in the devotion from Richard Bimler's book, JOYFUL AGING. This devotion was titled, "Looking for Hope in All the Right Places." After suggestions of finding hope in our lives, we find that we can always find hope in the Word and Sacrament, in the body of believers, the Church, and in Baptism. Hope is another one of those gifts God has given us. "Hope is knowing that when there is no hope, there is hope in Jesus Christ!" (author unknown).

During the year, we try to do some Mission projects to help those who need some joy in difficult times. We divided into two groups for the projects. We were able to tie

four fleece blankets and assemble 30

personal hygiene kits. These items will be delivered to Orphan Grain Trail to distribute to those in need. This was a great time for fellowship while making blankets and hygiene kits that will be a blessing in other people's lives.

Remember we will **not meet in May** but look forward to **getting together on Saturday, June 13!**



NEWS & NOTES



Another Family of Faith Season Wraps Up

Pastor Schultz, Amy Schultz, and Dani Olson have provided us with dinner on Wednesday nights for another year.



Thanks to them and many others who helped throughout the year with food prep or cleanup. It is a joy to have our family of faith to come together midweek and enjoy good food and fellowship.



MISSIONS

Hello BSLC,

I am thankful the weather is such that we can be outside - much easier to run into our neighbors at Fieldstone! Hopefully, we will be able to get back to the picnic table at Fieldstone to have our Bible story times. It seems we had better attendance when we were on property. However, last weekend, we had a small but lovely gathering for the mom's group and a couple of girls for a craft and Bible story time with Vicar. We will have another one on April 25, and two or three in May - we are shooting for every other week.

We had a young man at Fieldstone - a high schooler - interested in cleaning up the park area by the Fieldstone office. So, we set up some time on April 18 to pick up trash, rake mulch, and sweep off the concrete pad under the picnic table. We met a delightful 2nd grade boy who would like to go to our Bible story times so we will get in touch with his family and introduce ourselves.

We were able to help two Christian women at Fieldstone with their cars - one to finish the purchase of a used car and another with some repairs. We also helped another single mom with her electric bill which was due to be disconnected. God does provide and will continue to do so! We are so thankful God puts these opportunities in our path.

One of our teammates has been walking beside a Mom with three children that has moved from Fieldstone but stays connected to them bringing them a food box every week and taking one of her 2nd grade boys to Mission Southside events for children, our egg hunt, and other things.

Please pray for the following:

- Shannon - for good recovery from concussion and trust in God for providing for their needs.
- Patricia - for chronic back pain.
- Vicky - for good recovery from neck surgery as she struggles with just day-to-day things.

Thank you for your prayers, interest, and assistance as we reach out in love to our neighbors.

God's Peace,
Vicar Jonah Wilson



MISSIONS



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!

The Two Lines Pregnancy Clinic Connections Group met on April 27 for their monthly dinner. These



are the young families who decided to keep their babies. The Two Lines support program gives them guidance in caring for their new little ones. The group tonight was made up of several moms with new babies, staff members and a couple of little toddlers running around having a great time.

Thank you to Carolyn Hanson, Gloria Peterson, Lois Clendening and Charlotte Hundley for providing some of the food and serving the families. Also, thank you to Vaunda Palmer, Cindy Chain, Connie Teig, Eden and Brad Keefe for providing some of the side items. Everyone enjoyed the meal. Our church provides meals two times a year. It is very rewarding to serve these families and see all the little ones.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Members of Beautiful Savior were blessed to be represented at the LWML Kansas District Convention, held April 17-19, 2026, in Manhattan, Kansas, under the inspiring theme, "Bear Fruit That Will Last," based on John 15:16.



Serving as delegates for Beautiful Savior, Marci Brockmeier and Gloria Peterson joined nearly 300 Lutheran Women in Mission and guests from across the district for a weekend of worship, Bible study, fellowship, and missions. Also attending from our congregation were Kim Burdett and Christy McCombs, who participated in their district leadership roles.

A new Mission Goal of \$160,600 was also approved to support mission work both near and far in the coming biennium. Convention participants were encouraged and inspired through the Mites in Action presentations, including Pastor Kastner's update on the ministry at Light of the World, sharing how our mite offerings continue to support Gospel outreach in De Soto.



L to R: Kim, Marci, Gloria, & Christy



Tiffany Harkins was elected the LWML Kansas District Vice President of Special Focus Ministries. We give thanks for her willingness to serve in this leadership position. It was also a joy to meet Sarah Hjulberg, who

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

was as a Young Women Representative from the Topeka Zone. Sarah is the wife of former Beautiful Savior vicar Avery Hjulberg.

Gloria brought Beautiful Savior's Gifts from the Heart to the convention. She counted 24 fleece throws, 13 Curel hand creams, 40 ChapSticks, 17 bags of hard candy, 680 individual tea bags, one shampoo, and one conditioner. These items were used to make cancer care kits at a servant event held during the convention. Thank you so much for your generosity!

The convention was a joyful reminder that we serve the Lord with gladness and, through Christ, bear fruit that will last.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION




Last month we had a special Superhero Open House Night for our families. Olathe police and fire came to show the children their vehicles and tell them how they protect us. Our teachers had fun activities for everyone in the classrooms and on the playground including superhero art, playdough, books, stretching, bingo, and music. It was a fun night for our families!



This past month we watch our caterpillars turn into butterflies. The children enjoyed watching the life cycle and seeing the changes every time they came to school. We recently set the butterflies free once they had all emerged from their cocoons.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

		May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Isla Delancy Maya Hughey	Emmett Gruhn TBD	Caleb Bahr Greyson Huseman	TBD TBD <i>Crucifer:</i> TBD	TBD TBD <i>Crucifer:</i> TBD
	10:45 am	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	Brynlee Vogt TBD	Maya Hughey Connor Hughey <i>Crucifer:</i> TBD	TBD TBD <i>Crucifer:</i> TBD
Greeters:	8:00 am	Randy & Michele Barrett	Chris & Michelle Wibe	Zach & Stephanie Gardner	Zach Bahr	George & Karen Ledgerwood
	10:45 am	Brett & Bobbie Clark	John & Connie Koetting	Paul Peterson	Steve & Laurie Cichon	Scott & Denise Behrman
Altar Guild	Carol Brandt, Keith & Carolyn Clarke, Dana & Deb Froelich, and Gary & Barb Levan		Carol Brandt, Cindy Chain, Angela Hodge, Rebecca McDonald, and Sam Mohr	Carol Brandt, Jim & Nancy DeLaney, Rebecca McDonald, and Gina Stoehr	Scott & Denise Behrman, Carol Brandt, Deb Hodnik, and Mary Jane Rees	Carol Brandt, Gary & Barb Levan, and Sam Mohr
Education Hour Nursery:	Zach & Alaina Booth & Isla Delancy <i>Helping Hands:</i> Andrew & Cassie Nichols		Michelle & Shayla McKay <i>Helping Hands:</i> Cameron & Peyton Ziegler	Adam & Chelsie Holste <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt & Morgan Riechers	Matt & Morgan Riechers <i>Helping Hands:</i> Zach & Alaina Booth	Cameron & Peyton Ziegler <i>Helping Hands:</i> Adam & Chelsie Holste
Counters:	Ron & Karen Aerni, Trevor Huseman, & Jared Turrel		Randy & Jeanne Kanoy	George Ledgerwood, & Todd Scheumann	Eric Domsch, Todd Scheumann, & Bob Welsh	Roger Berardi & John Blakley
Altar Flowers:	Keith & Carolyn Clarke <i>58th Wedding Anniversary</i>		Spring Taylor <i>in Honor of all Mothers</i>	<i>Elizabeth Booth's Baptism Birthday</i>	Chris & Mary Martin <i>29th Wedding Anniversary</i>	Bob Welsh <i>in Memory of Paula Welsh</i>
	<i>Karen Ledgerwood's Birthday</i>			TBD	TBD	
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am		
	Joel Ada, Zach Bahr, Kyle Bodenstab, John Chain, Joe MacDonald, & Bob Welsh			Carter Clark, Ken Knese, Adam Holste, and Jim Teig		

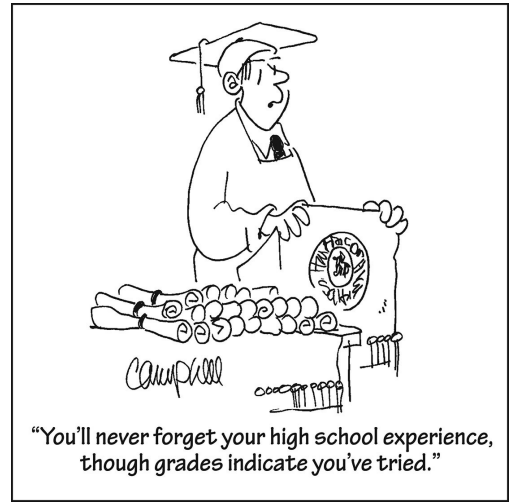
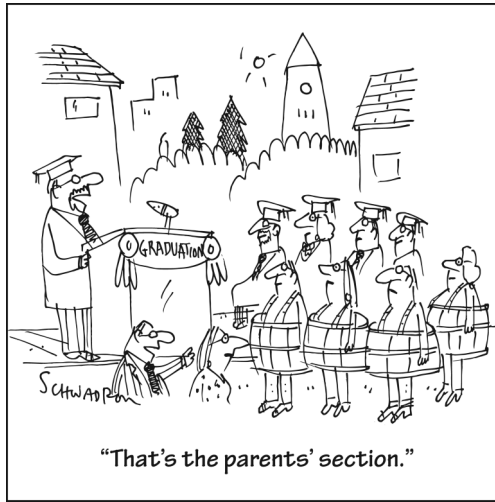


BSLC VBS
June 8 - 12
 See Info As You Go
 for more information

ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
4/5/2026	589
4/12/2026	385
4/19/2026	357
4/26/2026	446

SUNDAY FUNNIES



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“Elder” Care

Submitted by Gary Olson

Besides overseeing all aspects of the worship service at Beautiful Savior, the Board of Elders cares for the spiritual well-being of all members, including three Pastors and a Vicar or student pastor. Each Elder, designated as a Group leader, is responsible for staying in touch with about 25-30 families through notes, cards, and personal visits. Jeff McDonald, as Board Chair, has provided spiritual care to the other 13 Elders and their families. Last month, Matthew Riechers was elected to succeed Jeff in that position.

Providing spiritual care
Is a role all Elders share.
Each one has a Group
To keep in the loop,
But which elder cares for the Chair?



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Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a congregational outreach ministry supporting The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and partnering churches worldwide. It is independently funded by generous Christians who want to spread the pure and powerful message of the Savior's love in their own communities and throughout the world. The Lutheran Hour is available on local radio stations. To find a station search [here](#).

Lutheran Hour Ministries has apps available for the Lutheran Hour and Daily Devotions through:



Also LHM podcasts are available through these services:



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