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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ A High Priority

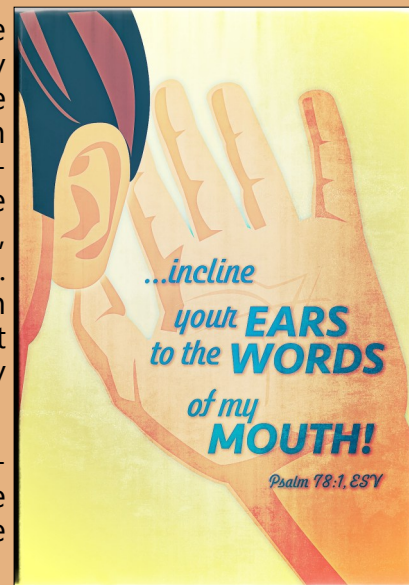
"Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done" (Psalm 78:1-4).

The Israelites were aware that they could take nothing with them when they died. But they knew they could leave something behind. The single greatest task and honor for parents in the psalmist's day was to pass on the faith, telling the next generation who God was, what He had done, and how He would have them live, as well as His ultimate promise of a Savior. Likewise, the greatest treasure we can place in our children's hearts is that they know what Christ did for them on the cross and empty tomb.

How can we as both parents and fellow members of the Body of Christ nurture the faith we are to pass on to the new generations? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Actions speak louder than words Model how to grow in the faith. Make worship and Bible study a priority. Arrive at worship in time to sit together as a family. Provide each family member with a worship folder. Explain its contents. Express reverence and joy. Encourage everyone to participate. Help the children to read and join in hymns and songs. Quietly shepherd the children through what is happening. Talk with one another after church and Bible study to share what was especially meaningful.

2. Share our faith story daily Begin telling your children about Jesus early on. Make Bible stories an important part of their reading repertoire-. Share your own faith stories with your children by telling your faith stories. Review how a Sunday school teacher showed Jesus' love in a special way, talking about the faith tests, failures, and triumphs of grandparents, explain why a certain Bible event is a favorite, or discover something every day, which reveals that God is present.



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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 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:

- ★ **2nd Lt Austin Raetzel, KSARNG, deployment to Middle East**

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

- Kathy Alber (cancer)
- Patty Allen (cancer)
- Brad Alyea (cancer)
- Tonya Baker (cancer)
- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- Jeff Beverstock (cancer)
- Jackson Collins (cancer)
- Rev. Bryan Drebes (cancer)
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- Matt Griffith (cancer)
- Michelle Held (cancer)
- Michelle Hill (cancer)
- John Huss (brain cancer)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Beth Johnson (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Stephen Koontz (cancer)
- Marilyn Kucks (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorette Marsh (cancer)
- Bill Marshall (cancer)
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- Debbie Newman (cancer)
- Edna Pitts (cancer)
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Brian Schissel (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Dave Semro (cancer)
- Tom Serafin (cancer)
- Eric Shaffer (heart surgery)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Ted Teuscher (stroke)
- John Turek (cancer)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Cindy Whitney (cancer)
- **Pam Young (cancer)**
- **Kim Zeldenrust (cancer)**

For Our Expectant Mothers: : Lauren Barrett, Cassie Nichols, Sarah Schultz, Rachel Totten, **Leah Zarnstorff**, 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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3. Be faithful stewards One hundred percent of what we have is God's. God intends for all these things to be used to give Him honor and praise. Teaching your children that giving to God's work as part of God's community is a privilege and not a burden is integral to their faith development. Also, encourage your children to tithe the money they earn.

4. Provide experiences Provide opportunities for your children to explore their spiritual gifts by providing opportunities to serve the church and others.

5. Make and enjoy music The music and hymnody of the Church has played an important role in teaching the faith for generations. Using music as a tool to share faith is a wonderful way to pass on the faith in a powerful way.

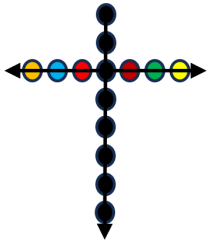
6. Live God's grace Make grace talk and grace actions part of your home. Model grace by speaking it out loud to your children and others. Confess your sin openly and freely forgive others in the name of Jesus.

Our faith in the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, is one of God's extraordinary gifts to us. It is our highest priority to pass it on.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Joel Schultz

NEWS & NOTES



MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

The Board of Member Engagement and Assimilation will use the Members in Ministry announcements to highlight service opportunities typically on the third Sunday of the month.

Thank you to all who serve as Prayer and Care Emailers to our Preschool families. The response to our September request was heartwarming – two of the people who signed up to serve were former Preschool moms who had received these emails. If you didn't sign up it's not too late. Please see the Church Directory, Additional Pages under Evangelism for more information.

October Members in Ministry service opportunity focus is offering counters. This is coordinated through our Board of Engagement and Assimilation by Todd Scheumann.

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

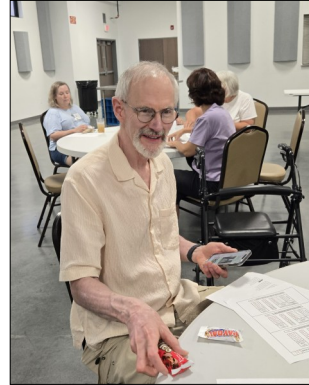
Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3



NEWS & NOTES



The **FAITH ALIVE** (55+) group met Saturday, September 13 with 32 attending. After our potluck dinner, Brad Keefe led us in a devotion. For the evening, we divided up in teams of five to compete in Bible Trivia. Eden and Brad Keefe led us in an interesting way to work together to come up with the correct answers. Our Bible scholars were Mark Zarnstroff and Greg Koontz. We have grown to be a great group for sharing experiences, fellowship, and fun.



Come join us! Our next get-together for FAITH ALIVE (55+) will be Saturday, October 11, at 4:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Come join the fun! We have some couples who have volunteered to be contestants in our first

"Newlywed Game"! We will have our potluck dinner before the devotion. If you'd like to bring something, it can be an entrée, side, salad, or dessert. Try a new recipe or buy something from the store. All food is appreciated when we have a big group.



To finish out the year we will not meet in November, but we will meet Saturday, December 13, at 4:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. That has always been a special time for our group. We will be asking for reservations since a catered meal (no potluck) is planned. We will have a sign-up when the time gets closer. Also, we ask that everyone bring a gift (\$10 range) for our *White Elephant*, *Yankee Swap*, *Dirty Santa* gift exchange. It can be *naughty* (but appropriate for a church group) or *nice*. We've had a lot of laughs with this!



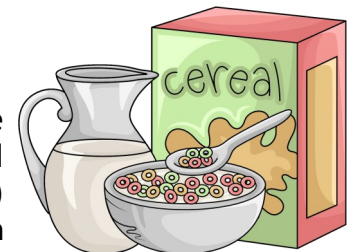
MISSIONS



Backsnack Program

We will again be supporting the Pioneer Trail Middle School Backsnack program. We will be donating cereal (regular size, not family size), fruit cups (not applesauce) and granola 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

has always been thankful that we have continued to support them through the years.



MISSIONS



Serving Together in Guatemala: A Recap and an Invitation

Last summer, 11 members of our Beautiful Savior family had the privilege of serving on a mission trip to Zacapa, Guatemala. We were blessed to partner with our sister church, El Divino Salvador, and make a meaningful impact in the community.

During our time there, we led a fun-filled basketball camp for church and community members, brought new life to the church courtyard and classrooms with a fresh coat of paint, and constructed a concrete pad at El Maguey, a daughter church of El Divino Salvador, this pad can be used for church gatherings and play time for the kids. We also had the opportunity to serve at the Lutheran school, Colegio El Divino Salvador, where we shared a devotion and led a vibrant Vacation Bible School experience.

These mission trips embody the spirit of service and partnership that defines our church community. We're grateful for the opportunity to support our brothers and sisters in Zacapa as they seek to serve their community.

Join Us for the Next Mission Trip!

Are you interested in experiencing the joy of serving together in Guatemala? Our next mission trip is scheduled for July 18-25, 2026, and we're excited to invite you to join our team!

To learn more about the trip, how you can participate and what's involved, please join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 22 from 6:00-6:30 pm in the youth room at Beautiful Savior.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our Guatemala Mission Planning team. We're looking forward to sharing this experience with you and serving together in the name of our Lord.



MISSIONS



Fieldstone Ministry

God continues to bless our ministry by willing and acting according to His good purpose with our neighbors at Fieldstone (Phil. 2:13)

This past month we had two bible studies at the Fieldstone complex. Praise God that His Word accomplishes what it so desires and does not go out empty! Our next two study will be October 11. We ask you to pray that God's Word continues to sow seeds of faith for our families!

We are overjoyed to have a new Fieldstone family attending Family of Faith the last couple of weeks (Allie, Jackson, and Emma Coverdale). We pray that they continue to join with us, gathering around the gifts of Jesus Christ!

Prayer Requests & Thanksgiving

- For good health for Emma Coverdale who recently had a seizure.
- Prayer and Praise for Haeven and her family as she desires to continue being involved in the life of the church here at Beautiful Savior
- For our upcoming trunk-or-treat event at Fieldstone October 31 from 3:30– 5:00 pm!
- For God's provision and Holy Spirit with Ariel Sprague during this difficult family time.
- Thanksgiving at the distribution of Faith Alive and Children's Bibles to some of our Fieldstone families
- Continued prayers that many would come to know Jesus as Savior through these connections.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



At the September meeting of WinGS (Women in God's Service), we joyfully welcomed the fall season with an evening of fellowship, faith, and cozy comforts. We began with a fun icebreaker: *What is your favorite comfort food?* The clear favorite was homemade macaroni and cheese, a perfect dish to match the comfort of autumn.

Our devotion, "Coziness in the Psalms," reminded us that true comfort is found in God and His Word. The Psalms overflow with word pictures that reveal God's love, care, and protection in ways that touch each of our hearts.

This month's featured mission grant was LWML Mission Grant #2 – Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons. Through the work of Orphan Grain Train, support is provided to 15 orphanages in Ukraine with shipments of food, clothing, and medical supplies. Thanks to your mite offerings, these vital resources reach children and families in need, bringing hope and healing during a difficult time.



To close our meeting, we shared a caramel apple bar complete with warm caramel and a variety of toppings contributed by the women. It was a sweet and festive way to welcome autumn together!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Please note, there will not be a WinGS Circle meeting in October. Instead, we will attend the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone Fall Event at First Lutheran in Paola on Saturday, October 18. Pastor Mueller from Hope Lutheran will share about his recent mission trip to Uganda, Africa. If you would like to attend this event or learn more about Lutheran Women in Mission at Beautiful Savior, please contact Christy McCombs.



Farmstead Treats are coming your way again November 2-19! Cash and Carry items will be available in the Narthex on Sundays, November 2 and 9. This is a fundraiser for our members attending a Concordia University or Seminary to pursue church-work careers. CU Nebraska: Rachel Ada & Samuel Olson, CU Wisconsin: James Schultz, and Concordia Seminary in St Louis: Danniell Christenson.

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies, please join us for
Advent by Candlelight
Saturday, December 6

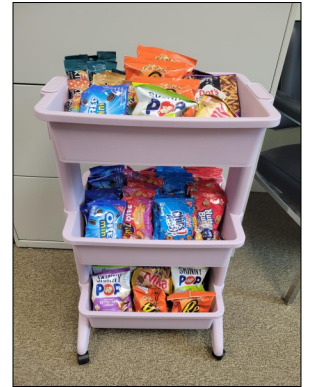
Look for more details to come in the Info As You Go.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



This year the Preschool has added additional parent volunteer committees to help with the needs of our school families from our most recent parent survey. We have parents volunteering to continue helping with our Teacher Appreciation Committee, our National Lutheran Schools Accreditation committees, and our brand-new Parent Engagement Committee. All three groups are selflessly giving of their time and talents to bless our school, our teachers, and our families.



The Parent Engagement Committee is organizing two upcoming Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship times with our families and will soon be intentionally sharing opportunities for families to gather with their child's class friends. We have even been able to coordinate with our church's donut ministry to help secure donuts for these events! We are so blessed by these amazing and passionate volunteers who also bless our teachers throughout the year with things like the snack cart shown in the photo and many other meals and gifts throughout the year.



This month in chapel both pastors and our vicar have shared Old Testament stories with our children to teach them about God's love for us, forgiveness, and the blessings that we have through Jesus our Savior. We also had our picture days and Lion's Club Vision screenings through church members, Jeff and Cheryl Kerns. We thank God for the ministry of our church's preschool and all the amazing volunteers who bless us!



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

KANSAS LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ...
1 PETER 4:10

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Speaker of The Lutheran Hour®

- Update on the new De Soto, Kansas LCMS Church
- Handbell Concert featuring Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church handbell choirs
- Kansas LLL District and the State Fair
- Silent Auction to support Kansas LLL District Projects

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
13145 S Blackbob Rd • Olathe, KS 66062

Friday, October 31

7:00 p.m. *Reformation Service followed by light refreshments and fellowship*

Saturday, November 1

8:30 a.m. *Registration opens with light refreshments and fellowship*
Kansas LLL District Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. *Convention begins*


REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$30 per person (includes lunch)



Register online at lhm.org/kansas-lll or scan the QR code with your mobile device (**Deadline October 20**).

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

 OCTOBER		October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Adam Stoll Sophia Teply	Caleb Bahr Henry McDonald	Jack Gruhn Greyson Huseman	Maya Hughey Connor Hughey <i>Crucifer:</i> Landon Elliott
	10:45 am	Rowen Clark Emma Ronsick	Camden McKay TBD	Hadley Holste TBD	Rowen Clark TBD <i>Crucifer:</i> TBD
Greeters:	8:00 am	Chris & Michelle Wibe	Zach & Stephanie Gardner	Zach & Lisa Bahr	George & Karen Ledgerwood
	10:45 am	Brett & Bobbie Clark	John & Connie Koetting	Paul Peterson	Steve & Laurie Cichon
Altar Guild		Carol Brandt, Gary & Barb Levan, and Gina Stoehr	Angela Hodge, Deb Hodnik, Mary Jane Rees, and Sam Mohr	Scott & Denise Behrman, Jim & Nancy DeLaney, and Debbie Johnson	Doris Baker, Carol Brandt, Keith & Carolyn Clarke, Dana & Deb Froelich, and Rebecca McDonald
Education Hour Nursery:		Adam & Chelsie Holste <i>Helping Hands:</i> Andrew & Marissa Lippe	Matt & Morgan Riechers <i>Helping Hands:</i> Sheila & Aubrey Huseman	Michelle & Shayla/Kaylee McKay <i>Helping Hands:</i> Kyle & Jessie Tsai	Zach & Alaina Booth <i>Helping Hands:</i> Ashley & Adam Stoll
Counters:		Jym Fees Chuck Tuttle	Ron & Karen Aerni Trevor Huseman	Randy & Jeanne Kanoy	Roger Berardi John Blakley
Altar Flowers:		<i>Alexandria Booth's Baptismal Birthday</i>	Matthew and Morgan Riechers <i>9th Wedding Anniversary</i>	<i>In Memory of Ivan Rees' Birthday</i>	Troy & Amy Schepmann <i>20th Wedding Anniversary</i>
		Tom & Brenda Bremer <i>Wedding Anniversary</i>	Carl and Lily Peterson <i>1st Wedding Anniversary</i>	TBD	<i>Mark Zarnstorff's Birthday</i>
Ushers	8:00 am		10:45 am		
	Randall Barrett, Roger Berardi, Beau Campbell Bob Newman, Andrew Nichols, and Chris Wibe		Kurt Batten, Laurie Cichon, Steve Cichon, and Rick Vaughn		



October 26, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
9/7/2025	425
9/14/2025	406
9/21/2025	380
9/28/2025	391

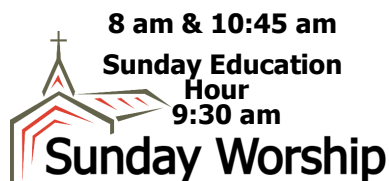
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