

# Gather, Grow, & GO Newsletter

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

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#### **Church Office Hours**

### **Monday-Thursday** 8 am to 4 pm

Friday 8 am to 12 pm

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#### Mission

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

#### Preschool Office Hours

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Preschool Director preschool@bslcks.org

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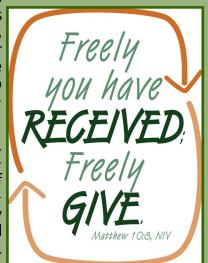
# FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

### **Guided by the Tithe**

God has demonstrated His love for us by creating and redeeming us. A

meaningful way we express our gratitude to God is though our faithful giving. By God's grace, we can make giving important, and, when we do, we give Him the glory and honor that He deserves. Faith enables us to give freely and generously. Our giving can have no greater foundation than the Gospel of forgiveness and God's promises.

In His Word, God gives us giving principles. We are called to give (1) cheerfully, (2) regularly, (3) sacrificially, and (4) proportionately of our first fruits. Even with all these giving principles, one question that all of us have likely asked is, "How much should I give?" In the Old Testament, God answered that question. God's people were commanded to tithe,



which meant they were to give one-tenth of their crops, livestock, and gold and silver. The tithe does not answer the question, "Why give?" However, it does help to answer the question, "How much should I give?"

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 16:2, "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper..." According to the income that we receive, we are to give proportionately. The tithe acts as a Biblical guide to calculate the dollar amount to give. Because Abraham, Jacob, and Moses tithed even before the law was given, could the tithe be a benchmark for us to consider as well?

In the New Testament, Jesus affirms the tithe when He told the Pharisees to continue tithing but not to neglect "the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness" (Matthew 23:23). It is interesting that, other than the tithe, the only giving referenced in the New Testament exceeded the tithe.

- + Jesus asked His disciples to follow Him and leave everything they owned behind.
- + He directed the Rich Young Ruler to give all His money away.

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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)



#### 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)
- Carroll Dudley (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)
- Kathy Woods (cancer)

**For Our Expectant Mothers:** Lauren Barrett, **Cassie Nichols**, Sarah Schultz, 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**.











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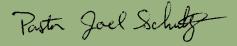
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- + Jesus commended the widow when she gave her last two mites.
- + When He changed Zacchaeus' heart, Zacchaeus gave half of his wealth to the poor.

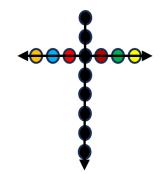
Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8 NIV), and, in Acts 20:35, He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

When we examine what we give, remember that God wants our hearts more than our gifts. May God grant us hearts of faith that give freely and generously.

In Christ's Love and Service,



# **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 on our Altar Guild and Usher teams. We had a great response to our Members and Ministry service opportunity announcement for these roles. If you didn't signup it's not too late. In fact, we could

still use a few more second service ushers. Please see the Church Directory, Additional Pages under Elders for more information.

September Members in Ministry service opportunity focus is Preschool Prayer and Care Emailers. This is coordinated through our Board of Evangelism and Missions, by Trish Batten.

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



### Free Narcan Available

Narcan nasal cartridges are available to the general public at the Johnson County Health Dept (119<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeview) for anyone who wants to be prepared to treat an opioid overdose. Free Narcan is also available at any Johnson County Library as well. Unfortunately it is not currently available at the Olathe Public Libraries at this time. Narcan is safe to use and will cause no harm if administered to someone who doesn't need it, but can be lifesaving to those who do while you are waiting for EMS to arrive. It does expire so check the expiration date if you currently have a dose.

# **NEWS & NOTES**



The **FAITH ALIVE** (55+) group met Saturday, August 9, in the Fellowship Hall. This was our biggest group yet with 45 attending. It was nice to see everyone! After a bountiful dinner and some table discussions about how we have many opportunities to participate in our church, we welcomed the Kastner family. Pastor Kastner is the Lead Pastor of Light Of The World Lutheran Church in De Soto, Kansas. He shared highlights (while doing "Daddy

duties" of holding and comforting his sleeping baby) about what is happening at the church and in the community. He also shared some ways we could volunteer to help them. It was a very enjoyable evening.



We are planning a get together Saturday, September 13, at 4:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring whatever you would like for our potluck. Don't have time to provide anything - come anyway. After a devotion and dinner, we will spend the evening in Bible Trivia. Come spend your evening with us and enjoy the fellowship. If you haven't been before, contact Randy Kanoy, Brad Keefe, or Charlotte Hundley with any questions.

# **MISSIONS**



We continue to be blessed by the ways God is opening doors to connect with our Fieldstone neighbors! We delivered backpacks and school supplies to 37 students at Fieldstone this year – a BIG thank you to BSLC members for your generous donations that made this possible! Our Kona Ice event was well attended and, as always, a joyfilled time to visit with both new neighbors and many familiar ones.

At our most recent Bible story on Saturday August 16, ten neighbors attended. We read the CPH short story on the Parable of the Seeds together and followed it with a craft, planting forget-me-not seeds as a reminder of God's Word taking root in our lives.

We were thrilled to have four Fieldstone families attend Community Fun Day. Even more, one family came to church a couple weeks prior. We also found out that another family is planning to join us in the coming weeks.

Praise God that His Word never goes out empty but always accomplishes His purpose!

We also welcomed a new family from Algeria and had the joy of taking them shopping at Mission Southside twice. Yanis, a third-grader in the family, was especially excited to receive a new bike!







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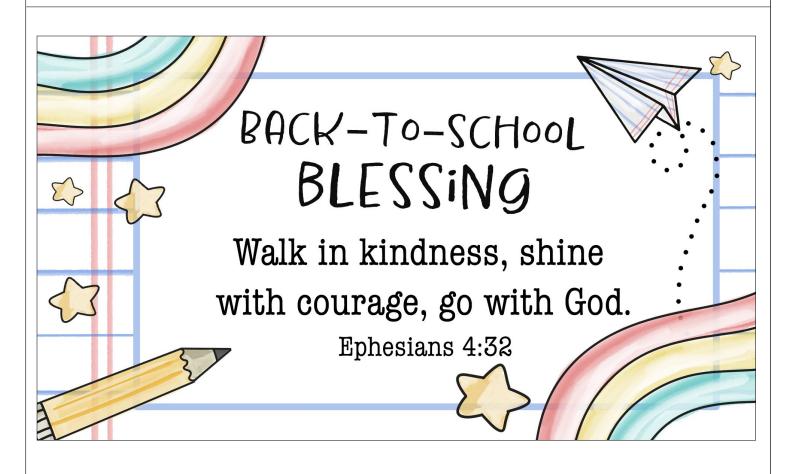
### **Prayer Requests & Thanksgiving**

- For good health for little Rosalina, who has experienced febrile seizures.
- For peace and calm for Carlita as she navigates significant stress.
- For employment opportunities for Sandy and Maryam.
- For God's provision and peace for Kostiantyn during a difficult family time.
- Please keep Catalina and her family in your prayers. She does not have a car and is waiting for school bus transportation so her daughters can attend school, as the walk is over an hour round-trip. We pray for a quick resolution and for God's strength and peace for her during this time.
- Thanksgiving for the Fieldstone families who are beginning to worship with us, and prayers that many more would come to know Jesus as Savior through these connections.



# **Backsnack Program for Pioneer Trail Middle School**

We will again be supporting the Pioneer Trail Middle School Backsnack program. More information will be coming soon for a start date. Start looking for sales on cereal (reg size boxes – not family-size). Most likely, we will be collecting fruit cups (not applesauce) and granola bars again. Please watch for far-from-expiration dates since they cannot distribute expired items. Pioneer Trail has always been thankful that we have continued to support them through the years.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### **New School Year 2025-26**

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Preschool started another school year on August 18. This year we added three new staff members to our BSLP team. Mrs. Ceci Fuchs, Mrs. Mandy King, and Mrs. Jami Murdock joined our group of 17 staff members.

We're excited for another year of Connecting Children and Families to Jesus as We Gather, Grow, and Go!



Amy Schultz

Director



Amanda Myers
Assistant
Director
Pre-K Lead
Teacher



Trish Batten

Music Teacher



Kendal Cline T/Th/F Pre-K Lead Teacher



Janette Copeland M-Th Threes and Discovery Friday Aide



Tiffany Dumm
Discovery
Friday Lead
Teacher
MTW Multi-Age
Aide



Cecilia Fuchs MWF Pre-K and T/Th Threes Lead Teacher



Lisa Flood M-Th Young Threes Aide



Kara Herrs M/W & T/TH Young Threes Friday MDO Lead Teacher



Laura Kellar M-F AM Multi-Age Lead Teacher



Mandy King T-Th Extended Day, Friday MDO



Megan King T, Th Extended Day & Th Mutli-Age Aide



Sarah Krannawitter T-F Extended Day & T/Th Threes Aide







Samantha LeBlanc T, W, Th MDO Aide



Karen Ledgerwood M-Th AM MDO Lead Teacher



Michele Wibe
Threes AM
Lead Teacher



Jami Murdock M MDO Aide

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SEPTEMBER		September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Isla Delancy TBD	Caleb Bahr Sophia Teply	Emmett Gruhn Brynlee Vogt	Maya Hughey Connor Hughey
	10:45 am	Rowen Clark TBD	Camden McKay TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Greeters:	8:00 am	Nick & Ashley Walz	Bob & Karen Rinne	Beau & Ann Campbell	Randy & Michele Barrett
	10:45 am	Norm & Linda Jagels	Scott & Angela Hodge	Barb Gossen & Carol Vandenberg	Brad Keefe
Altar Guild	Keith & Carolyn Clarke, Dana & Deb Froelich, and Gary & Barb Levan		Scott & Denise Behrman, Jim & Nancy DeLaney, and Debbie Johnson	Carol Brandt, Cindy Chain, Rebecca McDonald, and Gina Stoehr	Doris Baker, Dana & Deb Froelich, and Rebecca McDonald
Education Hour Nursery:	Andrew & Marissa Lippe <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt & Morgan Riechers		Andrew & Cassie Nichols <i>Helping Hands:</i> Ashley & Adam Stoll	Ashley & Adam Stoll <i>Helping Hands:</i> Zach & Alaina Booth	Michelle & Shayla/Kaylee McKay <i>Helping Hands:</i> Kyle & Jessie Tsai
Counters:	George Ledgerwood Todd Scheumann		Roger Berardi John Blakley	Eric Domsch Todd Scheumann Bob Welsh	Brian Olson Paul Peterson
Altar Flowers:	Andrew & Cassie Nichols Third Wedding Anniversary		Faith Ledgerwood's Birthday	Kelsey Teply's Baptism Birthday and Sophia Teply's 12th Birthday	Jeff & Cheryl Kerns 40th Wedding Anniversary
	TBD		TBD	Ashley Stoll's Birthday	TBD
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am	
	Zach Booth, George Delancy, Debbie Johnson, Mike Johnson, and Mark Zarnstorff			Scott Behrman, Mark Chapin, Brett Clark, and Brad Johnson	



#### ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
8/3/2025	380
8/10/2025	420
8/17/2025	379
8/24/2025	389
8/31/2025	TBA

#### PASTORAL STAFF

#### Joel S. Schultz

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**Beautiful Savior** Lutheran Church and Preschool



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**Beautiful Savior** Lutheran Church

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

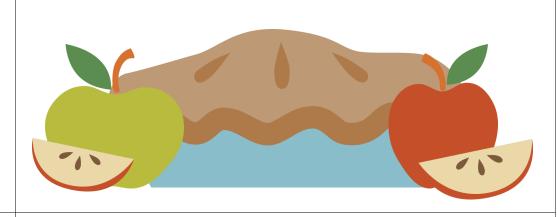
# **SUNDAY FUNNIES**



I would be grateful for eternity ... a concept not wasted on you, I'm sure."



"Pastor says all the answers are in here. I quess he never had to take one of Miss Hathorne's geography exams."





#### 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

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