Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.



First Sunday after Christmas **December 29, 2024** 8:00am & 10:45am

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service**.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION Members and visitors, please scan this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-10:30am)

Adult Bible Class: Today we will be studying various hymns of the Advent and Christmas season.

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating classrooms.

Nursery: There is a nursery during education hour located in the lower level, Room 118.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.

Order of Service: Divine Service 4

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 375, 410, 359, 388, 392

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through your Word to me draw near; Preserve that Word in purity That I your child and heir may be. LW 197:1

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE God Loves Me Dearly

arr. Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375

Stand

→ THE PREPARATION **→**

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*

Psalm 124:8

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

(A moment of silence to confess our specific sins.)

- **P** Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy...and of the

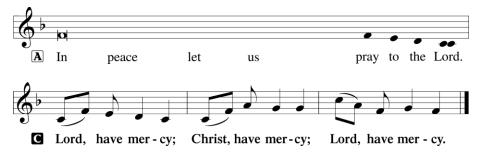
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. [John 20:19-23]

★ SERVICE OF THE WORD ★

KYRIE ~~ (Latin: Lord, Have Mercy)

Mark 10:47

(The Kyrie is a litany, a prayer with a series of requests for all humanity first, and then for the whole Christian church. The people respond with the refrain, "Lord have mercy" making the prayer their own.)



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- Lord, have mer cv; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer cv; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cv.
- Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cv.

HYMN OF PRAISE

In



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high-God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice arr. Koeritz Vocal Quartet

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning

mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 111; antiphon v.9ab

Ahlman

The first time the Pastor sings the Refrain, repeated immediately by the congregation led by the quartet. Thereafter the congregation sings the Refrain led by the quartet, and the Pastor sings the verses and the Gloria Patri.

REFRAIN



- Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
 Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- **G** REFRAIN
- Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- REFRAIN

He provides food for those who fear him;
 he remembers his covenant forever.
 He has shown his people the power of his works,
 in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

C REFRAIN

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

C REFRAIN

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
 Holy and awesome is his name!
 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

REFRAIN

- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- REFRAIN

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:3–14

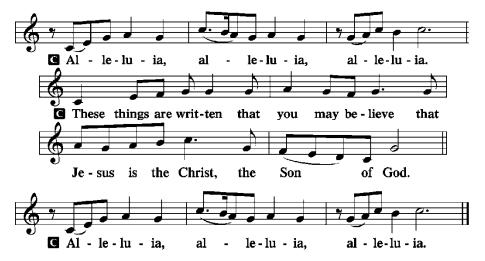
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:40–52

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His

parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Josiah Sandcork

SERMON HYMN

Within the Father's House

LSB 410

SERMON

Luke 2 Vicar Josiah Sandcork

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED (located on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

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$[\mathbf{P}]$	In thanksgiving for the eternal Word made flesh and His dwelling among us, full
	of grace and truth; that His praise would be extended into all the world; and that
	many would come to hope in His steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord:
C	Lord, have mercy.

- **P** For the Church, blessed in Christ, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the preaching of the Gospel of salvation and the seal of the promised Holy Spirit in Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That God would raise up faithful preachers among us to the praise of Christ's glory until we acquire the inheritance promised us in Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all Christian homes, that the Word of God would dwell richly therein just as Christ Himself once dwelt in the home of Mary and Joseph, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the leaders and elected officials of our nation, especially for their wisdom that, as God once gave His servant Solomon unsurpassed wisdom to rule Israel, He would also enable them to discern between good and evil and govern our people wisely, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the sick and everyone in any kind of need [especially ______]; for patience and healing according to God's will; for those who mourn [especially ______]; and in thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness shown to us in Christ, [especially for ________] let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who come to the blessed Sacrament this day, that as Christ once won our redemption through His blood, so now, according to the riches of His grace, He

would grant us worthy repentance, confident faith and unity in a sincere confession, let us pray to the Lord:

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, in mercy You have established the Christian home among us. We implore You, rule and direct our hearts to be good examples to children and those subject to us, that we may not offend them by word or deed but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word. Give them Your Spirit and grace, that this seed may bring forth good fruit and our homelife may advance Your glory, honor and praise as well as our own improvement and welfare, giving offense to no one; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

(Our offerings are collected at the door and brought forward and presented in thanksgiving to the Lord. If you missed this opportunity, your offering can be placed in the plate at the door as you leave.)

OFFERING PRAYER

★ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ★

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

And also with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

P Lift up your hearts.

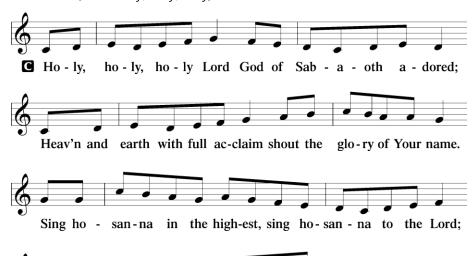
We lift them to the Lord. [Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise. [Psalm 136]

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Tru - ly

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

in the name of the Lord!

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

blest is He who comes

- Our Father who art in heaven,
 - hallowed be Thy name,
 - Thy kingdom come,
 - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 - give us this day our daily bread;
 - and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

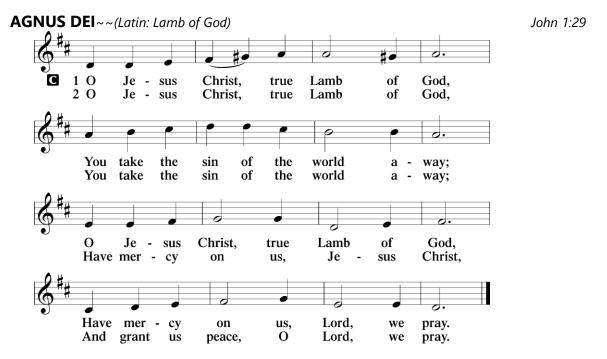
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen!



INVITATION

P Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life? (For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.)

 Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

Instructions for Communing

We use <u>continuous kneeling tables</u> for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming LSB 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain LSB 392 God Loves Me Dearly

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis~~(Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

Thanks be to God.

 $lap{P}$ The Lord bless you...and $lap{H}$ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Amen.

LSB 381

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Behnke

Before you go: Visitors and Members – please register your attendance.





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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching	Vicar Josiah Sandcork
Celebrant	Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist	Pastor Joel Schultz
Organist	Lauran Delancy
Vocal Quartet	Ashley & Izzy Martinez & Alexandra & Riley Olson
Acolytes	(8:00) TBD (10:45) TBD
Ushers(8:00)	Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob & Karen Rinne, & Kent Thompson
	(10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, & Dennis Smith
Altar Guild Doris Bake	er, Angela Hodge, Debbie Johnson, Rebecca McDonald & Sam Mohr
Greeters	(8:00) Doris Baker (10:45) Jere & Sharon Brandt
Nursery	
Counters	Randy & Jeanne Kanoy
Altar Flowers	

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Evangelist Remains Faithful After Brutal Treatment - Pakistan

A Pakistani evangelist was arrested in a remote part of the country and tortured. "He returned to us today not just physically broken but mentally and emotionally scarred, bearing the burden of trauma that words can scarcely express," said a senior front-line worker. The evangelist had visited a remote part of Kashmir to meet someone who wanted to talk about Christ. But when the two sat down for tea, security officers suddenly appeared and rushed the evangelist to interrogation. "He has endured unimaginable suffering. His body bears the marks of brutal violence — deep scars and bruises, even in places no person should ever experience such cruelty," said the front-line worker. "The torment left him so shaken that he can't even eat." While the evangelist's pain is deep, the worker added, "Even in his darkest hour, he has remained steadfast in his faith, trusting in God's plan."

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to the families listed below that purchased poinsettias for our Christmas services.

Jack Anrico In memory of Gwen & Amira Anrico (2)

Roger Berardi To the Glory of God (2)

Jere & Sharon Brandt To the Glory of God

Kevin & Lynda Brumley In memory of Cleo Wolter & Inez,

& John Brumley

Pat Circle In memory of Mel & parents

Lois Clendening In memory of Bill Clendening

Ron & Linda Graybeal In memory of son Jeff & grandson Dylan

Brad & Eden Keefe To the Glory of God (2)

Jeff & Cheryl Kerns In memory of Oma, Opa, & Cara

Beth Matthews In memory of Darrell Matthews

Tamara & Greg Morin In memory of Bill & Gloria Morin,

Rev. Leland Teuscher, & Tim Teuscher (3)

Gary & Carol Olson To the Glory of God

Marc & Gretchen Olson In thanksgiving to God for our 3 children

Vaunda & Archie Palmer To the Glory of God

Paul & Gloria Peterson To the Glory of the Newborn King (2)

Mary Jane Rees In memory of Ivan

Bob & Karen Rinne In memory of loved ones

Jim & Connie Teig To the Glory of God

Marc & Sandy Wachter In memory of Wayne & Wanda Hein

Robert Welsh In memory of Paula

Janna Willnauer To the Glory of God

Mark & Sara Zarnstorff To the Glory of God (2)

Charlotte Ziegler In memory of Rev. Robert Ziegler,

Rev. Lee Teuscher, & Tim Teusche



PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Paige Vanderpool**, Aaron Vanderpool's sister, who is pregnant with her first child.

For **Michelle Held and family**, Barbara Gossen's niece, who is recovering from brain surgery in which they found cancer and they have already lost Michelle's brother, Neal Wurth, to cancer this past August.

For **Justin Wingerter and family** especially his grandmother as they spend their first Christmas without Justin's grandfather.

For **Ted Teuscher**, Charlotte Teuscher-Ziegler's 55-year-old son, who is hospitalized after having a stroke.

For Sarah Nichols, Andrew and Cassie Nichol's sister-in-law who is experiencing some health issues.

For **Ken Ernster**, Roger Berardi's neighbor, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

For Charlie Fiss, Fred Gruhn's very good friend who is home recovering well from his AFIB incident.

For **Todd McMullen**, who is having knee surgery on December 31st to repair a torn meniscus.

For God to bring about peace in the war between Israel and Palestine.

For God to bring about peace in the war between Ukraine and Russia.

For **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine**, our LCMS partner church, for their safety and love as they care for the people still caught in the conflict.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For Isaiah McMullen, who is thankful the GI test results yielded no serious illness but needs improvement for his health.

For Roger Braun, Carisa McMullen's father, who is thankful for positive test results but needs improvement for his health.

For Lauren Kandt, Kim Burdett's niece, who will be the first patient to begin a clinical trial to try and fight the cancer.

For Mike Hughey, Lance Hughey's father who is home recovering from parainfluenza and needing speech therapy.

For **Terry Norwood**, who is recovering from a new pacemaker surgery.

For Margaret Wolpers, who is recovering at home from seizures.

For Joshua Shin and his family, a BSLP family, whose infant son Joshua has been diagnosed with a fatal genetic disorder.

For Carol Brandt and family, and peace as they mourn Dale's death and adjust to life without him.

For Gina Stoehr and family and peace as they mourn Tim's death and adjust to life without him.

For **Helen Claudy**, who is home and continues to pray for strength.

For **Karen Kuhn**, who is having chemotherapy for stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

For Patty Ott, Amy Schepmann's mom, who is in hospice care.

For **our expectant mothers: Audra Bruschi, Allie Melton, Alison Reigel, Mary Schultz, Brie Shepherd, Rachel Totten, and Peyton Ziegler** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For those undergoing cancer treatment: Brad Alyea, Tonya Baker, Mandy Bender, Liz Taylor Berube, Sharon Drew, Jordan Ebach, Wanda Fisher, Brad Gellerstedt, Maya Goudy, Gary Huseman, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Lauren Kandt, Linda Knight, Karen Kuhn, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, JC McCaskey, Milroy Moses, Susan Mountain, Melissa Nesemeier, Patty Ott, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Dave Semro, Tom Serafin, Tyler Smith, Eydie Taylor, Kathy Woods, and Kara Zech.

For **our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith.

For **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that God would bless them through our interactions, and they may come to know Christ.

For **all those who are unemployed or under-employed**, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.