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# November Summary Report

Submitted November 30, 2021 by Thomas M. Hawkins, Jr. – Project Manager

Early part of the month of November was spent jumping the hurdles and responding to City of Olathe and Johnson County requirements to attain the necessary approvals, authorizations, predecessor permit to be authorized to actually break ground and move dirt. But the efforts of your design professionals, field staff and contractors prevailed on November 10, 2020.

While these efforts with the, "Authorities Having Jurisdiction" (AHJ), the field staff continued efforts with the Utility companies, Evergy, ATMOS Energy and Google Fiber to coordinate the relocation of this infrastructure to allow the required mass excavation and grading for the sewer line, water lines and main extension, and communication infrastructure to planned locations to support the addition.

We had planned to physically attain the BUILDING PERMIT then start on November 10<sup>th</sup> but Murphy's law prevailed and after a week of good weather it rained enough to prevent our efforts but the following day ... Veteran's Day clearing, grubbing and sewer line excavation from the southwest corner of the addition to the manhole on the south side of the facility entrance drive commence.

Now that actual construction started the field staff turned attention to coordination of inspections, quality assurance and procurement efforts. City of Olathe Sewer Line inspectors and Terracon Consultant (our special inspection consultant) were notified and scheduled. Work has proceeded well, even with the anticipated rock formations that required larger equipment and determined efforts to clear the way for new construction. The construction site coordinated with the Preschool and staff for closure of the main drive access on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, all went well.

November 16<sup>th</sup> ATMOS Energy (Gas Company) moved on site a week early to begin relocation of their line to the north and east perimeter of the site. Good management Northern Pipeline allowed this task to be completed smoothly prior to Thanksgiving Day. November 23<sup>rd</sup> the installation of the water line started at the south side of the site to across the front of the playground providing much interesting observation by our preschoolers. Additionally, Electrical Associates began the infrastructure installation to relocated the Evergy power and Google Fiber utility services on site. Evergy began their boring under Black Bob to meet up with the onsite work to supply the new electric power service; this work will continue into December.

In December we will continue the mass excavation and fill work to prepare for the building foundations, complete the utility relocations and begin rough grade work for the parking lot, retaining wall, new entrance off Black Bob and south main drive. Scheduling for the start of building foundations. The job site will be closed starting end of the day December 23<sup>rd</sup> through start of the day January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021. Pray to God that in 2021; His will be done and we will be granted SAFE, efficient and quality construction to His glory. And all God's people say "AMEN!"

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR THE BSLC STAFF!** For those who would like to acknowledge our staff this Christmas, the Board of Elders is collecting monetary gifts to be distributed just before Christmas. If you are able to give, please place your gift in the decorated box located in the narthex during live services or in the box on the table during parking lot communion. If you are not able to make it to church, you can use the Give+ app and select "BSLC Staff Christmas Gift". You can also use Venmo (@BSLC-StaffGift) or mail a check to the church with Attn: John Blakley. If using a check, please write "Staff Gift" in the memo section. Gifts will be collected through the end of the 11:00 am service on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. If there are any questions, please reach out to Eric Olson (Chair, Board of Elders) at 913-523-6290. Thank you for your loving generosity!

**DVENT DEVOTIONS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available in the narthex. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.

**POINSETTA SIGN-UP** There is a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex on the wall by the Altar Guild room if you attend in person. Or you can give the office a call to get your name on the list. Cost of the poinsettias are \$15.00. Use the green envelope in the narthex or mail your check to the church. Write poinsettia on the memo line.

**AMAZON SMILES** You can make an impact while you shop for Black Friday and Christmas shopping. Simply shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/48-1101724](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-1101724) and AmazonSmile will donate .5% of your purchases back to BSLC at no cost to you. The last check we received for the last 3 months was \$183.56!

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

### Lectionary Images for Dec. 6

[https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-6\\_Lectionary-Images.pdf](https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-6_Lectionary-Images.pdf)

### Children's Worship Notes Dec. 6

[https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-6\\_Children-Worship-Notes.pdf](https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-6_Children-Worship-Notes.pdf)

**LAST WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**, 37 students put together 150 winter kits for the homeless! Each kit included a bottle of water, a pair of socks, hot hands, peanut butter crackers, Kleenexes and chap stick. Students wrote encouraging notes to be included in the bags, as well. The bags are on a table in the Narthex for you to pick up and share with a neighbor in need. You do not need to do anything with them except hand out with a smile! The remaining kits will be delivered to Scraps KC in Kansas City, MO, for distribution from their store.

**THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** In today's lesson, we learn about how God provides "Food from Heaven." The Israelites arrive in the wilderness with no food, grumbling against Moses and Aaron. God keeps His promise to provide for His people as He daily sends Manna (bread) and quail (meat) from heaven for them to gather. The Lord teaches His people to trust as they gather only what they need for one day.

**WOMEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** are doing a study entitled "Called – A Nurturing Your Faith Study" by Dr. Michael Zeigler. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Lisa Gruhn ([church directory](#)).

**THURSDAY MORNING ZOOM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will break from Bible studies after November 19 until January.

**FACE MASKS REQUIRED** In light of the rising number of COVID cases and the [Governor's Executive order \(20-52\)](#) requiring face-masks and other coverings while in public regardless of social distancing, the Board of Elders (with support from the pastors) voted on and approved the requirement that face masks or

other face coverings must be worn during the entirety of in-person worship services and Bible study at BSLC until the Governor's Executive order is lifted.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** via Zoom is Sunday, December 6 at 6:30 pm. Please sign up here (insert SignUp Genius link) so we can send you the Zoom invitation! It will last 20-30 minutes and include a devotion, and a reading of Luke 2 and "Silent Night" by candlelight. You are welcome to forward the SignUp Genius to friends and family.

**MITE BOXES** This month our LWML Mite Boxes will look like Advent Wreaths! Beginning Sunday, December 6, and available on December 9, 13, and 16 at church, please bring your donations for LWML mission grants and place them in the "candles" of the Advent wreaths provided by Alison Willey and Christy McCombs. Our December LWML mission grants to pray for and support are found on the Kansas District website

<https://www.kansaslwml.org/uploads/1/2/3/6/123633172/2020-mg-3.pdf> and the national website <https://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-17>).

If you would like to send a check please write it out to Beautiful Savior LWML and send it to LWML in c/o Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 13145 S. Blackbob Rd Olathe, KS 66062 or donate online to the Kansas District LWML through the GivePlus app or on the Kansas District LWML Giving webpage. <https://www.kansaslwml.org/giving.html>.)

**LWML MEETING** There will be no LWML meeting in December. We will resume in January with a mission focus on the Olathe District Restart Foster House program for homeless students. Items for winter/Valentines donations for these young adults (ages 18-20) will be promoted in the coming weeks. There are currently seven of them, but the number may grow to ten.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

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Preschool children are busy this week hearing about the story of Jesus and everything that led up to his

birth in Bethlehem. Holiday projects are being made by the children and Christmas music fills the hallways as the children are working on their songs for our video Christmas Program this year. We're looking forward to more dress up Spirit Days this month and lots of opportunities to enjoy our Christmas themes.

## MISSIONS

### PIONEER TRAIL BACKSNACK REMINDER

There are approximately 35 students participating in the Pioneer Trail Backsnack program this school year. Our donations provide a portion of the items that they take home on the weekends. The monthly need for each student is: 2 boxes CEREAL (12-15oz size fits in a backpack), 4 cans HEARTY SOUP (approx. 18-19oz size), 4 FRUIT CUPS. Please consider sponsoring a student and providing these items each month. Donations can be put in the large wooden box in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

**MLM CHRISTMAS STORE** is in need of small kitchen appliances, jeans (all sizes) and queen size blankets. If you can donate money, or order via Amazon wish list before Thanksgiving, it would be appreciated.

<https://www.mlmkc.org/donate-christmas-store.html>

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET NEEDS** We are almost at the end of our collection of sugar, flour and cooking oil for the 120 Christmas Baskets distributed by the Jesus El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Kansas City, Mo. These baskets provide a more joyous celebration for families during the Christmas season. During November, we have been collecting a **4 lb. bag of sugar, 5 lb. bag of flour and 48oz. of cooking oil** to add to each basket. As of Nov. 23, our congregation and Preschool have collected enough for 40 baskets. There is a Thrivent Action team project that will cover approximately 40 more baskets. We will need 40 additional sets to cover the remaining baskets. Please consider donating sugar, flour and oil to help with the remaining items needed. **We will continue collecting through Dec. 7.** Please put your donations in the large wooden box in the narthex. (Be aware that these items need special handling.) If you would like to donate but don't feel comfortable putting items in the donation box in the church, contact Charlotte Hundley. We can make special arrangements to get your donations. Thank you for your generosity to bring joy to others.

## CALENDAR:

### Sunday, December 6

8:00am - Worship w/ Comm. & live streamed  
9:00am – Education Hour live and streamed  
10:15am – Communion Service – front parking lot  
11:00am – Worship w/ Communion  
1:00pm – Music Prep. & recording until 3:00pm  
3:30pm – Laudate Ringers until 4:15pm  
4:30pm – Youth Choir until 5:15pm  
5:30pm – Beata Handbells until 6:15pm  
6:30pm – Virtual Advent by Candlelight  
6:30pm – Music recording until 7:30pm

### Monday, December 7

8:30am – Preschool  
12:15pm – Preschool

### Tuesday, December 8

8:30am – Preschool  
9:30am – Organist Practice  
12:15pm – Preschool

### Wednesday, December 9

7:00am – Men's Bible Study  
8:30am – Preschool  
9:30am – Organist practice  
12:15pm – Preschool  
5:30pm – Chimes until 6:00pm  
6:00pm – Confirmation  
6:00pm – Pre-Confirmation

### 7:00pm – "O Antiphons" Worship Service

### Thursday, December 10

8:30am – Preschool  
9:30am – Women's Bible Study via Zoom  
12:15pm – Preschool  
6:30pm – Trustees Mtg.  
7:00pm – Women's Bible Study

### Friday, December 11

8:30am – Preschool  
12:15pm – Preschool

### Saturday, Dec. 12

8:30am – Altar Guild Prep until 9:30am

### Sunday, Dec. 13

8:00am – Worship w/ Comm. & live streamed  
9:00am – Educ. Hour in person & Live Streamed  
10:15am – Communion Service – front parking lot  
11:00am – Worship w/ Communion  
1:00pm – Music Prep & recording until 3:00pm  
3:30pm – Laudate Ringers until 4:15pm  
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## Birthdays:

Dec. 6 Jeanette Maack, Tiffany Harkins,  
Dec. 7 Carol Boland, Jake Lassman  
Dec. 8 Amber Goeglein  
Dec. 9 Melvin Bockelman, Chad Ronsick  
Dec. 10 Doug Mahnken, Logan Shiao  
Dec. 11 Scott Wielage, Eric Hartwell.  
Ryan Fee  
Dec. 12 Marc Wachter

## Anniversaries:

Dec. 11 Victor & Susan Chapa

### Our Worship 11-29-20

Attendance	315
Offerings	\$12,569.22
Sunday School	\$15.00
Trusting Hearts	\$5,494.00

***Offerings do not include any Electronic Contributions.***

## Stewardship Corner

Christmas is a time for giving and receiving gifts. After all, Christmas is when God gave the greatest gift you will ever receive: the gift of His Son. While that gift remains uppermost in our minds, we still enjoy receiving and giving other gifts to our families and friends. Sometimes, with limited funds, it's difficult to make our money stretch so we can give to all you love. Some of the greatest gifts cannot be bought with money. What's easier: to take \$20.00 to the mall and find a tie for your dad or sit down and ask him what his life was like when he was a teenager? What's easier: to buy your wife a sweater or treat her and your family to a special dinner that you cook? What's easier: to find the latest toy for your son or daughter or to coach them in soccer in the back yard or on a team? Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35).



**WE ALL ENJOY OPENING THE GIFTS PLACED BENEATH THE CHRISTMAS TREE, BUT NONE CAN COMPARE TO THE GIFT GOD GAVE US IN CHRIST.**

*"Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!" (2 Cor. 9:15)*