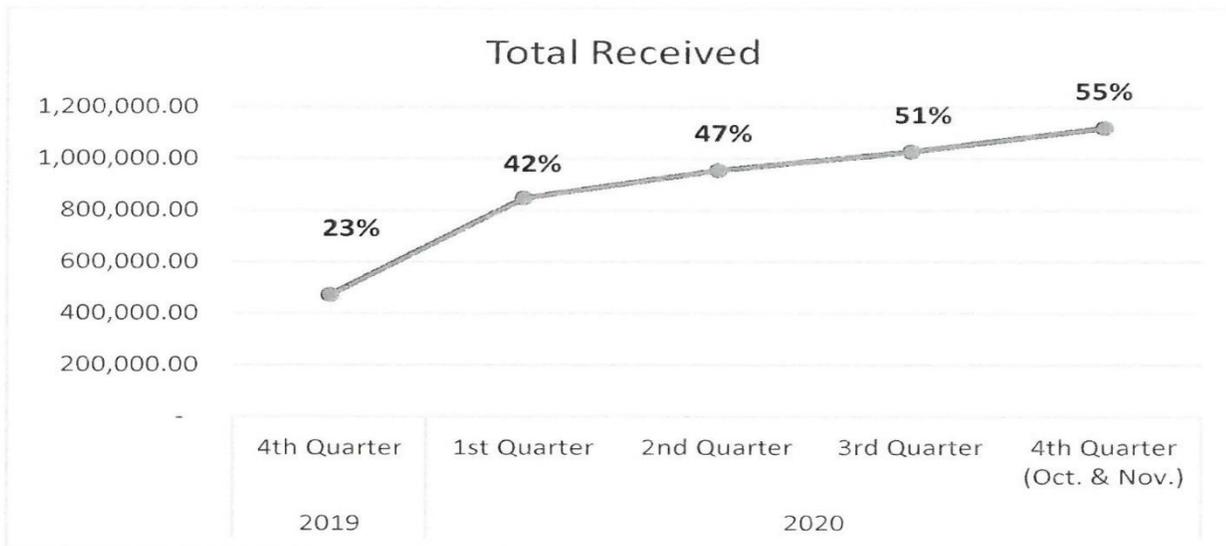


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**Trusting Hearts Capital Campaign - Phase 1**

		Monthly Received	Total Received	Committed to Trusting Hearts
####	4th Quarter	471,606.03	471,606.03	2,030,000
2020	1st Quarter	375,381.13	846,987.16	2,030,000
	2nd Quarter	107,847.91	954,835.07	2,030,000
	3rd Quarter	72,087.43	1,026,922.50	2,030,000
	4th Quarter			
	(Oct. & Nov.)	92,997.19	1,119,919.69	2,030,000
<b>Project Funding Summary</b>				
LCEF Loan = \$4,219,730				
BSLC Trusting Hearts = \$2,030,000				



## 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!

**ADVENT 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. 20.

[https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-20\\_Lectionary-Images.pdf](https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-20_Lectionary-Images.pdf)

### Children's Worship Notes Dec. 20.

[https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-20\\_Children-Worship-Notes-1.pdf](https://www.bslcks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-20_Children-Worship-Notes-1.pdf)

**THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** In today's lesson, we learn about the birth of the Christ Child.

**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](#)).

**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

**MITE BOXES** 'Tis the season of Advent so our LWML Mite Boxes have been transformed into Advent Wreaths! Each Advent wreath has candle "containers" for your monetary donations in support of the mission and work of LWML - Lutheran Women in Mission. If you are not at church in the next couple of weeks, you are welcome to send a check to LWML c/o Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 13145 S. Blackbob Rd. Olathe, KS 66062 or use the GivePlus app. Secure online donations can also be made through a link on the LWML Kansas District website <https://www.kansaslwml.org/giving.html>. Thanks to Alison Willey and Christy McCombs for their creative talents!

We send 100% of money donated for mite offerings to the Kansas District LWML and they keep 75% for our district mission grants, financial aid for church-work students, and the work of the district and send 25% to national LWML for their selected mission grants, leader training, and their work program. To learn more about current district mission projects click here: <https://www.kansaslwml.org/gospel-outreach.html>.

To track national LWML mission grant giving, click here: [https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/lwml/attachments/275279/2020-12-01\\_2019-2021-Mission-Grant-Distribution-Flyer.pdf](https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/lwml/attachments/275279/2020-12-01_2019-2021-Mission-Grant-Distribution-Flyer.pdf).



**LWML** Our January focus/mission collection will be for the seven Olathe high school students in the ReStart Adopt-A-Youth Foster House. We will receive items or monetary donations to purchase items to make Valentine's Day for these 18-20 year old students a little more special, such as: Target, Walmart, and QuikTrip gift cards, restaurant gift cards (McDonalds and Chick-fil-A are popular choices), hot chocolate packets, gloves, socks, microwave popcorn, chips, snacks, candy. (Currently only one has food allergies to dairy, eggs, wheat.) The January LWML Zoom meeting will be held Monday, January 18 at 6:30 pm.

### **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

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

The Preschool children enjoyed their last week before Christmas break with lots of fun activities. Each class was taped singing a special Christmas song that we made into a Christmas Program video to share with the parents. The children had special spirit days where they dressed in their favorite Christmas clothes. Some of the classes had small parties to celebrate Jesus' birthday with their teachers and classmates. In chapel we shared the Epiphany story of the wise men

following the star to find Jesus. We finished our special handmade gifts for our parents. Our staff was blessed once again by the many cards and gifts from our preschool families. We are excited to resume school again on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.mlmc.org/donate-christmas-store.html>

#### **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Food Baskets for the Jesus El Buen Pastor Lutheran food pantry in Kansas City. Through the donations of food from our preschool children and the congregation, a Thrivent Action Team project and monetary donations, we were able to deliver over 1400 pounds of sugar, flour and cooking oil to add to their Christmas Baskets. These baskets will provide a more joyous celebration for families during the Christmas season. Thank you very much.

**CALENDAR:**

**Sunday, December 20**

- 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
- 7:00pm – Church Council

**Monday, December 21**

- Preschool Christmas Break thru Jan. 5
- 6:30pm – LWML Mtg. Via Zoom

**Tuesday, December 22**

- 9:30am – Organist Practice

**Wednesday, December 23**

- 7:00am – Men’s Bible Study
- 9:30am – Organist practice

**Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

- 4:00pm – Christmas Eve Service
- 6:00pm – Christmas Eve Service
- 8:00pm – Christmas Eve Service

**Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

- 10:00am – Christmas Day Service

**Saturday, Dec. 26**

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

**Sunday, Dec.27**

- 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
- 4:30pm – Youth Choir until 5:15pm
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**Birthdays:**

- Dec. 20 Michael Butler
- Dec. 21 Shirley Knese, John Blakley, Kelly Grace, Kurt Batten, Rebekah Raetzel
- Dec. 22 Avry Gates
- Dec. 23 Peyton Werling
- Dec. 24 Merrie Rowton
- Dec. 26 Abigail Watt

**Anniversaries:** none this week

**Our Worship 12/13/20**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>\$20,542.60</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>\$70.25</b>
<b>Trusting Hearts</b>	<b>\$11,250.00</b>
<b><i>Offerings do not include any Electronic Contributions.</i></b>	

**Stewardship Corner**

What a truly awesome night that was in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago when Jesus was born! In the Gospel story, we read about the shepherds who are in their fields when they see a bright light that comes from the sky. Then they see a form, and they're scared! The angel speaks calming words: "*Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy...*" (Luke 2:10) and he tells them about the Baby in Bethlehem. Then the sky is filled with "*a multitude of the heavenly host*" (Verse 13) who join the angel in praising God. We are like those shepherds. We've had this message revealed to us, too, not by an angel, but by the Word of God. Unlike the shepherds, we know the rest of the story. We know that the Baby grew up to be a Man Who chose to be the sacrifice for our sins so that we could be justified in God's sight. As the shepherds shared the Good News, we are to as well.

Like the shepherds who traveled to Bethlehem in response to the Good News the angels brought, we have the greatest message to share.



***"The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them" (Luke 2:20).***