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## **Christmas Worship/Events Schedule**

**Christmas Caroling with Youth Groups** – Sunday, December 16 at noon

**Children's Christmas Service** – Sunday, December 16 @ 6:00 (this will take the place of 6:00 pm worship service.)

**Preschool Christmas Programs** – Monday, December 17 @ 6:00 & 7:15 pm

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services w/ Holy Communion** – Monday, December 24  
4:00, 6:00, & 8:00 pm

**Christmas Day Service w/ Holy Communion** – Tuesday, December 25 @ 9:00 am

**New Year's Eve Worship w/ Holy Communion** – Monday, December 31 @ 6:00 pm

## **Sunday Sermon Series – “What Child Is This?”**

This series uses the hymn by the same title to set before us the unmatched blessing of our Lord's incarnation. The sermon series draws upon the themes of Holy Scripture and teaches us to appreciate the full range of blessings that are ours through faith in the child who is God from before the foundations of the world, and who was born of the Virgin Mary. Confronted and comforted by this reality, with penitent and hope-filled hearts, we join to sing: “Haste, haste to bring Him laud,” “Hail, hail the Word made flesh,” and “Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!”

December 2 – **“The Child Who Is Zechariah's Hope”**

December 9 – **“The Child Who Is the World's Peace”**

December 16 – **“The Child Who Is John's Joy”**

December 23 – **“The Child Who Is a Virgin's Great Son”**

December 24 (4pm, 6pm, 8pm) – **“The Child Who Is the Lord”**

## **Midweek Advent Worship**

Wednesday, December 19 @6:30pm – **“Service of Lessons and Carols”** – Scripture and Song takes us on a journey of redemption that began in the Garden of Eden and will culminate with Christ's return on the Last Day with the new creation.

## 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. You may place your gift of cash or check in the envelope provided in your mailbox and drop it in the decorated Christmas gift box located in the narthex by Sunday December 16. Thank you for your loving generosity!

**BSLC ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE, Saturday Evening, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm** Take a break from the holiday rush and share the Christmas spirit with your church family. We will start our night with dinner from Olive Garden. Play a few games. Then swap our cookies. Bring any amount of cookies you wish! (2 dozen minimum please). Bring 2 dozen, take home 2 dozen. Bring 6 dozen, take home 6 dozen. Don't forget to bring an extra container to take your cookies home in! Be thinking of what cookie you would like to bring and sign up on the Sign-up genius that was sent to you in an email. Questions talk to Dani Olson.



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** If you would like to provide a poinsettia for our Christmas Services, you can do so by signing up on the sheet in the narthex. The poinsettias will be **\$11.00** this year. You can designate your poinsettia to be in memory of someone, or any other reason. Questions? Call Sharon Kester 913-782-7964.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE** Remaining Practice time: **December 16** following late church service. Lunch will be served at noon followed by practice at 12:30pm. Practice will run an hour to an hour and 15 minutes long.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDE** Winter is here! Please take note of the following guidelines in the event of closings due to weather: Check with the church office - if church or activities are

cancelled, every attempt will be made to leave that message on the church answering machine. Always check the church web-site - this is probably the best resource to getting this information to you. The church's web-site is: [www.bslcks.org](http://www.bslcks.org). Please keep in mind that the hill that hosts our driveway sometimes becomes very dangerous in snow and ice.

**2019 FLOWER CHART** has been posted in the narthex. Sign up for as many Sundays as you wish. Please note that each bouquet is \$30. If you want to do all the flowers for your chosen Sunday, please sign both lines, payment would be \$60.

**WIFI PASSWORD HAS CHANGED** The User Name for non-staff is now **BSLC Guest** and confirmation code is **Jesus13145**. The original WIFI network under BSLCWLANI for staff has the same password as before but you may have to enter it again when you connect for the first time.

**AMAZON SMILE** Remember when shopping for gifts use the link below for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church to get a percentage of your purchases back to BSLC, at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-1101724>. #AmazonSmile #StartWithaSmile.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**LIFELIGHT** Our next session of LifeLight will be Isaiah, part 2 and will begin on January 9 (10) and run thru Ash Wednesday. If you would like to participate in this class, please email Debbie Seutter, [office@bslcks.org](mailto:office@bslcks.org). Books should be available before Christmas so you can start your first lesson.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Today in Sunday School, the children learned the account "Mary Visits Elizabeth." In the presence of the Son of God growing within Mary's womb, John the Baptist leapt inside Elizabeth's womb. God fills us with Himself in Word and Sacrament, and we, like Mary, offer our praise and worship. *Consider asking, "How or when does God fill us with His presence today?"*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**NURSING HOME CAROLING** Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> is our annual All Youth and family Christmas Caroling youth event. This is for all members of the preteen youth, Jr. Youth and Senior Youth groups AND anyone else who would like to bring some Christmas Cheer to some nursing home residents. We will meet right after church for a soup and sandwich lunch and then we will be going around to a couple of nursing homes and singing to the residents. We will be back to the church by 3:00pm. Please join us if you can.

**SENIOR YOUTH LOCK IN** will take place December 21 – 22. See Pastor Ada for details.

## MISSIONS

**PIONEER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL BACKSNACK PROGRAM** We will be collecting 2 boxes of cereal, 2 cans of ready to eat soup, and 2 packages of applesauce or fruit cups per month per student, September through May. Please place your donations in the wooden box in the narthex.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

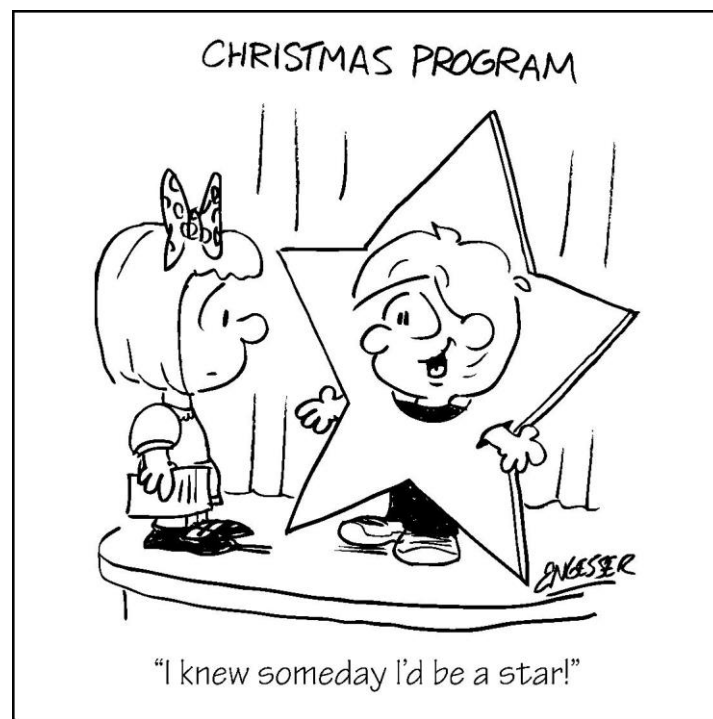
**THE PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS** are Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm. The children are learning songs, finger plays, a short play, and how to use some of our rhythm instruments. The title of this year's program is "Jesus' Christmas Party". We are excited for this annual celebration of Jesus' birth!

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES CHRISTMAS BREAK** Preschool Classes will have their Christmas parties on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The Preschool will be on Christmas break from December 20<sup>th</sup> – January 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will resume on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**ADVICE & AID PREGNANCY CENTERS, INC.** is in need of volunteers, including bilingual volunteers, and will be offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Monday January 7, 2019 (7:00 to 9:00 pm). The meeting will be held at 11644 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Shawnee, KS. For more information on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, please contact Mary at 913-962-0200 or email [volunteer@adviceandaid.com](mailto:volunteer@adviceandaid.com).

**ADVICE & AID PREGNANCY CENTERS, INC.** is offering a private, confidential, Christ – centered program called Awakenings dedicated to bringing the healing Word of God to those who have suffered a pregnancy loss. We meet individuals on their journey by providing one –on-one sessions and eleven week Bible studies, for either loss from abortion or loss from miscarriage, stillborn or newborn death; both programs are designed for healing and restoration! New sessions are starting in January. For more information, or to enroll, please contact our Awakenings Coordinator, Kelly Carter, 913-962-0200, ext. 1010 or email at [kellyc@adviceandaid.com](mailto:kellyc@adviceandaid.com).



**CALENDAR:**

**Sunday, December 16**

- 8:00am – Worship w/Communion
- 9:30am – Education Hour
- 10:45am – Worship w/ Communion
- 12:00pm – Children’s Christmas Service Rehearsal
- 12:00pm – Christmas Caroling with Youth Groups
- 4:00pm – Quarter Life
- 6:00pm – Children’s Christmas Program
- No 6:00 pm Service this evening*

**Monday, December 17**

- 6:00pm – Preschool Christmas Program
- 7:15pm – Preschool Christmas Pro

**Tuesday, December 18**

- 9:30am – Organist Practice
- 1:00pm – Staff Meeting/Lunch

**Wednesday, December 19**

- 6:30am - Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
- 9:30am – Organist Practice
- 6:30pm – Service of Lessons & Carols

**Friday, December 21**

- 8:00pm – Senior High Lock-in

**Saturday, December 22**

- 8:00am – Altar Guild Sunday Prep until 9:00 am
- 8:00am – Senior High Lock in ends
- 9:30am – Christmas Bell Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 23**

- 8:00am – Worship w/Communion
- 9:30am – Education Hour
- 10:45am – Worship w/ Communion
- 6:00pm – Evening Worship w/ Communion

**Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

Services w/ Holy Communion – 4:00, 6:00, & 8:00pm

**Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day**

Christmas Day Service w/ Holy Communion – 9:00 am

**GOD GAVE US THE BEST GIFT POSSIBLE WHEN HE GAVE US HIS SON. HIS GIFT ENABLES OUR GIVING.**

“For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).



**Birthdays:**

- Dec. 16 Melanie Smith, Christi West, Noah Denker
- Dec. 17 Sheila Marts, Sue Gehrt, Kevin Brumley, Evan Herra
- Dec. 18 Jeanne Sumstine, George Ledgerwood, Anita Mariani, Alaina Booth, Natasha Zarnstorff, Kellan Mahnken
- Dec. 19 Cooper Olson
- Dec. 21 Shirley Knese, John Blakley, Brian Beisner, Kelly Grace, Kurt Batten, Travis Mozden, Rebekah Raetzel
- Dec.22 Avry Gates

**Anniversaries:**

- Dec. 16 Richard & Becky Hainje

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<u>Our Stewardship 12/9/18</u>	
Offerings	\$16,457.50
Worship Attendance	412
<u>Sunday School</u>	
Offering	\$113.55
Attendance	234

**Stewardship Corner**

As God’s stewards, we acknowledge, through faith, that God has created and owns all things. All creation belongs to God the Creator. *“The earth’s is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein”* (Psalm 24:1). The Apostle Paul wrote, *“We brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world”* (1 Timothy 6:7). Since all we have is God’s, shouldn’t we use what we’ve been given for His purposes? Because of God’s grace in Jesus, we are empowered to live lives according to His will and purpose.