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## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

### Christians and Elections



November is right around the corner and that means our nation is getting geared up for the knockdown, drag out fight that is known as election day in America. As a pastor, I am often troubled by what people say and believe when it comes to election day, especially what is often posted on social media. I am even more troubled when those individuals profess faith in Christ.

I was reading the August edition of the Lutheran Witness (our LCMS magazine) and read two articles that I believe every Christian should take a few moments to read and ponder. One article is written by Dr. Joel Biermann of the St. Louis Seminary and gives some thoughts on voting which is "a holy task given to you by God and done for the sake of your neighbor." The second article is written by Peter Slayton who is the social media manager for the LCMS. His article gives some guidance on speaking as a Christian in the midst of the world. I received permission from the LW editor to share them. So here are the links to the articles:

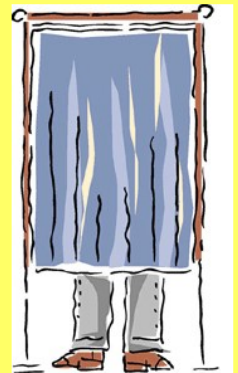
- [Beyond the Booth](#)
- [Media in Politics](#)

After you read them, if you have any questions, I am always available to speak with you.

I pray that you have a blessed and peaceful day.

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Joel Schultz*



## NEWS & NOTES

### For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- Pastor Joe Rodriquez, St. Stephens, Liberty (cancer)
- Sherri Webb (for continued healing following her stroke)
- Jeff Richards, cousin of Carisa McMullen (metastatic melanoma)
- Karen Blatchford, friend of Amy Freiermuth (brain cancer)
- Denise Johnson, grandmother of Danniell Christensen (pancreatic cancer)
- Aaron Krout, nephew of Bobbi Boxler (bone cancer)
- Steve Martinez, friend of Danny Hundley (cancer)
- Ron Heineke (prostate cancer)
- Joy Rodenberger (cancer)
- Ryne Clark, grandson of Judy Landall & great nephew of Ken & Sue Kreissler (cancer)
- Rev. Bryan Drebes, former associate pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church (colon cancer)
- Madi Jenkins, granddaughter of Phil & Georgia Freese (auto immune disease)
- Kim Jenkins, friend of the Martin family (breast cancer)
- Barb Gossen (Renal cancer)
- Brad Alyea, Brenda Bremer's brother (stage 4 lung cancer)
- Marian Gilkerson, Matt Shiever's mother (thyroid cancer)
- Charlotte Golloway, friend of Trish Shiever (pancreatic cancer)
- Steve Shiever, Matt Shiver's father (Prostate cancer)
- Pat Gossen (cancer)
- Maureen Friedel, cousin of Phil & Georgia Freese (liver failure)
- Debbie Newman (breast cancer)
- Pastor Gerardo, pastor of our partner church in Guatemala (prostate cancer)
- Moriah Obermueller (breast cancer)
- Ken Miller, Erik Miller's father (colon cancer)
- Pastor Ed Trost (mass in lung)
- Larry Barstad, Brenda Brown's brother (Stage 4 Brain cancer)
- Ted Teuscher (cancer)
- Debbie Buddish, mother of Lauran Delancy (stage 2 endometrial cancer)
- Ashley Hung, granddaughter of a close friend of Ken Knese (stage 4 brain cancer)
- Colby Vredenburg, cousin of Chris Wibe (cancer)
- Brooklyn Peterman, neighbor of Enserros (leukemia)
- **Megan Herrmann, Nicole Christensen's sister (Hodkins Lymphoma)**
- **Jen Degner, Gail Mattern's mother (in hospice with stage 4 cancer)**
- **Bennie Smith, Bobbie Clark's uncle (Legionaires Disease)**

### For Military Service Men and Women:

*Serving stateside:* STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Knox, Ky.); MAJOR Paul Kassebaum, WO Daniel Kassebaum, SSGT Brady Cox (Ft. Offutt, Omaha Neb.), CPT. Michele Kerns (D.C.) CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Bragg, N.C.), Danny Meyers, STAFF SGT Austin Nichols, SGT Jacob Mattern, and Caleb Schempp (basic training with KS Air Natl. Guard).

*Serving overseas:* Dakota Pierson (Germany),

**For Our Expectant Mothers:** Nicole Christensen, Alli Bauck, and all other expectant mothers. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

### For the Sake of the Gospel:

- Vicar Luke Elowsky as he serves with us for his vicarage year.
- Pastor Richard Pingel as he ministers to those in local nursing homes.



# NEWS & NOTES

## Trusting Hearts: Ground Breaking Ceremony



It's time for construction to begin! Our official ground breaking took place on Sunday, August 9. Despite the very rainy morning, shovelfuls of dirt covered in prayer, were the first outdoor signs of the progress of the Phase 1 Building Project.



Pastor Schultz provided the blessing and message for the service. While Trenton Travis (Trusting Hearts Coordinator), Rev. Panzer (KS District President), Council member Marge Vogt (Olathe City Council), and Jeff Maltz (LCEF) were on hand to provide encouragement and congratulations for the expansion project. Tom Hawkins (Project Manager from Laborers for Christ) and Jeff and Beverly Schroeder (Scharhag Architects) were in attendance as their contribution to this project can't be understated.



Special thanks goes out to Kevin Brumley and Lisa Gruhn for taking pictures, Andrew Willey for providing a live feed, and Jennifer Mahnken for handling the refreshments.



Trenton Travis

Under the guidance of Trenton Travis, the Trusting Hearts Capital Campaign has received \$2.03 million in pledges from our generous congregation, with half of those funds already received. Dani Olson continues to serve as the Building Committee Chair working with our architects, Jeff and Beverly Schroeder, and our LFC project manager, Tom Hawkins. Beautiful Savior is working to fulfill its mission - Connecting People to Jesus as We Gather, Grow, and Go!



Tom Hawkins



Rev. Panzer





# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## BSLC LWML (Lutheran Women In Mission) Meets via Zoom

The Beautiful Savior group met again in August via Zoom to discuss fall mission projects, share a devotion, some information from the district, and to pray. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 pm (a time change!) on Monday, September 21.



### BSLC LWML Mission Project

Thanks to everyone who signed up to tie the fleece blankets - and Charlotte and Danny Hundley for putting together sixteen "Grab and Go" kits! Additional kits are now available. Completed blankets are to be brought back to church and placed in the large wood donation box in the narthex. They will be distributed through MLM for the homeless. Smaller sizes will be used as lap robes.



### BSLC Secret Prayer Sisters

Please consider sending a note of encouragement to your Secret Prayer Sister in addition to praying for her. Due to some additional interest, Coordinator Alaina Booth paired new Secret Prayer Sisters in August.



### LWML Mission Donations - Mission Grant #1

Convention delegates from LWML groups across Kansas selected the mission grants we will support throughout the next year and a half. Now, it's time to start funding them! The first one is for Orphan Grain Train (OGT), operating in St. Petersburg, Russia, to provide health care needs for children in the orphanages. This grant funds basic daily needs such as diapers, wipes, and medical items like band-aids. There are 60 plus Russian Orphanages that OGT assists. The Russian Government allocates money, but the local budget only allows for approximately one diaper a day for each orphan. Money is disbursed through OGT to appointed Russian workers that run the orphanages. Please consider donating. Cash and checks can be put in the LWML Mite Box at church. Checks can also be mailed to Karen Benz, Treasurer. If you are looking for an online option, secure donations can be made through the Give Plus app, select Kansas District LWML for donation options.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## Kansas District LWML Awards God's Gracious Gift Fund

One of the recipients of an LWML grant from the God's Gracious Gift Fund was the Orphan Grain Train Relief Center of rural Herington. The group was awarded \$2,000 to cover transportation costs for the shipping container used to store and transport items for OGT. The container is located at St. John's Lutheran Church at Lyons Creek. With a container on site, boxes can be packed directly into the container without the need for additional transfer costs. The former school house is used to collect, sort, and box the donations. Once the container is full, OGT picks it up for transport to their warehouse in Norfolk, Nebraska, and replaces it with an empty unit. Marci Brockmeier's mother, Mary, and aunt, Emilee Morgan, are part of the weekly volunteers at the site. LWML Kansas District President Kim Burdett and District Planner Eden Keefe were there, along with four other LWML district leaders, to present the check. The full article from the Dickinson County News-Times can be found [here](#).



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Preschool News



## Lead Teachers



Michelle Wibe  
3's am Classes  
Discovery  
Friday



Amanda Myers  
M/W/F am &  
M-Th pm Pre-K  
T/Th am Office



Kara Herra  
M/W & T/Th  
Young 3's  
T Extended Day

## A New School Year Begins!

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Pre-school began its' 19<sup>th</sup> year of school on Monday, August 17. Preschool board members, pastors, and our vicar all helped with our new drive-thru drop-off and pick-up routines. Our preschool board members shared welcome signs for our families as they drove in on our first two days. We've welcomed two new staff members this fall and are happy



Liz Gresham  
T/Th/F Pre-K  
am



Karen Ledgerwood  
MDO  
M/T/W/Th  
AM



Trish Batten  
Music Teacher  
M/Th am & pm  
Th Extended Day



Mrs. Amy Schultz  
Director



Mrs. Amanda Myers  
Assistant Director

to be back with the children for another year of Growing in Jesus!



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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Multi-Age Lead Teachers



Kim Daly  
Multi-Age Class  
M-F am, M/W/F pm



Kendal Cline  
Multi-Age  
T/Th PM



Tiffany Dumm  
M/W/F am  
Multi-Age Aide



Janette Copeland  
M/W & T/Th  
Young Three's  
Aide  
Discovery Friday  
Aide



Carol Boland  
M/W/F  
Extended Day  
and After  
School Care



Laura Kellar  
T/Th MDO am &  
pm Aide



Samantha LeBlanc  
M/F am & pm MDO Aide  
W am MDO Aide

## SCHOOL'S IN SESSION



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

		September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Joel Ada & Cora Delancy	Ashley Martinez & Izzy Martinez	Kaylee Bahr & George Delancy	Ashley Martinez & Izzy Martinez
	11:00 am	Sydney Hughey	Riley Olson & Alexandria Olson	Peter Yarnell & John Yarnell	TBD
Counters:		Keith Gloe & John Blakely	Todd Scheumann, George Ledgerwood, Juan Martinez, Debbie Johnson	Todd Scheumann, Bob Welsh, Eric Domsh	Ron & Karen Aerni, Jared Turrel, Trevor Huseman
Altar Flowers:		Mark & Lisa Circle <i>Anniversary</i>	Dee Dimond <i>In Memory of Spouse</i>	Brett & Ashely Stoll	Jeff & Cheryl Kerns <i>35th Anniversary</i>
		Jim & Connie Teig <i>Anniversary</i>	Mat t& Morgan Riechers <i>Jackson's Baptismal Birthday</i>	Nicole & Matthew Christensen	Debbie Seutter <i>In Memory of her mother</i>



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



On Sunday, August 9, eight confirmation students participated in the service. At the 10:45 am worship service the confirmation students received their confirmation verses, pastoral blessings, and participated in communion. Please continue to encourage the 2020 confirmation class in their faith journey.

### Ethan Emmons Circle

Ethan is the son of Mark and Lisa Circle. He was born on June 23, 2005 in Overland Park, Kan. Ethan was baptized at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe, Kan. on July 31, 2005. Ethan's baptismal sponsors are Cary and Kathy Steiner.

*"You make your saving help my shield; your help has made me great."*  
2 Samuel 22:36

### Colton Robert Clark

Colton is the son of Brett and Bobbie Clark. He was born on September 10, 2005 in Lawrence, Kan. Colton was baptized on November 6, 2005 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe, Kan. Colton's baptismal sponsors are Kate Henderson and Graham Gerjerts.

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*  
Joshua 1:9

### Jordan Faith Elaine Miller

Jordan is the daughter of Erik and Catherine Miller. She was born on April 3, 2006 in Salina, Kan. Jordan was baptized on August 18, 2019 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, in Olathe, Kan. Jordan's baptismal sponsors are Terry Hayes and Jenni Whitmore.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*  
John 3:16

### Samuel Thomas Olson

Samuel is the son of Brian and Michelle Olson. Samuel was born on April 18, 2006 in Olathe, Kan. He was baptized on April 8, 2007 at South Broadland Presbyterian Church, in Kansas City, Mo. Samuel's baptismal sponsors are Chris and Bonnie LaBelle.



Pictured are front row: Pastor Schultz, Sam Olson, Ava Zangara, Jordan Miller, and Pastor Ada; back row is Riley Wibe, Ethan Circle, Andrew Yarnell and Colton Clark

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*  
Hebrews 13:5

### Riley Faith Wibe

Riley is the daughter of Chris & Michelle Wibe. She was born in Overland Park, Kans on November 7, 2005. She was baptized on January 22, 2006 at beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe, Kan. Riley's sponsors are Jon & Jill Koch.

*"Be alert and sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings."*  
1 Peter 5:8-9

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## Andrew Jay Yarnell

Andrew is the son of Bradley & Anne Yarnell. He was born on November 4, 2005 in Des Moines, Iowa. He was baptized on December 1, 2005 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa. Andrew's sponsors are Christopher Kottlowski and Jayna Danforth.

*"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."  
Philippians 4:13*

## Ava Mai Zangara

Ava is the daughter of Scott & Angela Hodge. She was born in Blue Springs, Mo. on March 14, 2006. She was baptized on July 16, 2017 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe, Kan. Ava's sponsors are Matthew & Nicole Christensen.

*"Do not judge, or you too will be judged."  
Matthew 7:1*



## ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
8/2/20	316
8/9/20	352
8/16/20	278
8/23/20	319
8/30/20	TBA



The Lutheran Hour® can be heard on the local radio stations below. It can also be heard any time on the Internet at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). Audio daily devotions can also be downloaded to provide a refreshing meditation on God's Word.

Broadcast Area	Station	Sunday Broadcast Time
Kansas City Metro	710 AM – KCMO	8:00 am
	580 AM – WIBW	7:30 am
Topeka	89.5 FM KAWZ	9:00 am



### Church Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**  
8 am to 4 pm  
**Friday**  
8 am to 12 pm

**Joel S. Schultz**  
Senior Pastor  
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**Michael H. Ada**  
Associate Pastor  
[pastorada@bslcks.org](mailto:pastorada@bslcks.org)

**Luke Elowsky**  
Vicar  
[elowskyl@csf.edu](mailto:elowskyl@csf.edu)



**Sunday Worship**  
8 am, 10:45 am,  
& 6 pm  
**Sunday Education Hour**  
9:30 am

### Preschool Office Hours

**Monday — Friday**  
8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
(913) 780-6889

### Amy Schultz



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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL  
and MOTHER'S DAY OUT

### Mission

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