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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things have done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

You may well recognize these words as a hymn that we commonly sing on Thanksgiving Day. In the midst of the COVID pandemic, our minds and hearts can become clouded to the blessings we have from our heavenly Father.

The author of this hymn, Martin Rinckart, lived through a time much worse than we find ourselves in today. He was a Lutheran pastor in the little town of Eilenburg Saxony. Shortly after becoming a pastor, war broke out and raged across Europe, especially Germany, for the next thirty years (The Thirty Years' War - 1618 -1648). Since Eilenburg was a walled town, its population swelled as people from the countryside sought refuge. During those years, the little town was sacked once by the Austrian army and twice by the Swedish army. As a result of the population explosion, plagues and pestilence raged through the crowded streets and homes claiming the lives of at least 8,000 people, including Rinckart's wife. Some days Rinckart would perform as many as 45 funerals.

Living in such sorrow and misfortune, Rinckart kept His eyes on Jesus giving thanks and praise to the Lord for all his blessings! It was during this time, in about 1636, that Rinckart penned the hymn of thanks and praise written above. He had learned, like the Apostle Paul, that nothing in life or death could separate him from the love of God he found through Jesus Christ.

May your life be always filled with thanks and praise to the Lord! Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Schultz



NEWS & NOTES

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

- 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 (Hodgkin's Lymphoma)
- Jen Degner, Gail Mattern's mother (in hospice with stage 4 cancer)
- Bennie Smith, Bobbie Clark's uncle (Legionnaires' Disease)
- Brandon Ryan, friend of McMullens (osteosarcoma tumor near spine).

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 Brown [Kerns] (D.C.) CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Bragg, N.C.), Danny Meyers, STAFF SGT Austin Nichols, Caleb Schempp (KS Air Natl. Guard) and SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron)

Serving overseas: Dakota Pierson (Germany)

For Our Expectant Mothers: All expectant mothers and 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.



MISSIONS



Several times a year, ladies from our church prepare a meal for the young families of the Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center. On Monday, October 26 they enjoyed chicken tetrazzini, mac 'n cheese, green beans, carrot sticks, applesauce, cookies, cupcakes and a special Fall treat. Thanks go to Karen Rinni, Karen Kuhn, Christy McCombs, Marci Brockmeier, Karen Benz, Carolyn Hanson, Joanne Hanson, Sherri Younger, and Charlotte Hundley.

Below is the thank you we received from the Bridges Manager

Thank you all for your amazing meal last night! The clients so appreciated a warm meal on a cold night. I am so thankful you were up for preparing food, organizing, & dropping off everything we needed. I hope this virus will go away soon. Stay healthy.

*Thanks again,
Tiffany M.
Bridges Manager
Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center*

Christmas Food Baskets



It has been a tradition at BSLC to provide sugar, flour and cooking oil to the Jesus El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Kansas City, Mo., for their Christmas baskets. These baskets are a wonderful gift given to families during the

Christmas season.

This small church (50+ active members) prepares and distributes 120 of these baskets to provide a more joyous celebration during the Christmas season.

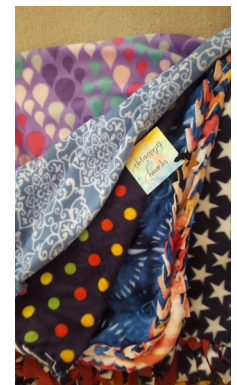
During November, please donate **4 lb. bag of sugar, 5 lb. bag of flour, and 28 oz. of cooking oil.** These sizes fit well in the baskets with the other items that are included. Put your donations in the large wooden box in the narthex. (Be aware that these items need special handling.) If you would 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.

Fleece Blankets Donated

Fifteen twin-sized and five (5) smaller (3 ½' x 4 ½') tied fleece blankets were donated to Olathe Public Schools – Community Development, which is an organization that supports homeless school-aged children. Both Tiffany and Christy know the person in charge, and Redeemer Lutheran also supports them. We hope to have someone join us on Zoom to tell us more about that social ministry program.

Sixteen smaller fleece blankets were donated to MLM. They will distribute to low income seniors at Beautiful Savior Nursing Home in Belton, Mo. to use as lab robes.



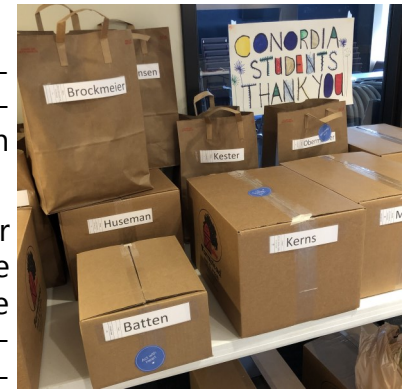
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Farmstead Nuts & Treats Report

The Farmstead Nuts and Treats fundraiser was a success! Each of the seven Concordia students will receive \$400 financial assistance from the orders and generous donations received this year. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



The LWML would like to thank Thrivent for their \$250 kickstart money used to purchase most of the cash and carry items, Hen House and Hy-Vee for the donation of bags for orders, Gloria Peterson and Karen Rinne for coordinating the fundraiser, and those that purchased, donated, and volunteered. Also new this year, we thank the Happy Helpers 4-H club for assisting with sorting and fulfilling orders, creating posters, and helping with contact-free order pick up.



We will continue to meet via Zoom throughout the next months. We

did not meet in October because of the zone event, but will resume Monday, November 16.

Two LWML Kansas District Mission Grants PAID!

Thank you for your donations to LWML mission grants and your ongoing support of our mission projects! We received more than \$275 on LWML Sunday for the work program and the mission grants selected at the convention this summer. All donations are sent directly to the Kansas District. 75% stays in the district with 25% sent to support the work and mission projects at the national level. And, as you see below, those donations truly are mighty-"mites"!

LWML Kansas District President Kim Burdett shared: With thanks and praise, we are announcing that Mission Grant #1 for \$5000 to Orphan Grain Train for St. Petersburg, Russia orphanages has been approved for payment. Also, mission grant #2 for \$5000 to Lutheran Indian Ministries at Haskell LIGHT in Lawrence has been approved for payment.

National Mission Grant Focus for November is "Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow – LCMS School Ministries" <https://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-16>

Adopt-A-Student & Concordia Seminary Food Banks

Notes were sent in September to Beautiful Savior's two Adopt-a-Students through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis: Andrew Nelson and Peter Frank, and a reply was received from Peter. His wife, Laura, is teaching 4th and 5th grade in-person and online, and he covets prayers for her as well as his studies. He concludes, "I am so thankful that the Lord has brought me here and am so thankful for the faithful prayers and support from people like you."

Note cards with Scripture and encouragement were made, written, and sent to the LWML Office in October for distribution to students/families at our two Concordia Seminary Food Banks.



Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study finished Deb Burma's book "Sip, Savor & Drink Deeply" in October and will continue with stand-alone Bible studies from the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* on

Thursday mornings 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. via Zoom through November 19. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Eden Keefe.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Kansas City CrossRoads Fall Zone Event

Thirty-eight women, a guest speaker, and our zone pastoral counselor attended the event at Risen Savior, Basehor, on Saturday morning, October 17. Kim Burdett, Tiffany Harkins, Eden Keefe, and Christy McCombs represented Beautiful Savior.



We heard from Rebecka Noel, the Events Manager and Volunteer Coordinator at Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries (MLM). She explained how their non-profit program – in three locations in KC – is a “one stop shop” for people who are low income or homeless and seek assistance for basic necessities. She focused on their food program (food pantries, sack lunches, and Saturday mobile breakfasts) and the Christmas Store and how they have adapted to provide services in a safe manner for staff and volunteers. Did you know that pre-COVID they were serving 150 families a week at the Central location food pantry and they are now serving 150 a **day**?

They are seeking volunteers to work “behind the scenes” for the Christmas Store November 20 – December 4, which will be held out of their Central location and done in a contact-less way to protect both clients and workers. For more information, email Rebecka at rebeckanoel@mlmkc.org. She shared that the top five kitchen appliances for the Christmas Store are: crockpots, toaster ovens, coffee pots, electric griddles, and electric skillets. Other much-needed items are jeans (all sizes), blankets (queen or king – people prefer the larger size so they can double up or cut in half to make two), and \$20 Walmart or Target gift cards for teen gifts. She reiterated that the Amazon wish list is a way to shop and have it shipped directly to MLM. They seek to serve 1200 people this year through the Christmas Store.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Preschool News



The Evangelism Board secured Thrivent Action Team grants to provide a drive-thru event for our Preschool families. The board purchased BSLC canvas bags, Arch books with Bible stories from CPH, candy donated by members, Chick-Fil-A gift cards donated by Chick-Fil-A, coloring books, and a brochure all about BSLC. The board wanted to reach out to our preschool families to remind them that they are part of our family of faith here. They also wanted to share resources to support them in the faith development of their children.

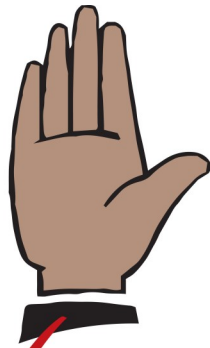


BSLC youth helped to wrap and seal candy bags and fill the canvas bags. Church members and children made brightly colored posters and then came on two different days to hold the signs, smile, wave, and use fun noisemakers to greet our families at pick-up time.

Here's what one of our preschool parents had to say about the experience:



"I just wanted to say thank you for the special send off at pick up today. I have been sad lately about our last year at your school and the fun traditions looking so different. It's easy to get stuck in that grief sometimes but time and time again, your school, leadership and congregation blow me away with thinking outside of the box. You remind me that "different" can still be special. Thank you for making today special!"



VOTERS MEETING

**Sunday,
November 22
at 12:15 pm**

**Wednesday,
November 25
at 7 pm**



ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
10/4/20	285
10/11/20	341
10/18/20	352
10/25/20	327



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. 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

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

Preschool Office Hours

Monday — Friday
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