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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ Death to Life

I love watching movies. I love pretty much every genre of movie. Most movies have a beginning and an end. After you watch the movie, that's it. The story is over. There is no more to watch.

That is how many people view life. There is a beginning when we start out in our mother's womb and there is an end when we die. And that is it. There is no life and no more story after we die.

There are other movies, however, which do not end when you get to the final credits. The story isn't over. Rather the story continues in another movie. Movies like the *Star Wars* saga are good examples of stories that continue well past nine movies in dozens of novels propelling the story decades into the future.

Likewise, our life is not over when we die even though our earthly bodies will no longer be alive. Life goes on. That is the wonderful Good News of Easter. Jesus proclaimed, **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"** (John 11:25).

When our life ends here on earth, it is not the end of the story. Jesus died on the cross to pay the price of eternal death for our sin, and because Jesus rose from the dead on the third day defeating sin, death, and the power of the devil we too have life in His name.

Through Holy Baptism we are connected with Christ and have been raised to a new life. **"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life"** (Rom. 6:3-4).

For those who trust in Jesus as their Savior, the happy, wonderful story goes on. When we die our souls go to heaven to be with the Lord and await the Last Day. And on the Last Day Christ will raise these bodies from the grave and glorify them to live in the New Heaven and New Earth forever with Him.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!

In Christ's Service,

"I am the resurrection and the life."
JOHN 11:25

NEWS & NOTES

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

- Moriah Obermueller (breast cancer)
- Barb Gossen (renal cancer)
- Pat Gossen (cancer)
- Sherri Webb (for continued healing following her stroke & foot surgery)
- Karen Blatchford, friend of Amy Freiermuth (brain & bone cancer - stable for now))
- Jeff Richards, cousin of Carisa McMullen (Metastatic Melanoma-terminal)
- Maureen Friedel, cousin of Phil & Georgia Freese (liver failure)
- Ted Teuscher (cancer)
- Ashley Hung, granddaughter of a close friend of Ken Knese (Stage 4 brain cancer)
- Brooklyn Peterman, neighbor of Enserros (Leukemia)
- Jenni Patience, granddaughter of Marian Schulteis (Lymphoma)
- Brandon Ryan, friend of McMullen family (Osteosarcoma tumor near spine - removal planned for spring)
- Steve Martinez, friend of Danny Hundley (cancer-thyroid was removed, still has two other forms of cancer)
- Brad Alyea, Brenda Bremer's brother (Stage 4 lung cancer-tumor has shrunk to about half the size)
- Rick Ellis, friend of the Martinez family (cancer)
- David Kihn, brother-in-law of Brad & Cindy Cornell (Leukemia)
- Teresa Schmidt, neighbor of Todd & Carisa McMullen (metastatic cancer in her spine)
- Samantha Zech, sister-in-law of Kara (Smith) Zech (cancer)
- Ron Schulteis, cousin of Carol Smith (cancer)
- **Eric Hundley, cousin of Danny Hundley (cancer)**



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.), Caleb Schempp (KS Air Natl. Guard) and SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron)

Serving overseas: Dakota Pierson (Germany)

For Our Expectant Mothers: Julie Flores, and all other 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.

*New additions to the continued prayer list are in red.

Please contact the Church office when a prayer can be removed.

Trusting Hearts Campaign: March Summary Report

By Thomas M. Hawkins, Jr.

We ended last month's report with the statement; "Spring will come with our Lord's blessings. Thanks be to God." Well, God's will, decided to quench our thirst and blessed us with record amount of rain. This rain did cause delay in our progress by at least a week or two.

Early in March we did complete the subgrade and installation of the LVC fill work for the Fellowship Building and Maintenance Building. The PEMB (Pre-engineered Metal Building) material were received and stored at the east end of the facility parking lot. We also installed a laydown area in the future expansion area to aid construction during spring wet period, however we were not able to get the access road installed to the laydown yard before



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NEWS & NOTES



the rains started the weekend of March 14. The new Emergency Exit Stair was installed week of March 15 through March 20. The tie-in of the water main was completed on March 16 during the Spring Break Vacation with a long day of effort. Labors for Christ started the preparation at the existing building and the connection between the current Sanctuary and lower hallway at Pastor office by removing the existing siding, architectural fenestration to allow the new construction to be installed unimpeded. This will include removing the existing north window of the Sanctuary re-framing the opening to accept a pair of double access door to the new connecting structure to the Fellowship Building. Construction of the detention pond and stormwater system structures continues which includes a large quantity of rock excavation and haul off. Volunteers pumped a lot of water to allow the work that was able to be completed. We did have an interruption of our internet service for approximately six hours due to a mistake by their crews, which was remedied with haste. Contracts for landscaping, irrigation, storefront doors and glazing, exterior and interior wall studs, drywall, suspended ceiling, security and alarm systems were completed. Cohorst Enterprises Inc., Bottorff Construction, Needham DBS, are prepared and ready to execute subgrade grading, concrete foundations and slabs, and structural steel erection.



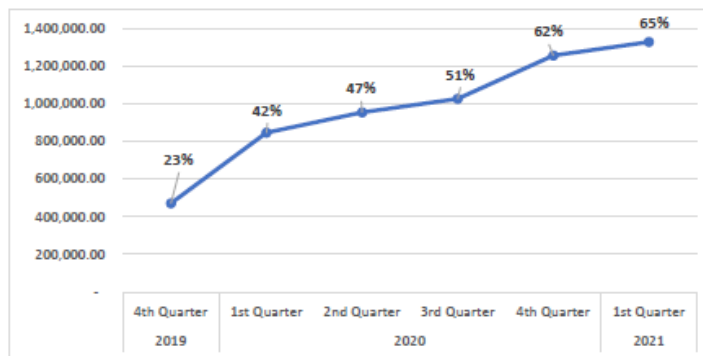
Goals for April:

- Mobilize Bottorff Construction, Inc. for concrete scope including the interconnection foundations, Fellowship Building foundations and the Maintenance Building slab.
- After the foundations cured to specification, mobilize Needham DBS Erectors to receive and erect the first floor primary steel
- Continue mass grading for, retaining wall, parking lots and stormwater detention structure.
- Continue re-bidding of remainder of contractors, equipment and material suppliers for the remainder of project
- Possibly mobilize BC Hardscape to start the retaining wall construction at end of the month.
- Refine project schedule for the remainder of the project now that known uncontrolled impediments to progress have been addressed. We continue to address the unknown ones.

Trusting Hearts Capital Campaign - Phase 1

		Quarterly Received	Total Received	Committed to Trusting Hearts
2019	4th Quarter	471,606.03	471,606.03	2,030,000
	1st Quarter	375,381.13	846,987.16	2,030,000
2020	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	229,609.50	1,256,532.00	2,030,000
2021	1st Quarter	72,167.18	1,328,699.18	2,030,000

Project Funding Summary
 LCEF Loan = \$4,219,730
 BSLC Trusting Hearts = \$2,030,000



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The new LWML mission statement is short and to the point – easy to say and share.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Did you know that throughout the year, we corporately record a **Blessing Count** from members who use a Gratitude Journal or Blessing List? In December 2020, we hit the 10,000-blessing mark – this was over a period of three years or so – and decided to reset to zero and begin again in January 2021. If you record your blessings and would like to join in, please email Christy McCombs with your number beginning January 1, 2021.



In March, Lynzee Jeeter provided a Pot o' Gold decorated **Mite Box** to keep the promotion of mite giving visible.

As co-hosts with Our Saviour, Louisburg, we welcome the attendees for the **2021 Spring Zone Event** to Beautiful Savior and look forward to hearing LWML Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten's presentation. The ingathering donations

are boxes of kid's bandaids for Noah's Bandage Project and cereal and individual fruit cups or applesauce for the Pioneer Trail BackSnack program. The Spring Zone Event is Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. – Noon, with registration open at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$3. Light refreshments and individual bottles of water and juice will be provided.



Carol von Soosten
LWML Gift
Planning Counselor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Preschool News



Preschool children enjoyed egg hunts as part of their Easter celebrations this month. The children decorated egg cartons and made bunny hats.



Thank You

The preschool team was blessed by the many volunteers who helped with the packing and unpacking before and after the new flooring was installed. We're excited about the freshly painted walls, new flooring, and new equipment following the burst pipe on the lower level.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lutheran Education Scholarships and Assistance

Christian education can entail a significant financial commitment for your family. Did you know Beautiful Savior offers monetary support for students attending a Lutheran grade school, Lutheran high school, or college (for working towards a church worker role) for active members? Here are steps taken to assist our families.

1. Our congregation has made a financial commitment through our budget process to become an association member of The Lutheran High School of Kansas City in order to actively support the mission and ministry of this school.

“LHSC is a dynamic school with much to offer every child. From dual credit university courses to business and tech/trade courses, Lutheran High students are achieving at a high level. Facility, faculty, leadership opportunities, spiritual growth, and positive environment are all reasons to consider LHSC.” -- A BSLC Member and former LHSC parent

2. Tuition Assistance – Our congregation also provides tuition assistance to our members who attend an area Lutheran grade school. This assistance is to help with the difference between member and non-member tuition rates. For more information, contact Pastor Schultz (PastorSchultz@bslcks.org).

3. Lutheran Education Assistance Fund (LEAF) – A special, needs-based scholarship has been set up at Beautiful Savior through private donations for active members attending a Lutheran school in the KC metro. For more information, contact Jeff McDonald (jefferey.mcdonald@gmail.com). If you'd like to donate to the fund, please do so by using a blue envelope and writing **LEAF** to indicate where your gift should be directed.

4. College Tuition Assistance – We take great joy in helping to send out workers into the harvest field of the Lord. To that end, BSLC assists with college tuition for active members who attend an accredited institution of higher education with the intent to enter a profession as a full-time Lutheran church/school worker. For more information, contact Pastor Schultz.

Below is contact information for our area Lutheran schools in order to request more information or to schedule a tour.

- The Lutheran High school of Kansas City: 816-241-5478 or visit online at lhskc.com
- Hope Lutheran School (K-8th): 913-631-6940 or visit online at hopeschoolkc.org
- Bethany Lutheran School (K-8th): 913-648-2228 or visit online at bethanyschool.net
- Christ Lutheran School (K-8th): 913-754-5888 or visit online at clsop.org



Worship Assistants

		April 11	April 18	April 25
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Cora Schreiner & Alexius Wolff	Olivia Travis	Cora & George Delancy
	10:30 am	Evan Domsch	Sydney Hughey	Sydney Hughey
Counters:	Paul Peterson ,Bob Welsh, & Eric Domsch		Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle	Ron & Karen Aerni, Jared Turrel, & Trevor Huseman
Altar Flowers:	OPEN		Keving & Lynda Brumley <i>Anniversary</i>	Doug & Jennifer Mahnken <i>Wedding Anniversary</i>
				Brad & Eden Keefe <i>In Memory of Marlene Lorenz</i>

ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
3/7/21	327
3/14/21	264
3/21/21	246
3/28/21	366



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 & 10:30 am,
Drive-Thru Communion
11:45 am

Sunday Education Hour
9:15 am

Preschool Office Hours

Monday — Friday

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

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and MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mission

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