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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

Experience the Joy

Watching your favorite sports team, the St. Louis Cardinals or the Kansas City Chiefs, for instance, win the big game is an exciting, joyful experience. If you are in the stadium, the joy is contagious. Everyone is clapping, celebrating, and cheering. It is wonderful to be part of the crowd and share in the joy of the moment.

Such is the joy of the body of Christ as it is in process of being built up. Such growth progresses as the Church's various parts function to the glory of Christ as the Gospel is preached, sins are forgiven, people are served, and the members share their faith and love for Christ with one another and those outside the church doors.

Yet do we see such joy often in the Church? Is such a demonstration of joy out of place in the Church? Perhaps we would be uncomfortable with a *pep rally*. But do we experience the joy of being in Christ's presence, the joy of being about Christ's work, the joy of seeing others serve as the Holy Spirit has called them?

Or are we programmed not to be joyful? Maybe we have come to view Christ's work as an obligation, as drudgery, and not as a thankful response to the grace which has called each of us to the body of Christ. Regardless of the reason for our lack of joy, Christ is always with us, ready to touch us with His joy. He constantly comes to forgive us and to empower us through the Holy Spirit to be joyful.

Come and experience the Joy of our Savior's birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension and sing all year long with the Christmas choir, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come!" That joy is contagious in the church because the Body of Christ is truly being built up.

In Christ's Peace and Joy,

Pastor Joel Schultz



NEWS & NOTES

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

- Gwen Anrico (cancer)
- Leslie Beller (cancer)
- Zach Chain (cancer)
- Ryne Clark (cancer)
- Heather Delaney (cancer)
- Karen Feldes (cancer)
- Lloyd Harfst (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Geordie McGuire (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz (cancer)
- Erica Slaymaker (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Kent Thompson (knee surgery)
- **Mandy Bender (cancer)**



For Military Service Men and Women:

Serving stateside: Heather Smith (Michigan); PVT, Casin Down-Wilson (KS Army National Guard Ft. Jackson – SC); STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Lewis-McChord, Wash.); CPT. Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.) CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Campbell, Ky.); Sgt. Dakota Pierson (Ft. Campbell, Ky.); Caleb Schempp (KS Air Natl. Guard); and SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron)

For Our Expectant Mothers: Chelsie Holste, **Briann Ludolph**, and all other expectant mothers and also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For the Sake of the Gospel:

- Vicar Avery Hjulberg as he spends his vicarage year with us.

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

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



NEWS & NOTES



The **Faith Alive** group (55+) met on November 12 with 19 attending. The evening started with a Thanksgiving devotion and shared discussion. Part of giving thanks is giving back the blessings you receive. From that you're blessed even more.

This year the Faith Alive group participated in some of the Mission projects by assembling personal hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train and sack lunches for the homeless distributed by MLM. Charlotte Hundley shared some of the other giving-back projects that are done throughout the year. Greg Koontz also shared about the Mission Southside outreach program. BSLC has a site team working with our neighbors in the Fieldstone Apartments. He also coordinates the TLC (Tender Loving Care) program here at BSLC. He sends out a sign-up email so members can participate by making and delivering meals to someone who may have had a baby, a hospital stay, or at-home for some reason. Let Greg know if you'd like to be a part of this giving-back program.

After a dinner of several soup and pie selections, the evening ended with some Thanksgiving trivia. The team with the most correct answers received Smarties (candy) as their prizes. All others received Dum-Dums".



Faith Alive will not meet in December as a group. There are many opportunities scheduled for celebrating the birth of our Savior.



Watch for more information about getting together again in January. If you'd like to attend a future **Faith Alive** get-together, contact [Danny](#) or [Charlotte Hundley](#).



Wednesday, December 7

Advent Supper - Fellowship Hall 5:30 - 6:20 pm
Midweek Advent Service - 6:45 pm (Hymn Sing 6:30 pm)
*This O Antiphons service focuses on the hymn
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

Wednesday, December 14

Advent Supper—Fellowship Hall 5:30 - 6:20 pm
Lessons and Carols Worship Service 6:45 pm
*This service of Lessons and Carols focus on the prophecy
and fulfillment of the coming Christ in Scripture and song.*



NEWS & NOTES

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
9:00 am (one service only)

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve Service
6:00 pm

Sunday, January 1

First Sunday after Christmas Service
9:00 am (one service only)



MISSIONS



Please help us support our local Olathe mission's Christmas Store. This is the organization that supports our Site Team ministry at the Fieldstone Apartment complex.



A Christmas tree display is set up in the hallway where you may pick a tag that has a gift item to purchase. The gifts will then be delivered, unwrapped, to Mission Southside before December 12. The shoppers will be able to go through the *store* at Mission Southside on Dec. 17 & 18 and choose stocking stuffers and gifts for their children. There will be volunteers on hand to help them and also to pray with them. If you have questions, contact [Ann Campbell](#).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Sharon was sitting in her pastor's office with tears streaming down her face. Her husband had just been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Sharon was at a loss on how to handle all the responsibilities of the household that now rested on her shoulders. Her pastor asked her if their estate plan was in place. She hesitated and then said, "We always said we were going to get that done. But now his mental capacity makes it difficult to handle." The pastor shared God's Word with her and they prayed. But both realized the challenging road that lay ahead.

Returning God's Blessings It is faithful stewardship of God's resources to be intentional about putting our estate plans in place. Parents with young children should have a minor's trust and appoint a guardian in case something should happen. Throughout the years, the estate plans need to be updated to accommodate changes in family composition and life situations. When retirement comes along and investments change, it is time for another review. Those pivotal moments of life should act as a catalyst to move us to intentional action.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Many things can consume our attention. Certainly, the holidays will do so this month as we celebrate God's gift of Jesus to us. Yet a month like this, as we cherish family and Church, is a great time to pray to the Lord for resolve to get busy after the first of the year to quit putting things off. No matter how much we fear talking about what may seem to be uncomfortable planning, the gift of faith given to us, linked to eternity, gives us the confidence to plan. In faith, we can be joyful about planning the blessings of our estate plans to bless the family we love and the ministries we care about.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Carol von Soosten at Carol.vonSoosten@lfnd.org Phone: 800-741-4138 wmlgiftplan.org

The LCMS Foundation offers the same services through gift planning counselors. Visit with Eden Keefe if you want more information.



In November, we met via Zoom. This was an intentional decision to allow women an alternative to driving in the dark and/or further distances an opportunity to join in. We will offer this option during the first couple of months in 2023. We do not meet in December, but encourage women to experience **Advent By Candlelight** held on Friday, December 2, 6:30

p.m.

We welcomed a special guest, Cora Delancy, who gave a wonderful presentation on Civic Engagement. She shared a few of her experiences through 4-H, which included partnering on some projects with the social ministry and/or LWML at church. Cora tied service to faith in action and said, "Service is a habit ... and this habit is contagious - for good!"

The **Farmstead Nuts & Treats fundraiser** was blessed by two Thrivent Action Team cards = \$500, plus orders and donations totaling \$6301. After paying for the items, the profit was \$2,630.88. An additional donation of \$9.12 made it an even \$2640 divided by the six church-work member/students so each will receive \$440. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Charlotte Hundley shared a praise report that the Thursday Morning Bible study group completed 26 **Operation Christmas Child** (OCC) boxes and the Beautiful Moms in Christ group completed 14. Additionally, \$1,113 was donated by adult and children Sunday School classes plus a personal \$50 donation to go toward shipping OCC boxes.

November Mission Projects

We had a goal of 80 sets of vegetable oil, sugar, and flour for Jesus El Buen Pastor Christmas Baskets in recognition of LWML's 80 anniversary. In total, Beautiful Savior plans to donate 120 sets of the items.

There is also an Angel Tree for Christmas gifts for Mission Southside in the pass through to the Fellowship Hall.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Preschool News



In November our Preschool and MDO families participated in a food drive to benefit the Metro Lutheran Ministry Food Pantry. Mrs. Daly challenged her class to bring in 100 items and the entire school got behind the challenge! Our school goal was 500 items, and we're excited to announce that we received 529 total!

The Friday Classical Conversations Home School group boxed up and delivered the food to Metro Lutheran Ministries for our school. They also joined us in our drive and donated items to our total.



This same homeschool group offered to do a service project for our school. They painted our yellow chair legs for our new Preschool classroom. We are so thankful for their hard work and willingness to serve!



YOUTH



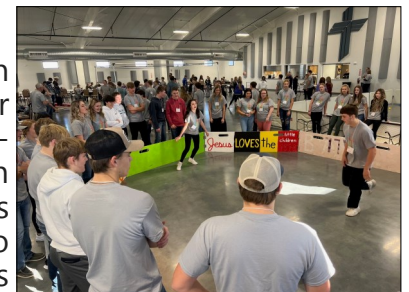
Kansas District Youth Gathering

On November 18 and 19, the BSCL Youth took part in a slightly different version of the Kansas District Youth Gathering. This year the Kansas District decided to have two regional events rather than the usual joint hotel gathering. Our 19 BSCL youth and adults were part of the 126 youth and adults that met here at Beautiful Savior for the East Regional Gathering.



Rev. Jacob Boessling, Campus Pastor at Concordia University Texas, was the keynote speaker at the Beautiful Savior location.


Friday night we hosted groups from out of town with games and a devotion led by Pastor Ada. On Saturday the youth began with breakfast and moved into our opening session with Guest speaker Rev. Jacob Boessling, Campus Pastor at Concordia University Texas, who helped us to understand how we as Christians live as the Baptized.



Students participate in KDYG activities at Beautiful Savior, Olathe.

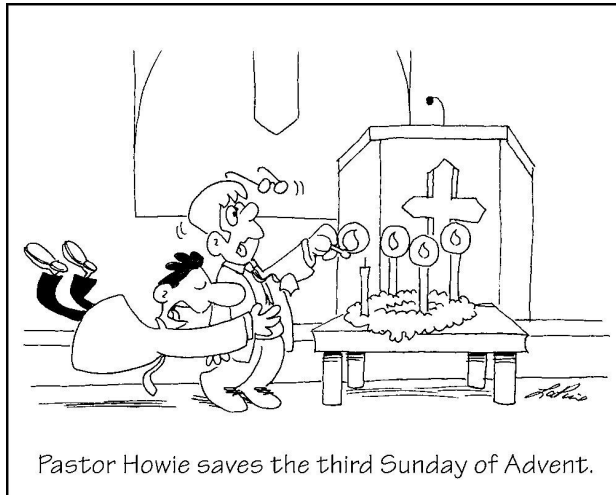
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

		December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Jack McDonald & Jack Gruhn	George Delancy & Nate Delancy	Olivia Travis & Alexius Wolff	9 am Service
	10:45 am	Rowen Clark & William Jeter	Anna Herrs & Kendall Herrs	Blake Hughey & Hudson Vogt	George Delancy & Nate Delancy
Greeters:	8:00 am	George & Karen Ledgerwood	Tom Bremer	Ken & Shirley Knese	9 am Service
	10:45 am	Barb Gossen	Brad Keefe	Brett & Bobbie Clark	Bob & Karen Rinne
Altar Guild	Carol Brandt, Deb Froelich, Angela Hodge, Deb Hodnik, Liza Pillers, and Mary Jane Rees		Carol Brandt, Nancy DeLaney, Deb Froelich, and Deb Hodnik	Doris Baker, Denise Behrman, Karen Benz, Pat Brackin, Karen Kuhn, and Debbie Johnson	Angela Hodge
Education Hour Nursery:	Matt & Morgan Riechers		Zach & Alaina Booth	Jason & Alli Bauck	No Nursery
Counters:	Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle		Ron & Karen Aerni, Jared Turrel, & Trevor Huseman	Randy & Jeanne Kanoy	John Blakley & Keith Gloe
Altar Flowers:	John & Mia Schreiner 18th Wedding Anniversary		Joe & Deb Hodnik In Honor of their three grandchildren.	Cooper Olson's 15th Birthday	Christmas Poinsettias
	Karen Kuhn For Keith's Birthday		Zoey Booth's Baptismal Birthday	Kellan Mahnken's 19th Birthday	
Ushers	8:00 am Service			10:45 am Service	
	Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob Rinne, Karen Rinne, & Kent Thompson			Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, & Dennis Smith	
Advent and Christmas Services	Midweek Services	December 7 at 6:45 pm		December 14 at 6:45 pm	December 31 New Year's Eve at 6:00 pm
		Acolytes Addison Shelledy & Alexandra Olson		Acolytes Addison Shelledy & Kelsey Teply	Acolytes
	December 24, Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	6:00 pm	8:00 pm	TBD
		Acolytes TBD	Acolytes Alexius Wolff & Ethan Wolff	Acolytes TBD	Alter Guild
		Alter Guild	Carol Brandt Denise Behrman		Carol Brandt



SUNDAY FUNNIES



YOUTH

Living out our Christian lives in service was the theme for the afternoon so we sent out youth across Olathe and the KC Metro to serve those who are less fortunate. Our BSLC Youth helped at our partner organization Mission Southside where they helped get everything set for their annual Christmas store.

Things were a little different, but all in all the kids a great time and are looking forward to KDYG 2023 in Topeka.



High school students gather for the 2022 KDYG at Beautiful Savior, Olathe.

ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
11/6/2022	404
11/13/2022	368
11/20/2022	389
11/27/2022	338



Merry Christmas



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
Topeka	580 AM – WIBW	7:30 am
	89.5 FM KAWZ	9:00 am



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Monday-Thursday

8 am to 4 pm

Friday

8 am to 12 pm

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Sunday Worship
8 am & 10:45 am,
& 6:00 pm

Sunday Education Hour
9:30 am

Preschool

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Monday — Friday

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

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