

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



AUGUST 2017



WORD AND WORSHIP

ENJOYING WHAT YOU HAVE

It is better to look at what is in front of you than to go looking for what you want. Even this is pointless. [It's like] trying to catch the wind. (Ecclesiastes 6:9)

“Enjoying what you currently have is better than letting your heart wander. You should make use of what is in front of you instead of wandering around full of desires. This is what the dog in Aesop’s writings did when he chased after the reflection in the water and lost the meat he had in his mouth. You should use what God has placed before you and be satisfied with it. You shouldn’t try to satisfy your desires because they will never be satisfied. Instead, you should use whatever God has placed in front of you. All of it is very good (Genesis 1:31)

A faithful person is pleased with what he currently has and considers it all to be a gift from God. The unbeliever, however, acts differently. Everything he sees in front of him is nothing but a nuisance. He doesn’t use these gifts or enjoy them. Rather, he allows his heart to roam in discontent. If he has money, he doesn’t find pleasure in it or enjoy it. He always wants something different. If he has a wife, he wants someone else. If he acquires a kingdom, he isn’t satisfied with just one. Alexander the Great, for example, wanted another world to conquer.

We should keep our eyes on what we already have in front of us. We should delight in all of it. We should enjoy it and give thanks to God for it. Therefore, God doesn’t want our hearts to wander to thoughts of other things. This passage points out that we should make use of what we currently have. Letting our hearts wander around filled with desires is pointless.”



Martin Luther Through Faith Alone:
365 Devotional Readings
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BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68)

**“THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS”
(led by Pastor Thomas)
Sunday @ 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall**

**LADIES’ BIBLE CLASS
Sundays at 9:15 am in
“BLESS THESE LIPS”**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING
BIBLE CLASS
POSTPONED UNTIL
SEPTEMBER**



TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER



For the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
-here, there, and everywhere-
through the words and deeds of
ALL God's people.



PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Family & friends of **Sandy Wilson**, as they mourn per passing
Family & friends of **Carolyn Green**, as they mourn her passing
Family & friends of **Dennis Bartels**, as they mourn his passing
Family of **Paul Tulloch** as they mourn the passing of **MaryAnn Seville**
Mila Thomas - recovering from surgery
Kristen Witte– **Templeton's** daughter, house destroyed by fire
Janice Templeton– **Don's** wife, upcoming surgery
Naomi Thorsland– **Johnda Meaux** aunt, health concerns
Gary & Kristina Timmerman –friend's of **Woodcocks**, health concerns
Gary Mundy - friend of **Dan & Marie Woodcocks**, recovery from surgery
Eric - nephew of **Greg Meaux**, health concerns
Kristina Timmerman - **Woodcocks'** friend, health concerns

OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:

Jacob & Nick Beagley (Bretscher), Brad McNatt (Freeman)

CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES:

El Vera Biedenstein, Naoma Keppler, LeRoy Ettling, Kathi Meier, David Singleton, Jim Thomas,

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

For the homeless in the Bridgeton area. For our missionaries who serve the Lord in foreign lands. For persecuted Christians around the world. For innocent civilians trying to survive in war-torn areas. Those who serve in our nation's armed forces and our Government leaders. For God's grace that we may have the desire to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS – JULY 11 , 2017

Board Members in Attendance Pastor David Bretscher, Pastor James Thomas, Mike Betts, Bob Engelken, Margaret Freeman, Regi Grodie, Marie Woodcock, John Folkerts, Al Winkler, Ken Green and Tim Decker.

Mike Betts called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and Pastor Bretscher opened with prayer. Marie Woodcock led the devotions.

Pastors' Report--Pastor Bretscher and Pastor Thomas

Official Acts: (since last meeting):

Transfer In: Carol Geisler, Erin Willey (daughter) and Samantha Willey

Transfer Out/Peaceful Release: Skyler Rodgers--Motion by Bob Engelken seconded by Tim Decker for transfer out carried.
Bob and Liz Vance—Motion to transfer out by Marie Woodcock seconded by Al Winkler carried.

Current Membership: Baptized 243; Confirmed 187

Funeral: Dennis Bartels 7/6, Carolyn Green 7/15

CHRIST-IAN CARE: (since last meeting)

Pastoral Visits –David Bretscher

Shut-in/Elderly/sick/hospital/etc.: Sandy Wilson (hosp.), Naoma Keppler, Mila Thomas (rehab), Fran and LeRoy Ettlting, Dennis Bartels, Carolyn Green (hosp. 3x's), Bartels' family, Green family.

Pastor member visits: Stan and Dorothy Barsky, Mila and Jim Thomas, Ron and Sharon Moye, Jack and Bonnie Miller, Esther Pfeiffer, Janet Segasture, Dave and Kathi Meier, John and Diana Rogers (attempt).

Misc./Other: Upcoming special worship: None

Samantha Mueller, mission work in Hungary, here (7/16)

Outreach: "Howdy New Neighbor" – 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month (10 to noon till winter)

	<u>Doors Knocked on</u>	<u>People talked to</u>	<u>Prospects</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
Year Total: (5x's)	106	46	23	4 avg.

Pastoral Visits –James Thomas (since last meeting)

Shut-in/Elderly/sick/hospital/etc.: Dennis Bartels (home), Sandy Wilson (home), Naoma Keppler (shut-in), Mila Thomas (hosp.), Carolyn Green (home and hosp. (x2).

Misc./Other:

The men's group meeting was 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 11th at Serra's Pizza with 19 people in attendance.

Sunday Bible Study – "We the Church" to continue for the next two weeks, followed by a "Reformation 500" Bible Study.

Youth **Trivia Night, TJ's Pizza and Bake Sale** – Around \$2,500 was raised during the Youth Trivia night! It was a wonderful success as well as a wonderful night of Christian fellowship.

Out next movie night is scheduled for Friday, July 28th at 7:00p.m. We will be showing the film "The Shack".

Veterans' Group – Working to complete the Veterans' Memorial Board.

The 2017 Israel Tour group has returned safely from their 13-day adventure. Pictures are available on Facebook for all to see. A presentation is planned for the 5th Sunday of July (July 30th).

ELDERS' REPORTED ZONE CONTACTS/ATTEMPTS--Bob Engelken: (in person, phone, email – (last month)

Zone 1: (Ed Belter, El Vera Biedenstein, Bill Crichton, Kristina Crichton, Bill Fey, Chad Hamilton, Jim Mello, Jimmy Mello, Teresa Ritz, Janet Segasture, Shawn and Robyn Simmons, Dot Tabor, Jodi Willard, Sandy Wilson, Valeda Woehr.

Zone 3 : (vacancy—possible replacement in the works) No report:

Zone 5 : Art and Linda Wehmeyer, Don Templeton, George McCall, Ray and Ellen Sims, Marilyn Sims, Kelli Niehaus.

Directors' Reports

Elder's Reports, Bob Engelken

If will soon be that time of the year when some elders in our eight zones will be asked to step down. We had no float this year in the Bridgeton Fourth of July parade, although we did hand out water. Bob will investigate a possible church ad in the "Local Lite" paper.

Vice President's/Past President's Report, Kirby Keller (not in attendance) No report.

Christian Education, Margaret Washburn-Freeman A meeting was held last night to discuss VBS.

Stewardship, Joe Mercurio (not in attendance) No report.

Social Ministry, Regi Grodie Twelve bags of groceries were delivered to CHM (down from 15-20).

Youth and Family Ministry, Tim Decker VBS meeting held last night led by Pastor Thomas with nine people in attendance.

Evangelism/Outreach, John Folkerts "Howdy New Neighbor" – 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month (10 to noon till winter). John also goes out Wednesday evenings between 6:15 and 7. A list of new people in the community was received and 7-8 doors were knocked on last Saturday by John.

Property and Maintenance, Al Winkler

Spoke to Mark Berry re: parking lot cracks which can be filled this fall by us or a contractor. Our tree which was struck by lightning in distress. We were told to fertilize it and provide lots of water. If the tree survives thru spring, it will be fine; otherwise, it may need to be removed. We will be replacing the atrium air conditioner and possibly the furnace due to an a-coil issue.

Financial Secretary, Mila Thomas (not in attendance) No report.

Treasurer's Report, Ken Green Our balance sheet continues to show a deficit of \$22,390.50.

Recording Secretary, Marie Woodcock No report.

President's Report, Mike Betts Need to decide regarding the CARE process but will investigate the "Revitalization Program" first.

It was also discussed whether to pay Pastor Thomas for hours worked during the Israel trip. A lot of preparation and work went into this trip which was offered to the entire congregation more than a year and a half ago although only eight members were able to attend. A motion was made by Marie Woodcock and seconded by Bob Engelken "that Beautiful Savior pay Pastor Thomas his regular salary that he would have received during the time period from the dates of June 20th through July 3rd." Motion carried.

Old Business No report.

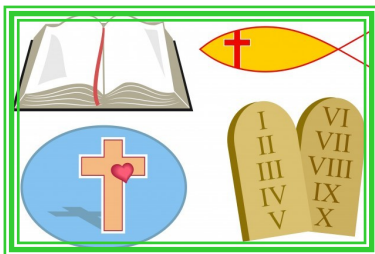
New Business There will be a "Fall Festival" meeting on Sunday, July 16, 2017. A question was raised as to a monetary amount in our budget established to fund this event.

Calendar Next meeting – Next scheduled BOD meeting will be August 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. August devotions volunteer will be Tim Decker.

Motion to adjourn by John Folkerts seconded by Al Winkler carried at 9:15 p.m.

Pastor Thomas led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Woodcock, Recording Secretary



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—AUGUST 2017

1	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am–1:30 pm CHORDINALS - 7:00 PM BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00PM	20	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00am & 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am FALL FESTIVAL MEETING(after 2nd service)
2	W	FEED THE HUNGRY 9:00 am NO BIBLE STUDY	21	M	(Church office closed) GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept.
3	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm	22	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am–1:30 pm ELDERS MEETING 7:00 pm CHORDINALS 7:00pm
4	F	GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept. Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm	23	W	GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept. NO BIBLE STUDY Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)
5	S	<u>CLEAN-UP DAY 9:00 AM</u> Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30 am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	24	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm
6	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am & 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am	25	F	GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm
7	M	(Church office closed) GLOW EXERCISE - Postponed until Sept.	26	S	“HOWDY NEW NEIGHBOR” 10:00—12 noon Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30 am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm
8	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am–1:30 pm CHORDINALS - 7:00 PM	27	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am & 10:30 am</u> 5th Sunday Fellowship—9:15 am
9	W	GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept. NO BIBLE STUDY	28	M	(Church office closed) GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept.
10	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm	29	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am–1:30 pm CHORDINALS 7:00pm
11	F	GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept. Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm	30	W	GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept. NO BIBLE STUDY Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)
12	S	“HOWDY NEW NEIGHBOR” 10:00—12 noon Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30 am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	31	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm
13	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am & 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am VOTERS MEETING/POTLUCK(after 2nd service)			
14	M	(Church office closed) GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept.			
15	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am–1:30 pm Veterans Group 6:00 pm CHORDINALS– 7:00 pm			
16	W	GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept. NO BIBLE STUDY			
17	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm			
18	F	GLOW EXERCISE– Postponed until Sept. Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm			
19	S	Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30 am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm			

CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

AUGUST BAPTISM REMEMBRANCES

Robyn Simmons	8/1
Valeda Woehr	8/1
George McCall	8/6
Alison Carlstrom	8/10
Jamie Foelsing	8/15
Steve Thomas	8/16
Art Wehmeyer	8/19
Marie Woodcock	8/19
Bob Mullins	8/20
Lydia Huster	8/22
Melody Cassiday	8/23
Bill Kipp	8/23
Alyssa Critchlow	8/25
Samantha Critchlow	8/25
Toni Critchlow	8/25
Kate Mullins	8/27

AUGUST BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Daniel Simmons	8/2
Alex Mullins	8/5
Jim Mello	8/6
Lydia Huster	8/7
Art Wehmeyer	8/7
Jerry Hahn	8/10
Bob Mullins	8/10
Brittany Mische	8/11
Mike Betts	8/12
Dot Tabor	8/14
Jodi Willard	8/15
Izabella Muraski	8/16
Shirley Belter	8/18
Bob Singleton	8/18
Kattie Mitchell	8/19
Judy Mello	8/23
Payton Thomas	8/23
Allison Decker	8/24
Elizabeth Decker	8/24
David Bretscher	8/25
Alan Middendorf	8/25
Cheryl Niehaus	8/26
Amanda Burley	8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

James & Mila Thomas
8/12/1967
50 yrs.

Jeff & Sally Huster
8/1/2008
9 yrs.





HELPERS NEEDED FOR
POTLUCK 8/13 AFTER 2ND
SERVICE. SEE SIGN UP SHEET
IN ATRIUM.

FALL FESTIVAL- 10/7
NOON - 3:30 PM
HELPERS ARE NEEDED.
PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE
ATRIUM

VETERAN'S BENEFIT INFO
FAIR
Sat. Sept 16th; 9:00 am-2:00pm;
in the Fellowship Hall
Talk to Veterans Service
Officers who can help.

Coffee, soda, donuts & snacks
will be offered.



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**SCHEDULING EVENTS AT
CHURCH**

If you or any group you're a part of,
inside or outside the church, wants to
use any part of the church, talk to
Lisa, our church Secretary.
She is the one who coordinates and
oversees the church calendar.
Otherwise your plans may fall through
at the last minute as others have
reserved the space.

Thank You

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☆☆ **TARGET PRACTICE** ☆☆
☆☆ **ULTIMATE DEFENSE** ☆☆
☆☆ **ST. PETERS** ☆☆
☆☆ **SUNDAY, SEPT. 10** ☆☆
☆☆ **3:00 PM** ☆☆
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