

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



DECEMBER 2014

WORD AND WORSHIP



THE GLORY OF THE LORD

*"An angel from the Lord suddenly appeared to them. The glory of the Lord filled the area with light, and they were terrified."
(Luke 2:9)*

"First of all, the event described in this passage wasn't merely one person telling another some good news. But an angel came from Heaven and announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds. No human being knew anything about it. Second, notice that Christ was born at midnight. This shows that the world was dark at His coming and human reason on its own can't recognize Christ. Heaven must reveal it. Third, the bright light, which surrounded the shepherds, shows that something completely different than the light of reason is needed.

Luke says, "The glory of the Lord filled the area with light." He calls this light the glory of the Lord. Why? He does this to emphasize the mystery and show us the nature of the Gospel. It is a heavenly light that teaches Christ alone.

This light from Heaven shines around us through the apostles and their followers who now preach the Gospel. The angel in this story is like all of the preachers of the Gospel, and the shepherds are like, all listeners. Accordingly, the Gospel comes from Heaven and doesn't tolerate any other teaching added to it, for human teaching is earthly light and human glory. It lifts up human glory and praise and makes people arrogantly rely on their own efforts. But the Gospel teaches everyone to trust in Christ. So rely completely on God's kindness and goodness. Glorify Christ and be bold in Him."

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).

PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall
"1st CORINTHIANS"

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Sundays at 9:15 am in Meeting Room A
"Divine Design"

Wednesday 10:00 am in Meeting Rm. A.
"Fruits of the Spirit"
JOIN US!

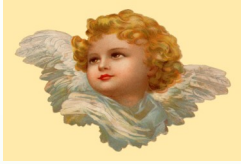
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"10 Virtues of the Proverbs 31 Woman"
Current monthly Study:
Sat. Dec. 6 @ 2:00 pm- "INDUSTRY"
Sat. Dec 20 @ 2:00 pm- "HOME-MAKING"

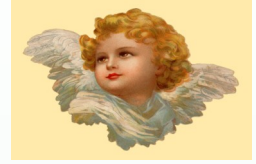


**JOIN THE LORD & YOUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST!**

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 and friends of **Sandy Wilson**, as they mourn the death of her husband **Bruce Wilson**.

Friends and family **Nick & Kailyn Muraski & Jacob Leonard** as they mourn the death of their friend, **Ryan Lang Harley Knopp** - hospitalized for test.

Gary Pitts- recovering from surgery

Carol Prange- wife of former pastor, broken hip

Judy Taylor- health concerns

Janet Belfiore- mother of **Laura Singleton**, leukemia

Jennifer Balicki- friend of **Cher Niehaus**, broken ankle

Connor Fales & Noah Fales- health concerns

Jennifer Sanders - granddaughter of the **Morgan's**, health concerns

Brieann- **Hopkins'** family, hospitalized

OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:

Bradley Pfeiffer; Paul Nator

LONGER-TERM HEALTH ISSUES:

Mary Lou Fiehler, El Vera Biedenstein, Liz Vance, Dorothy McFerron, Mildred Quigley

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.



BULLETIN HELPERS DECEMBER 2014

FRIDAY	COPY 9:00AM	ASSEMBLE 10:00AM
5	June Hahn	?
12	Dan & Marie Woodcock	Dan & Marie Woodcock
19	Pauline Tulloch & Sharon Leriche	Pauline Tulloch & Sharon Leriche
26	Sally Lane & Judy Taylor	Sally Lane & Judy Taylor

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 9, 2014

President Dennis Bartels called the meeting to order, and led devotions with Marie Woodcock. A **MOTION** was passed to approve the minutes from the March Congregational Meeting.

Pastor's Report

In the past year we have had 5 transfers in and 1 transferred out, we have 2 pending transfers in. We have had 2 baptisms and have 3 more pending. Five of our members have been sainted and gone to Heaven, in the past year.

Our current membership is 255 baptized, 199 confirmed.

We may be getting a new vicar around the first of December. Vicar James will continue to serve on 1 or 2 Sundays each month to make up for the Sundays he was on duty with the Coast Guard Reserves.

We are looking to have a fellowship opportunity each month in 2015, with an emphasis on including nonmembers.

President's Report, Dennis Bartels

The congregational bus trip to a concert at the Cathedral Basilica is set for December 13.

Other activities this year have included a bus trip in June, a church picnic, and a blessing of the animals.

The Sunday bulletins contain a certificate for Lone Star (December 7 to 14). By presenting this certificate, a portion of the proceeds goes back to Beautiful Savior. Last year we raised several hundred dollars.

Vice President's Report, Tim Decker

Tim served on the Nominating Committee and Budget Committee, filled in as President while Dennis was on medical leave, and met with Regi and others regarding this year's church anniversary picnic.

Directors' Reports

Elders, John Folkerts

The Elders are filling out report sheets on members in their zone. Elders are contacting their members to see how they are doing and to keep them informed on events.

An amendment to the Constitution has been proposed regarding term limits for Elders (see New Business).

Christian Education, Randy Moore

Attendance at Sunday School, Sunday Bible Study, and Wednesday Bible Study remains about the same.

The downstairs painting is finished and looks really nice. Members are encouraged to go look at it!

VBS was a success this year, with about the same numbers as last year.

Evangelism, Elaine Cox

Dennis and Pastor thanked Elaine for assuming this new position. Pastor is helping Elaine set things up.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 18, to brainstorm outreach ideas. All members are invited.

Stewardship, Joe Mercurio

Upcoming choir and chimes performances are now being posted in the bulletin.

Social Ministry, Regi Grodie (filling in for VACANT position)

Regi thanked the members of the Social Ministry committee for their continued service: Cards—Sandy Wilson; Funeral luncheons—Sally Lane
USO—Linda Wehmeyer; Room at the Inn—Margaret Freeman; CHM—Joyce Morgan.

Room at the Inn could use more volunteers.

Property and Maintenance, Jerry Hahn

The parking lot resurfacing has been completed and looks really nice.

Dusk-to-dawn lights have been installed by the front door. One kitchen faucet has been replaced; the other one will be soon. The sewer continues to be cleaned out annually.

Jerry thanked Dave Meier, who replaces light bulbs as needed.

Jerry thanked John Hamilton and Don Woodcock, and volunteers for the landscaping/clean up work.

Treasurer, Lynn Withrow

Lynn thanked Lisa Sylvester for her hard work in helping complete all W2s and 1099s for the 2013 tax year.

Our use of Pay Chex for employees' paychecks is going smoothly. As a member of the Missouri Synod, we receive a 40% discount on Pay Chex services. They will do the W2s and 1099s next year.

Lynn thanked Mila Thomas for her help in straightening out and closing the books for the 2011, 2012, and 2013 tax years.

Old Business

The "shadowing" on the wall behind the altar still exists, and we still don't know what is causing it. It might be a static charge. Bill Kipp will talk to a Building Sciences expert to see if he has any recommendations.

New Business

Pastor and the Elders have proposed a change to our constitution in which Elders would serve no more than 8 years. This way the next generation of Elders could train and serve with veteran Elders as they learn their duties. Elders who have served more than 8 years would leave one at a time as new Elders are brought in (approximately one each year). Past Elders could begin a new term after 1 year away from the position.

A **MOTION** was passed to amend the constitution to read as follows (amendment is in **bold**): The Board of Elders shall consist of a Director and a minimum of two members, plus additional members necessary to serve the needs of the congregation. Their term of office shall be two years, **and may not serve more than four consecutive full terms**. This will bring their terms of service in line with that of the Board of Directors.

Lynn presented the 2015 budget. Our Outreach Ministry donations are not included as part of the 2015 budget because these ministries have separate reserve accounts and are funded through those accounts.

A **MOTION** was passed to approve the 2015 budget.

A **MOTION** was passed to adjourn, and the Lord's Prayer was said in closing.

Respectfully submitted, Jodi Willard, Acting Recording Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting: November 4, 2014

Those in attendance: Pastor David Bretscher, Jerry Hahn, Dennis Bartels, Vicar James Thomas, Al Winkler, John Folkerts and Tim Decker

Dennis called the meeting order and led the devotions.

Pastor's Report

Joan Bernard was voted into membership.

The Board discussed the monthly fellowship activities, which would involve Stewardship, Fellowship, Youth, and other areas.

Pastoral Visits (since last meeting): John Hamilton, Barb Withrow, Chad and Raj Hamilton

Vicar Visits: (since last meeting): Bob and Liz Vance, Judy Taylor, Marry Lou Fiehler, El-Vera Biedenstein

New Business

The Board discussed ways to improve meetings. Meeting times might be changed.

A **MOTION** was passed to accept proposed 2015 budget to be presented at the Congregational Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Vicar James Thomas and Tim Decker



***It's time to order POINSETTIA'S; the cost is \$8.00 per plant
and the last day to order is DECEMBER 7TH.
Sign up sheet is in the atrium***

Feliz Tovar, a former vicar, now selling insurance on Estate Planning will do a presentation during the Bible class hour on Dec. 7th.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND GOD'S PEACE
TO ALL

VICAR JAMES

CHILDREN'S ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 7:00 PM

Practice: Sat 12/6/14 (9:30– Noon)

Practice: Sat 12/13/14 (9:30– Noon, followed by pizza lunch)

It would be helpful if parents would email/call me to let me know if their child(ren)
will be participating. Thanks!

Bob Mullins — bnbmullins@aol.com or (cell) 314-749-9104

Blessings to everyone at Beautiful Savior: THANK YOU! for the many prayers, notes & visits in & out of skilled nursing and all the inquires & hellos to AI on Sundays. THANK YOU! To Pastor , the Vicar & the many friends who came by to see AI, and the wonderful Memorial Service with luncheon and all your hard work, we THANK YOU!

Stay strong & wait for the Lord, The Carlstroms

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, leave the church at 5:00 pm; dinner at
LONE STAR STEAKHOUSE (dinner cost not included)

Concert at 8:00 pm Cathedral Basilica,
the cost will be \$15.00 per person.

(this includes the bus ride & concert)



CHM HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION & CHRISTMAS TOY & GIFT ROOM

Christmas food donations and unwrapped gifts and toys need to be delivered by
December 5th. A box is available in the atrium.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the baked items for the Fall Festival.

Almost \$1500 dollars was raised from all tables & games.

We are so grateful for your continued help.



HOLIDAY CANNED FOOD COLLECTION

CHM is in special need of all kinds of canned fruit for the food baskets.
Also needed are: canned sweet potatoes, cornbread mix, cake mix/icing,
boxed potatoes, stuffing mixes, gravy, pie crusts & fillings,
jello/ pudding mixes

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	M	(Church office closed) <u>'ROOM AT THE INN'</u> 5:00 pm Mon.- 7:00 AM Tues.	17	W	Bible Class 10:00 am- Fellowship hall Youth Confirmation - 5:00 pm <u>ADVENT WORSHIP 7:00 PM</u> Chimes 6:00 pm/Choir 7:45 pm
2	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am - 1:30 pm CHORDINALS - 6:00pm - 10:00 pm <u>BROAD OF DIRECTOR'S 7:00 PM</u>	18	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm
3	W	Bible Class 10:00 am- Fellowship hall Youth Confirmation - 5:00 pm <u>ADVENT WORSHIP 7:00 PM</u> Chimes 6:00 pm/Choir 7:45 pm	19	F	Over Eater's Anonymous 6:00 pm Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm
4	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am - 1:30 pm	20	S	Korean Church (Worship/Lunch) 9:30 am 2:30 pm Women's Ministry 2:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm
5	F	Over Eater's Anonymous 6:00 pm Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm	21	SUN	<u>WORSHIP 8:00am & 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship Time-Host (ess): Regi Grodie
6	S	<u>Children's Christmas Practice 9:30-noon</u> Korean Church (Worship/Lunch) 9:30 am 2:30 pm Women's Ministry 2:00 m Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	22	M	Church office closed)
7	SUN	<u>WORSHIP 8:00am & 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am <u>DECORATE CHURCH AFTER 2ND SERVICE</u> Food Transport:: Regi Grodie Fellowship Time-Host (ess): June Hahn	23	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm CHORDINALS - 6:00pm - 10:00 pm
8	M	(Church office closed)	24	W	Bible Class 10:00 am- Fellowship hall <u>CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 7:00 PM</u>
9	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm CHORDINALS - 6:00pm - 10:00 pm	25	TH	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM</u> Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm 
10	W	Bible Class 10:00 am- Fellowship hall Youth Confirmation - 5:00 pm <u>ADVENT WORSHIP 7:00 PM</u> Chimes 6:00 pm/Choir 7:45 pm 50th Anniversary Comm. Meeting @ 8:00 pm	26	F	Over Eater's Anonymous 6:00 pm Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm
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13	S	<u>Children's Christmas Practice 9:30-noon</u> Korean Church (Worship/Lunch) 9:30 am 2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	29	M	Church office (closed)
14	SUN	<u>WORSHIP 8:00am & 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship Time-Host (ess): Al Winkler <u>CHILDREN'S ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICE 7PM</u>	30	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm CHORDINALS - 6:00pm - 10:00 pm
15	M	(Church office closed)	31	W	HAPPY NEW YEAR
16	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm CHORDINALS - 6:00pm - 10:00 pm			

CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

DECEMBER BAPTISM REMEMBRANCES

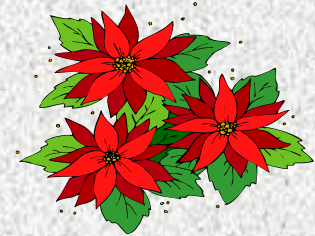
Bernt Sims	12/02
Marilyn Sims	12/03
Jeff Hahn	12/07
Linda Wehmeyer	12/07
Pat Anderson	12/14
AJ Judge	12/14
Julie Sullivan	12/14
John Folkerts	12/18
Judy Knepper	12/19
Janet Segasture	12/19
Linda Tiedt	12/19
Don Templeton	12/26
Dan Rasch	12/27
Dan Woodcock	12/30

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Kaylin Muraski	12/03
Wesley Polka	12/03
Kristina Crichton	12/04
Pat Anderson	12/09
Gail Pitts	12/14
Al Winkler	12/14
Carol LaMar	12/15
Nicholas Muraski	12/15
John Folkerts	12/18
Jacob Leonard	12/22
Robby Neil	12/25
Ron Sims	12/25
James Thomas	12/28
Joey Mello	12/29
Stefani Grodie	12/30
Kathi Meier	12/30
Gray Muehrer	12/30
Christine Peymani	12/31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCES

Jim & Judy Mello
12/18/1976
38 yrs
Jerry & June Hahn
12/03/1977
37 yrs
Jim & Kathy Hann
12/21/1996
18 yrs



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - 7:00 PM
MUSICIAN: FRAN ETTLING
USHERS: 4L

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - 10:00 AM
MUSICIAN: RUTH REIGER
USHERS: 1E



WORSHIP SCHEDULE— DECEMBER 2014

SERVING: DECEMBER 7TH

ACOLYTES: ushers; ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: from Jerry & June Hahn, in celebration
of their wedding anniversary
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Watts; June Mueller
ELDERS: John Hamilton; Dave Meier
COUNTERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock; Sharon Leriche
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): June Hahn
FOOD TRANSPORT: Regi Grodie
GREETERS: Ken & Carolyn Greene; Ron & Marilyn Sims
MUSICIAN: Fran Ettlting
READERS: Marie Woodcock; liturgist
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Bob Mullins
USHERS: 1E; 1L
WELCOMERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock; Harry & Regi Grodie

SERVING: DECEMBER 14TH

ACOLYTES: ushers; ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: from Jim & Judy Mello, in celebration of their
38th wedding anniversary
ALTAR GUILD: Elaine Cox
ELDERS: Gary Muehrer; Dave Meier
COUNTERS: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer; Sharon Leriche
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Al Winkler
GREETERS: Darlene Neil; Ellen Sims
MUSICIAN: Ruth Reiger
READERS: liturgist; Art Wehmeyer
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Bob Mullins
USHERS: 2E; 2L
WELCOMERS: Billy & Sally Lane; Jack & Bonnie Miller

SERVING: DECEMBER 21ST

ACOLYTES: ushers; ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Poinsettias
ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Miller; Sharon Leriche
ELDERS: Gary Muehrer; Bob Engelken
COUNTERS: Sally Lane; Judy Taylor
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Regi Grodie
GREETERS: Randy & Amanda Moore; Sharon Leriche
MUSICIAN: Mollie Ramstad
READERS: Amanda Moore; Joe Mercurio
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Tim Decker
USHERS: 3E; 3L
WELCOMERS: June Mueller; Bob Engelken

SERVING: DECEMBER 28TH

ACOLYTES: ushers; ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Poinsettias
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer
ELDERS: John Hamilton; Bob Engelken
COUNTERS: Christine Foelsing
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Dennis Niehaus
GREETERS: Sal & Barb Benigno; Harry & Regi Grodie
MUSICIAN: guitar/flute
READERS: June Mueller; Harry Grodie
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Jimmy Hahn
USHERS: 4E; 4L
WELCOMERS: Valeda Woehr; April Bretscher

ADVENT WORSHIP

DECEMBER 3rd - 7:00 PM
MUSICIAN: Mollie Ramstad
USHERS: 1L

DECEMBER 10TH - 7:00 PM
MUSICIAN: Mollie Ramstad
USHERS: 4E

DECEMBER 18TH - 7:00 PM
MUSICIAN: Mollie Ramstad
USHERS: 3E

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