

# BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



**DECEMBER 2016**

**WORD AND WORSHIP**



## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

***“The second most important commandment is this: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”***  
***(Mark 12:31)***

“When you’re wondering whom you should show love to, there’s no living creature better than your neighbor to show love to. Your neighbor is not a devil, lion, bear, or wolf. He is not made of stone or wood, but he is a living being who is much like you. There is nothing living on the earth more lovable, kind, useful, good, comforting, or more necessary. He was even created for friendly conversation and for social life. There is nothing in the whole world more worthy of our love than our neighbor.

But it’s the remarkable craft of the devil that he not only severely darkens our hearts and tears this superior object of love from our hearts. But he also persuades our hearts of the opposite opinion so that we think our neighbor is more worthy of bitter hatred than of love. This is easy for the devil to do. He simply nags us: “See, this person has such and such a fault. He abused you. He hurt you....” Then this object of love quickly becomes contemptible to us so that we no longer recognize our neighbor as one who should be loved but rather as an enemy worthy of intense hatred. In this way, Satan can amazingly change the love in our heart so that, instead of loving our neighbor, we become capable of demeaning, hating, and persecuting him. Then all that remains of this commandment, “Love your neighbor as you love yourself,” are the bare and empty letter and syllables.”

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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 APOSTLE PETER’**  
(led by Pastor Bretscher)  
Sunday @ 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall

### LADIES’ BIBLE CLASS

Sundays at 9:15 am in  
“Leviticus”



**WEDNESDAY MORNING  
BIBLE CLASS  
10:00 AM; ROOM A**

**CHM 2016 CHRISTMAS  
TOY & GIFT ROOM**  
**Unwrapped toys & gifts should be  
delivered to CHM no later  
than Dec. 2nd.**  
**Volunteers are needed for the  
following:**  
**Christmas: 12/5-9 (toy room/food  
prep) & Toy Room 12/10**  
**Contact Liza at CHM office  
770-2216 if you can help.**



# 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**

**Mary**— sister-in-law of the **Lane's**, as they mourn her passing  
**Alf Stole**— health concerns  
**Ed Belter**— health issues  
**LeRoy Ettl**ing— recovering from surgery  
**Kali Morgan**— grandchild to **John & Joyce Morgan**; health concerns  
**David**— nephew of **Valeda Woehr**, recovering from surgery  
**Dennis Fisher**— from **Marie Woodcock**; leukemia  
**Ken Obert**— relative of **Middendorfs'**; brain tumor  
**Janice Templeton**— **Don's wife**; health issues  
**Jerry** — from **Valeda Woehr**; hospice  
**Mary**— friend of **Greg & Johnda Meaux**; health concerns  
**Jan**— friend of **Valeda Woehr**; family issues  
**Barbara Murphy**— from **Ray, Ellen & Marilyn Sims**; health concerns  
**Marcy Overstreet** - aunt of **Melissa Thomas** , health concerns

### **OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:**

Jacob Beagley (Bretscher), Anthony Brooks (Muraski), Brad McNatt (Freeman)

### **CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES:**

El Vera Biedenstein, Naoma Keppler, Dennis & Mary Bartels, Kathi Meier, Bob & Liz Vance, 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.

## **Community Helping Ministry**

CHM — Needs **ANY** non-perishable food item. This includes: Jellies, pancake syrup, canned meats/soups/stews/chili. Macaroni & cheese, canned pasta/sauces. This is above & beyond what they will need for the upcoming holidays.

### **HOLIDAY FOOD DONATIONS (CHRISTMAS):**

Beautiful Savior is being asked to collect Cake mix/frosting for Christmas

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS ARE NEEDED BY: DECEMBER 2ND

Also, cash contributions or \$5/10 gift cards for Shop-n-Save or Save-a-Lot are also welcome.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS– NOVEMBER 1, 2016

**Those in attendance:** Pastor Bretscher, Pastor Thomas, Marie Woodcock, Bob Engelken, Christine Foelsing, Mila Thomas, Margaret Washburn-Freeman, John Folkerts, Ken Green, Joe Mercurio, Lynn Withrow, Regi Grodie and Al Winkler.

Bob Engelken called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and Pastor Bretscher led the opening prayer. A motion was made by Regi Grodie, seconded by Joe Mercurio to accept the minutes from the October 4, 2016 meeting carried.

### **Pastors' Report--Pastor Bretscher and Pastor Thomas**

**Official Acts:** (since last meeting):

**Adult Confirmation:** Stephanie and David Wilson and Teresa Ritz

**Transfer Out/Release:** Dan and Joanne Rasch, Paulette Selman and Lisa Judge. Motion by Christine Foelsing, seconded by Mila Thomas carried.

**Deceased:** Deborah Caufield (10/2015)

**Current Membership:** Baptized 263; Confirmed 201

### **Misc./Other:**

**Funeral:** Mildred Quigley

### **Directors' Reports**

#### **Elder's Reports, Bob Engelken**

Still in the process of attempting to fill the elder vacancy left by Randy Moore.

#### **Vice President's/Past President's Report, Kirby Keller (not in attendance)**

No report.

#### **Christian Education, Margaret Washburn-Freeman**

Discussed plans for the youth room.

#### **Stewardship, Joe Mercurio**

Stewardship forms will be distributed in the November 6, church bulletin.

#### **Social Ministry, Regi Grodie**

Need holiday groceries and toys for CHM.

Chili contest November 5 along with the Garms Family concert. Free will donations requested on their behalf.

Coordinating the voters' meeting and potluck luncheon.

Movie night October 28, "Luther" was successful.

#### **Youth and Family Ministry, Tim Decker (not in attendance)**

Youth selling pizzas, etc. to earn money for the youth room's new carpet.

#### **Evangelism/Outreach, John Folkerts**

Distributed flyers for the Garms Family concert to other area Lutheran churches.

#### **Property and Maintenance, Al Winkler**

The hole in the wall behind the door currently being repaired by Dave Meier.

#### **Financial Secretary, Mila Thomas**

Could use more counters.

#### **Treasurer's Report, Ken Green and Christine Foelsing**

The new 2017 budget continues to be unbalanced but will be presented to the congregation at the November 13 voters' meeting.

#### **Recording Secretary, Marie Woodcock**

No report.

**President's Report, Bob Engelken (standing in for Presidential vacancy)**

**Old Business**

Ken Green invited Peter Newton of the Hilliker Corporation to discuss the possibility of a land sale. He will contact other brokers/developers to generate interest in the currently unused 1.5+ acres with a possible market value of \$300,000.

**New Business**

Lynn Withrow has consented to replace Dennis Bartels as Board President. Motion made by Ken Green, seconded by Mila Thomas to accept Lynn as our new President. Motion carried.

**Calendar**

Next meeting – Tuesday, December 1, 2016  
December devotions volunteer will be Tim Decker.  
Foelsing pot luck still unscheduled?

Motion to adjourn approved at 8:20 p.m. Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Woodcock, Recording Secretary

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BUS TOUR**

The Men's Club invites you to enjoy the holiday lights of Tilles Park  
and the Anheuser Busch Brewery  
Friday, Dec. 9th , leaving church at 4:30 pm.  
The cost would be \$10 per person (meal not included).  
Special envelopes are on the table in atrium.



**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

**The youth ask that you join them to “Build Your Own Sub-sandwich” on Sunday, Dec 11th after the late service. Ham and drinks will be provided. Check out the sign-in sheet in the atrium to see how you could help. After the potluck at about 2:00 pm will be the CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP.**



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 2016

Serving: December 4th

ACOLYTES: Alison Decker; Bell Muraski  
 ALTAR FLOWERS: June & Jerry Hahn, in celebration of  
 39th wedding anniversary  
 ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn Sims; Sharon Leriche  
 ELDERS: Darin Gittus; Bill Kipp  
 COUNTERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock; Sharon Leriche  
 FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Don Templeton  
 MUSICIANS: Fran Ettling  
 GREETERS: Tim & Alison Decker; Jack & Bonnie Miller  
 READERS: Marie Woodcock; Bob Engelken  
 SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Bob Mullins  
 USHERS: 1E; 1L  
 WELCOMERS: Valeda Woehr; Fern Harmon & Joe  
 Mercurio

Serving: December 11th

ACOLYTES: Alison Decker; Bell Muraski  
 ALTAR FLOWERS: Jim & Judy Mello, In celebration of  
 40th wedding anniversary  
 ALTAR GUILD: Robyn Simmons  
 ELDERS: Darin Gittus; Bill Kipp  
 COUNTERS: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer; Sharon Leriche  
 FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Al Winkler  
 MUSICIANS: Ruth Rieger  
 GREETERS: Darlene Neil; Garry & Gail Pitts  
 READERS: liturgist; Nancy Barry  
 SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Bob Mullins  
 USHERS: 2E; 2L  
 WELCOMERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock;  
 Jack & Bonnie Miller

Serving: December 18th

ACOLYTES: Alison Decker; Bell Muraski  
 ALTAR FLOWERS: Poinsettias  
 ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Miller; Linda Wehmeyer  
 ELDERS: John Hamilton; Bob Mullins  
 COUNTERS: Sally Lane & Judy Taylor  
 FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Regi Grodie  
 MUSICIANS: Fran Ettling  
 GREETERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock; April Bretscher  
 READERS: LeRoy Ettling; Bill Kipp  
 SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Tim Decker  
 USHERS: 3E; 3L  
 WELCOMERS: Billy & Sally Lane; Vicki McCoy

Serving: December 25th

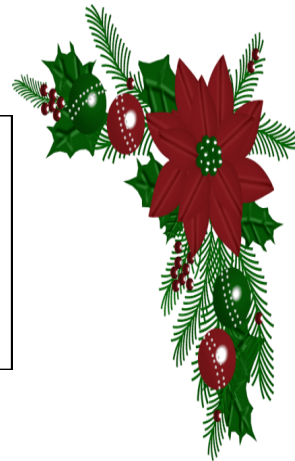
ACOLYTES: Alison Decker; Bell Muraski  
 ALTAR FLOWERS: Poinsettias  
 ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer  
 ELDERS: John Hamilton; Bob Mullins  
 COUNTERS: Christine Foelsing  
 FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Dennis Niehaus  
 MUSICIANS: Anita Tissi  
 GREETERS: Billy & Sally Lane; Ellen Sims  
 READERS: June Hahn; liturgist  
 SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Jim Hahn  
 USHERS: 4E  
 WELCOMERS: Darlene Neil; John Folkerts




*CHRISTMAS EVE - DECEMBER 24TH*

*Musician: Fran Ettling*

*Ushers: 3E*



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS-DECEMBER 2016

1	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm	19	M	(Church office closed) <u>NO GLOW EXERCISE</u> Line Dancing 1:00 pm
2	F	GLOW EXERCISE - 9am Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm	20	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm NO CHORDINALS ELDERS MEETING - 7:00 pm
3	S	CHILDREN'S AVENT PRACTICE - 9:30 -12 noon HOLIDAY TEA EVENT 11am-1pm (fellowship hall) Korean Church (Worship/Lunch) -Downstairs Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	21	W	BIBLE STUDY 10.00am Rm. A Youth Confirmation 5:00 pm ADVENT WORSHIP 7:00 pm CHIMES /CHOIR 8:00 pm/8:30 pm
4	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00am &amp; 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship Time-Host/ess: Don Templeton DECORATE CHURCH AFTER 2nd SERVICE	22	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm
5	M	(Church office closed) GLOW EXERCISE - 9am Line Dancing 1:00 pm	23	F	<u>NO GLOW EXERCISE</u> Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm
6	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm NO CHORDINALS <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 pm</u>	24	S	Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30am-2:30 pm <u>CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 7:00 PM</u>
7	W	GLOW EXERCISE - 9am BIBLE STUDY 10.00am Rm. A Youth Confirmation 5:00 pm ADVENT WORSHIP 7:00 pm CHIMES /CHOIR 8:00 pm/8:30 pm	25	SUN	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM</u>  <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>
8	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm	26	M	(Church office closed) <u>NO GLOW EXERCISE</u> Line Dancing 1:00 pm
9	F	GLOW EXERCISE - 9am Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BUS TOUR 4:15 pm	27	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm NO CHORDINALS
10	S	CHILDREN'S ADVENT PRACTICE - 9:30 -12 noon (with Pizza lunch) Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	28	W	NO GLOW EXERCISE ; BIBLE STUDY; YOUTH CONFIR MATION OR CHOIR AND CHIMES
11	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00am &amp; 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship Time-Host/ess: Al Winkler YOUTH POTLUCK - after second service CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP - 1:30 pm	29	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm
12	M	(Church office closed) GLOW EXERCISE - 9am Line Dancing 1:00 pm	30	F	<u>NO GLOW EXERCISE</u> Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm
13	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm NO CHORDINALS	31	S	Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm
14	W	GLOW EXERCISE - 9am BIBLE STUDY 10.00am Rm. A Youth Confirmation 5:00 pm ADVENT WORSHIP 7:00 PM CHIMES /CHOIR 8:00 pm/8:30 pm			
15	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm			
16	F	<u>NO GLOW EXERCISE</u> MOVIE NITE 7:00 PM Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm			
17	S	Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm			
18	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00am &amp; 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship Time-Host/ess: Regi Grodie NARC ANON MEETING (Fellowship Hall) 1:00 pm- 4:30 PM			



**DECEMBER BAPTISM  
REMEMBRANCES**

Brent Sims	12/02
Marilyn Sims	12/03
Naoma Keppler	12/04
Jeff Hahn	12/07
Linda Wehmeyer	12/07
Pat Anderson	12/14
Jason Moore	12/14
Julie Sullivan	12/14
John Folkerts	12/18
Judy Knepper	12/19
Janet Segasture	12/19
James Thomas	12/22
Don Templeton	12/26
Dan Woodcock	12/30

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY  
REMEMBRANCES**

Kaylin Muraski	12/03
Wesley Polka	12/03
Kristina Crichton	12/04
Stanley Barsky	12/06
Pat Anderson	12/09
Gail Pitts	12/14
Al Winkler	12/14
Nicholas Muraski	12/15
John Folkerts	12/18
Jacob Leonard	12/22
Robby Neil	12/25
James Thomas	12/28
Melody Cassidy	12/29
Joey Mello	12/29
Stefani Grodie	12/30
Katie Meier	12/30
Gary Muehrer	12/30
Christine Peymani	12/31

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY  
REMEMBRANCES**

Jim & Judy Mello	12/18/76	40 years
Jerry & June Hahn	12/03/77	39 years
Jim & Kathy Hann	12/21/96	20 years
Stanley & Dorothy Barsky	12/22/12	4 years



***ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE:***

***WED. 12/7 - 7:00pm: Musician: Molly Ramstad; Ushers: 1E***

***WED. 12:14 - 7:00pm: Musician: Molly Ramstad; Ushers: 1L***

***WED 12/21 - 7:00pm: Musician: Molly Ramstad; Ushers: 3E***



**MOVIE NITE  
DEC. 16TH 7:00 PM**



*HOLIDAY TEA EVENT  
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR CHURCH WILL  
HOST A LADIES TEA & BRUNCH  
BUFFET.  
DEC. 3RD; 11 AM-1 PM.  
SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE ATRIUM.  
CONTACT APRIL BRETSCHER IF YOU  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.*



**CHILDREN'S ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**  
Practices will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd and 10th (9:30 - noon),  
Contact Bob Mullins, (bnbmullins@aol.com or 314-749-9104) if your  
child will be participating.

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**Christmas!**  
Have a  
blessed holiday!

