

# BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



**DECEMBER 2020**



**WORD AND WORSHIP**

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

*All of Moses' teachings are summarized in a single statement,  
"Love your neighbor as you love yourself."  
Galatians 5:14*

After having heard and accepted the true teaching about faith, the apostle Paul seriously admonishes Christians to practice genuine good works. This is because these remnants of sin remain in those who are justified. These remnants resist faith and divert us from doing true good works. Human reason and the corrupt nature resist the Spirit in believers and control unbelievers. Reason is naturally inclined towards hypocritical superstition. It wants to measure God according to its own thoughts rather than according to His Word. It does works of its own choosing more enthusiastically than the ones God commanded. That's why faithful teachers must teach and impress on people true love and truly good works just as much as they teach faith.

No one should think he fully understands this command: "Love your neighbor." Certainly this is very short and very easy as far as the words are concerned. But where are the teachers and learners who actually practice this in life? These words, "Through love serve one another" and "Love your neighbor as yourself," are eternal words. No one can think about, urge, and practice them enough.

It's remarkable that believers will immediately have a troubled conscience if they fail to do something trivial. But these same people feel nothing at all when they neglect love and when their heart isn't sincere and brotherly toward their neighbor. Unfortunately, this happens every day. For they don't regard God's command to love as highly as their own superstitions.



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## BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

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

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**  
**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**10:30 am in Fellowship Hall**



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**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**  
**"The Christmas Story"**  
**BIBLE CLASS at 10:00 am**



## TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER



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



### PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

#### End of coronavirus

Our nation and world

Nancy Matson - former member, husband Earl's passing

Carol Geisler - health concerns

Regi & Harry Grodie - premature new grandbaby (Andy)

Harold - best friend of Dave Meier, heart problems

Jim Clifford - friend of Darin Gittus, severe complications of MS

#### OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:

Jacob & Nick Beagley (Bretscher)

#### CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES:

Joan Bernard, LeRoy Ettlting, Naoma Keppler, Kathi Meier, Janet Segasture, 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.



### ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Help a Pattonville family in need this Christmas. The small Christmas tree in the atrium has ornaments representing the children in the family we are adopting. Each ornament has a gift idea. Simply take one off the tree, purchase the item, wrap it, and add the ornament tag to it before bringing it to church by Dec 13



# VOTERS MEETING—NOVEMBER 8, 2020

President Bob Engelken called the Voters' Meeting to order at 12:25 pm in the Fellowship Hall following the church service and lunch. There were 25 voting members in attendance.

There was a motion made by Regi Grodie to approve the minutes of the last voters meeting held on March 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Christine Foelsing. Motion carried.

There was a motion made by Regi Grodie to approve the minutes of the last Board of Directors' meeting held on October 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Christine Foelsing. Motion carried.

Pastor Bretscher led the meeting in an opening devotion. The devotion was based upon Matthew 6. Pastor reminded us not to be anxious; God will take care of us. He told us not to worry, but be prepared. We should be confident of Jesus's love and reach out to others in love. Matthew writes that we should live in Faith and know we have Life Everlasting. President Bob Engelken thanked everyone for attending the Voters' Meeting.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** Pastor reviewed 2020 as year with good and not so good results. The corona virus of 2019 affected church attendance and caused uncertainty for all of us.

Church Services resumed in May; however, attendance is still down due to concerns regarding the virus. We should praise God that services were resumed and that practice for Choir and Chimes has also returned. We were able to broadcast church services and Sunday School via Facebook. The Feed the Hungry Program was also able to provide lunches for the homeless.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

**Elders, Darin Gittus -** Darin reported that the last letter to the inactives was mailed. Multiple attempts have been made over the years to encourage these members to return to church. Only 3 or 4 responses were received. Darin asked if everyone knew his/her elder. He indicated anyone who does not know his/her elder should contact him. Darin thanked Dave Meier for his service as an elder for many years. Dave recently stepped down and the elders in Zone 5 and Zone 6 have reorganized.

**Christian Education, Bob Mullins:** Bob indicated that they are holding Sunday School in the classrooms in the Church. Bob indicated that they have begun the preliminary work on the Children's Christmas Program.

**Evangelism/Outreach: Open Position.** The church is still striving to meet the goal of talking to 120 people about Beautiful Savior and telling them the Good News about Jesus Christ. This goal can still be accomplished during 2020. Invite people you meet to church or to view us live on Facebook.

**Property and Maintenance:** This position is still open. Various members have pitched in and volunteered their help as needed. The church thanks these volunteers, who help to keep the church running.

**Social Ministry, Open Position Roy Anders** has agreed to serve as the interim Director of Social Ministry. Roy reported that the Feed the Hungry program provided 455 lunches in October and 365 Lunches in November to St. Patrick's. Roy reported that Community Help Ministry is accepting monetary donations as this time. The charity does not have enough volunteers to handle food donations at this time.

Roy told the Voters that Beautiful Savior is collecting food donations to stock its emergency food pantry. These food donations need to be non-perishable and not require heating. We are also donating socks to the Feed the Hungry program.

Ellen Sims proposed to the voters that the church adopt a family during the Christmas season. She is hoping to select a large family from the Pat-tonville School District. A motion was made by Roy Anders for the church to adopt a family. Kathy Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Emergency Contact Numbers have been posted outside the church in two locations for people seeking help when no one is at the church.

**Youth and Family Ministry - : David Singleton Not in attendance; no report.**

**Stewardship: Open Position,** The Time and Talent sheets have been distributed. Please fill out a sheet and return. The Church operates with the work of volunteers and you are needed!

**Recording Secretary: Kathy Leonard: No Report.**

**Financial Secretary's Report, Jo Sundermeyer: Not in attendance, no report.** Jo advised President Bob Engelken that the envelope supply had been replenished.

**Vice President's Report, Tim Decker:** Tim and Bob Mullins are seeking candidates for the vacant positions on the Board. .

**Treasurer's Report, - Bill Kipp:** Bill indicated that the latest projection for the 2020 Budget shows that we are behind by 25%. Some expenses are down a little, but some expenses like postage have increased.

**President's Report, - Bob Engelken:** Bob wanted to recognize all the volunteers of the church. To mention a few, there are a number of people who have stepped in to perform property maintenance, and a number of folks volunteering to count the donations for the church. People have stepped up to fill in for those that are quarantined or otherwise unable to serve. Also, thanks goes out to the members of the Choir, the Chimes, and the musicians. Also a big thank you to Linda Wehmeyer for her service to the Altar Guild. Linda indicated that there are many women that deserve recognition for the many years of service to the church. Thanks to all the folks that organize and prepare food for church activities. The list is long and rest assured that your efforts are appreciated. Praise be to the Lord.

Bob Engelken had reported on the condition of the Church's security system. The Board voted to replace the security system. Bob reported that after a review of the security system, an additional two cameras, priced at a total of \$250, were recommended. A motion was made by Art Wehmeyer for the church to purchase two additional cameras to ensure safety of our members and the property of the church. Roy Anders seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Roy mentioned that he had made a memorial donation on behalf of his mother and father, Robert and Ellen Anders to replace the Sound Board for the church. Roy is working out the details of operating the new Sound Board. Roy also told the voters that he will make a memorial to his grandmother and will pay KFUD for a donation of three months broadcasting fees for Beautiful Savior's church services.

The voters had a chance to review the proposed 2021 Budget for Beautiful Savior and ask questions. The voters considered an amended budget based upon information discussed during the meeting. The amendments to the 2021 proposed budget were:

The line item "office supplies" is hereby increased from \$500 to \$1,000 based upon the projected year-end total, and

The line item "sound and lights" is hereby reduced from \$250 to \$100 at the request of Roy Anders.

A motion was made by Roy Anders to approve the proposed and amended 2021 Budget. The motion was seconded by Dan Woodcock. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Bob Engelken continues to work on updating the church's website.

The meeting concluded at 1:35pm with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next Board Meeting** December 1, 2020, at 7 pm in the church meeting room. Bob Engelken volunteered to provide the devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Leonard, Recording Secretary



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2020

### *Serving: December 6th*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Jerry & June Hahn  
ALTAR GUILD: June Hahn; April Bretscher  
ELDER: Darin Gittus  
COUNTER: Dan & Marie Woodcock  
FELLOWSHIP:  
MUSICIAN: Fran Ettling  
GREETER: Dan & Marie Woodcock  
READER: liturgist  
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders  
USHER: 1

### *Serving: December 13th*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Jim & Judy Mello; in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary  
ALTAR GUILD: June Hahn; April Bretscher  
ELDER: Darin Gittus  
COUNTERS: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer  
FELLOWSHIP:  
MUSICIAN: Anita Tissi  
GREETER: Harry & Regi Grodie  
READER: liturgist  
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders  
USHER: 2

### *Serving: December 20th*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Poinsettias  
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer; Bonnie Miller  
ELDER: Bill Kipp  
COUNTER: Dan & Marie Woodcock  
FELLOWSHIP:  
MUSICIAN: Monica Kelpel  
GREETER: Jack & Bonnie Miller  
READER: Gail Pitts  
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders  
USHER: 3

### *Serving: December 27th*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Beautiful Savior  
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer; Bonnie Miller  
ELDER: Bill Kipp  
COUNTER: Christine Foelsing  
FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Regi Grodie  
MUSICIAN: guitar  
GREETER: Marilyn Sims  
READER: Bob Engelken  
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders  
USHER: 4

### **ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

WED. 12/2: Musician: Anita Tissi  
Ushers: 1

WED. 12/9: Musician: Anita Tissi  
Ushers: 2

WED. 12/16: Musician: Anita Tissi  
Ushers: 3

### **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

TUE. 12/24: Musician: Fran Ettling  
Ushers: 4

### **CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**

WED. 25: Musician: Anita Tissi  
Ushers: 3



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—DECEMBER 2020

1	T	<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS': 7:00 pm</b> Chordinals 7:00 pm	18	F	
2	W	"Feed the Hungry" 9 AM <b>BIBLE STUDY 10 AM</b> Advent Service 7:00 pm Chimes 6:00/Choir 8:00 pm	19	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
3	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM	20	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM</u> Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am Narc-Anon Business Mtg 1:00—5:00 pm
4	F		21	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>
5	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm	22	T	<b>ELDERS MEETING 7:00 pm</b> Chordinals 7:00 pm
6	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM</u> Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am <b>DECORATE CHURCH ( after Bible class )</b>	23	W	<b>BIBLE STUDY 10 AM</b> Advent Service 7:00 pm Chimes 6:00/Choir 8 :00 pm
7	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>	24	TH	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7:00 pm</b> 
8	T	Chordinals 7:00 pm	25	F	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10:00am</b>
9	W	<b>BIBLE STUDY 10 AM</b> Advent Service 7:00 pm Chimes 6:00/Choir 8:00pm	26	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
10	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM	27	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM</u> Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am
11	F		28	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>
12	S		29	T	Chordinals 7:00 pm
13	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM</u> Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am	30	W	<b>BIBLE STUDY 10 AM</b> Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm
14	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>	31	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>
15	T	Chordinals 7:00 pm			
16	W	<b>BIBLE STUDY 10 AM</b> Advent Service 7:00 pm Chimes 6:00/Choir 8:00 pm			
17	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM			

## CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

### 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
Don Templeton	12/26
Dan Woodcock	12/30



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Stanley Barsky	12/06
Pat Anderson	12/09
Gail Pitts	12/14
Al Winkler	12/14
John Folkerts	12/18
Jacob Leonard	12/22
Robby Neil	12/25
Jim Thomas	12/28
Joey Mello	12/29
Stefani Grodie	12/30
Kathi Meier	12/30
Gray Muehrer	12/30



### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCES

Jim & Judy Mello	12/18/76 44 yrs
Jerry & June Hahn	12/03/77 43 yrs
Jim & Kathy Hann	12/21/1996 24 yrs
Stanley & Dorothy Barsky	12/22/2012 8 yrs



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