

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



JULY 2021



WORD AND WORSHIP

PRAYER CHANGES US

"Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."
Matthew 6:8

You might wonder, "Why does God insist that we pray to Him and tell Him our problems? Why doesn't He take care of us without our having to ask? He already knows what we need better than we do." God continually showers His gifts on the whole world every day. He gives people sunshine, rain, good harvests, money, healthy bodies, and so on. But no one asks God for these gifts or thanks Him for them. If God already knows that we can't live without light or food for any length of time, then why does He want us to ask for these necessities?

Obviously, He doesn't command us to pray in order to inform Him about our needs. God gives us His gifts freely and abundantly. He wants us to recognize that He is willing and able to give us even more. When we pray, we're not telling God anything He doesn't already know. Rather, we are the ones gaining knowledge and insight. Asking God to supply our needs keeps us from becoming like the unbelieving skeptics, who don't acknowledge God and don't thank Him for His many gifts.

All of this teaches us to acknowledge God's generosity even more. Because we continue to search for Him and keep on knocking at His door, He showers us with more and more blessings. Everything we have is a gift from God. When we pray, we should express our gratitude by saying, "Lord, I know that I can't create a single slice of my daily bread. You are the only one who can supply all of my needs. I have no way to protect myself from disasters. You know what I need ahead of time, so I'm convinced that You will take care of me."

BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

10:30 am in Fellowship Hall

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

10:30 am

GOLDEN FRUIT

Living the Fruit of the Spirit

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

BIBLE CLASS at 10:00 am
PARABLES



Martin Luther Through Faith Alone:
365 Devotional Readings
From Martin Luther, Copyright: 1999
Concordia Publishing House



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

Miller family - passing of Jack

Billy Lane - health

Dot Tabor - upcoming surgeries

Johnda Meaux - wife of Greg, health concerns

Duane Tabor - son of Dot Tabor, health concerns

Keith Waymon - friend of Darin Gittus, receiving hospice care

Carol Geisler - injured ankle

Earl - chair yoga leaders' husband, health

OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:

Jacob & Nick Beagley (Bretscher)

CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES:

Joan Bernard, LeRoy Ettling, Kathi Meier, Jim Thomas, Stephanie Wilson

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.

Thank You!

I wanted to thank everyone for the Prayers and for the Get-Well Cards and Phone Calls while I was in DePaul Hospital and while I've been recovering from Covid 19. I was in DePaul for 22 days and having that contact with people and knowing that people were praying for me, was very encouraging and lifted my spirits.

I was particularly thankful and appreciative when Roy noticed that I was listening to the Church Service on Facebook and during the Messages Portion, at the end of the service, he and Pastor requested that people say "Hi" to me. The congregation did say "Hi" and that was very special.

We have a wonderful, supportive, nurturing, Christian Fellowship here at Beautiful Savior. I'm glad to be a member here. My only wish is that more people would have this gift of friendship and fellowship and would come here to hear about God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Thanks to everyone.

Bob Engelken

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING—JUNE 1, 2021

Pastor Bretscher called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The Board is meeting at the church in the regular meeting room. The Board is still practicing safe distancing according to St. Louis County rules.

Attendees: Pastor David Bretscher, President Bob Engelken, Roy Anders, Darin Gittus, Jo Sundermeyer, Bill Kipp, Tim Deccker, Bob Mullins, David Singleton and Kathy Leonard.

Pastor provided the opening prayer and Bob Engelken provided the devotion. Bob's devotion was about "A Taste of Life." "Taste and see that the Lord is Good."

A motion was made by Roy to approve the April and May (with correction) Board of Directors' Meeting minutes and seconded by Bob Mullins. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT--PASTOR BRETSCHER

Pastor presented a "Certificate of Faithfulness" to Darin Gittus. The award was dated in 1971 and was recently found while doing some cleaning. The Board cheerfully congratulated Darin on his award.

OFFICIAL ACTS – since the last meeting

Heaven: Naoma Keppler (4/27)

PENDING :-

Transfer In: Devon Linhardt (Hope Lutheran, St. Ann MO)

Current Membership - Baptized: 146; Confirmed 116

CHRISTIAN CARE: Since last meeting

PASTOR VISITS –

Shut-Ins: L.Null/ F. Pinson, J. Bernard, F. Bell, L. Etting, the Barskys, J.Thomas, D. Tabor, and J. Miller
Home Communion K. Green

ELDERS REPORTED ZONE CONTACTS/ATTEMPTS: (in person, phone or email)

Zone 3: Lanes, J. Hamilton, M. Muraski, Vicki McCoy, Wilsons, Winklers, C. Geisler, G. Pitts, Hanks, F. Bell, K. Murask

Zone 4: J. Hopkins, D. Barsky

Zone 5: L. Withrow, D. Meier, G. McCall, B. Engelken

Worship:

Attendance slowly rising, and Restrictions slowly being eliminated. Roy Anders asked about resuming using the Common Cup during Communion. Pastor indicated it was being considered.

Misc.

Monica is returning as choir/chimes director

Cleaning and Organizing of files and spaces is a project being worked on during the summer.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Elders, Darin Gittus: Darin reported that each elder has some inactives in his zone. The elders reach out to the inactives and try to get them back in church. Darin reported that the Usher Schedules are being revised.

Christian Education, Bob Mullins: Sunday School is on Summer Schedule; meeting when vacation schedules permit. Time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School and possibly partnering with other churches

Evangelism/Outreach: Open Position. No report

Property and Maintenance, Al Winkler : Al has graciously filled this position and continues his good work in keeping up with the maintenance needs of the church.

Social Ministry, Roy Anders: Most of the programs of the Social Ministry are on hold until St. Louis County removes more of the pandemic restrictions and more people are fully vaccinated. There were no requests for emergency funds.

Bob Engelken asked if we knew if anyone had taken one of the church's emergency referral sheets posted outside of the church in wooden boxes. We will try and see if we can determine if anyone used the referral sheets.

Roy reported that 16 cards were mailed out from the Card Ministry. There was a mix of birthday and anniversary cards.

Youth and Family Ministry- : David Singleton. David Singleton distributed a list of goals for Youth and Family Ministry. The listing included finalizing a brochure about the church to be distributed. He also had a draft of a prayer card that he had been working on. David is interested in getting more events going now that Covid 19 restrictions are diminishing. He has a listing of possible fellowship activities such as an Ice Cream Social, Movie Night, Game Night, Spaghetti Dinner Night. David also developed a survey to help determine the needs of the church for youth and family ministry. Much more information to come on these fellowship activities.

Stewardship: Open Position, No Report.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Leonard: No Report.

Financial Secretary's Report, Jo Sundermeyer: No report.

Vice President's Report, Tim Decker: The Board discussed the listing of Evangelism ideas that Tim prepared. The Board determined that it should begin with one or two ideas and work on those projects. Lots of ideas have been discussed and enthusiasm for those ideas has been expressed. Pastor asked the Board to focus on one or two ideas

Treasurer's Report, - Bill Kipp: Bill provided a summary of the Budget results. The results are good thus far for 2021.

President's Report, Bob Engelken: Bob reported to the Board that Bridgeton will be holding its Fourth of July Parade this year and he was starting to look for volunteers to decorate the float and ride on the Beautiful Savior float.

New Business:

Bill Kipp informed the Board that the church is paying for two internet services. It was designed to run parallel systems to ensure that the new internet was working properly. Bill indicated that it is time to discontinue the old internet provider. Several people will be working on this item.

The meeting concluded at 8:25 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Board Meeting July 6, 2021, at 7 pm in the church meeting room.

Roy Anders has volunteered to give the devotion at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Leonard, Recording Secretary



WORSHIP SCHEDULE JULY 2021

Serving: July 4th

ALTAR FLOWERS: Darin & Darlene Gittus, 27th wedding anniversary
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer; June Hahn
ELDER: Darin Gittus
COUNTER: Dan & Marie Woodcock
FELLOWSHIP:
MUSICIAN: Anita Tissi
GREETER: Dan & Marie Woodcock
READER: Marilyn Sims
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHER: 1

Serving: July 11th

ALTAR FLOWERS: Beautiful Savior
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer; June Hahn
ELDER: Darin Gittus
COUNTERS: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer
FELLOWSHIP: Pauline Tulloch
MUSICIAN: Anita Tissi
GREETER: John Folkerts
READER: liturgist
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHER: 2

Serving: July 18th



ALTAR FLOWERS: Harry & Regi Grodie
ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Miller; April Bretscher
ELDER: Bill Kipp
COUNTER: Jo Sundermeyer
FELLOWSHIP:
MUSICIAN: Ben Vanderhyde
GREETER: Harry & Regi Grodie
READER: Gail Pitts
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHER: 3

Serving: July 25th

ALTAR FLOWERS: Beautiful Savior
ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Miller; April Bretscher
ELDER: Bill Kipp
COUNTER: Christine Foelsing
FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Regi Grodie
MUSICIAN: Monica Kelp
GREETER: Rebecca Goveia
READER: Marie Woodcock
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHER: 4



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—JULY 2021

1	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM	20	T	ELDERS MEETING 7:00 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm
2	F	(Church office Closed)	21	W	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
3	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm FLOAT DECORATING - 1 PM	22	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM
4	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am JOHN CALVIN WORSHIP (FH) 10:30 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - 1 pm 	23	F	(Church office Closed)
5	M	(Church office Closed)	24	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
6	T	Chordinals 7:00 pm	25	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am JOHN CALVIN WORSHIP (FH) 10:30 Narc-Anon Business Mtg 1:00—5:00 pm
7	W	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM	26	M	(Church office Closed)
8	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM	27	T	Chordinals 7:00 pm
9	F	(Church office Closed)	28	W	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
10	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm	29	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM
11	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am JOHN CALVIN WORSHIP (FH) 10:30	30	F	(Church office Closed)
12	M	(Church office Closed) FLAG DAY	31	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
13	T	Chordinals 7:00 pm			
14	W	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM			
15	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM			
16	F	(Church office Closed)			
17	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm			
18	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am JOHN CALVIN WORSHIP (FH) 10:30			
19	M	(Church office Closed)			

CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

**JULY BAPTISM
REMEMBRANCES**

Sarah Hanks 07/08
James Foelsing 07/14
Tim Decker 07/15

**JULY BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCES**

Stephanie Wilson 07/03
Jim Mello Jr. 07/15
Flo Pinson 07/15
Justin Meaux 07/22
Jeremy Mische 07/30

**JULY ANNIVERSARY
REMEMBRANCES**

Greg & Johnda Meaux
07/29/1979
42 yrs
Ray & Ellen Sims
07/30/1983
38 yrs
Al & Denise Winkler
07/02/1988
38 yrs
Davin & Darlene Gittus
07/14/94
27 Yrs



JULY 2021

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES
ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE
IN THE ATRIUM.
PICK ONE UP TODAY!

Supporting Mission Work

Take a moment to look at the bulletin board and learn about the various missions that Beautiful Savior has donated to recently.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Rachel Winkler—Valparaiso University
Alison Decker—Hazelwood High School
Bella Muraski—Pattonville High School

Pastor David Bretscher

Secretary:

Lisa Sylvester

Ourchurchlady@sbcglobal.net

Newsletter Editor:

**Sharon Leriche & Beautiful Savior
members**

bsmonthly@sbcglobal.net

Phone:

314-291-2395

Fax:

314-291-2497

Web page:

www.bslcms.org

