

# BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



NOVEMBER 2017

WORD AND WORSHIP



## LOOKING BACK ON LIFE

***“A person may plan his own journey, but the Lord directs his steps.”  
(Proverbs 16:9)***

“No one sees the hand of God working in his life more clearly than when he reflects back on the years of his life. Augustine said that if a person had a choice of either dying or reliving his life over again, he would certainly choose death because of all the danger and evil he so narrowly escaped. In one sense, this statement is certainly true.

Looking back, a person can see how much he has accomplished and suffered without trying or thinking about it, even against his wishes and will. He gave such little thought to what he was doing before it occurred or when it was happening. Now, after everything has been carried out, he is amazed and says, “Why did these things happen to me when I never thought about them or thought something completely different would happen?” So Proverbs 16:9 is true, “A person may plan his own journey, but the Lord directs his steps,” even against his plan and will. So we must agree that our own cleverness and foresight don’t guide our life and actions. Instead, God’s wonderful power, wisdom, and goodness guide us. Only as we look back do we fully recognize how often God was with us when we neither saw His hand nor felt His presence at the time it was happening. Accordingly, Peter said, “He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

Even if there were no books or sermons to tell us about God, simply looking back on our own lives would prove that He tenderly carries us in His arms. When we look back on how God has led and brought us through so much evil, adversity, and danger, we can clearly see the ever-present goodness of God, which is far above our thoughts, mind, and perception.”



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)***

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

**9:15 am in Fellowship Hall**

### LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

**Sundays at 9:15 am  
“BLESS THESE LIPS”**



### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

**10:00 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL  
(Current session ends Nov. 15TH, there will be a new bible study, “THE GOSPELS” starting in January 2018)**

## 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

Tom Murphy of Orchid Dell Florist, passing of his wife

White family– relatives of Pauline Tulloch, passing of premature baby Gabriel

Friends & family of Skip Goodrum– from Dave & Stephanie Wilson; as the mourn his passing

Family & friends Pat Brown– from Dave Meier, as the mourn her passing

Bill Crichton– health concerns

Stan Barsky– health concerns

Sandy Biever– Darlene Neil's sister, cancer

Harold Brainerd– father of Linda Watts, health concerns

Eli Mann - health concerns

Lizzie Pitts—Garry's mother; heart attack & stroke

Dennis Brandt– relative of Dennis & Cher Niehaus, cancer

Bob Addison– friends of Alison & Karen Carlstrom, health concerns

Gary Timmerman - friend of Woodcocks, cancer

Gary Wilson - friend of Middendorf's, lung cancer

Richard Schmandt - friend of Woodcock's, health concerns

Roger Ahrens-father of Teresa Ritz, health concerns

Penny Castens (a KFUO listener) for her 94 yr. old mother Evelyn. Debra & Tim also David (her husband) & Jason her (son) who are ill.

#### THANKSGIVING:

Luke & Kiran Hamilton, twins born to Chad & Raj Hamilton, grandchildren of John Hamilton, on October 20th.

#### OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:

Jacob & Nick Beagley (Bretscher), Brad McNatt (*Freeman*), Joshua & Brandon Meyer (*Woehr*)

#### CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES:

El Vera Biedenstein, Naoma Keppler, LeRoy Ettlting, Kathi Meier, 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 – OCTOBER 3, 2017

**Board Members in Attendance:** Pastor David Bretscher, Pastor James Thomas, Bob Engelken, Al Winkler, Ken Green, Margaret Freeman, Tim Decker, Joe Mercurio, Mila Thomas, Regi Grodie and John Folkerts.

Bob Engelken called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and provided the opening devotions. Devotions were read by Margaret Freeman, "A Thank You Will Do". Mila Thomas made a motion to approve the September Board Meeting Minutes. Regi Grodie seconded and the motion carried.

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

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

**Current Membership:** Baptized 239; Confirmed 182

**Funeral:** Judy Taylor (9/18)

## CHRIST-IAN CARE: (since last meeting)

### Pastoral Visits –David Bretscher

**Shut-in/Elderly/sick/hospital/etc.:** Judy Taylor family

**Pastor member visits:** Bob Engelken, G. Muehrer

**Misc./Other:** Reformation (500 years)October 29,2017

## **Outreach:**

"Howdy New Neighbor" – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: (10x's)	199	84	44	4.6 avg.

**Pastoral Visits –James Thomas** (*since last meeting*) **Official Acts:** Judy Taylor funeral (9/18); Call documents received from Trinity Lutheran Church, Orchard Farms on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Shut-in/Elderly/sick/hospital/etc.:** Judy Taylor, Naoma Keppler and Pauline Tulloch.

## **Misc./Other:**

Men's group met at Serra's Pizza on September 12<sup>th</sup>—ten people were in attendance. Also planned a shooting day at Ultimate Defense on September 10<sup>th</sup> (attended by roughly 10 people) and a church clean-up day on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. John Hamilton graciously hosted a BBQ at his home for members of the men's club on September 30<sup>th</sup> which was very enjoyable. Youth and Family Meeting was held on August 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss our budget and upcoming events. As of 9/1 the youth budget is roughly \$4100. We discussed plans to finalize the carpet installation contract with Classic Carpet in Florissant, total cost is approximately \$3700. Once the final price is agreed upon, work will proceed. The youth committee voted to cover the cost of the inflatable games for the Fall Festival (\$290) since the Fall Festival will be serving as the first event in our Sunday School kickoff for the coming year. A Veteran's Day Chili Contest is being planned for November 11<sup>th</sup> to thank the Veterans at Beautiful Savior as well as raise funds for next year's youth activities.

Wednesday Bible Study: "**Drive through the Holy Land**" has been going strong with over 20+ people in attendance each week. Join us on Wednesday's from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and be a part of the tour! 2017 Fall Festival planning is in full swing; things are being finalized this week. Activities to INCLUDE: Food Trucks, Face Painting, Inflatable Games, Traditional Kids' Games with prizes, live music, clowns, bubble machines, evangelism tent and a Petting Zoo! The event is free to all and is a community outreach event to share the message of Jesus Christ. We have raised over \$1,200 for the event so far and trust God to make the event a success. We canvassed neighborhoods on October 1<sup>st</sup> after late service with a total of 12 people, passing out over 400 flyers to homes and apartments surrounding the church.

Veterans' Group – the Veterans' Memorial Board is up and looking great! A Veterans' Fair was held September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 in the Fellowship Hall. Sixteen people attended. There was also a follow up review meeting as well on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Serra's Pizza attended by 8 people.

I have been contacted by Rev. Larry Rockemann from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation about coming to Beautiful Savior to share God's word and the ministry of LHF. Rev. Rockemann is an experienced parish pastor, former dean of students at Concordia Seminary, and a nursing home chaplain. These roles have given him a unique perspective on the need for God's Word across all generations. November 5<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for his visit.

**Beautiful Savior's Visits of our Worship Guests:** (since last meeting) (*none*)

## Directors' Reports

### Elder's Reports, Bob Engelken:

Continuing to work on filling elder vacancies.

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

**Zone 2:** J. Bernard, Ettlings, Hahns, G. Meaux, J. Meaux, Middendorfs, J. Mueller, D. Neil, B. Stole, Sundermeyers

Vice President's/Past President's Report, Vacant: No report.

Christian Education, Margaret Washburn-Freeman: No report.

Youth and Family Ministry, Tim Decker: Reported on camp out at Klondike Park (4 couples attended, 2 families stayed overnight. Carpet and tile for the downstairs area has been selected.

Stewardship, Joe Mercurio Fall at Festival item—Fern Harmon has volunteered to add to the entertainment and will perform tap dancing.

Social Ministry, Regi Grodie Seventeen bags of groceries were delivered to CHM. The movie "Flywheel" was the Friday night movie attended by eleven people.

Evangelism/Outreach, John Folkerts There will be a welcome table at the Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival. We will be handing out free water and popcorn as well as engaging people/visitors regarding our church. Brochures will also be distributed explaining what we believe and specifics to Beautiful Savior. An Evangelism table was also set up at the previous Veterans' Fair. The "Howdy Neighbor" program continues the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays each month during warm weather.

Property and Maintenance, Al Winkler HVAC for the atrium area cost is approximately \$6500. There are four additional units approximately the same age which continue to function. Bids are being accepted for removal of the dying oak tree struck by lightning earlier this year.

Financial Secretary, Mila Thomas Mila ordered fewer boxes of envelopes this year, more in line with actual usage. It was thought previously that a minimum of 200 was required but we will now be able to order only 150, affording a small cost saving.

Treasurer's Report, Ken Green Reviewed the Income and Expense Statement through September 30. Some expenses were not available for posting at this time. However, the deficit spending trend continues at the rate of \$40,000 per year. Regarding the 2018 budget, a motion was made, seconded and passed to cut the budget by \$10,300. Discussion continued regarding specific items such as reducing Pastors' salaries.

Recording Secretary, (Marie Woodcock—not in attendance) No report.

President's Report, (Vacant) Bob Engelken, as acting president, reported that Bill Crichton has agreed to accept the position of president. The news was met with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A motion was made to form a standing committee explicitly to investigate fund raising opportunities. Several ideas were presented and the motion was amended to state that all revenue would go to the church's general revenue fund. Motion carried. It was decided we would have a BOD meeting on November 7, 2017 (prior to the congregational meeting to further discuss the budget).

Pastor Thomas reported that he received a call from Trinity Lutheran Church in Orchard Farm which he has accepted.

Calendar Next scheduled BOD meeting – November 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. November devotions volunteer will be Ken Green.

Motion to adjourn carried at 8:45 p.m. Pastor Thomas led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Woodcock, Recording Secretary

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE — NOVEMBER 2017

### Serving: November 5th

ACOLYTES: Wilson Decker; ushers  
ALTAR FLOWERS: Beautiful Savior  
ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Miller; Robyn Simmons  
ELDERS: Darin Gittus; Bill Kipp  
COUNTERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock  
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Dennis Niehaus  
FOOD TRANSPORT: Regi Grodie  
MUSICIANS: Fran Ettling  
GREETERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock; Ellen Sims  
READERS: Marie Woodcock; liturgist  
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Bob Mullins  
USHERS: 1E; 1L  
WELCOMERS: John Folkerts (10:30 am)

### Serving: November 12th

ACOLYTES: Wilson Decker; ushers  
ALTAR FLOWERS: Joan Bernard, thankful for His many blessings  
ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Miller; Robyn Simmons  
ELDERS: Darin Gittus; Bill Kipp  
COUNTERS: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer  
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Al Winkler  
MUSICIANS: Ruth Rieger  
GREETERS: Valeda Woehr; Gail Pitts  
READERS: June Hahn; Bill Crichton  
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Bob Mullins  
USHERS: 2E; 2L  
WELCOMERS: Vicki McCoy (10:30 am)

### Serving: November 19th

ACOLYTES: Wilson Decker; ushers  
ALTAR FLOWERS: The Wehmeyers, celebrating 46th anniversary  
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Watts; June Hahn  
ELDERS: John Hamilton; Bob Mullins  
COUNTERS: Sally Lane & Dave & Stephanie Wilson  
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Regi Grodie  
MUSICIANS: Fran Ettling  
GREETERS: Tim & Alison Decker; Harry & Regi Grodie  
READERS: liturgist; Bill Kipp  
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders; Tim Decker  
USHERS: 3E; 3L  
WELCOMERS: Fern Harmon & Joe Mercurio (10:30 am)

### Serving: November 26th

ACOLYTES: Wilson Decker; ushers  
ALTAR FLOWERS: Beautiful Savior  
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Watts; June Hahn  
ELDERS: John Hamilton; Bob Mullins  
COUNTERS: Christine Foelsing  
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST (ESS): Dennis Niehaus  
MUSICIANS: flute/guitar  
GREETERS: Darlene Neil; Fern Harmon & Joe Mercurio  
READERS: Joe Mercurio; Bob Engelken  
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders  
USHERS: 4E; 4L  
WELCOMERS: Harry & Regi Grodie (10:30 am)

### Serving: November 22nd Thanksgiving Eve

**ELDERS: Bob Engelken**

**MUSICIAN: Anita Tissi**

**USHERS: 4E**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—NOVEMBER 2017

1	W	FEED THE HUNGRY 9:00 am BIBLE STUDY - 10:45 am Youth Confirmation 4:30-5:30 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7:30 pm	20	M	(Church office closed)
2	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm	21	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm CHORDINALS 7:00pm
3	F	Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm	22	W	<u>THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP 7:00 PM</u> Chimes 6:30/Choir 8:00 pm
4	S	Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30 am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	23	TH	'FEED THE HUNGRY" Thanksgiving dinner 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall  Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm
5	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am &amp; 10:30 am</u> Bible class and Sunday School - 9:15 am Fellowship Host/ess: Dennis Niehaus	24	F	Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm
6	M	(Church office closed)	25	S	"HOWDY NEW NEIGHBOR" 10:00—12 noon Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30 am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm
7	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 7: 00 PM CHORDINALS- 7:00 pm	26	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am &amp; 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship Time-Host/ess: Dennis Niehaus
8	W	BIBLE STUDY- 10:00 am Youth Confirmation 4:30-5:30 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7:30 pm	27	M	(Church office closed)
9	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm	28	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm ELDERS MEETING - 7:00 PM CHORDINALS 7:00pm
10	F	Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm	29	W	Youth Confirmation 4:30-5:30 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7:30 pm
11	S	"HOWDY NEW NEIGHBOR" 10:00—12 noon Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30 am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	30	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm
12	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00am &amp; 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (after Pot Luck following 2nd service)			
13	M	(Church office closed)			
14	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm CHORDINALS 7:00pm			
15	W	BIBLE STUDY- 10:00 am Youth Confirmation 4:30-5:30 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7:30 pm			
16	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm CHORDINALS REHEARSAL 6- 10 pm			
17	F	Korean Church (Bible class) 7:00-9:00 pm			
18	S	Korean Church (Worship/Lunch)9:30 am-2:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm			
19	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00am &amp; 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am Fellowship Host/ess: Regi Grodie			

**CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY**

**NOVEMBER BAPTISM  
REMEMBRANCES**

Joan Bernard	11/1
Brittany Mische	11/5
Ray Sims	11/6
Jodi Willard	11/10
Wendy Ray	11/11
El-Vera Biedenstein	11/14
Cooper Thomas	11/14
Alex Mullins	11/16
Molly Grodie	11/27
Chuck Bell	11/29
Wesley Hamilton	11/30
Sally Huster	11/30
Jeremy Thomas	11/30

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY  
REMEMBRANCES**

Robbie Freeman	11/3
Jordan Tucker	11/3
Jeff Hahn	11/7
Dan Woodcock	11/7
Jeremy Thomas	11/11
Naoma Keppler	11/14
Amanda Grodie	11/15
Ron Moye	11/18
Denise Winkler	11/20
Bob Engelken	11/24
Janet Segasture	11/26
Gregory Williams	11/29
Kirby Keller	11/30

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY  
REMEMBRANCES**

Art & Linda Wehmeyer	11/20/1971	46 yrs.
Lynn & Barbara Withrow	11/29/1979	38 yrs.
Garry & Gail Pitts	11/15/1996	21 yrs.



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/POTLUCK:  
SUNDAY NOV. 12TH,  
following the 2nd service. See sign-up sheet in atrium.**

**ST. LOUIS CHORDINALS presents:  
"MEMPHIS OR BUST"  
With special guests: The Skinkers**

**Nov. 18, 2017 @ 2:30 pm; St. Peters Cultural Arts Center  
#1 St. Peters Centre Blvd.; St. Peters Mo.  
Tickets are \$15:00. Contact Linda Wehmeyer/June Hahn or  
Call Alice @ 314-739-7582 or slcsingers@gmail.com**

# Community Helping Ministry

## HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

As in the past, CHM is in need of the following item for **THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS**.

**50 boxes of STUFFING MIX for each holiday, Thanksgiving & Christmas**

**Food donations are needed by:**  
**THANKSGIVING received at church by 11/05/2017;**  
**CHRISTMAS by 11/28/2017**



## CHM 2017 CHRISTMAS TOY & GIFT ROOM

Unwrapped toys & gifts should be delivered to CHM no later than Dec. 1, 2017.

This also applies to Christmas food donations.

Volunteers are needed: (Contact Liza if you can help)

Christmas: December 4th-7th (toy room/food prep)

Toy Room: December 9th



## **CHM SPECIAL REQUEST:**

They are in need of **SYRUP & JELLY**  
Please place your donations in the box in the atrium.



***“FAITH IN THE  
FUTURE” FUND***

Beautiful Savior is asking all  
God’s people to offer an  
additional offering each 4th  
Sunday for it’s future ministry.

Use a plain white envelope (with  
your number for tax purposes)  
marked ‘SPECIAL FUNDING’

***GIVE THANKS***

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
12397 NATURAL BRIDGE RD.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH ALL  
FIXINGS FOR OUR HUNGRY FRIENDS IN  
NEED!

DINNER STARTS AT 1:00 PM

ON NOVEMBER 23, 2017

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE:  
314-291-2395.

**Sunday, November 5th: Rev. Larry Rockemann,  
who is a Mission Presentation Speaker of the  
LHF Church Relations will be preaching and  
conducting bible study.**

*(they translate, publish, distribute & introduce Lutheran  
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