

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



OCTOBER 2020

WORD AND WORSHIP



BLESSINGS FOLLOW TESTING

"Isaac planted crops in that land. In that same year he harvested a hundred times as much as he had planted because the Lord had blessed him. He continued to be successful." *Genesis 26:12-13*

We must learn from Isaac's example to be firm in our faith so that we don't doubt or waiver when hardships come our way. After Isaac had sinned, God lovingly forgave him and even blessed him. We learn from this that God doesn't remain angry forever. If we rely on His promises, we can remain faithful when things go wrong and say, "The Lord who asked me to believe in Him will keep His promises. Meanwhile, I will cling to Him and trust Him." The Psalms remind us: "Wait with hope for the Lord. Be strong, and let your heart be courageous" (Psalm 27:14). "Be strong, all who wait with hope for the Lord, and let your heart be courageous (Psalm 31:24). Believers can remain confident even in the worst dangers and hardships because God has promised to take care of them: "Turn all your anxiety over to God because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

It's important for believers to be tested by trials. Without these tests, their faith would grow cold and weak. It could eventually disappear completely. But if they are tested with hardships, believers will discover what faith is and will be strengthened in their knowledge of Christ. They will become so strong that even when they have troubles and anxieties, they can be just as happy as they are in good times. They can look at each hardship as if it were a cloud or a fog that will soon vanish.



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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



WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

1 & 2 Thessalonians

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

Maria and her family—co-worker of **Mila Thomas and Bob Englken**, as they mourn the death of her mother
Granddaughter of Carol Geisler - tested for Covid-19 as the neighborhood children are positive
Gary Muehrers's - daughter **Kristina Velera**, tested positive for COVID-19
Andrea and Brigitta Eckstein - Pastor Eckstein's wife and daughter, diagnosed with COVID-19
Joyce & Cole Shelton - family of **Middendorfs**, tested positive for COVID-19
Pastor Bretscher & family - as they mourn the passing of **Elaine**, Pastor's mother
Ruth Altemeger - cousin of **Cher Niehaus**, on hospice with COVID-19
Josh Glodo and family— friend of **Bill Fey**, lost battle with COVID-19
Craig - friend of **Cher Niehaus**, Kidney transplant Surgery

OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:

Jacob & Nick Beagley (Bretscher)

CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES:

Joan Bernard, LeRoy Ettling, 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.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

President Bob Engelken called the Board of Director's meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Board continues to meet at the church in the regular meeting room. The Board practices safe distancing according to St. Louis County rules during the Pandemic.

Attendees: President Bob Engelken, Pastor David Bretscher, Bill Kipp, Vice President Tim Decker, Darin Gittus, Jo Sundermeyer, and Kathy Leonard.

Tim Decker provided the devotion from 1Peter verses 3-6. Our praise is to God, who is steadfast in his promise of Salvation to us. Because of our faith in God, we have a guarantee of eternal life. No one can take that away from us. We should rejoice in this promise of eternal life. A motion was made by Darin Gittus to approve the minutes of the August Board of Directors' meeting. Jo Sundermeyer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pastor provided an opening prayer for the Board Meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT--PASTOR BRETSCHER

OFFICIAL ACTS – none since the last meeting

Heaven: Shirley Belter (notified by voice mail 8/23)

PENDING – none

Current Membership - Baptized: 198: Confirmed 163

CHRISTIAN CARE: Since last meeting

PASTOR VISITS –

Shut-Ins: F, Bell, L. Ettling and the Barskys

Hospital: none

Private Communion: T Segasture, E. Pfeiffer

Misc.

120 for 2020—good time to pursue others, share the Good News and invite folks to church

New, first-year seminary student will be helping us. His name is Avery Hjulberg.

Thanksgiving/Advent/ Christmas services... discuss needs and probable attendance during the pandemic. Weekly attendance is not increasing. Some members continue to worship on a virtual basis.

Church looking at sharing facility with us. Much more discussion needs to happen. Early stages of assessing possibilities.

Final letter to the inactive sent. (28 letters to 62 people) Should have realistic count of members by June 1, 2021.

Choir and Chimes have resumed practice.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Elders, Darin Gitus: Darin indicated that the Elders are still in good shape with 5 active Elders and others ready to volunteer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION; BOB MULLINS: (not in attendance) Bob looking at possibly improving internet service to the church.

Evangelism/Outreach: Open Position. No report

Property and Maintenance, Dave Wilson: No report.

Social Ministry, Open Position (seeking candidates)

It was reported that the Feed the Hungry program resumed in August. The group of volunteers was able to put together 445 lunches and some additional sandwiches for St. Patrick's Center. Volunteers and supplies needed.

The Board has published its need for a Director of Social Ministry. The Board discussed the importance of this position and the work that the Church does in the community. Due to the expectations of the position, it is probably best suited for a retired person or a person who works part time. All interested parties should contact Pastor or Bob Engelken, or Tim Decker.

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

Stewardship: Open Position, No Report.

Financial Secretary's Report, Jo Sundermeyer: No report. Special thanks to those volunteering to cover for others.

Vice President's Report, Tim Decker: The fellowship activities of the church are still temporarily canceled. Discussed some possibilities for the future. Tim reported that several board members have agreed to extensions of their terms: Bill Kipp and Kathy Leonard

Treasurer's Report, - Bill Kipp: Bill indicated that the church is still behind the projected Budget of 2020. He continues to make sure that all the bills are paid. Money is still coming into the church. Some members of the Board will meet soon to develop the first draft of the budget for 2021. Bill gave the Board a first draft.

President's Report, - Bob Engelken: President Bob Engelken reported that another group is interested in using the fellowship hall for an exercise class. This group is considering three times a week. Kathy made a motion to charge this group \$15 a session and Bill Kipp seconded the motion, motion carried. The new group is considering a three times per week schedule.

Old. Business: Bob Engelken is working on updating the church's website. The meeting concluded at 8:25pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Board Meeting October 6, 2020, at 7 pm in the church meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Leonard, Recording Secretary



WORSHIP SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2020

Serving: *October 4th*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Pauline Tulloch
ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Miller; Linda Watts
ELDER: George McCall
COUNTER: Dan & Marie Woodcock
FELLOWSHIP: Jim & Judy Mello
MUSICIAN: Fran Ettling
GREETER: John Folkerts
READER: Bill Kipp
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHER: 1

Serving: *October 11th*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Harry & Regi Grodie
ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Miller; Linda Watts
ELDER: George McCall
COUNTERS: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer
FELLOWSHIP: Dean & Renee Linhardt
MUSICIAN: Anita Tissi
GREETER: Gail Pitts
READER: liturgist
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHER: 2

Serving: *October 18th*


ALTAR FLOWERS: Remembering El-Vera Biedenstein,
on her 100th birthday
ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Leonard, Linda Wehmeyer
ELDER: Darin Gittus
COUNTER: Dan & Marie Woodcock
FELLOWSHIP:
MUSICIAN: Monica Kelpé
GREETER: Harry & Regi Grodie
READER: Gail Pitts
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHER: 3

Serving: *October 25th*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Linda Watts, in memory of Roy
ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Leonard, Linda Wehmeyer
ELDER: Darin Gittus
COUNTER: Christine Foelsing
FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Regi Grodie
MUSICIAN: guitar
GREETER: Dan & Marie Woodcock
READER: Marilyn Sims
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHER: 4



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—OCTOBER 2020

1	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm	18	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 1 - 5 pm
2	F		19	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>
3	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm	20	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm
4	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am	21	W	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm
5	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>	22	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm
6	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm BOARD OF DIRECTORS': 7:00 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm	23	F	
7	W	"Feed the Hungry" 9 AM BIBLE STUDY 10 AM Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm	24	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
8	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm	25	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am
9	F		26	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>
10	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm	27	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm ELDERS' MEETING 7:00 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm
11	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am Golf at Berry Hill 12:30 PM	28	W	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm
12	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>	29	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm
13	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm	30	F	
13	W	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm	31	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
14	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm			
16	F				
17	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm			

CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

OCTOBER BAPTISM REMEMBRANCES

Katie Mitchell	10/01
Esther Pfeifer	10/01
Chad Hamilton	10/10
Cheryl Niehaus	10/10
Bill Lane	10/13
Krista Foelsing	10/19
Laura Singleton	10/19
Jenna Foelsing	10/21
Amanda Burley	10/23
Mary Crichton	10/28
Darlene Neil	10/30



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Christine Foelsing	10/04
Hannah Moore	10/07
Ray Sims	10/09
Becki Hearst	10/10
Sally Huster	10/11
Brent Sims	10/11
David Fraley	10/12
Mary Crichton	10/14
Joan Bernard	10/19
Kiran Hamilton	10/20
Luke Hamilton	10/20
Jazper Hemsath	10/20
Bill Crichton	10/21
David Singleton	10/21
Marilyn Sims	10/27
Chuck Bell	10/28
Linda Wehmeyer	10/29
Ryan Moore	10/30
Julie Sullivan	10/31



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCES

Bob & Beth Mullins	10/28/1995 25 yrs
Tim & Joanie Decker	10/24/1998 22 yrs
Bob & Laura Singleton	10/13/2001 19 yrs
Randy & Amanda Moore	10/23/2010 10 yrs



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign up is in the atrium.

Cost for one

is \$12.50 or two for \$25.00

Please specify if you will take flowers home after the service



SOCK IT

TO THE HOMELESS

Like last year, we are planning to take socks along with the lunches to St. Patricks

Place your donations in the basket in the atrium!



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Did you know?

Socks are the #1 requested clothing item at Homeless Shelters

People who are homeless can walk up to 4 miles daily

Socks provide a layer of warmth

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