

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 2019



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 OPORTUNITIES

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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

9:30 am in Fellowship Hall
“Dinosours, ICE-AGE & the Preflood World”

LADIES’ BIBLE CLASS

Sundays at 9:15 am
“Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply”

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS, 10:00 am



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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

Mildred Woodcock, aunt of **Dan Woodcock**, as they mourn her passing

Elaine Bretscher - health concerns

Don Templeton— recuperating at home

Verla Mullins-mother of **Bob**, receiving chemo

June Mueller - health concerns

Jenn McCall-wife of **Rev. Tim McCall**, healthy pregnancy

Bob Shelton-friend of **Fern Harmon**, health concerns

Julie Sullivan - health concerns

Greg Meaux - Greg & Johnda, health concerns

Erika & Cliff- friends of **Valeda**, health concerns

Roger Holton - neighbor of **Alison & Karen Carlstrom**, as they mourn his death

Mrs Skelton - friend of **Alison & Karen Carlstrom**, health concerns

Rev. Bowder - cancer diagnosis

Duane Craig - recovering from surgery, **Janet Segastures** son-in-law

Diane-Ferns Harmon's cousin, health concerns

Erika Monroe, friend of **Vaeda Woehr**, cancer treatments

OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:

Jacob & Nick Beagley (Bretscher)

CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES:

Shirley Belter, El-Vera Biedenstein, Naoma Keppler, LeRoy Ettlting, Kathi Meier, Diana Rogers,
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.

From Bob Engelken - I'm So impressed with the Landscaping in front of the church. I know it was a lot of work . Dan Woodcock and others did such a fantastic job. Special thanks to Dan for faithfully watering the new plants. We're fortunate that so many people give of their time and talents. We are truly blessed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR—AUGUST 6, 2019

Board Members In Attendance: Bill Crichton, Pastor David Bretscher, Bob Engelken, Bill Kipp, Pauline Tulloch, Dave Singleton, Darin Gittus, Dave Wilson and Kathy Leonard

Bill Crichton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Devotion given by Bob Engelken. Bob spoke about Love and reminded everyone that God is Love and that all virtues such as patience, humility, kindness and meekness come from Love. Bob led the Board in the Lord's Prayer.

Motion to approve the July Board meeting minutes was made by Bob Engelken and seconded by Pauline Tulloch. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT--PASTOR BRETSCHER

Official Acts: (since last meeting): None

TRANSFER OUT: Mark and Margaret Freeman (Trinity Lutheran, St. Charles) Motion to approve transfer was made by Darin Gittus and seconded by David Singleton. Motion carried.

Matt Grodie (and Hannah, Holly) (our Savior Lutheran, Fenton) Transfer request is pending phone call to finalize.

RELEASE: Robbie and Mariah Freeman

Current Membership: Baptized 230; Confirmed 174

CHRIST-IAN CARE: (since last meeting)

Pastoral Visits:

Shut-in: J. Thomas, F. Bell (twice), the Barskys, D. Rogers

Hospital: D. Singleton, B. Shelton, J. Sullivan, D. DeChristo, J. Mueller, J. Bernard

Misc.: B. Shelton, F. Harmon

Pastor home visits (year three of a three year cycle): Sundermeyers

Misc:

Elders' inactive cards were mailed. A final letter will be sent this fall.

The Pre-school/Day Care Committee continues to research the issues. Nothing to report at this time.

The conversation regarding two or one worship service(s) on Sunday resulted in nearly all of congregation supporting the change to one service on Sunday. Several members have indicated that this should be implemented soon. The Directors reported that several members indicated that one service would promote more unity among the members.

Future actions:

Report at next Board of Directors' meeting will indicate a final count of all who attend.

Short voters' meeting between worship services in September to further discuss, than a meeting in October to vote on the issue.

Voters' Meeting in September to further discuss and also vote in September.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Elders, Darin Gittus: Darin indicated that the Elders received very few responses from the postcards mailed to inactive members. The final letter will remove these inactive members from the church files. The letter will go out this fall.

Christian Education, Bob Mullins: (not in attendance). No report.

It was mentioned that there will be no Vacation Bible School sponsored by Beautiful Savior in 2019. An attempt was made to partner with other churches, but the attempt was unsuccessful this year. Pastor indicated he would discuss with other local Pastors.

Evangelism/Outreach: Open Position. No report

Property and Maintenance, Dave Wilson: Minor maintenance and routine repairs continue. Photo cell for one of the signs needs replacement.

Social Ministry, Pauline Tulloch:

Made 390 lunches for the Feed the Hungry Program and 30 sandwiches. There were 14 volunteers from Beautiful Savior and 5 other volunteers.

Six bags of groceries were donated to the Community Helping Ministry and several other items from their listing. Magazines were donated to Pain Center in Florissant and to the bank. Pauline requested the magazines be as current as possible.

Assisted a hospital patient with lodging expenses as he was discharged from the hospital.

Work on the Fall Festival continues. Food truck vendors are completed. The Bake Sale facilitated by April Bretscher was very successful and raised \$150. The Free Will Offering raised \$131. Plans are to hold another bake sale and possibly a car wash. Looking at arranging for Joy FM to come to the Festival. Possibly adding another face painter to the Festival activities. They are providing advertising for the festival. Want to add more outside vendors. Need to continue fund raising activities. A trivia night for November is in the planning stage.

Youth and Family Ministry- David Singleton David reported that he will be planning an Ice Cream Social and Movie Night for the end of September. He will try and partner with some other local churches. Also planning a Hay Ride for the end of October.

David has been working on a flyer/brochure to use in a Door to Door ministry to share the Good News about Jesus. He would like to visit homes every Saturday in the morning and also visit homes in the evening at least once per month. We need to spread the news and to increase our membership to continue God's work in this area.

Stewardship: Open Position No Report.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Leonard (No Report)

Treasurer's Report, - Bill Kipp:

Bill shared another summary of the budget report with the Board

Bill requested that any donations to the church specify where the donation should be used. If the donation should go the General Fund, please let him know. We want to utilize all donations according to the desires of those donating. Bill reported to the Board that Beautiful Savior is behind in its 2019 Budget by \$17,000. Bill indicated that the Church spends \$650 each year on a Lift. He questioned whether this was a good allocation of church funds. The Board agreed to look into this further. Bill also informed the Board that the renewal for health insurance for church staff is coming up and the church was presented with an increase to renew the insurance.

Bob Engelken informed the Board that Qualified Charitable Donations can lower your taxable income and can lower your taxes. Check with your tax advisor. Bill indicated that he believes that we need to enhance our Website. The Board discussed some options. President Bill Crichton challenged the Board to come up with ideas to share on improving the church's Website. The board members were asked to bring their ideas to the next board meeting in September.

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

Vice President's Report, Bob Engelken:

It was reported that Bob Mullins has agreed to serve as the Director for Christian Education for the next term. Need nomination for the open Board positions in March. (President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Christian Education, Social Ministry, and Stewardship.)

Bob reported that the Men's club met at Serra's Pizza on July 9. There were 10 men that attended. There were 10 women that went to the Pompeii exhibit on July 19. There were 15 people that attended the Movie Night at the church on July 26. Men's club hosted a gathering at Bridgeton's concert in the park on August 11. Game Night is scheduled for August 23. The women are planning a trip to Eureka Spring to see the Passion Play in October. Bob reported that there are two ads in the Localite to advertise the Fall Festival. KFYO will be broadcasting the service(s) at Beautiful Savior in September, October and November. Bob indicated there will be a Trivia Night the second Saturday of November to help pay for the Fall Festival.

President's Report, Bill Crichton:

Bill reported that a Narcotics Anonymous group has requested to meet here on Wednesday evening while their current meeting place is under renovation. The Board approved this request.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Kipp and seconded by Dave Wilson. Motion carried.

Pastor had a new item for the Board's consideration. A request was made for the church to buy 6-8 new 8 foot lightweight tables for the use of the church. A motion was made by Pauline Tulloch to buy 6 tables for the church. Darin Gittus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting is September 3, 2019 at 7 pm. Devotions for September – Bill Crichton

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. The meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Leonard, Recording Secretary

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2019

Serving: September 1st

ACOLYTES: ushers; ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Harry & Regi Grodie
ALTAR GUILD: Alison Carlstrom; Linda Wehmeyer
ELDERS: Darin Gittus; Dave Meier
COUNTERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST(ESS): April Bretscher
FOOD TRANSPORT: Ellen Sims
MUSICIANS; Fran Ettling
GREETERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock; Joan Bernard
READERS: June Hahn; Art Wehmeyer
SOUND & LIGHTS: David Wilson; Roy Anders
USHERS: 1E; 1L
WELCOMERS: John Folkerts (10:30 am)

Serving: September 8th

ACOLYTES: ushers; ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Alan & Judy Middendorf,
celebrating Judy's birthday
ALTAR GUILD: Alison Carlstrom; Linda Wehmeyer
ELDERS: Darin Gittus; Dave Meier
COUNTERS: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST(ESS): June Hahn
MUSICIANS: Ruth Rieger
GREETERS: Ken Green; Marilyn Sims
READERS: liturgist; Linda Watts
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 2E; 2L
WELCOMERS: Harry & Regi Grodie (10:30 am)

Serving: September 15th

ACOLYTES: ushers; ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Joan Bernard, for God's many
blessings
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Watts; Marilyn Sims
ELDERS: John Hamilton; Bob Mullins
COUNTERS: Dave & Stephanie Wilson
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST(ESS): Dave Wilson
MUSICIANS : Fran Ettling
GREETERS: Sally Lane; Karen & Alison Carlstrom
READERS: liturgist; Linda Watts
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 3E; 3L
WELCOMERS: Bob Engelken (10:30 am)

Serving: September 22nd

ACOLYTES: ushers; ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Jim & Christine Foelsing,
celebrating Jenna & Krista's birthday
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Watts; Marilyn Sims
ELDERS: John Hamilton; Bob Mullins
COUNTERS: Christine Foelsing
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST(ESS): Dennis Niehaus
MUSICIANS: flute/guitar
GREETERS: Valeda Woehr; Jack & Bonnie Miller
READERS: Dennis Niehaus; Harry Grodie
SOUND & LIGHTS: David Wilson; Roy Anders
USHERS: 4E; 4L
WELCOMERS: Joan Bernard (10:30 am)

Serving: September 29th

ACOLYTES: ushers; ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Beautiful Savior
ALTAR GUILD: Robyn Simmons; Bonnie Miller
ELDERS: Darin Gittus; Bill Kipp
COUNTERS: Marilyn Sims; Mila Thomas
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST(ESS): Regi Grodie
MUSICIANS: Anita Tissi
GREETERS: Dan & Marie Woodcock; Gail Pitts
READERS: Joe Mercurio; Marilyn Sims
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 2E; 2L
WELCOMERS: John Folkerts (10:30 am)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 2019

1	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am & 10:30 am</u> 9:15 Fellowship in Fellowship Hall	20	F	
2	M	(Church office closed)	21	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
3	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 pm	22	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am & 10:30 am</u> Special Voters Meeting
4	W	FEED THE HUNGRY 9 am BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7pm CHIMES 6:30/CHOIR 7:30	23	M	(Church office closed)
5	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm	24	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am–1:30 pm ELDERS MEETING 7:00 pm Chordinals 7:00pm
6	F		25	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm CHIMES 6:30/CHOIR 7:30
7	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm	26	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm
8	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am & 10:30 am</u> Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 am	27	F	MOVIE NIGHT 7:00pm
9	M	(Church office closed)	28	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
10	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am–1:30 pm Chordinals 7:00pm	29	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am & 10:30 am</u>
11	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7pm CHIMES 6:30/CHOIR 7:30	30	M	(Church office closed)
12	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm			
13	F				
14	S	FALL FESTIVAL 11AM-4PM Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm			
15	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 am & 10:30 am</u> 9:15 Fellowship in Fellowship Hall NA BUSINESS MEETING 1-5 pm			
16	M	(Church office closed)			
17	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am–1:30 pm Chordinals 7:00pm			
18	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7pm CHIMES 6:30/CHOIR 7:30			
19	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm			



CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

SEPTEMBER BAPTISM REMEMBRANCES

LeRoy Ettling	09/01
Jerry Hahn	09/04
Stephanie Wilson	09/08
David Bretscher	09/11
Sharon Leriche	09/11
Tyler Jacobs	09/12
Elizabeth Decker	09/20
Allison Decker	09/21
Justin Meaux	09/22
Alan Middendorf	09/25
Bob Singleton	09/25
Judy Middendorf	09/26
Jordan Tucker	09/28
Hannah Moore	09/30



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Camden Thomas	09/01
Jenna Foelsing	09/04
Sarah Hanks	09/04
Mila Thomas	09/04
Regi Grodie	09/05
Krista Foelsing	09/06
Judy Middendorf	09/08
Esther Pfeifer	09/10
Karen Betts	09/11
Chad Hamilton	09/12
Jackie Mann	09/12
Roy Anders	09/13
Kathy Hann	09/12
Wesley Hamilton	09/18
Gray Anderson	09/23
Billy Lane	09/24
George McCall	09/25
Alyssa Critchlow	09/27



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCES

Andrew & Amanda Burley	09/10/11	8yrs
Chad & Raj Hamilton	09/01/12	7yrs
David & April Bretscher	09/21/13	6yrs



SAVE SOME MONEY ON TAXES

If you are over 70 1/2 and have a Traditional IRA, you have to take Required Minimum Distributions. You can do what is called a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) and save some money on taxes. Here's how it works (basically). Say you have a RMD of \$10,237. You normally give, for the sake of the example, \$4,000 to your church. You notify the Trustee of your IRA that you want to do a QCD. You tell them you want \$4,000 of your \$10,237 RMD to go directly to your church as a QCD. They send \$4,000 directly to your church. And you get the other \$6,237. What's the benefit? With the Standard Deduction, only about 5% of taxpayers will now be able to itemize. If that's your situation, you do not really get to take your charitable contributions as an itemized Deduction anymore. (That's not why you give the money but still, it was nice to be able to deduct it). With the QCD, the money goes directly to your church. And you then deduct that amount, from your income and you are not taxed on that \$4,000. If your donating \$4,000 anyway, why not take advantage of this legal way to avoid (not evade) paying taxes on this amount Ask Bob Engelken about it if you have any questions.

SEPTEMBER

KFUO

In September, October, and November, Beautiful Savior will be broadcasting our Service over KFUO. We will be heard by Radio and Internet ALL OVER THE WORLD. So we need to all come to church and we all need to sing so the audience can hear us!
Praise God!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

Sept 22nd between services
Short discussion going from 2 Worship Services to 1 Service at 9:00 am and Bible class/Sunday school 10:30 am

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FALL FESTIVAL 2019— SAT. SEPTEMBER 14TH

This is the anniversary week of Beautiful Savior.
To make this a success we will need YOUR help.
Please consider participating.



MOVIE NITE
SEPT 27; 7:00 PM



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