

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 2020

WORD AND WORSHIP



WATCH OUT FOR SELFISH AMBITION

*"Examine me, O Lord, and test me.
Look closely into my heart and mind."
Psalm 26:2*

In this passage, David is saying, "If the doctrine is pure and nothing is lacking in the Word and preaching, then the heart should also be pure. At the same time, I still feel the sinfulness of my corrupt nature. I feel a tendency toward pride, lust, hate, and envy. In particular, the subtle poison of selfish ambition is always beneath the surface. Even people who understand God's Word very well often stumble over this sin."

This sin causes all heresies. At the saying goes, "Ambition is the mother of heresies and sects." Some people always want to be special. They're never content being like everyone else. This is how they wander off the path, without even realizing it. People must pray every day that God would keep this secret rebel inside of them in check. As Paul says, "Excel in showing respect for each other" (Romans 12:10). Here, Paul acknowledges that the ego—that old idiot—always wants to be the center of attention. As soon as a person learns something and can speak about the Lord Jesus Christ, he wants to become someone special. He wants people to say, "Yes, he can get the job done. He's an educated man. He's a cut above the rest." Like a kitten adorning itself, people like to make themselves look good. But afterwards, faith and God's word are no longer important.

We can't do enough to protect ourselves from this shameful wickedness. Other human vices are so crude that we easily perceive them, but this one sneaks up on us. It disguises itself as honoring God and doing what His Word tells us to do. However, selfish ambition lies hiding like a secret rebel behind it all.



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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

RESUMING SEPT. 16TH !
WEDNESDAY MORNING
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

Sims' family - Family of Phyllis Mulherin as they mourn the death of her daughter

Linda Watts - Elva & Harold Brainerd, recovering at home

Jimmy Hahn's father-in-law - Jim O'Brian, diagnosed with cancer

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—AUGUST 7, 2020

President Bob Engelken called the Board of Directors 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.

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

Kathy provided the devotion from a Portal of Prayer booklet. Kathy chose a devotion regarding Hope. "The abundant life of faith, the peace of God and the assurance that your sins and failures, errors and trespasses have been forgiven are a daily... Gift from the Lord Most High." Our Hope is in the Lord. God lifts us up in Hope.

A motion was made by Jo Sundermeyer to approve the minutes of the July Board of Directors' meeting. Tim Decker 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

PENDING – none

Current Membership - Baptized: 199; Confirmed 164

CHRISTIAN CARE: Since last meeting

PASTOR VISITS –

Shut-Ins: L. Ettl and the Barskys

Hospital: Still no admittance.

Misc: J. Hahn

Private Communion: Lanes, P. Tulloch

Five members in retirement homes with no visitation due to the Corona Virus.

Misc.

Pastor on vacation last week of July. Rev. Ken Krueger covered

Have a new Choir/Chimes Director/ organist Monica Kelp

Investigating the possibility of a seminary student to serve our church during his schooling.

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

Bulletins of services have been made available for pick up. Weekly mailings are still available

for those that cannot pick them up.

Inactives final postcard will be mailed August of 2020.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Elders, Darin Gittus: Darin reported that an elder was stepping down. Darin indicated that the Elders are in good shape with 5 active Elders.

Christian Education, Bob Mullins: Bob is still producing a live Zoom version of the church service and Sunday School when possible. Bob is investigating upgrading the internet service and a possible upgrade or addition of a wireless microphone. Bob will provide the Board with possibilities and associated costs.

Evangelism/Outreach: Open Position. No report

Property and Maintenance, Dave Wilson: There was work done on the office Air Conditioner. It too is older but still working. Special note of thanks to Dan Woodcock for all his efforts. They are appreciated.

Social Ministry, Open Position (seeking candidates) The Board is publishing 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.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Leonard: 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 have been temporarily canceled. Discussed some possibilities for the future.

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 2020.

President's Report, - Bob Engelken: President Bob Engelken is pleased to report that the Board finalized the disbursements for charitable donations. The Board investigated several opportunities and considered each disbursement thoroughly.

The proposed disbursements made by the Board are as follows:

545	Remaining Amount due to Luther Hour
3,000	Donation to Community Helping Ministry
3,000	St. Paul Lutheran School
1,000	Concordia Seminary
3,855	Hmong Mission (former vicar Chou Vang)
1,000	Pastor Widauar and family - Belize
1,000	Pastor Schulte and family West and Central Africa

A motion was made by Tim Decker and seconded by Bob Mullins. Motion carried and the disbursements were approved as stated above. More information will be shared with the Board and with the congregation regarding the three Missions.

The missions selected all have a St. Louis connection and we hope to have them visit our church and talk to us directly about the missions. Bob reported that his Emergency Contact Boxes are ready to hang. The boxes will be placed strategically outside of the church for those seeking help or needing emergency contacts.

The new Chair Yoga exercise class is meeting once a week and the exercise class fee would be \$15.00 to the church per session for renting the facility.

Old Business: Bob Engelken volunteered to update the church's website.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Board Meeting September 1, 2020, at 7 pm in the church meeting room. Tim Decker will provide the devotion.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Leonard, Recording Secretary

120 For 2020 ! What's That ? STAY TUNED!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2020

Serving: September 6th

ACOLYTE: ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Foelsings,
in celebration of Jenna & Krista's birthdays
ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Miller; April Bretscher
ELDER: Bob Mullins
COUNTER: Dan & Marie Woodcock
MUSICIAN: Fran Etting
GREETER: Bob Engelken
READER: liturgist
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHER: 1

Serving: September 13th

ACOLYTE: ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Harry & Regi Grodie
ALTAR GUILD: April Bretscher
ELDER: Bob Mullins
COUNTERS: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer
MUSICIAN(S): Anita Tissi
GREETER(S): Jack & Bonnie Miller
READER: Bob Engelken
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 2

Serving: September 20th

ACOLYTE: ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Alan & Judy Middendorf-
remembering of their baptism
ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn Sims; Kathy Leonard
ELDER: Dave Meier
COUNTER(S): Jo Sundermeyer
MUSICIAN(S): Monica Kelpé
GREETER(S): Darlene Neil
READER: Dennis Niehaus
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 3

Serving: September 27th

ACOLYTE: ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Beautiful Savior
ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn Sims; Kathy Leonard
ELDER: Dave Meier
COUNTER(S): Christine Foelsing
MUSICIAN(S): guitar & flute
GREETER(S): Rebecca Goveia
READER: Bill Crichton
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 4



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 2020

1	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm Board meeting 7:00 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm	18	F	
2	W	FEED THE HUNGRY 9 AM Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm	19	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
3	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm	20	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM</u> Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 1 - 5 pm
4	F		21	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>
5	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm	22	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm ELDERS MEETING 7:00 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm
6	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM</u> Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am	23	W	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm
7	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>	24	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm
8	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm	25	F	
9	W	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm	26	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
10	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM cNarcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm	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	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm	29	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm
13	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM</u> Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am	30	W	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm
13	M	<u>(Church office Closed)</u>			
14	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm Chordinals 7:00 pm			
16	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 7 :30 pm			
17	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 AM Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 - 1:30 pm			



CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

**SEPTEMBER BAPTISM
REMEMBRANCES**

LeRoy Etting	09/01
Jerry Hahn	09/04
Stephnie Wilson	09/08
David Bretscher	09/11
Sharon Leriche	09/11
Elizabeth Decker	09/20
Allison Decker	09/21
Justin Meaux	09/22
Alan Middendorf	09/25
Bob Singleton	09/25
Judy Middendorf	09/26
Jorden 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
Chad Hamilton	09/12
Jackie Mann	09/12
Roy Anders	09/13
Kathy Hann	09/13
Eli Mann	09/15
Wesley Hamilton	09/16
Gary Anderson	09/23
Billy Lane	09/24
George McCall	09/25
Rachel Winkler	09/25
Alyssa Critchlow	09/27



**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY
REMEMBRANCES**

David & April Bretscher
09/21/2013
7 yrs
Chad & Raj Hamilton
09/01/2012
8 yrs
Andrew & Amanda Burley
09/10/2010
9 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

120 For 2020 !

What's That ?

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SOCK IT

TO THE HOMELESS

Again for April, we are planning to take socks
along with the lunches to St. Patricks,



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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

