BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2022

WORD AND WORSHIP

TREASURES IN HEAVEN

"Stop storing up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moths and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. Instead, store up treasures for yourselves in heaven."
Matthew 6:19-20

When Christ says, "Store up treasures for yourselves in heaven," he is saying, "Let the world have the earthly treasures, which deteriorate, rust, and are easily stolen. The pleasures these things provide is the only happiness the world knows. You, however, aren't citizens of this world. You are citizens of heaven bought by my blood. You are destined to receive eternal treasures, which have been prepared and reserved for you. Don't let your heart get caught up in material possessions. If you must work with earthly treasures in your job, then guard against their appeal and don't become a slave to them. Instead, set your sights on the treasures that are waiting for you in heaven. Those are real treasures that moths and rust can't touch. They can't be destroyed or stolen."

Whoever wants to be a Christian should be inspired by the possibility of receiving eternal treasures. Undoubtedly, a greedy miser would be overjoyed to receive riches that can't be destroyed by rust or carried off by thieves. Yet, the people of this world don't pay any attention to heavenly treasures because they can't see or touch them. By nature, people are enthralled with love for gold and silver, even though they know from experience that these aren't safe from corrosion and thieves for even an hour. Preaching to these people is useless. If someone refuses to believe what Christ said, preferring instead to rely on his uncertain riches, then let him go. We won't bring anyone to his senses by dragging him by the hair. Just wait until it's time for him to leave this world. Let him try to find comfort from the earthly treasures he has piled up. Then, he will realize how little these treasures can actually help him.

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

10:30 am

EQUIPPED: THE ARMOR OF GOD FOR EVERYDAY STRUGGLES

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

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

Our nation and
People of Ukraine
Christians - return to the Bible
Western culture - return to Bible's morals & values
Ray & Ellen Sims - niece, **Linda Mueller**, recovering from surgery
Jason Jenkins - surgery, **Bonnie Miller's** grandson
Brenden Sullivan - son of **Julie Sullivan**, medical issues
Jennifer Stanley - friend of **Julie Sullivan**, leukemia
Harriet Meaux - mother of **Greg Meaux**, nursing home

OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:
Nick Beagley (Bretscher)

CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES:
Stan & Dorothy Barsky, LeRoy & Fran Ettling, Billy Lane, John Morgan, 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.

"FEED THE HUNGRY"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
9:00 am

Needed: donations of fruit, loaves of bread, individually wrapped chips & snack items

Please have all donations brought to the church kitchen before Wednesday

Especially needed are people to help assemble the lunches and drive to St. Patricks!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2022

1	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 am		20	T	Elders meeting 7:00 pm
2	F	Church office Closed) Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm		21	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am
3	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm		22	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 am
4	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am		23	F	(Church office Closed) TRIVIA NIGHT 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
5	M	(Church office Closed)		24	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
6	T			25	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am Narcotics Anonymous Business Mtg. 1pm
7	W	FEED THE HUNGRY 9 AM		26	M	(Church office Closed)
8	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 am		27	T	
9	F	(Church office Closed) Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm		28	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am
10	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am		29	TH	
11	SUN	SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am		30	F	
12	M	(Church office Closed)				
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15	TH	CHAIR YOGA 10:15 am				
16	F	(Church office Closed) Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm				
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19	M	(Church office Closed)				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2022

Serving: September 4th

ALTAR FLOWERS: Harry & Regi Grodie
ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn Sims; Linda Watts
ELDER: Bill Crichton
COUNTER: Dan & Marie Woodcock
FELLOWSHIP: Al Winkler
MUSICIAN: Monica Kelpe
GREETER: Sharon Leriche
READER: Gail Pitts
SOUND & LIGHTS: Tim Decker; Bob Mullins
USHER: 1

Serving: September 11th

ALTAR FLOWERS: Christine Foelsing, Jenna & Krista's birthdays
ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn Sims; Linda Watts
ELDER: Bill Crichton
COUNTER: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer
FELLOWSHIP:
MUSICIAN: Anita Tissi
GREETER: Ellen Sims
READER: liturgist
SOUND & LIGHTS: Tim Decker; Bob Mullins
USHER: 2

Serving: September 18th

ALTAR FLOWERS: Jodi Willard, in loving memory of her parents
ALTAR GUILD: June Hahn; Pauline Tulloch
ELDER: Darin Gittus
COUNTER: Dan & Marie Woodcock
FELLOWSHIP:
MUSICIAN: Elizabeth Kusterer
GREETER: Bonnie Miller
READER: Bill Kipp
SOUND & LIGHTS: Tim Decker; Bob Mullins
USHER: 3

Serving: September 25th

ALTAR FLOWERS: Middendorfs, remembering their baptisms
ALTAR GUILD: June Hahn; Pauline Tulloch
ELDER: Darin Gittus
COUNTER: Christine Foelsing
FELLOWSHIP:
MUSICIAN: Karen Haak
GREETER: Rebecca Goveia
READER: Dennis Niehaus
SOUND & LIGHTS: Tim Decker; Bob Mullins
USHER: 4

CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

SEPTEMBER BAPTISM REMEMBRANCES

LeRoy Ettling	09/01
Jerry Hahn	09/04
David Bretscher	09/11
Sharon Leriche	09/11
Elizabeth Decker	09/20
Alison Decker	09/21
Justin Meaux	09/22
Alan Middendorf	09/25
Judith Middendorf	09/26
Hannah Moore	09/30

SEPTEMBER BRITHDAY 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
Judith Middendorf	09/08
Chad Hamilton	09/12
Devin Linhardt	09/16
Wesley Hamilton	09/18
Jesse Thomas	09/19
Gary Anderson	09/23
Billy Lane	09/24
Rachel Winkler	09/25
Alyssa Critchlow	09/27

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & April Bretscher
09/21/2013
9 yrs

Chad & Raj Hamilton
09/01/2012
10 yrs

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

From our President...

Wow! Didn't the Potluck/Luncheon go great for Pastor Bretscher and April! So many people worked to make it happen. These things don't just "magically" happen. But it really did come together so well, and the event was rather "magical!" It was fantastic to see so many people in Church and have so many people who came in from out of town. It just turned out wonderful. It is on the Beautiful Savior Facebook page if you weren't able to attend or if you want to see it again.

Beautiful Savior has been blessed in so many ways. We have such wonderful, caring, helpful people. Our "Feed The Hungry" activity is such a great demonstration of our love for others. I look at it this way - we aren't doing it to "score points with God". That's not how this works. I think if you'd ask the people who do it, it comes out of love and out of our appreciation for what God has given us. We want to share God's gifts with others. After all, everything we have was created and given to us by God.

Looking around at how many people were in church reminded me of something that was written in our monthly newsletter years ago. What was said was; "We don't come to church just for ourselves, we come for others too." When I looked around the church and the Fellowship Hall, it lifted me up. I saw people I love and respect, people who I feel comfortable with. It makes me feel better to be around them. I miss seeing people who aren't there. And that's the thing, we have a wonderful community of Christians. Not everyone has that. I certainly don't say that in any kind of self-righteous or "I'm better than you" tone. Nope, I say it because I feel fortunate and I wish others felt that way. We live in a world where there is a lot of strife and loneliness.

I can talk about the Cardinals all day, especially when they're winning. I've struck up conversations over the years with people in line at the grocery store or other times while waiting somewhere. If a person has a Cardinal hat and/or shirt on, it makes it easy to talk to a stranger, especially when it's good news about a Cards victory! A friend of mine just this week related on Facebook how he and his wife were in Canada. They saw someone with a Cardinals cap and they struck up a conversation. So, it's easy to talk to, and share stories with other Cardinal fans. Now here's the thing, I wish it was that easy to share what has to be the best Good News ever. What joy we have because Christ died for our Sins. Can't we share that Good News? You know, while wearing a Cardinal T-Shirt.

Bob Engelken

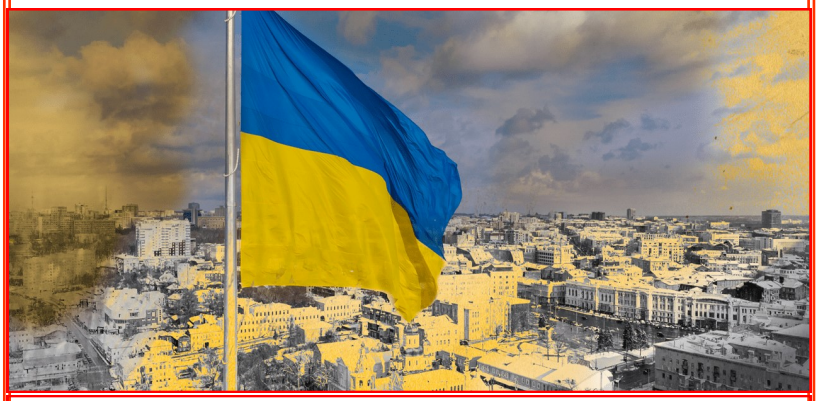
Congregational President

God speaks

"Ask the beasts, and they will teach you: The birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; The bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and The breath of all mankind,"
Job 12:7-10

SEPTEMBER

The **Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod** is working with the Lutheran churches in Ukraine



To learn more, support the work in Ukraine and help those affected by this war, visit lcms.org/ukraine.

SAVE THE DATE!

Trivia Night!

Friday, September 23rd
5:30 pm

Help is needed - please talk to Devin Linhardt or Bob Engelken

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