

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



APRIL 2020



WORD AND WORSHIP

THE GREATEST LOVE

The greatest love you can show is to give your life for your friends. You are my friends if you obey my commandments.

John 15:13-14

Christ uses friendly and kind words in this passage to convince His disciples of the importance of the command He was giving to them. He reminds them of His own example of how He loved them and of all that He had done for them. It would take a great and powerful love for someone to give another person in need of one hundred dollars, a thousand dollars, or even to pay off that person's entire debt. But think how amazing it would be for a king to give a poor beggar an entire city—even his own kingdom, land, and people. The entire world would hold this up as an unprecedented act of love. But that would be trivial compared to Christ giving His body and life for you. This is certainly the highest expression of love a person can show to another on this earth. Someone can love and serve others with his money, his property, and even his life. But everyone would rather give up his money and property, his land and people, than to die for someone else. Even if someone did that, it would still be nothing compared to God sending His Son from Heaven. It would be nothing compared to God's Son taking your place, willingly shedding His blood and dying for you, even though you were His enemy and were condemned. This love is greater and higher than Heaven and earth and anything else you could name.

What will you do for Christ in return? Even if you gave your life for your neighbor, what is that compared to his life? But Christ doesn't even ask that much of you, except in emergencies, of course, when you should risk your life to save others. Christ simply asks you to show love to your neighbor in a tangible way,

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

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Sundays at 10:30 am

*MIRROR, MIRROR
Reflections on God's
Word*

WEDNESDAY MORNING

1&2 Thessalonians

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

End of coronavirus

Friends & family of Bob Shelton as they mourn his passing

Friends & family of El-Vera Biedenstein as they mourn her passing

Janice Templeton - Wife of Don Templeton, hospitalized with pneumonia

Larry - brother of Mila Thomas, recovering from surgery and other health concerns

Thomas - friend of Cher Niehaus, health concerns

Donna - friend of Cher Niehaus, cancer

Johnda Meaux - wife of Greg Meaux, recovering from surgery

Preston - friend of Sally Lane's grandson, cancer diagnosis

OUR ADOPTED MILITARY:

Jacob & Nick Beagley (Bretscher)

CONTINUING HEALTH ISSUES:

Shirley Belter, Joan Bernard, LeRoy Ettling, Naoma Keppler, 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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

5:30 - 6:45

Apr. 1st

(see sign up sheet in atrium)

VOTERS MEETING—MARCH 1, 2020

President Bill Crichton called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm. Pastor David Bretscher provided the opening devotion and then led the Voters in the Lord's Prayer.

Motion to approve the February Board Meeting minutes was made by Jerry Hahn and seconded by Jack Miller. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT--PASTOR BRETSCHER Pastor spoke to the voters about the membership and church attendance. On January 1, 2020, there were 224 Baptized members and 169 Confirmed members. These numbers show a decline from January 1, 2016. On January 1, 2016, there were 269 Baptized members and 204 Confirmed members. There will be no confirmation class this year and an anticipated 2 children (could be more) in confirmation class next year.

Average weekly church attendance was 122 in 2015. The average weekly attendance was 75 in 2019. Pastor calculated that there are about 119 active members.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Elders, Darin Gittus: Darin asked the voters assembled if there was anyone who does not know their assigned elder. If that is true, please give Darin Gittus a call.

Darin indicated that the final postcard to the inactive members will be mailed this Spring. Numerous previous attempts to reach these 28/62 inactive members/family members have produced no response. If no response is received after the last postcard, these inactive members will be removed from the membership list. The last postcard will also include an invitation to worship with us at any time. We would be glad to see them.

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

Evangelism/Outreach: Open Position. No report

Property and Maintenance, Dave Wilson: (not in attendance, no report)

Social Ministry, Pauline Tulloch: Made over 5,000 lunches for the Feed the Hungry Program in 2019. Gail Pitts and Sally Lane lead this program and have added sock donations. The church has responded well to the request for socks. The Emergency Food Pantry currently is stocked with enough non perishable food for 4-5 families. We also help people with medicine cost, doctor bills, shelter, and bus tickets. This winter did not produce as many requests as it was not a hard winter.

The church also donates to the Community Helping Ministry. We donate to Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals. We donated 16 Easter Baskets. Ellen Sims is the lead for this program. There is also a card ministry. The women of the church provide food for Funerals.

Pauline reminded the voters about the need to restock the emergency pantry. Food that is easy to open and non-perishable is requested. Items with a long shelf life are preferred as the requests come in sporadically. (Ramen noodles, tuna envelopes are a good choice.)

Youth and Family Ministry- David Singleton (no report-not in attendance)

Stewardship: Open Position, No Report.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Leonard: (No Report)

Financial Secretary's Report, Jo Sundermeyer: Jo indicated that members should all have their contribution envelopes and their financial statements from the church.

Vice President's Report, Bob Engelken: Bob reported that the 2020 Fall Festival will be held on September 12, 2020. The vendors that were set up inside of the church all agreed to return in 2020. The Fall Festival will be co-chaired by Bob Engelken and April Bretscher.

The Fourth of July falls on a Saturday and Bob indicated that could help us with volunteers for our float and for attendance at the annual Bridgeton Fourth of July Parade. Harry Grodie has agreed again to pull the float. Without Harry, it would be difficult for the church to participate.

Bob reminded the congregation about the Thrivent deadline for Choice dollars. Choice dollars that can be designated to a charity of choice. The deadline is March 31, 2020.

Treasurer's Report, - Bill Kipp:

Bill reported that the church is slightly behind in 2020. The shortage is mainly due to a large insurance payment that was made for the entire year. The budget, overall, is on track for 2020.

Bill reported the church received funds for 2019 over the budgeted amount. Bill noted we need congregational approval to designate where those funds should be used. A member raised a question about the funds used to broadcast at KFUD for three months. Bill reported that it costs \$650 per month and there is a three month commitment minimum. A question was raised regarding the size of the church versus the size of the donation. The congregation wanted more information on the KFUD donation. Bill also brought up the use of the elevator. It was determined that we still use the elevator and would continue to service it and have it inspected as required.

President's Report, Bill Crichton: In 2019, the church was the beneficiary of several one time donations from the estates of members. Bill led the discussion regarding the charitable contributions of the church. He suggested we increase the donations to some of the charities that church had to decrease during some of the previous lean budget years. The Board had voted and approved using 10% of the budget to donate to the charities or \$18,000.

The Board wanted to pass along the blessing of the budget surplus, but also retain some of the surplus for unforeseen needs in the future. As no final solution was agreed upon, President Bill suggested the Board gather more information and present it to the congregation for approval. The Board will present a proposal of contributions to the various approved charities such as the Missouri Synod, Community Helping Ministry, Lutheran Schools Scholarship Fund and the Braille Foundation.

The voters discussed the annual Easter Day Breakfast and the voters agreed to have the Breakfast after Easter Service, at 10:30 am. President Bill indicated that the following positions and candidates were up for election:

President: Robert Engelken, 1st Term

Vice President: Tim Decker, 1st Term

Financial Secretary: Jo Sundermeyer, 2nd Term

Director of Christian Education: Robert Mullins, 2nd Term

A motion to approve the above named candidates was made by Darin Gittus and seconded by Pauline Tulloch. There are other vacancies on the Board. See Bob Engelken if you are interested or have a nominee.

President Bill wanted to recognize all the projects, service and work of the volunteers of the Church. He recognized the ushers, the Board of Directors, Gail and Sally for the Feed the Hungry, Ellen for the Community Helping Ministry work, Regi for the Dress for Success, Sally Lane and many others for the Funeral Work, the 4th of July Float, all the volunteers for the Fall Festival, the Movie and Game Nights, the Men's Group activities, the Youth Group activities, the Choir, the Chimes, and the Veterans group. This is a small congregation that accomplishes a lot. Each and every one of you is appreciated and work for the Glory of God. The church is blessed with volunteers including those named above and those not named.

Bill indicated that this was his last meeting as President. He thanked everyone and is grateful for their help and fellowship. He said it was an honor and a privilege to serve this congregation and to serve the Lord in this way. He looks forward to helping Bob in his new role as President of the Congregation.

New Business: Pastor introduced the congregation to our new Outreach Program: "120 for 2020." Pastor has asked each member to reach out to neighbors, co-workers, friends and family and talk to these folks about Jesus Christ and how He has saved us by His sacrifice on the cross and how Jesus Loves Us all.

Secondly, his program encourages us to invite these people to visit our church. We will have charts of these activities displayed in church which will measure our weekly progress. One chart is for talking to others about Jesus Christ and another is inviting people to church.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Board Meeting April 7, 2020, at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Leonard, Recording Secretary

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE APRIL 2020

Serving: April 5th

ACOLYTE: ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Lent—no flowers
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer; June Hahn
ELDER: **Dave Meier**
COUNTER(S): Dan & Marie Woodcock
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST(ESS): June Hahn
FOOD TRANSPORT: Ellen Sims
MUSICIAN(S): Ruth Rieger
GREETER(S): Harry & Regi Grodie
READER: June Hahn
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 1
WELCOMER(S): Sally Lane

Serving: April 12th

ACOLYTE: ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Easter
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer; Bonnie Miller
ELDER: Bill Kipp
COUNTERS: Jo & Abbey Sundermeyer
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST(ESS): Al Winkler
MUSICIAN(S): Fran Etting
GREETER(S): Bob Engelken
READER: liturgist
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 2
WELCOMER(S): Harry & Regi Grodie

Serving: April 19th

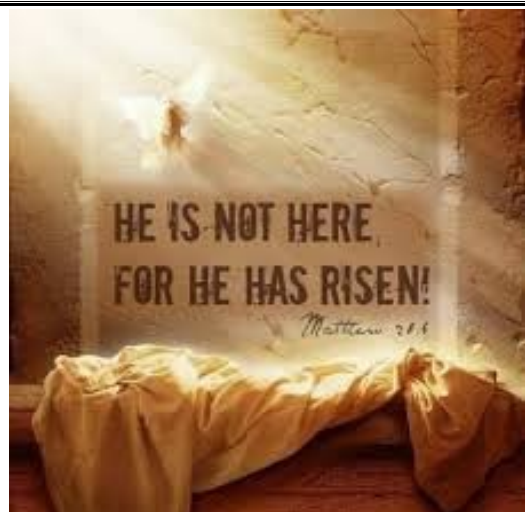
ACOLYTE: ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Beautiful Savior
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer; Bonnie Miller
ELDER: Bob Mullins
COUNTER(S): Dave & Stephanie Wilson
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST(ESS): Regi Grodie
MUSICIAN(S): Fran Etting
GREETER(S): Gail Pitts
READER: Bill Crichton
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 3
WELCOMER(S): Bob Engelken

Serving: April 26th



ACOLYTE: ushers
ALTAR FLOWERS: Marilyn Sims, in memory of her husband, Ron
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Wehmeyer; Bonnie Miller
ELDER: Bob Mullins
COUNTER(S): Christine Foelsing
FELLOWSHIP TIME HOST(ESS): Dennis Niehaus
MUSICIAN(S): guitar & flute
GREETER(S): Sally Lane
READER: Nancy Barry
SOUND & LIGHTS: Roy Anders
USHERS: 4
WELCOMER(S): Joe Mercurio

Ushers - Special Services

Wednesday, April 1 - Team 1
Thursday, April 9 - Team 4
Friday, April 10 - Team 2
Saturday, April 11 - Team 1



CALENDAR OF EVENTS-APRIL 2020

1	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am SOUP SUPPER 5:30 PM LENTEN SERVICE - 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30/Choir 8:00 pm	19	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am</u> Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am
2	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm	20	M	(Church office closed)
3	F		21	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm ELDERS MEETING 7 pm Chordinals 7:00pm
4	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm	22	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30 /Choir 7:30 pm
5	SUN	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am</u> Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30 am	23	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm
6	M	(Church office closed)	24	F	<u>MOVIE NITE 7:00 pm</u> 
7	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm Mens Meeting 7:00 pm Chordinals 7:00pm	25	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
8	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30 /Choir 7:30 pm	26	Sun	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am</u> Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30 am
9	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm MAUNDY SERVICE 7:00 pm	27	M	(Church office closed)
10	F	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 8:00 pm	28	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm
11	S	EASTER VIGIL (with the Lord's supper) 7:00 narcotics Anonymous 7 pm	29	Sun	<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am</u> Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30 am
12	SUN	<u>EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am</u> <u>EASTER BREAKFAST AFTER SERVICE</u> (See sign-up sheet in atrium)	30	M	(Church office closed)
13	M	(Church office closed)	 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">Happy Resurrection Day</p> <p>This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. 1 JOHN 3:16</p>		
14	T	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm			
15	W	BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Chimes 6:30 /Choir 7:30 pm			
16	TH	Narcotics Anonymous 11:30 am-1:30 pm			
17	F				
18	S	Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm			

CONGRATS TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

April BAPTISM REMEMBRANCES

Travis Huster	04/01
Katie Thomas	04/02
Regi Grodie	04/10
Sally Lane	04/10
Robby Neil	04/10
Alexis Keller	04/11
Justin Keller	04/11
Rylan Cox	04/13
Frances Bell	04/14
Jeremy Mische	04/14
Joshua Mische	04/14
Gary Anderson	04/15
Jim Mello	04/18
Abbey Sundermeyer	04/18
Lynn Withrow	04/19
Elaine Bretscher	04/21
Kerri Niehaus	04/21
Peyton Pfeiffer	04/22
Cody Shaw	04/22
William Shaw	04/22
Mark Barry	04/23
Phillip Bell	04/24
Stephen Barry	04/26

April BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Marabella Cox	04/04
Lynn Withrow	04/05
Mark Barry	04/06
Dorothy Barsky	04/07
Judy Knepper	04/09
Barbara Stole	04/15
Bonnie Miller	04/16
Ava Huster	04/18
April Bretscher	04/23
Greg Meaux	04/25
Krista Hemsath	04/26
Tom Hopkins	04/26
Samantha Critchlow	04/28
Alexis Keller	04/29

April ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCES

John & Joyce Morgan	04/13/1952 68 yrs
Jack & Bonnie Miller	04/23/55 65 yrs
LeRoy & Fran Etting	04/20/1963 57 yrs
David & Christine Fraley	04/11/2001 19 yrs



APRIL 2020

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 ?

STAY TUNED !

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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

You seek
Jesus of Nazareth,
who was crucified.

He has risen;
he is not here.

Mark 16.6