

Beautiful Savior Lutheran
Church
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North Platte, NE 69101 - 4823

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Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Each BSLC member is:

Beautifully

Saved to

Lead to

Christ

Beautifully purely by the love, grace and power of our

Triune God (Creator, Redeemer, Counselor

Saved from sin's curse, condemnation and control; from

death to joyful life with our crucified and risen Jesus

To Lead This gift is meant for everyone, for all people need
the life revealed through the Word

To Christ for He is the Head, Heart and focus of our congrega-
tion and our loving service to our members and those whom
God will call to Him through our caring outreach.

The Messenger

Share the love and grace of God with all people.



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AT THE TIME of this **NEWSLETTER'S** production, we have resumed Congregation Activities in a careful and loving manner.

We have resumed holding worship services at 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM, with the following DHM guidelines:

doors propped open or automatic opener button pushed with your elbow (same goes for restrooms, the north side ones now have electric openers).

Sitting in family groups that are separated by 6 feet from each other. If you need to move to maintain this, that's okay!

'Social distancing' in seating and visiting is encouraged.

Per GPH expert recommendation, please social distance in the line to Holy Communion, which will be distributed after Pastor & Elder have hand sanitized (gloves were not recommended). **If you feel you need more secure/safe communing, Pastor will gladly privately commune you after service or on a weekday by appointment.**

We'll hold Bible class and spread out in the Fellowship Hall – it will also be live streamed.

Please limit handling the hymnals or Bibles, all liturgy & Scriptures will be on Screen. Offering plates will be in the back and fellowship form to be completed by only one person in each pew..

Please don't attend if you are ill; worship via Facebook or YouTube.

Thank you for your patience and compassion for one another!

The weekly 8:45 am worship service can be viewed online at :

www.bslcnpc.com and you may mail your offering in to :

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
402 So. Baytree Ave, North Platte NE 69101

Online giving options are listed on the church website: www.bslcnpc.com or offerings may be dropped off at church.

Please contact the church office with any questions.

For updates please check the congregations

website: www.bslcnpc.com

Facebook page: facebook.com/bslcnpc

Call the church office: 308-534-7004

Or Email the church: bslc@bslcnpc.com

WATCH FOR UPDATES

AS WE REMEMBER GOD'S constant love and our congregation's ongoing financial needs. **PLEASE NOTE DEAR MEMBERS**, that offerings have been down. Prayerfully continue to contribute to the Lord's work here at Beautiful Savior as the Holy Spirit moves you in these summer months. Thank you for your faithful stewardship to God at BSLC.

COMES THE LIGHT!

As we enter the month with the fewest daylight hours of the year, darkness can weigh heavily upon us. It's not just the lack of sunlight (though that constitutes a real issue for those with Seasonal Affective Disorder) though, it is also the darkness of chaos, disorder, tumults and sin that assaults our spirits and souls. Those dark forces seem especially strong in the year titled 2020 and people long for the calendar page to turn and things to 'pick up.' But mere passage of time is not what those walking in darkness need; it's light, a very special kind of Light: Jesus, who boldly proclaimed "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12) His light is the shining of truth that allows us to see the only true path to meaning in this world, for Jesus showed us that His grace and forgiveness are the only victory there is over the forces of darkness: sin, evil, Satan and death. By His sinless, atoning death Jesus defeated these enemies of humanity and opened to all God's kingdom of life everlasting and pure, endless light.

So why is there still so much darkness in our world since Jesus died and rose again? In John 3:19, Jesus said "...men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." We humans hate to admit we have done wrong and cannot fix what we have broken, so we would be trapped forever in sin's darkness had not Jesus come to enlighten us with His life and Word which the Holy Spirit uses to change our hearts and turn us to trusting in Jesus' grace and truth. We are made wise unto salvation: that is, able to see that only Jesus is our Savior and that the Triune God made us, redeemed us and dwells within us to give faith and guidance. In those so enlightened by Jesus, darkness no longer controls or overcomes but it recedes in power as Christ causes spiritual growth and peace by His Word and Sacraments. In Baptism, God adopts us out of death into His family of life and in Holy Communion, Jesus gives us forgiveness and strength to walk in His way of light and blessing. So comes the light to God's beloved, new people!

This December join us for our special worship services (online if you must) and read again the Christmas story (in Luke 1 & 2 and Matthew 1) in your own Bible. Remember, Jesus wins, not darkness!

Your brother and servant in Jesus, the true Light,



Pastor Bob Deardoff



“How Many Kings”

A Note from Jarryn

I doubt any of us have missed that the holiday season is here. In fact, this year even if you are isolated on a desert island it almost impossible miss. Individual already have their entire houses decorated for the season. The stores had Christmas items up the second Halloween was over, Christmas music has been playing, and every ad is about stuff companies claim to know we need. To really drive the point home stores even have moved “Black Friday” to month long deals instead of their one or two days. It’s almost like the holiday season has been hijacked. Instead of giving out of the joy of the season which we severally need right now it they are pushing hard to say you need to buy stuff for other and of course for yourself.

In this season, especially this year, we need time to refresh our minds with the truth from Scripture. To be reminded that God has already given us everything we need. God gave us the best gift we could ever want or ask for. That gift wasn’t something that would become outdated or break like so many gifts we have received over the years. This was a gift that He also didn’t give reluctantly or because He was forced by popular opinion. He gave this gift because He loved us. The gift He gave was His Son, Jesus. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16, KJV) The truth of why He did what He did is right there in the passage, love. He gave us the one thing we couldn’t earn, something we didn’t have but really needed. It wasn’t a thing, an object, He gave of Himself. He gave us something so precious because of love. As the Sunday School Christmas program so rightly puts it,

*‘How many kings step down from their thrones
How many lords have abandoned their homes?
How many greats have become the least for me?
And how many gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that is torn all apart?
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?
Only one did that for me!’*

In this season of giving, take a moment to look at the gifts you have been given and you will see the love and joy that makes the Christmas Season so wonderful.

Merry Christmas,
Jarryn Wiley-Pearce



In Service to the Lord



Organists (8:45 AM):

December 6	Jean Niedan
December 13	Shary Asher
December 20	Jean Niedan
December 27	

Musicians (11 AM)

December 2	Lynette Hickman
December 13	Lynette Hickman
December 20	Caroline Sabin
December 27	Caroline Sabin

Acolytes (8:45 AM):

December 6	Talen Ouderkirk
December 13	Reid O'Brien
December 20	Jadelyn Rutherford
December 27	Lukas Borges

Acolytes (11:00 AM):

December 6	Max Negley
December 13	Isaac Bertschinger
December 20	Jaxson Niles
December 27	Keaton Fattig

December Ushers (8:45 AM):

Jim Voelker
Dean Nutt
Bob Lantis
Steve Roberts

December Elders (8:45 AM)

Jeff Boeka
Don Roehrs

December Ushers (11:00 AM):

Dan Huebner
Bob Deardoff

December Elders (11:00 AM)

Dennis McConnell
Byron Fritz

Official Acts and Directory Changes

If this is a ministry that you would like to participate in —please contact the church office or Rod Lamp @ 660-0097

Media Tech (11 AM):

December 6	Jim Parish
December 13	Jim Parish
December 23	Jim Parish
December 27	Jim Parish

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In an effort to keep members up to on the financial condition of Beautiful Savior, we will put monthly updates in the Sunday bulletin and Messenger. This information is current as of November 30, 2020

Budgeted Expenses Needed Monthly	\$ 32,349.84
Income year to date through November 30, 2020	\$ 287,305.31
Actual Expenses year to date through November 30, 2020	\$ 305,367.16



Dec 1	Joshua Thompson
Dec 2	Rosalie McNulty; Elio Nila; Kristopher Weitzel;
Dec 5	Anne Wilcox
Dec 6	Julie Bowman; Thelma Miles; Gwen Nutt
Dec 7	Janel Sabin;
Dec 8	Jean Edelman
Dec 9	Shirley Nielsen
Dec 9	Trinity Vak
Dec 10	Allison Utecht
Dec 13	Jeanne Baade
Dec 14	Elaina Davis; Mark Goforth
Dec 15	Jeffrey Staggs
Dec 17	Shane Koehn
Dec 18	John Hansen; Jaden Ouderkirk; Jean Wee
Dec 19	Larry Gibson
Dec 20	Jaxson Spratt
Dec 21	Lukas Borges; Billie Piller
Dec 22	Wesley Boettcher; Suzi Knolles; Darell Marquardt
Dec 23	Brodie Lienemann; Madelyn Miles
Dec 24	Shelly Deardoff
Dec 25	Natalie Jahnke
Dec 26	Amelia Davis; Noel Terry
Dec 27	Don Colvin; Jay Johnson
Dec 29	Joy Mitchell
Dec 31	Katherine Anderson; Barbara Butterfield; Gavin DeGarmo; Kathy McConnell; Joshua Nila; Darin Stearley

Theology ON TAP



THEOLOGY ON TAP

6:00 pm,

Tuesday,

December 8, 2020

Location to be
determined.

Fellowship, Bible study and
a cold one with fellow
believers. Anyone 21 years
and older and young at
heart!



December Anniversaries
*Don't see your special date
listed here? Contact the
church office.*

**Dec 2 Kenny & Susie Beman
Russ & Tammy Prock
Thom & Angela Worth**

**Dec 6 Jay & Michelle
Schneider**

**Dec 7 Matthew & Holly
Fattig**

Dec 8 John & Jill Miles

**Dec 9 Hector & Molly
Morales**

Dec 17 Lanny & Alfie Moore

**Dec 21 John & Jennifer
Peterson**

**Dec 28 James & Lisa Parish
Phil & Phyllis Webster**

**Dec 31 Jacob & Breigh Ana
Spies**



BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Wow it is December already where does the time go. Our color for the month is Red. We will be learning all about Mary and Joseph and all the wonderful things that happen this Christmas Season. We will be having a Christmas program on Thursday the 17th. Only immediate family will be able to come. It will be livestreamed for others to view. We will be making goodie bags for everyone to take home after the program. We hope everyone stays safe and has a Wonderful

Ms. Annie



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML CIRCLES

Evening Circle—December 7 @ 7:00 pm at BSLC—Lisa Parish, Leader / hostess

Afternoon Circle—December 10, 2020 @ 1:00 pm at BSLC—Alfie Moore, leader / hostess

LWML Quarterly Meeting—December 13, 2020 @ 1:30 pm— at BSLC

LWML Board meeting—December 21, 2020 @ 5:00 pm—at BSLC

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSION LEAGUE: GOSPEL OUTREACH MESSAGE:

As we enter the Christmas season we cannot help but reflect on how different things are from a year ago. Much has changed in our world. LWML would like to remind you that we continue to thank and praise God for our BSLC family and want to encourage you with this devotion: When the time was right, the sea parted, the walls fell down, the lions went hungry, the sun stood still, the waves were calm, the stone was rolled away, the clouds were parted, the Lords ascended....AND WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, THE KING OF KINGS WILL RETURN! God is never early and He's never late—He's always right on time, and His plan for you is good.

Sunday School

Preschool through 5th grade:



**6th - 12th are upstairs
studying with Jarryn**



Youth Group

Sundays from
4:30 to 6:00

No Youth Dec 27



Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays from
6:30 to 8:00

No Youth Dec 23 or 30



Shut-in Cookies and Cards Servant Event

This year it is especially important to sharing a little Christmas cheer with the shut-ins of Beautiful Savior. On

December 13th we will be meeting at Noon after 2nd service to make cookies and cards for our members who aren't able to get out. Lunch will be provided for those that are there to help. We will need youth and parents that are willing to help bake cookies and make cards. After we have finished, hopefully around 2 pm we will split into teams and go deliver our care packages. **Mask will be required!!**

Jr. & Sr. High Christmas Parties

Jr. High—Dec 20, there will be a weird gift exchange.

Sr. High— To be announced still, we will be doing a weird gift exchange.



Advent Meal

It has been **cancelled** for this year, instead there will be a door offering for the youth on Sunday Dec 6 and again on Wednesday Dec 9. if you are able please attend church so the congregation can see who they are supporting.

Check the bulletin for more youth activities.

DECEMBER 2020 DAILY BIBLE READING

God's Life-Giving Word of Joy

First Sunday of Advent

- 1 Mark 13:1-23
- 2 Mark 13:24-37
- 3 Daniel 7:1-14
- 4 Daniel 7:15-28
- 5 Daniel 12:1-13

Second Sunday of Advent

- 6 Revelation 1:1-20
- 7 Revelation 2:1-29
- 8 Revelation 3:1-22
- 9 Revelation 4:1-11
- 10 Revelation 5:1-14
- 11 Revelation 7:1-17
- 12 Revelation 19:1-10

Third Sunday of Advent

- 13 Revelation 19:11-21
- 14 Malachi 1:1-14
- 15 Malachi 2:1-17
- 16 Malachi 3:1-18
- 17 Malachi 4:1-6
- 18 Isaiah 7:1-25
- 19 Isaiah 8:1-20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 20 Isaiah 8:21-9:7
- 21 Luke 1:1-25
- 22 Luke 1:26-56
- 23 Luke 1:57-80
- 24 Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Day

- 25 John 1:1-18
- 26 Luke 2:21-52
- 27 John 1:19-34
- 28 Philippians 1:1-30
- 29 Philippians 2:1-30
- 30 Philippians 3:1-21
- 31 Philippians 4:1-23



Kaya Jones

OUR ADVENT SERVICE THEME THIS YEAR is “The Trees of Christmas.” While we can’t share a meal beforehand due to DHMs, do join us at 6:30 PM on Dec. 2, 9 & 16 for a holiday spiritual lift! On those evenings Confirmation & Pre-Confirmation classes will run from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Due to Covid 19 and DHM mandates the Board of Elders have decided Christmas Eve services will be by reservation only. Please contact Lois at the church office between 7:30 am and 12:00 pm Monday through Friday to make your reservation. Social Distancing will be required. {Deadline for reservations will be: Dec. 22 or when all available seating is reserved.}

TREE OF LOVE: The LWML has chosen the “Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center” as our recipient for the donations this year. The mission of Bridge of Hope is to help children and families in crisis around our region. Please check out the tree at the back of the sanctuary where you will find a brochure with more information and a donation envelope. Donation envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. If you would like to learn more about Bridge of Hope, please join the LWML Quarterly Meeting at 1:30 pm on Sunday, December 13, in the fellowship hall where a Bridge of Hope staff member will be presenting.

**Board of Christian Education Minutes
November 9, 2020**

*THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING*

Persons in Attendance: Heather Van Velson; Cathy Poppe; Diane Fritz; Kim Utecht;
Ashley Roehrs; Anne Wilcox; Jarryn Wiley-Pearce;
Guest – Ben Pearce;

Meeting called to order

Opening prayer Jarryn Wiley-Pearce

Approval of Minutes and Bills: Cathy Poppe made the motion to approve,
Heather Van Velson seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Jarryn Wiley-Pearce – DCE Report
Christmas program started.
Christmas Party?
Possibly December 19, 2020 for Christmas
Program
There are still a couple of parts open – Joseph and
sheep
Midweek classes – some teachers have been
quarantined.

Anne Wilcox – Preschool Report

Everyone is doing well, and everything is going
well.
Start practicing Christmas songs for Christmas
program.
A Para (aide) went to CPR classes – get paid for
attending – board decided that Julie Arnold be
paid for hours in CPR class.

Unfinished Business reviewed and resolved:

Confirmation Robes purchase – present to Council
at December meeting.

New Business:

- Christmas Program – December 19, 2020 –
tentatively
Pre-School Christmas Program. Do the program
with just family members in attendance. Give
them a goody bag.

Tabled Items:

- Continue to assess and modify as Directed Health
Mandate guidelines change and allow – Most
recent received effective 11/11/2020.
Sunday School ideas – Teachers meeting – Still
working on date and time.
- Christmas Program – Jarryn – Christmas program –
Do treat bag with the elders and have an
ornament. Use signup sheet for food for
program.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Closing: Lord's Prayer

Bible Studies



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will still be Interactive Livestream @ 10:00 am,

Led by Pastor Bob, Current Event questions are welcome. We are continuing our study of the Book of Luke— Facebook message your questions and thoughts in on Sunday Mornings during the study . Participation is encouraged in person also, using “social distancing”!

Wednesday Mornings

Men’s Bible Study—

Every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at

The Fellowship Hall at BSLC through the month of November

Led by Pastor ,

join us as we enjoy a study of God’s Word in the Psalms!



Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Bible Study
at 1:30 pm at The Fellowship Hall at BSLC

We are studying the gospel of John.

ALL WOMEN are invited/welcome
if you have that time slot open!

**Board of Elders Minutes
November 9, 2020**

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING

Persons in Attendance:

Opening prayer – Pastor Bob prayed for God's protection and blessing.

Minutes and bills - Bills all preapproved. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes.
All in favor.

Reports:
discussed

Pastor Deardoff – Oral and written report given,

the family who had three children baptized and the family who had a funeral for young girl at St. Pat's Catholic Church. Eighteen to nineteen children are in confirmation class.

Unfinished Business from the August meeting:

Ministry Mapping Update(s) – with Mark Frith – kind of on hold due to Covid19.

New Business:
services

- It was suggested to remind those who attend worship

to maintain 6 feet of separation between family groups. Masks not required but encouraged. Pastor was encouraged to wear a mask when distributing communion Battery candles for Christmas services – Elders have no objection to using memorial funds to purchase battery candles.

Motion made and seconded to suspend Advent meals under the current DHM guidelines, Advent Services – After much discussion it was decided that unless the Directed Health Mandate (DHM) changes, the Advent services will take place with social distancing. All in favor.

Children's Christmas Program may need some changes too.

Christmas Eve services – will require reservation only to attend. *Pastor was encouraged to begin making this decision known to the congregation, with a short explanation of the reasons why it had to be made. We will need to use any and all means of communication to notify everyone we can; such as Newsletter, bulletin announcements, Facebook and website.*

Regarding 2021 budget, Elders will meet 11/17/2020 at 6:00 pm at MPCC North Campus.

Tabled Items:

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn and seconded, passed.

Closing: Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison

**Board of Elders Minutes / Budget Meeting
November 17, 2020**

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING

Persons in Attendance: Mike Steele, Dennis McConnell, Byron Fritz, Wayne Mueller, Jeff Boeka; Glenn Van Velson – Held at McDonald Belton Campus of Mid Plains Community College.

Special Thanks to Mike Steele.

Opening prayer led by Don Roehrs

Budget - - Explanation given by Mike Steele about the way The budget process works and the way the pastoral salary and benefits are determined. Discussion was held on the actual budget items. Motion made and seconded to adopt the Elders 2021 Budget of \$305,415.75. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded to discontinue ordering individually numbered offering envelopes. Motion carried.

Job Descriptions - Mike provided copies of position descriptions for Parish Pastor and Director of Christian Education which were prepared by the LCMS Office of National Missions. Elders will provide copies of these documents to Pastor Deardoff and DCE Jarryn Wiley-Pearce to review and give their input and feedback. More discussion in the future.

Sunday Service Settings - Elders discussed the settings of Sunday Morning Worship Services. It was determined that the survey results reviewed in September showed that the congregation is generally in favor of expanding the live-streaming platform. Elders need to confirm that the licensing requirements for music will be met to allow broadcasting of second service music. Additional discussion was held regarding the use of different service settings. It was determined that a review of congregational desires about different service settings would be appropriate. The elders will work on an information gathering survey at the next meeting.

Member Outreach - Elders Outreach to Members - Tabled

Other - Next Elders Quarterly Planning Meeting to be held in January before regular meeting.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn and seconded, passed.

LWML Executive Board

LWML Executive Board – November 16, 2020

Present: Mary, Bonnie, Thelma, Alfie, Linda, Lisa, Janet
Lisa opened with a devotion.

The minutes were read and approved.

Secretary – The beginning balance was \$583.90. Receipts included a donation for a funeral dinner and November mites and disbursements included two payments to LWML NE South—one for a memorial in honor of Jeff VanCura and the other for November mites. The ending balance was 84.62.

Human Care – The Tree of Love will be set up on November 29 and this year's gifts to the Bridge of Hope Advocacy Center.

Leader Development – One new member gift was given. Christmas church decoration will take place November 29 after second service. A pizza lunch will be served. Help is appreciated!

The Cookie Walk has been cancelled, with a spring date possible. The Advent meals have also been cancelled. LWML will host a week for donation baskets for a family experiencing the loss of their home.

The December Quarterly meeting will be December 13 at 1:30. The topic will be the work of the Bridge of Hope Advocacy Center. Prayer partners will be chosen for 2021.

The Board discussed a suggestion to send bulletins and thinking-of-you cards to shut-ins. The evening circle will start with Christmas cards at the December meeting with each circle taking turns at their circle meetings.

The evening circle will meet December 7, 7:00 at church with Lisa Parish as leader and hostess. The afternoon circle will meet December 10 at 1:00 at church with Alfie Moore as leader and hostess.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERN CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Persons in Attendance: Pastor Deardoff, Shelly Deardoff, Byron Fritz, Diane Fritz, Charles Boettcher, Dennis McConnell, Donovan McConnell, Loren Babcock, Mary Babcock, Thelma Miles, Allen Miles, Robert Reigan, Wayne Mueller, Kerrin Tallmon, Shirley Nielsen, Don Roehrs, Sherry Roehrs, Glenn Van Velson, Vicki Van Velson, Jeff Boeka, Kevin Blaschko, Elya Blaschko.

Meeting called to order by President Charles Boettcher at 10:00 A.M.

Opening Prayer given by Pastor Deardoff.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting of June 28, 2020 was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Reports: Covid 19 -Pastor Deardoff reported that pews had been taped off in a checkerboard pattern to comply with DHM requirements and that reservations for the Christmas Eve services are requested to be made by contacting the church secretary. Walk-ins will be accepted.

Ministry mapping meeting has been postponed due to Covid 19.

Unfinished Business: District Capital Campaign pledge. In response to the District's request for pledges to fund the improvements to the U of N Chapel and to the District offices several years ago, our congregation pledged \$34,000.00. Notice was received from District that we have contributed \$14,800.00 to date, leaving a balance of \$19,200.00 left to fulfill our commitment.

New Business:

The 2021 budget worksheet was adopted for consideration. Motion to amend the proposed worksheet by adding line 61 – Service Broadcast Expense \$10,400.00 was approved. The amended budget totaling \$396,811.75 was then approved by motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried. A copy of this budget is attached to the minutes.

Nomination for Circuit Visitor for Western Sandhills Circuit:

Pastor Deardoff was nominated for reelection to this post.

Selection of Lay Representative for District Forum 12/13/20. Bob Reigan volunteered to represent our congregation.

Nomination for District President. Current President, Pastor Snow was nominated.

Nomination for Area Vice-President. Current Vice-President Niemeyer was nominated.

Election of lay delegate and alternate delegate to the Nebraska District Convention June 18-19, 2020 in Kearney. Glenn Van Velson was selected as delegate and Jeff Boeka alternate delegate.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM and closed with prayer by Pastor Deardoff.

Loren Babcock, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
November 9, 2020**

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Present: Robert Reigan

Minutes & Bills: Reviewed and approved.

Reports:
effective

- Church Insurance will change January 1, 2021
- Ongoing building maintenance – light bulb changing
- Ongoing sprinkler maintenance – Shut off & blown out
- Reviewed information received from Crescent Electric
- Reviewed ongoing DHM mandates effective as of 11/11/2020

Unfinished / Tabled Business:

Meeting adjourned.

**BOARD OF
OUTREACH MINUTES
Not available as of
publication time**



Christmas Program Practice

This year we are doing a program called 'How Many Kings'. It is a program written by Benjamin Pearce our local theater major, based on the song 'How Many Kings'. We have asked once again that the Pre-k through 8th grad to be involved. The reading parts have all been assigned but we still need kids for angels, shepherds, and little ones for sheep.

Practices for December are listed below, we will be starting Saturday practices for everyone this month as well. Our practice schedule will be as follows:

Sundays: Dec 6, 13 during S.S. Hour

Saturdays: Dec 5, 12, 19 @ 10 am to Noon

If we have any parents that would be willing to help on those dates getting the kids where they need to be or in costumes on those Saturdays please let Jarryn, Deedra or Ben know. We need a few volunteers to get ready for this program! If you would like to help out in other ways the program that will need volunteers to help get the back drops and sets ready. Please let us know if you can help out in anyway!

Thank You!!



We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone for the cards, letters, telephone calls, and Facebook messages we received for our 65th Wedding Anniversary. God Bless You — LeMoine & Agnes Knosp

**Board of Youth Minutes
November 12, 2020**

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Persons in Attendance: Paulette Stefka; Stacie Bruns; Lavonne Bartling;
Jarryn Wiley-Pearce

Meeting called to order

Opening prayer - given by Jarryn

Expense Receipts - approved

Reports:

Jarryn gave her report,
Sunday and Wednesday youth group meetings have had consistently higher numbers in attendance
Kids still want to do cookies and cards for shut-ins. Jarryn wants to use pre-made dough for safety reasons. Will deliver in groups of 3 and 4 since all nursing homes are in quarantine.
Christmas parties are still in the planning stages.
Youth Drive-in was a success. 16 kids participated and \$600.00 was earned.
Youth will have a mini lock-in on Friday, November 20, 2020 – 6:00 pm – Midnight. Board of Youth will pay for the food.
At this time District Events have been cancelled.
No changes to 2021 budget, same as 2020 budget

Upcoming Events:

- We discussed working on a plan to deliver Easter meals / Easter baskets to people in the Community. Will depend on Covid 19

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by common agreement.

**Portals of Prayer for
October—December 2020
are available on a stand outside the
church office or at the south
entrance of the church.**

REMINDER!

If you or a loved one are hospitalized and desire a visit from Pastor, PLEASE call the church office and tell us! Or if you desire a home visit, let Pastor know so he can set up a time to see you.

You're loved and worth it!

**"I was
sick and
you visited
me . . ."**

—Matthew 25:36 NKJV

The New 2020-2021 BSLC
Directory is available
on the back table in the sanctuary.
please inform the office of any
move or address changes. Thank
you



**Check out our Website
(click here)**

www.bslnp.com
Our Website has
been updated!
Check it Out!

God's gift of creation

"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him'" (Matt. 2:1–2).

Ever wonder what would possess these strange figures called the Wise Men to traverse the countryside to bring gifts to a king that wasn't really theirs by law? The Magi give us an answer right in the words of their question to Herod and the religious leaders in Jerusalem. "For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." It was the star that pointed to the giving of the single greatest gift God has given to humanity.

The Wise Men didn't come because of a feeling in their gut. They didn't saddle up their camels because they got an invitation in the mail nor did they see a Facebook notification or Snapchat. It was the star that told them! Creation talks about the glory of God. This is exactly what the psalmist says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge" (PS. 19:1–2).

If the heavens can declare the handiwork of God because He made them, how about the simple gifts that the Lord has given you? The answer is yes! How one stewards the simple gifts our Lord bestows answers the question, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?" When we are intentional in our stewardship of all God has given for the sake of the kingdom of God, we are pointing those around us to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Himself. However, if we claim ownership of God's creation, WE are claiming to be the king. Not only is this foolishness, it is idolatry!

Today, reflect on the way you manage the simple gifts our Lord has given you. Are you using them in a manner which, like the star of Bethlehem, points people to Jesus? If not, ask the Lord to forgive you and point you to the One who is born King of the Jews ... for He is YOUR king!

Prayer Giving Lord, Your simple gifts were created to abound with the news of Your glory. Our sinfulness often leads us, like Herod and the others in Jerusalem, to miss Jesus all together. As You used created things to lead the Wise Men to Jesus, so grant us Your grace to use the simple gifts You have entrusted to us to bring people to their Lord and King Jesus! Amen.



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December 6

"Seek My Face"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word.

(Daniel)

December 13

"The Prophet's Paradox "

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The prophet Daniel illustrates how to face the facts while never losing faith in how the story ends.

(Daniel: 10, 11 and 12)

December 20

"Experience God "

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We will never fully grasp the idea of God, but that doesn't keep us from experiencing God's love for us in Christ.

(John 1:1-18)

December 27

"Welcome to the Family!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

The book of Galatians gives us a glimpse inside the family of God. It describes the Christian family as one that stands firm in Christ's freedom, walks united in the Spirit, and bears one another's burdens in love.

(Galatians 4:4-7)

