The Messenger Share the love and grace of God with all people.

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

"Reading & Learning for Hope"

Recently several of our church members reading through the entire Bible with me on a yearly schedule (we're in Isaiah now) have commented on how stunning was the cycle of falling away from, seeking help from and then forgetting God as was exhibited by His chosen people. The record of Israel from the time of the Exodus through the judges and kings, right up to the exile in Babylon is indeed a sorry record of just how short-sighted, stubborn, self-seeking and downright sinful people can be. There aren't really any shining stars among the descendants of Abraham (who himself was flawed). As Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...." Yet the verse continues "...and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." The shining star of the Old Testament and New Testament is our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit whose faithfulness and grace are greater and more powerful than our wickedness and His power defeated sin and death so we who trust in and follow Him can live forever with Him in Heaven.

So why do we read again such awful accounts of sinners in the Bible? Again Romans informs us in 15:4: "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." The biblical record of divine and human interaction is to instruct us both in what not to do (turn away from God) and what we are to do: trust in His mercy when we inevitably do fall into sin and evil as did the people of old. We are warned by their example, but saved by God's grace that He extends when His Word and Spirit move us to repentance and faith in the forgiveness Jesus gave us by His death and resurrection. Even with all our technology and inventions we are really no different from the people of Bible times, other than having so much more of the mystery of God's will revealed to us (Ephesians 3:9-12). But having the facts is not enough: God grant that we apply and live His truth and grace in our daily lives. Then our descendants will be able to say of us: "We saw Christ through them," not "Why did they continually fall into Israel's errors?" May God work always in and through us at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, not in spite of us!

Your brother and servant in Jesus,

Pastor Bob Deardoff



"VBS Week"

A Note from Jarryn

Last week we held our Babylonian Adventure through Daniel's time in Babylon. It was so great to see so many new VBS volunteers come out this year and help make it great!! In all thankfulness it wasn't just the amount of volunteers we had that was amazing to see, but the donations that came in were beyond amazing as well. It's great to see our church work together to accomplish such a big event!

The kids that came in the doors had such a great time singing and dancing, doing crafts, and acting out the Bible stories. Each day the kids set out on a new adventure. Day one the kids learned that Daniel and his friends were taken to Babylon. The point of the day was that 'When things change, God is with you'. Day two the kids learned that Daniel interpreted King Nebuchadnezzar's dream. The point of the day was 'When you need help, God is with you'. Day three they learned how Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego were saved from the fiery furnace. The point of the day was 'When you're afraid, God is with you'. Day four was the start of the story of Daniel and the lion's den. They learned that Daniel got in trouble for simply praying to God. The point was 'When you're lonely, God is with you'. Day five was the story of how God saved Daniel while he was in the lion's den, and how God saved us. The final daily point was even 'When you're thankful, God is with you'.

If you have never helped with Vacation Bible School it's always so amazing to see how excited these kids get about God and about what Jesus has done for them. I would encourage anyone that has not been involved before, if you are able in the future to try it out at some point. There is not a new volunteer we had this year that had anything but good things to say about the whole week, even if it's long and tiring. The key to remember is we don't do this for us but so these kids can learn about the love of Jesus.

> In Christ, Jarryn Wiley-Pearce



🚛 In Service to the Lord 🚓



Organists (8:45 AM):

Aug. 5: Jean Niedan Aug. 12: Shary Asher Aug. 19: Jean Niedan Aug. 26: Shary Asher

Acolytes (8:45 AM):

Aug. 5: William Anderson Aug. 12: Gwen Nutt Aug. 19: Kaden Joneson Aug. 26: Nathan Unger

August Ushers (8:45 AM):

Bob Reigan Adam Utecht Darrel Ragland Brent Sinsel

August Ushers (11:00 AM): Robbie Stefka

Dan Dyer

Musicians (11 AM)

Aug. 5: Recording Aug. 12: Recording Aug. 19: Praise Team Aug. 26: Praise Team

Acolytes (11 AM):

Aug. 5: Lukas Borges Aug. 12: Kellen Spearman Aug. 19: Rauri Ryan Aug. 26: Max Negley

Media Tech (11 AM):

Aug. 5: Thomas Bartling Aug. 12: Olivia Davis Aug. 19: Joel Niles Aug. 26: Sofia Weitzel

August Elders:

Leland Poppe, Mike Steele, **Byron Fritz**



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In an effort to keep members up to date on the financial condition of Beautiful Savior, we will put monthly updates in the Sunday bulletin and Messenger. This information is current as of July 22, 2018: Budgeted Expenses Needed Monthly \$38,373.67 Income this Month to Date \$18,592.10 Budgeted Expenses Year to Date \$268,615.69 Actual Expenses Year to Date \$180.917.45 Income Year to Date \$147,540.84

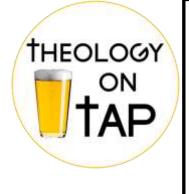


recorded sermons and other special services as well as the Newsletter!



Aug. 25: Matt & Beth O'Brien Aug. 26: Ron & Carol Mahnken; Mike & Holly Mauch

Don't see your special date listed here? Get the dates to Val at the church office.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Monday, Aug. 13

<u>6:00 p.m.</u>

Another Round

Join us for Christian fellowship, Bible study and a cold one with fellow believers. Anyone 21 years and older and young at heart!





MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Adult Confirmation: Barbara Fear; Britnee Fear, 7-8-18

<u>Wedding:</u> Michael Beisner & Jordan Richardson, 7-14-18

<u>Transfer-Out:</u> Andrew Skoog to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Starkville, Mississippi, 7-16-18

PRESCHOOL TEACHER AIDE POSITION

Beautiful Savior Preschool is looking for a teacher aide. Hours are from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday. If you are interested in this position or know of someone who is, please contact the church office, any Board of Ed member or Anne Wilcox. Applications will accepted until August 1, interviews will begin on August 6.



DAWN TALLMON SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship in memory of **Dawn Tallmon**

will be offered to any member of our congregation in need of

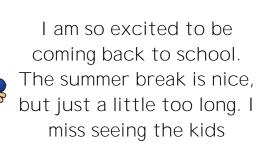


...a fun place to play and learn!

financial assistance for the Tuesday/ Thursday Preschool Class here at Beautiful Savior. Please contact Miss Anne for more information.

Check out our Website (click here) Our Website has been updated! Check it Out! www.bslcnp.com

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



everyday. I got to see some of the kids at VBS so that was nice.

We will be having an Open House on August 3rd from 1-3 pm and 5-7 pm.

We will be starting school on the 23rd and 24th. Our morning classes are from 8:45 to 11:15 and our afternoon class starts at 12:45 to 3:15.

WE ARE ENROLLING FOR FALL

We are now taking enrollment forms for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child for next year, please pick up an enrollment form today. Your place will be reserved upon return of your registration form and a deposit of \$25.00 This order of enrollment will be on a first-come, firstserve basis. Classes are limited to 12 students. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Annie. Thank you.

Youth News

Jr. High Youth Group

Sundays 4:30 to 6 p.m. Aug 5 — Human Football Aug 12—Rec Center Aug 19—Sports Night Aug 26—S'more's Night



Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. Aug 1– Volleyball Aug 8–S'more's Aug 15–Game Night Aug 22– Slip 'N Slide Kickball Aug 29–Picnic

Sr. High Youth! It's time for our yearly full Lock-In!! So bring snacks and a drink to share, along with your friends and get ready for a great night!

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Sr. High you are welcome to join us as Jr. Leaders for the night.





Vacation Bible School Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that helped with Vacation Bible School in anyway shape or form! Whether it was running a station, helping with a crew, setting up decorations or just bring in supplies, we could not have run this program without you! **Thank you all for your time and your donations!** Thanks to the efforts everyone put into this program, it was a success! We look forward to VBS 2019 next year!



<u>Heads Up!</u> <u>Sunday School</u> <u>Rally Day</u> <u>Mark your calendars</u> <u>now Sunday,</u> September 9

Join us for a morning of fun and exciting activities followed by a church family BBQ. More information to come!



LWML CIRCLES

Evening Circle will meet Monday, July 9, 7:00 p.m. at Church.

<u>Afternoon Circle</u> will meet Thursday, Aug. 9 at 1:00 at church. Anne Wilcox hostess.



September 14-15, 2018, LWML District's 39th Biennial Convention in Kearney, NE

General registration forms are provided on the back table of the church Call Twila at 530-9495. So far we have 5 people signed up to go. If anyone else is interested, a registration form is in the back of the church.



A BIG THANK YOU

From Salvation Army for all your food donations. They were low on groceries, so very much appreciated!

DONUT FUND

Is getting low. Please be generous with your donations! And, if you would be willing to sign up for a week or two to serve donuts, that would be GREAT!!



See the signup sheet next to the donuts!

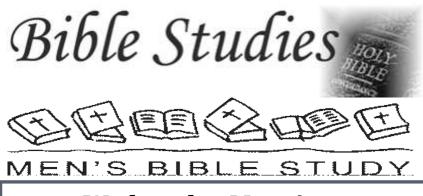
HEADS UP!

On Sunday, August 26 we will begin communion on the floor level. Directions will be given that day. More information to follow.



DISTRICT APPEAL

On **Sept.16**, **Mr**. **Christian Warneke** will present to our congregation further details on the Nebraska District LC-MS Renovation Appeal for upgrading the District Office and University Lutheran Chapel in Lincoln. Our congregation hopes to raise \$35,000.00 toward this work of our Lord. Donations may be made after that time or before by designating on your check or offering envelope. Speak to Pastor Bob, Pres. Adam Utecht or an Elder if you need more information.



Wednesday Mornings

Every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at PERKINS. Led by Pastor on the book of HEBREWS. Join us! (We will not meet Aug. 1 or 8th as Pastor will be on vacation)



Tuesday Afternoons

We will start up on Tuesday, August 28 at 1:30 p.m. Please join us!

If you would like to make your offering to the Lord by electronic transfer rather than cash or check, we now have the JOYFUL RE-SPONSE (through LCEF) electronic offering program in place. For more information you can talk to Leland Poppe or Val Ragland. See Val for an enrollment form.



Sunday School Leaders Needed The Board of Education and DCE are campaigning for Sunday School Leaders and Helpers for the 2018 & 2019 school year.

We are looking for people who like to have fun, are energetic and have the desire to teach Sunday School kids. We are looking for several positions within Sunday School. The curriculum we have been using for the past few years has been *Group Publishing*. They do a fantastic job of laying out the curriculum for each section of Sunday School. The curriculum is laid out so that it is easy to follow, gives several options, and can be taught in the way that is easiest for you. Each week we focus on a different Bible Story using Storytime, Craft, and Songs.

If you know leading Sunday School is not for you, but you would like to help, we need leader assistants as well. This position means you do not have a lesson planned for each Sunday of the month, just that you are willing to help the leader during class time. The biggest requirement for this position is the you are willing to laugh with the children and help as the leader needs.

The position we need to fill by the end are August are: Craft Leader and helpers (2 would be best) Story Time Leader and helpers (2 would be best) Music Leader and helper (1 for this position)

We would like to have positions filled by the end of August so

there will be time for leader and helper training for the upcoming year. If you or someone you know would like to get involved, talk to DCE Jarryn or the Sunday School Superintendent Deedra as soon as possible.



BOARD OF YOUTH MINUTES

June 26, 2018

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF YOUTH MEEITNG

<u>Present:</u> Stacy Zierke, Stacie Bruns, Jarryn Wiley-Pearce & Bob Deardoff <u>Minutes & Bills:</u> Approved.

<u>Reports</u>: Jarryn gave her written report. Have heard good responses to the Youth lead services which are every 5th Sunday. We will keep building baccalaureate. Senior recognition needs to be more structured. Missed some seniors.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>: Discussed Service Days, summer activities and garage sale. Things are going well. We discussed getting a bus. Would like to start process to purchase. Would need to have licensed drivers. Will take to Church council. Adjourn

BOARD OF OUTREACH MINISTRY MINUTES

July 22, 2018

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

<u>Present</u>: Glenn Van Velson, Brent Sinsel, Mendi Roehrs <u>Reports</u>: After action report on 7-14-18 Servant Event: A team from BSLC consisting of Mendi Roehrs, Jim Parish, Vern Hageman, Tara Krupicka and Lila, Dennis and Donavan McConnell, Loren Babcock, Brandon Peterson, Don Roehrs, Mike Steele and Glenn Van Velson scraped and applied primer to the exterior of the New Opportunity Thrift Store at 1616 Front Street. Diane Fritz provided cinnamon rolls, Colleen Steele provided drinks and snacks, and Lisa Parish provided lunch for everyone. It was sunny and hot but a great deal was accomplished. Members of the team enjoyed fellowship and worked hard to show love to others in this effort.

A new Servant Event should be considered in the near future. Will listen for opportunities. Reimbursement to Glenn for primer from Sherwin Williams approved.

T-shirts: Brent has built a design on the internet about T-shirts. A second design was also suggested. Brent will contract a company in Sutherland, A&T Custom Designs.

<u>Old Business</u>: Trunk or Treat is in 3 months. We need to start recruiting volunteers.

<u>New Business:</u> We should look for opportunities to serve. Maybe with fall cleanup or leaf removal. Are there members who need this help? Webpage design; Contests: Posters, photos of spiritual moments. <u>Adjourned:</u> With Lord's Prayer

BOARD OF ELDERS MINUTES

July 16, 2018 THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING

<u>Present:</u> Pastor Deardoff, Leland Poppe, Jim Parish, Mike Steele, Byron Fritz, Don Roehrs, Larry Young, Wayne Mueller.

<u>Minutes & Bills</u>: Minutes approved, second and passed. Approved Westbrook Audio bill. We still seem to have issues with the board and he may need to come back.

<u>Reports:</u> Pastor gave written and oral report.

Opportunity Center Thrift Store painting of the house went well.

I There was a good turn out all around from youth on.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> Implementation of communion on the lower level will begin August 26. Moved, second, passed. Cottage meetings.

The purpose was to gather information, but people are not always • ready to provide information. Mike and Jim are asking to begin cre-

ating a starting plan for growth. An Elders Retreat will be August 26 at 6:30 p.m. Brain storming retreat for ideas and programs to present to congregation.

<u>New Business:</u> Concordia Health Plan for 2019. Val will go online and compare old plans to new plans and compare rates. Transfer Out of Andrew Skoog to St. Luke Lutheran Church, Starkwell, Mississippi.

Moved, second and passed. Adult Confirmation: Barbara and Britnee Fear, 7-8-18.

Adjourn

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

July 16, 2018

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

Present: Bob Reigan, Allen Miles

Minutes & Bills: Approved

Reports: Pews are in the process of being cleaned. Spring maintenance on the AC units are done. Freon was low on the big one again. AJ's will quote new one. On-going sprinkler maintenance. Checking into small PA system for fellowship hall. Adjourn

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 16, 2018

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

<u>Persons in Attendance</u>: Adam Utecht, Pastor Deardoff, Dennis McConnell, Charlene Schneider, Allen Miles, Lori Unger, Loren Babcock, Don Roehrs, Jarryn Wiley-Pearce.

Meeting called to order by President Utecht at 8:10 P.M.

<u>Opening Prayer</u> given by Pastor Bob.

<u>Minutes & Bills:</u> Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting of 6/11/18 was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

<u>Reports:</u> Treasurer's report was given by Charlene. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Report of Pastor's activities for the past month was given by Pastor Bob.

DCE Jarryn gave a report of her activities and she also reported for the Board of Youth.

Reports were also received from the Trustees, Board of Ed and Board of Elders. Contents of those reports can be seen in the published minutes of all boards.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> The campaign for donations for the Renovations for our District office and the University Lutheran Chapel in Lincoln was discussed. Christian Warneke has confirmed that he would be able to visit our church on September 16th to explain the campaign and to suggest ways for us to fulfill our goal of a \$35,000.00 donation. Consensus of opinion was that we should inform the congregation through the bulletin and by any other means, of this opportunity to donate to this fund and to begin accepting those donations now.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Loren Babcock, Secretary



BOARD OF ED MINUTES

July 16, 2018

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF ED MEETING

<u>Present</u>: Jarryn Wiley-Pearce, Lori Unger, Colleen Steele, Ashley Roehrs, Anne Wilcox

<u>Opening Prayer:</u> Led by Jarryn.

<u>Minutes & Bills</u>: Colleen motioned to approve minutes and bills. Lori seconded the motion, passed.

<u>Reports:</u> Jarryn gave her report. Summer Sunday School attendance depends on who is here. VBS has had 72 kids registered. Same as last year, possibly more. Lots of help this year. Thanks to Colleen for speaking on Sundays. All tags were taken and most items have been brought in.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> Wolf Scholarship was discussed. Danielle Peartree was our only applicant. Amount will be finalized and take to Church Council for approval. Jarryn will check

into Bibles for the 3rd/4th graders. Rally Day will be Sunday, Sept. 9. Think of doing a family BBQ after 2nd service that day. Board of Outreach is willing to help. Karaoke, Bingo, Scavenger hunt and other games. Colleen made motion to bring Rally Day ideas to Church Council, Lori second, passed.

<u>New Business:</u> Preschool Teacher Aide position is available. Applications will be received thru August 1 with interviews starting August 6. We will amend budget. 3 applicants are interested in the position currently. Jarryn reported that VBS Family Night will be Thursday, July 18. Cookies will be provided by Lisa Parish and Bonnie Van Cura and each board member bringing ice cream. Pizza Party will be Friday. Pizza provided by Little Caesars. Announcements for VBS went home Monday. Picture Day Wednesday. Leland Poppe will be taking pictures.

<u>Tabled Items:</u> Rally Day budget tabled by Colleen and second by Ashely.

Adjourn: Colleen motioned to adjourn, Lori second., passed.

Sunday School Preschool through 5th grade: BIBLE STORIES FOR LOD Jr. High & Sr. High will be

helping the younger kids with various activities.