

The Messenger

Share the love and grace of God with all people.



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2020 VISION

Wow! As one born in the middle of the last century, it is stunning to look at our current calendar and see that this is the Year of Our Lord 2020. So many things have changed (though we don't have flying cars yet), but the love and grace of our God has remained constant. And while we have amazing advances in medical and communication technologies, our biggest need remains spiritual healing by Jesus, the Great Physician, and the church's primary task is still the spreading of the Good News about forgiveness and new life in Christ. You might say that the more things change, the more they stay the same: sin (our problem) and grace (Jesus' solution) have been constant in spite of all the calendar changes.

That's why our congregation has updated our Vision Statement (as reported in October's newsletter) to **"Beautifully Saved to Lead to Christ"** (building on our church initials). We adopted that vision statement at our December Fall Voter's Meeting and you'll see it posted around the building and included on our publications, like this newsletter. But just a statement is not enough; we are beginning a Ministry Mapping process to implement our vision as we seek to faithfully follow our Savior. Small groups are being introduced to the pillars or fundamentals of making this statement the core of our congregation's ministry to members and our community. For example, believing people of God act lovingly and kindly to fellow members and to guests as we greet, teach God's Word to our youth and adults, welcome guests and invite unchurched friends to meet their/our Savior. And since we've been freely forgiven, we actively forgive members or people who sin against us in ways great (like slander) or small (what? They are in MY seat? Oh, it's God's house, not mine...). We'll spend more time revealing and enacting these ministry pillars or behaviors, always to the end that we may more faithfully fulfill God's mission for our congregation: to lead people to everlasting life in Jesus Christ. We plant the seed and the Holy Spirit does the interior work of bringing repentance and life-giving, fearless faith.

Will this lead to staff and building additions in the future? It remains to be seen when and where God will lead us, but we are confident that when we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus (the definition of spiritual 20/20 vision), He will bless our efforts and build His church with love and grace. Come with us on the journey! Your brother and servant in Jesus,



Pastor Bob Deardoff



Happy New Years!
A Note from Jarryn

How many of you have decided to once again make some New Years resolutions? How many of you plan on keeping them? Haha! Those good old resolutions about losing weight, saving money, maybe actually using that gym membership this year. Have you ever thought about setting a resolution on getting back to God's Word?

Now if you're like me in the past how long have you been able to keep those resolutions? More than a year? A few months? A few weeks? Or a day or two? I personally am terrible at keeping resolutions...like maybe a week at most. Why is that? I mean we all want to do better, be better, and improve our lot in this life. However, as much as we try, we end up failing. St. Paul had the same issue in Romans 7:18-20 *"I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it"* and then he writes in verse 24 & 25 *"What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!"*

Thankfully for us God made a resolution way back in Genesis to send a Savior! Jesus' resolve was to do the will of the Father even though He knew what that meant. *"For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."* Hebrews 12:2b

The best part though is that you and I are His Joy! Thanks be to God that He gives us each a new day to live out our lives of faith and that it doesn't depend on our resolutions or resolve but on His Grace and Mercy.

In Christ,
Jarryn Wiley-Peace



In Service to the Lord



Organists (8:45 AM):

January 5: Jean Niedan
January 12: Shary Asher
January 19: Shary Asher
January 26: Jean Niedan

Acolytes (8:45 AM):

January 5: Lilah Krupicka
January 12: Annika Bowman
January 19: Reid O'Brien
January 26: Seth Steele

January Ushers (8:45 AM):

Mike Lehman
Loren Sinsel
Dennis McConnell Sr.
Donovan McConnell

January Ushers (11:00 AM):

Robbie Stefka

If this is a ministry that you would like to participate in—please contact the church office.

Media Tech (11 AM):

January 5: Jim Parish
January 12: Mendi Roehrs
January 19: Jim Parish
January 26: Mendi Roehrs

If this is a ministry you would like to participate in—please contact Jarryn

Musicians (11 AM)

January 5: Caroline Sabin
January 12: Lynette Hickman
January 19: Caroline Sabin
January 26: Caroline Sabin

Acolytes (11:00 AM):

January 5: Isaac Bertschinger
January 12: Jaxson Niles
January 19: MacKenzie DeGarmo
January 26: Tucker Kemp

December Elders (8:45 AM)

Leland Poppe
Larry Young

December Elders (11:00 AM)

Wayne Mueller
Jim Parish

Official Acts and Directory Changes

Funeral—Ron Mahnken

Wedding—Noah J Oloff to Abigail R. Hansz

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 November 30, 2019

Budgeted Expenses Needed Monthly	\$ 32,055.67
Income through December 31, 2019	\$ 319,083.02
Actual Expenses through December 31, 2019	\$ 317,968.07



- 1/2 Jill Miles
- 1/6 Alexander Anderson; McKynzie Kelsey; Connie Stewart
- 1/7 Bobby Carter
- 1/8 Jackson Sinsel; Colter Spearman; Colleen Steele
- 1/9 Derek Macumber; Alfie Moore
- 1/10 Jett Beisner; Rachel Carland; Agnes Knosp;
Chris Reinboth; Dawsyn Stearley
- 1/12 Leslie Borges; Judy Frerichs; Peyton Negley
- 1/13 Billy Edelman; Keaton Fattig; Breigh Ana Spies;
Sierra Weitzel
- 1/15 Loclyn Beller; Dale Wee
- 1/16 Jasper Goforth; Dalton Pflughaupt; Cathy Poppe
- 1/17 Thomas Bartling
- 1/18 Caitlynn Peterson
- 1/19 Kady Worth
- 1/20 Mary Babcock; Madalyn Petersen
- 1/21 Jewel Kelsey
- 1/22 Courtney Koehn; Samantha Staggs
- 1/23 Rick Elliott; Tom Frerichs
- 1/24 Mark Huebner
- 1/25 Gena Cullinan
- 1/27 Rachel Young
- 1/28 Tiffany Negley
- 1/29 Jean Niedan
- 1/30 Jens Hansen; Rori Hansen

Theology ON TAP

HAPPY



ANNIVERSARY!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday

January 14, 2020

at 6:00 pm

San Pedro Mexican

Restaurant

Topic: "Worship"

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

January Anniversaries

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

1/3	Dean & Cathy Nutt
1/5	Jeff & Chandra Boeka
1/15	Eric & Kim Ryan
1/24	Wesley & Kortney Gilbert
	Robert & Paulette Stefka
1/25	Dave & Jeanne Baade





BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

We had a wonderful December , and so much fun with the Christmas program. It was the first time both classes were together so it is always a fun time with all the children. We are looking forward to the new year. Our color for January is blue. We will be learning about some of the wonderful miracles that Jesus did. We will also be learning about winter and all of the cool things God does for us.

We are now taking enrollment forms for the 2020-2021 school year, and we will be giving our present families first chance to re-enroll.

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

As classroom space is available, students will be accepted as follows:

1. Children re-enrolling after completing the prior school year.
2. Children who have a brother or sister already attending.
3. Children where one or both parents are members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.
4. Others

This order of enrollment will be used until February 21st 2020, at that time we will be holding an open house and enrollment will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Classes are limited to 12 students.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Annie. Thank you.

Ms. Annie



Jr. High Youth

Group

Sundays from
4:30 to 6:00



Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays from 6:30
to 8:00
No Youth Jan 1

Save the Date!!

Valentines

Dinner

February 15

Possible two
sittings:

5pm & 6:30pm

Setup: 10 am

Possible Sr. High Ice Skating Trip

When: Saturday Jan 18 or 25

Time: Meet at the church @ 11:45 to leave by Noon

Where: Viaero Center Kearney Ne

Cost: \$10.00 for skating and rental

Info: We will be headed to Kearney for ice skating. Afterwards, we will head to the mall for a little bit. Before we leave we will enjoy supper together. Please sign up on the sheet in the youth room so we know how many are



Check the bulletin for more youth activities.

Sunday School

Preschool through 5th grade:



Jr. High girls are upstairs studying
with Tara and Paulette



Jr. High boys are upstairs
studying with Jeff Boeka



Sr. High are upstairs studying
with DCE Jarryn



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML CIRCLES

Evening Circle – Monday, January 6th at 7:00 pm. Linden Court.
Lisa Parish is bible study leader.

Afternoon Circle will meet at the church Thursday, January 9th at 1:00 pm to clean the church.

The Tree of Love proceeds will be split between the Women's Resource Center and the Rape and Domestic Violence. The contributions will be accepted until we take the tree down.

We would also like to thank all those that brought baby gifts to present to the Women's Resource Center. Tracy Schaub was able to attend our first service on December 15th. Pastor dedicated the gifts with a blessing from our congregation. Tracy was overwhelmed with joy at the generosity from our congregation. Anyone that would ever like a tour of the place, they are more than happy to show you around and tell you what they do there. Thank you everyone for bringing cookies to the LWML cookie walk. Your wonderful baking skills were a big hit. We would like to thank Shari Asher for heading this up once again this year. We appreciate all you do for us. The money that was given will be split between the Seminary Food Bank and Hannah's Place. Bonnie Van Cura will be the new Treasurer, Linda Mueller will be the new President elect and Mary Babcock will be President for LWML officers starting in January.

Report from Vision Path Team

We have received the go-ahead from LCEF's Rev. Mark Frith to proceed with the Ministry Mapping.

We will begin with several micro-assignments, such as listing all our ministry events and teams.

More information will be shared as available.

January 2020 DAILY BIBLE READING

God's Life-Giving Word of Discipleship

- 1 Romans 1:1-17
- 2 Romans 1:18-32
- 3 Romans 2:1-16
- 4 Matthew 1:1-17
- 5 Matthew 1:18-25

Epiphany

- 6 Matthew 2:1-23
- 7 Matthew 3:1-17
- 8 Matthew 8:1-17
- 9 Matthew 8:18-34
- 10 Matthew 9: 1-17
- 11 Matthew 9:18-38
- 12 Matthew 10:1-15
- 13 Matthew 10:16-31
- 14 Matthew 10:32-42
- 15 Matthew 11:1-19
- 16 Matthew 11:20-30
- 17 Matthew 16:1-12

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

- 18 Matthew 16:13-28

Ecumenical Sunday

- 19 Matthew 17:1-27
- 20 Matthew 20:1-19
- 21 Matthew 20:20-34
- 22 Acts 3:1-26
- 23 Acts 4:1-22
- 24 Acts 4:23-37
- 25 Acts 5:1-16
- 26 Acts 5:17-42
- 27 Acts 6:1-15
- 28 Acts 7:1-22
- 29 Acts 7:23-43
- 30 Acts 7:44-8:3
- 31 Acts 8:4-25

Bible Studies



Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall,
Led by Pastor Bob, Current Event questions are welcome.
We are continuing our study of the Book of Luke

Wednesday Mornings

Every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at
PERKINS. Led by Pastor on the book of MATTHEW.
Join us!



Tuesday Afternoons

Ladies Bible Study
every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 PM, led by Pastor
Bob on the Book of JEREMIAH.
Join us!

**Board of Elders Minutes
December 16, 2019**

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

Persons in Attendance: Pastor Bob; Larry Wallace; Don Roehrs; Wayne
Mueller; Byron Fritz; Jim Parish; Leland Poppe; Mike Steele;

Meeting called to order

Opening prayer given by Pastor Deardoff

Minutes of the November 25, 2019 meeting were read. Wayne Mueller made
motion to approve, Don Roehrs seconded the motion. Motion carried

Reports: Pastor went over his monthly report of activities.

New Business:

Elders schedule for Christmas services:

Christmas Eve – 4:30 pm

Jim Parish

Byron Fritz

Larry Wallace

Don Roehrs

Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm

Don Roehrs

Byron Fritz

Mike Steele

Christmas Day – 10:00 am

Don Roehrs

Bulletin insert and take a door offering on January 19, 2020 for Lutherans For
Life.

Jim made a motion to approve, Mike seconded. Bulletin insert and motion to take
offering was approved.

Ad for Telegraph: We will continue the ad as it currently runs, no changes.

Jim made a motion to approve the transfer in of Diane Carter from Grace
Lutheran Church in Fargo ND. Wayne seconded the motion which was
approved.

Mike made a motion to purchase four (4) TV and four (4) wireless adaptors, Jim
seconded, motion was carried.

Jim moved to adjourn, Mike seconded, motion carried.

Meeting ended with the Lord's prayer.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERN CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING OF DECEMBER 8,
2019

Persons in Attendance: Pastor Deardoff, Dennis McConnell, Donavan McConnell, Charlene Schneider, Richard Schneider, Mike Steele, Loren Babcock, Byron Fritz, Diane Fritz, Mary Babcock, Jim Parish, Thelma Miles, Allen Miles, Miriam Huebner, Robert Reigan, Wayne Mueller, Charles Boettcher, Connie Stewart, Kim Stewart, Shari Lantis, Leland Poppe, Kerrin Tallmon, Edward Gardner, Jan Haggman, LaVern Haggman, Bonnie VanCura, Cathy Poppe, Don Roehrs, LeMoine Knosp, Sherry Roehrs, Marcia Colvin, Alton Gosnell, Don Colvin, Marilyn Sinsel, Loren Sinsel, Marsha Gosnell, Carol Mahnken, Ron Mahnken, Agnes Knosp, Brent Sinsel, Julie Boettcher, Lisa Parish, Colleen Steele.

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 April 14, 2019 was made by Mike Steele, seconded and unanimously carried.

Reports: Jim Parish and Pastor Deardoff reported on the progress of the Vision Path Committee. A new Vision Statement for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church has been drafted.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: (1) A proposal from the Synod to amend the Constitution was presented. The purpose of the amendment is to simplify and clarify several Articles. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Jim Parish, was seconded and unanimously carried. A copy of this (2019 Constitutional Amendment) is hereby attached to these minutes.

(2) A motion to adopt the New Vision Statement as drafted by the committee was made by Brent Sinsel. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. A copy of this statement is hereby attached to the minutes.

(3) The 2020 budget was presented. After discussion, a motion was made by Kim Stewart, was seconded and unanimously carried to approve the budget as presented. The total budget amount is \$388,198.00.

(4) Colleen Steele presented proposed changes to the Constitution's By-Laws under Article VI (Duties of the Boards) B. (The Board of Christian Education) as follows:

a. Change membership number from 6 to: *up to 6 with a minimum of 3.*

b. In the objectives of the board add: and the DCE afterin consultation with the Pastor.

c. Under #5. Change Approve curriculum to: *Recommend curriculum* and add: *for approval by the DCE and Pastor.*

d. Under #11. Change: for mentally retarded and handicapped persons to read: *children who have physical and/or developmental disabilities.*

Motion was made by Ed Gardner to accept this request for By-Law changes for consideration at the Spring 2020 Voters' Meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Steele. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Loren Babcock, Secretary

Board of Youth did not meet in December 2019

Board of Outreach did not meet in December, 2019

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

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

Present: Robert Reigan – Allen Miles

Minutes & Bills: Reviewed and approved.

Reports: General Maintenance
Nebraska Fire & Safety

New Business: Review bids received for Janitorial Services – Deadline is Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – pending receipt of ALL bids. Tabled until deadline.

Unfinished Business:
HVAC Maintenance Agreement Bids –
waiting for more bids. Deadline December 20, 2019

USHERS NEEDED!!!

Church ushers are a significant part of our church hospitality system, and fulfill specific duties to accomplish that, such as greeting our members and visitors when they arrive, handing out bulletins, finding seating for those who need assistance, assisting with the gathering of offerings, leading the congregation to the front to receive Holy Sacrament amongst other vital duties. If you are interested in being a servant in the House of the Lord, Please contact the church office or Head Usher, Rod Lamp.

**Board of Education Minutes
December 16, 2019**

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

Persons in Attendance: Jarryn Wiley-Pearce; Cathy Poppe; Janelle Ouderkirk; Diane Fritz;

Ashley Roehrs; Anne Wilcox; Colleen Steele

Meeting called to order

Opening prayer given by Jarryn

Approval of Minutes of the November 2019 meeting – Diane Fritz made a motion to approve, Cathy Poppe seconded, motion carried

Reports: Jarryn gave her report, see attached.

Anne Wilcox – Preschool Report: School is going good. Christmas Program on

Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Jarryn, Colleen and Ashley will help.

Student that is behind. Pay half of December if not, she will need to go to a

different school. We will forgive her the debt. Colleen makes a motion she pays

half of December and half of January. Can repay us by Taxes. If she can't, then

she needs to go somewhere else. Ashley seconded Colleen's motion, carried.

Everything else is going well.

Unfinished Business:

By-law changes of the wording will be voted on at the Voter's Meeting in

April, 2020.

Policy Handbooks for Pre-School will be looked at next meeting in January, 2020

New Business: Jarryn taking off during Christmas break before kids come back.

Diane made a motion not to combine with Our Redeemer for VBS. Janelle seconded motion.

Jarryn ordering a Birthday Cake.

VBS tentative dates are July 6-10, 2020; time 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sunday School Party – Watch The Star, Jarryn will get popcorn and Ashley will bring sweets.

Midweek on Christmas break

Christmas Program is Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Dennis McConnell will be recording it. We will put it on a DVD for the families. Will Live Stream on Facebook. Wednesday night, we will stuff bags.

Food list, can fill rest on Wednesday.

OFF TO A GOOD START: 2020 ABS Daily Bible Reading Guides are available at the rear of the church, along with “Through the Bible in a year” sheets. OR you can download either at Daily.Bible.AmericanBible.org OR TheBible.net

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!



DIRECTORY UPDATES

The New Directory is available on the back table in the sanctuary or pick up a copy from the church office



Our Website has been updated!
Check it Out!

A gift fit for a king

“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh” (Matt. 2:11).

In these figures that the New Testament calls Magi, we see a fitting image for us as we begin a month-long focus on financial stewardship. While we don't know much about these strange men who appear suddenly and then just as suddenly disappear from the scene of Scripture, we are left with one very clear image. These Wise Men, whoever they are, brought gifts! These men, with extravagant generosity, give us a clear focus on our life of worship before the Lord. To a King to which they had no claim on, they bring the best of what they have. Wealth, worship, witness and a foreshadowing of woe is what they give. Gold is the wealth. It is a gift fit for a king! Frankincense is the worship. The prayers of the ancients were symbolized by the smoke of the incense rising upward (REV. 8:4). But what about the myrrh? That was an expensive spice for burial. This foreshadows what this Child will do for them, and for us—give His life for the sins of the world as His name means. None of these gifts were cheap. They cost them dearly. But they didn't see it as a cost. They saw it as worship. This king would be their king. He would be your king too! In this next month, consider the gifts you will bring to our king. The gifts that the Lord calls us to bring are best called simple gifts. These gifts are to follow the model of the Magi. Not inexpensive nor seen as costly. But flowing from a heart that is full of the glory that is revealed to us in the babe of Bethlehem who has come to die for us. Our gifts flow from gratitude for what our Lord has done for us and the world. They don't have to be golden, fragrant, nor a sign of death. Rather they are to be gifts that rejoice in the new baptismal life we have in this Jesus. The Jesus— who is the Savior revealed to us.

Prayer Lord Jesus, You are our King and Lord. As the Magi worshiped You with extravagant gifts, grant us Your grace that we might be willing to give the very best of us in service to You and to our neighbor. Amen.

Excerpt from:

<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/stewardship-ministry>



Lutheran Hour
Ministries

January 2020

January 5

"Mercy In This Dojo"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series

(Genesis 37)

January 12

"People are Treasure"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series

(Genesis 39)

January 19

"Unforgettable"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy

New Series

(Genesis 40:1-23)

January 26

"Call it a Comeback"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series

(Genesis 41)

Come. Build. Hope.

MEXICO



MISSION TRIP

March 14-20

Cost: \$350 included travel, food, lodging