

# Gather, Grow, & GO

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Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.

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### **Church Office Hours**

### Monday-Thursday

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### Mission

Connecting children and families to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.

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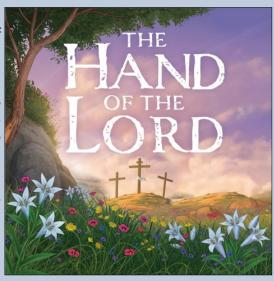
# FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

Join us for our Lent/Easter Sermon and Bible Class Series: The Hand of the Lord

Mentions of hands appear all over the Bible as God's Word speaks to us in ways that we can understand. All things are the work of the hand of the Lord (Psalm 102:25). The Lord's hand is referred to over two hundred times in the Old Testament.

The Lord's hand is active in creation, power, control over happenings of the world, judgment, and salvation. The hand of the Lord was upon Ezekiel when He gave him a vision (Ezekiel 3:22), and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines in the days of Samuel (1 Samuel 7:13). The hand of the Lord is both Law and Gospel.

It is in the New Testament where the hand of the Lord takes on literal meaning. The One through whom all things were created took on real, literal hands in His incarnation (John 1:1–14). We have several examples



throughout Scripture that speak of the way that Christ used His hands alongside His life-giving words to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation.

The work of Christ's hands helps us to see the merciful and personal way that He has condescended to us. He has given us something to grasp, even as He holds us. Jesus used His hands to save drowning Peter, to feed the multitudes, to touch those who were unclean, to stop a funeral procession in its tracks, to lift up Jairus's daughter, and to bless the children. The hand of the Lord has come to us in Jesus.

The hand of the Lord was active, most especially, in His crucifixion. Jesus laid down His life of His own authority as He allowed Himself to be delivered into the hands of sinful men (John 10:18). His hands were pierced for the sins of the world. His hands rested on Holy Saturday. Yet, on the third day, He rose again. He now holds us in His hands, and no one can snatch us from His hand (John 10:28).

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# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Please contact the Church office to add a request and when a prayer can be removed.



## Serving stateside:

- ★ Lt. Cmdr. Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.)
- ★ SGT, Casin Down-Wilson (KSARNG)
- ★ CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Campbell, Ky.)
- ★ SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron)
- Caleb Schempp (KS ANG-Qatar)
- ★ STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Lewis-McChord, Wash.)
- ★ SPC, Nathan Wibe (KSARNG)

# For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- Brad Alyea (cancer)
- Tonya Baker (cancer)
- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- Liz Taylor Berube (cancer)
- Sharon Drew (cancer)
- Jordan Ebach (cancer)
- Ken Ernster (cancer)
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- Michelle Held (cancer)
- Gary Huseman (cancer)
- John Huss (brain tumor)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Beth Johnson (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Karen Kuhn (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)

- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorette Marsh (cancer)
- Bill Marshall (cancer)
- JC McCaskey (cancer)
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- Dave Semro (cancer)
- Tom Serafin (cancer)
- Eric Shaffer (heart surgery)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Ted Teuscher (stroke)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Kathy Woods (cancer)
- Kara Zech (cancer)

**For Our Expectant Mothers:** Allie Melton, Alison Reigel, Mary Schultz, Brie Shepherd, Rachel Totten, Paige Vanderpool, and all other expectant mothers, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

# For the Sake of the Gospel:

For Vicar Josiah Sandcork and his wife Amanda, as they spend their vicarage year with us.

\*New additions to the continued prayer list are in **bold**.



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Our Lord has hands, real hands. Jesus has accomplished all that we need. Amazingly, He takes our manipulative, distorted, self-serving hands and restores them into useful hands for His purposes, both to literally use them in service and to make our whole lives into His instruments of witness, service, and praise.

In Christ's Love and Service,

Pastor Schultz

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# **NEWS & NOTES**



On Sunday, January 26, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church held one church service which included the ordination of Nathan Harkins. Nathan Harkins has been a member of Beautiful Savior for 20 years. He and his wife, Tiffany, served this church in many capacitates. He served as our vicar from August of 2023 to July of 2024. He wanted to share his ordination with his congregation. After the church service, the BSLC Fellowship Board provide a BBQ dinner for the whole congregation.

Rev. Harkins will be installed at Faith Lutheran in Abilene, Kan. on

Sunday, March 16 at 3 p.m. We wish Rev. Harkins and Tiffany God's blessings as He leads them in their ministry.











# **NEWS & NOTES**



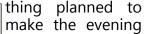
For our January get-together, the **Faith Alive (55+)** group met on Saturday, January 11, with 35 people attending. During the devotion led by Brad Keefe, we shared about "someone who had touched your life".

We want to thank our hosts, Gary and Barb Levan, for making two kinds of delicious soup. Mmm! Very much appreciated on a cold winter

evening! We also appreciated the sides and desserts brought by others.

Barb and Gary also taught some of us a new dice game, "LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER". Lots of fun and assorted chocolate bars and gift cards for prizes. Another great time with friends to start the new year! Come join us!

Faith Alive (55+) will meet Saturday, February 8, at 4:30 p.m. in room 114. Come for an evening of food, fellowship and fun. There's always some-



special. More info will be coming to those on our email list. New people are welcome as well. Contact <u>Randy Kanoy or Brad Keefe</u> about getting on our email list.









# **MISSIONS**



The **SUPER BOWL** is coming! We will have our annual soup challenge on Feb. 9 - Super Bowl Sunday. Watch for sales of **HEARTY SOUP** (like Progresso) so you can vote for your favorite team. The soup will be given to Pioneer Trail Middle School and a local food pantry. GO CHIEFS!!

# FLEECE FABRIC for BLANKETS

In February, we will continue to collect fleece fabric to make warm blankets. Your first opportunity to help assemble (tying) the blankets will be at the BSLC Women's Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 22. It's a very easy process. The blankets will be donated to Orphan Grain Train for distribution to the needy.

Each blanket uses a 2-yard length of fleece fabric for the top AND a 2-yard length of fleece fabric for the bottom. The fabric can be any color. Blankets made

in the past have used a fleece design piece for the top with a coordinating solid fleece piece for the bottom.

(FYI - These blankets are bigger than the blanket kits sold in fabric stores.)

If you only want to donate a 2-yard piece of fleece, that is fine. We can coordinate it with other donated pieces. We hope to be able to donate several warm blankets.



# **MISSIONS**



In the month of January, we delivered four Welcome Baskets for new residents at Fieldstone! Thanks to help from the Evangelism and Mission Board, we were able to help three neighbors with rent assistance, as well as assist one family with some groceries over the holidays because of reduced hours at their work. Our hard workers and volunteers also facilitated getting a bed for the young daughters of 2 of our neighbors.

In December, we had 23 of our neighbors who participated in the Christmas store at Mission Southside and received gifts for their children as well as heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. THANK YOU to all our volunteers for coordinating with families, especially Ann Campbell for heading it up, and Sara Zarnstorff for being our Prayer Partner at Mission Southside to be present and pray with our neighbors.

More recently, in January there is a new winter coat distribution at Mission Southside for children – we delivered 27 vouchers + provided coats from BSLC to four moms and one high schooler. THANK YOU to everyone who donated coats to Ann and Vicar. These meant a ton to our neighbors during this record setting snowy and chilly month.

New news! We have four neighbors taking English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at Mission Southside and two ladies from BSLC who are helping out as language partners. THANK YOU to those volunteers for your willingness to walk alongside our neighbors.

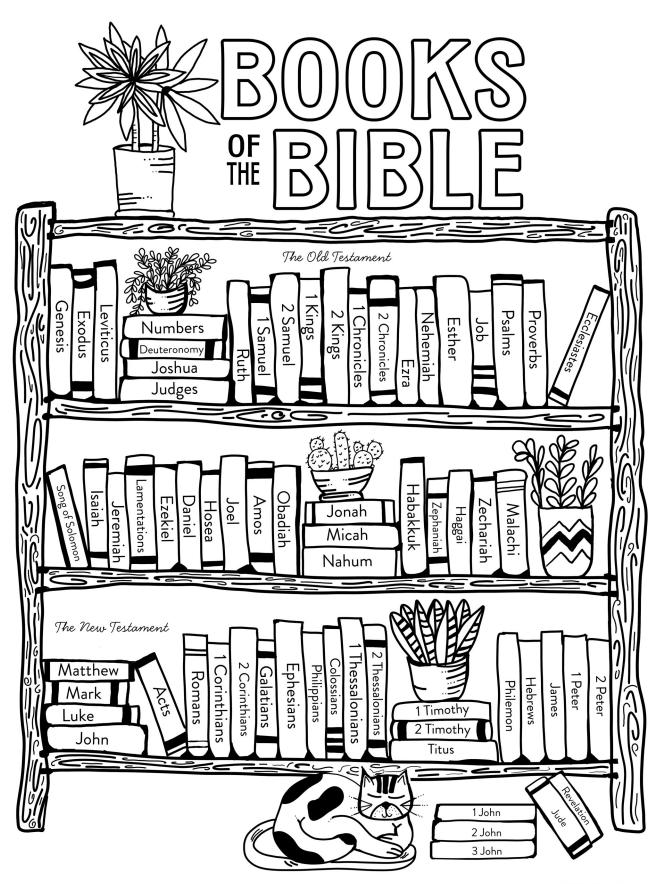
# **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for Catalina as she seeks to find a church home for her and her young daughters and pray for her health. She suffers from seizures and migraines.
- Pray that Maryam, who has breast cancer, receives a good checkup this Friday.
- Pray for a healthy pregnancy for Zahra. Her baby is due in March.
- Pray for Ashley who has struggles with many things – pray for hope and direction for her as well as improved health.
- Pray for Joseph's family.
- Pray that all our Fieldstone neighbors would be healthy and safe and that their hearts would be opened to hear the good news of their Savior.



**Faithful Friday Food Distribution Volunteers** 





# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

FEBRUARY		February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Caleb Bahr Ethan Wolff	Emmett Gruhn TBD	Jack McDonald Henry McDonald	Caroline Stoll Adam Stoll
	10:45 am	Corrine Jensen Nate Grams	Kendall Herrs Hudson Vogt	Rowen Clark Emma Ronsick	Hudson Vogt Brynlee Vogt
Greeters:	8:00 am	Nichols Family	Nick & Ashley Walz	Bob & Karen Rinne	Beau & Ann Campbell
	10:45 am	Mark & Sara Zarnstorff	Norm & Linda Jagels	Scott & Angela Hodge	Barb Gossen & Carol Vandenberg
Altar Guild	Doris Baker, Carolyn & Keith Clarke, Angela Hodge, Liza Pillers & Rebecca McDonald		Deb & Dana Froelich, Deb Hodnik, & Mary Jane Rees	Carol Brandt, Sam Mohr Gina Stoehr, & Jeanie Zeller	Denise & Scott Behrman, Nancy & Jim DeLaney, & Debbie Johnson
Education Hour Nursery:	Jason & Alli Bauck <i>Helping Hands:</i> Andrew & Marissa Lippe)		Sheila & Aubrey Huseman <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt & Morgan Riechers	Zach & Alaina Booth Helping Hands: Sheila & Aubrey Huseman	Michelle & Shayla/Kaylee McKay <i>Helping Hands:</i> Andrew & Marissa Lippe
Counters:	Jym Fees Chuck Tuttle		Ron & Karen Aerni, Trevor Huseman, & Jared Turrel	Randy & Jeanne Kanoy	John Blakley TBD
Altar Flowers:	Henley Holste's Baptism Birthday		TBD	TBD	Hannah Booth's Baptism Birthday
	Mark Zarnstorff's Retirement		TBD	TBD	Paul & Gloria Peterson's Wedding Anniversary
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am	
	Matthew Barrett, Tom Bremer Jim DeLaney, George Ledgerwood and Terry West			Shannon Buckendahl, John Koetting, and Rick Vaughn	



### ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
1/5/25*	210
1/12/25	486
1/19/25	476
1/26/25	452

\*cancelled due to inclement weather & held on 1/6

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**Beautiful Savior** Lutheran Church and Preschool



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**Beautiful Savior** Lutheran Church

8 am & 10:45 am Sunday Education 9:30 am Sunday Worship

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

# Preschool

News



In January, we celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week along with Lutheran schools all over the country. Our students made cards to give to people they knew who did not know Jesus. During chapel times, we shared a picture of Jesus for every child to



take home. We reminded the children to "fix their eyes on Jesus" when they are scared. need friend, or any time of the day. On Friday, we gathered as a school for a "Running the Race with Jesus" time in





the gym. The children ran laps and did fun dance breaks to end our day together. We thank God for the gift of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Preschool and MDO!







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