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Growing in Jesus...

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL and MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mission

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

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

From Heaven Above

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger. —Luke 2:7

Martin Luther expresses the joy of this news in his wonderfully long Christmas hymn, *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*.

“To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

“This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

Glory to God in highest heav'n,
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

-- LSB 358:2,3,14,15

May the Lord fill you with great joy this season as you celebrate His birth!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Joel Schultz



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



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



Serving stateside:

- ★ Lt. Cmdr. Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.)
- ★ SGT, Casin Down-Wilson (Deployed to Washington, D.C. - 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.)

Serving overseas:

- ★ SPC, Nathan Wibe (Deployed to Kuwait - KSARNG)



To support our military service members with words of encouragement and/or care packages, the elders have provided the deployed addresses of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Nathan Wibe
PFC Wibe, Nathan
TF Reaper – HHC
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For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- KBrad Alyea (cancer)
- Tonya Baker (cancer)
- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- Sharon Drew (cancer)
- Jordan Ebach (cancer)
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- **Gary Huseman (cancer)**
- John Huss (brain tumor)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Karen Kuhn (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorette Marsh (cancer)
- JC McCaskey (cancer)
- Milroy Moses (cancer)
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- Patty Ott (cancer)
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- **Dave Semro (cancer)**
- Eric Shaffer (heart surgery)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Kathy Woods (cancer)
- Kara Zech (cancer)

For Our Expectant Mothers: **Allie Melton**, Alison Reigel, Mary Schultz, Brie Shepherd, Peyton Ziegler, 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**.

NEWS & NOTES



FAITH ALIVE did **not** meet in November. We will meet in December for a special get-together. **SAVE THE DATE** of **December 14, at 4:30 pm** with **dinner provided**, tentatively in Room 114. Remember dinner will be provided but please bring something for our White Elephant/Dirty Santa gift exchange. Anything that you'd like to "re-gift" or think would be fun to give. We had so much fun last year! More info will be coming and a chance to RSVP as the time gets closer. Let Randy Kanoy or Brad Keefe know if you'd like to join our group.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Preschool News



Our Preschool and MDO children enjoyed two days of Pancakes and Pajamas recently. We started our day in chapel with a special puppet show about Moolie the Cow and Scratchy the Chicken. The children encouraged Moolie to share his corn with Scratchy who didn't have food to feed his family. We invited the children to help our neighbors down the street at Pioneer Trail Middle School who are a part of



the Back Snack program. This month the children have been bringing in cereal, fruit cups, granola bars, and peanut butter and jelly. It has been fun to watch the wooden bin in the narthex fill up all month!

After our puppet show chapel, the classes and parent volunteers all gathered in the Fellowship Hall for pancakes and juice. Pajama Day activities included



room rotations downstairs for art, story time, a glow stick dance party, playdough, and free choice play. It was another wonderful day of celebrating fall in our Pre-school!



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Thank you to everyone at Beautiful Savior for another successful Farmstead Treats fundraiser. Your generosity will provide support to Beautiful Savior's six church worker students attending a Concordia

University or Seminary: CU Nebraska: Rachel Ada & Samuel Olson, CU Chicago: Jeremiah Schultz, CU Wisconsin: James Schultz, Concordia Seminary in St Louis: Nathan Harkins and Danniell Christenson. Please continue to keep these students in your prayers as they faithfully pursue their studies. Farmstead Treat orders can be picked up in the narthex. Most are in brown shopping sacks labeled with your name. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Peterson.





Advent

Worship Schedule

Hope

Wednesday | December 4 |

Advent Supper: Fellowship Hall 5:30 – 6:15 pm
Midweek Advent Service – **6:45 pm** (Hymn sing 6:30 - 6:45 pm)

Peace

Wednesday | December 11 |

Advent Supper: Fellowship Hall 5:30 – 6:15 pm
Midweek Advent Service – **6:45 pm** (Hymn sing 6:30 - 6:45 pm)
This O Antiphons service focuses on the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

Love

Wednesday | December 18 |


Advent Supper: Fellowship Hall 5:30 – 6:15 pm
Lessons and Carols Worship Service – **6:45 pm**
This service of Lessons and Carols focuses on the prophecy and fulfillment of the coming Christ in Scripture and song.

Joy

Sunday | December 22 |

Fourth Sunday of Advent Service with Communion: 8:00 am and 10:45 am
Family Education Hour: 9:30 – 10:30 am

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

 DECEMBER		12/1/24	12/8/24	12/15/24	12/22/24	12/29/24
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Landon Elliott TBD	Blake Hughey Maya Hughey	Caroline Stoll Adam Stoll	Nate Delancy Caleb Bahr	TBD TBD
	10:45 am	Hudson Vogt Brynlee Vogt	Makya Seabolt Christopher Chapa	Rowen Clark Skylar Sears	Corrine Jensen TBD	TBD TBD
Greeters:	8:00 am	Zach & Stephanie Gardner	Zach & Lisa Bahr	George & Karen Ledgerwood	Tom & Brenda Bremer	Doris Baker
	10:45 am	Scott & Angela Hodge	John & Connie Koetting	Paul Peterson	Scott & Denise Behrman	Jere & Sharon Brandt
Altar Guild	Denise & Scott Behrman Carol Brandt Barb & Gary Levin Rebecca McDonald Gina Stoehr		Deb & Dana Froelich Deb Hodnik Mary Jane Rees	Karen & David Benz Liza Pillers Gina Stoehr	Denise & Scott Behrman Carolyn & Keith Clarke Nancy & Jim DeLaney	Doris Baker Angela Hodge Debbie Johnson Rebecca McDonald Sam Mohr
Education Hour Nursery:	Andrew & Marissa Lippe <i>Helping Hands:</i> Zach and Alaina Booth		Jason & Alli Bauck <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt & Morgan Riechers	Andrew & Marissa Lippe <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt and Morgan Riechers	Zach & Alaina Booth <i>Helping Hands:</i> Jason and Alli Bauck	Jason & Alli Bauck <i>Helping Hands:</i> Ashley Stoll
Counters:	Eric Domsch, Todd Scheumann, & Bob Welsh		Brian Olson & Paul Peterson	Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle	Ron & Karen Aerni, Trevor Huseman, & Jared Turrel	Randy & Jeanne Kanoy
Altar Flowers:	John & Mia Schreiner <i>Wedding Anniversary</i>		<i>Doug Mahnken's Birthday</i>	<i>Kellan Mahnken's Birthday</i>	<i>Christmas Poinsettias</i>	<i>Christmas Poinsettias</i>
	Karen Kuhn <i>In memory of Keith Kuhn's Birthday</i>		Jym Fees	<i>George Ledgerwood's Birthday</i>		
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am		
	Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Kent Thompson, Bob Rinne, and Karen Rinne			Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, and Dennis Smith		
Advent and Christmas Services	Midweek Services at 6:45 pm	Wednesday, December 4	O Antiphon Service Wednesday, December 11		Lessons & Carols Wednesday, December 18	
		Acolytes Jack Gruhn Isla Delancy	Acolytes Emmett Gruhn Sophia Teply		Acolytes Makya Seabolt Sophia Teply	
	December 24, Christmas Eve Services	4:00 pm	6:00 pm	8:00 pm		
		Acolytes Caroline Stoll Adam Stoll	Acolytes Jack Gruhn Emmett Gruhn		Acolytes Ethan Wolff TBD	
December 25, Christmas Day	9:00 am			Acolytes TBD TBD		

ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
11/3/24	406
11/10/24	447
11/17/24	383
11/17/24	397



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



Sunday Worship

Christmas Worship Service Schedule

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

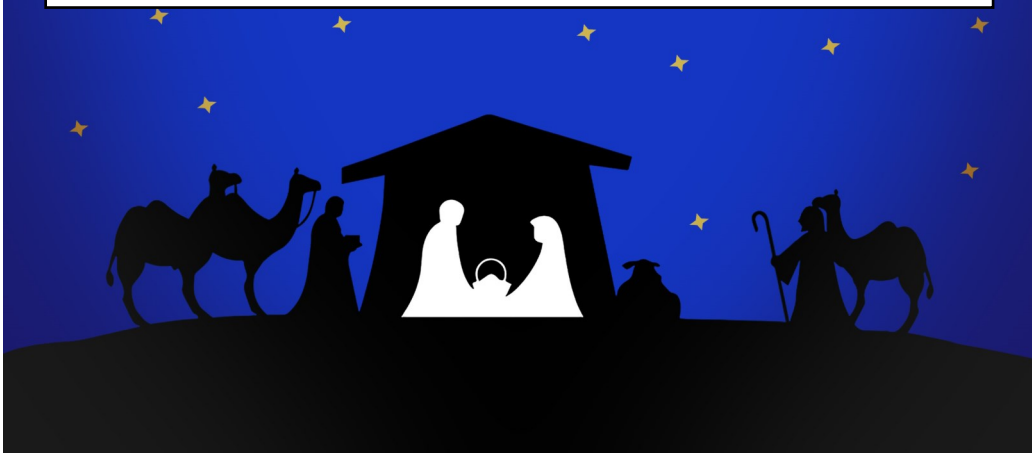
Christmas Day Service with Communion
9:00 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

First Sunday after Christmas Service with Communion
8:00 am & 10:45 am
Family Education Hour
9:30 – 10:30 am

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Service 6:00 pm



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