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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ



I have a hard time remembering things – dates, times, events, obligations, meetings, etc. In fact, probably my greatest fear is that some Sunday morning I will wake up late and begin mowing the lawn completely missing the early service here at BSLC. I thank God for my wife and administrative assistants at Beautiful Savior who help me remember things I need to do.

As a result, I write myself notes all the time. I stick them in my pocket so I feel them when I reach for my keys. I hang them on my office door. I put them on the seat of my car. I hang them on the bathroom mirror at home.

During the busy days of summer, I think it can be especially hard to remember important details in our lives as God's people. For all our sakes, I would like to give us a few gentle reminders of important events happening this summer.

1. **WORSHIP...** God said, "Remember the Sabbath Day." God has gifts He desires to lavish on us this summer. Remember to come receive them. If you are traveling on vacation this summer, call the church office or go to lcms.org and click the find a church tab in order to find a Lutheran church at your vacation destination. In fact, please bring a bulletin home for me to see. I like seeing what other Lutheran churches are doing in worship.
2. **BIBLE STUDY...** Remember to spend time with the Lord in study, devotion, and prayer. On Sunday mornings this summer, we are studying several topics under the title: *A Simple Explanation of...* Topics covered include Baptism, Fellowship in the Lord's Supper, Church and State, World religions, Christian Denominations, Angels, and more.
3. **STEWARDSHIP...** Remember your faithful stewardship response to the Lord and His church. Your offerings, service, and witness are still necessary for the building of His kingdom.

I pray that you and your family enjoy the blessings that God has lavished on you this summer and that you remain faithful to Jesus in all you do and say.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Joel Schultz

NEWS & NOTES

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

- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- **Kevin Berube (cancer)**
- Dale Brandt (cancer)
- Jordan Ebach (cancer)
- Karen Feldes (cancer)
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Garth Gonseth (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- John Huss (brain tumor)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Mikaela Koch (cancer)
- Karen Kuhn (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)
- **Helen Lett (cancer)**
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorrette Marsh (cancer)
- Milroy Moses (cancer)
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- **Andrew O'Brien (cancer)**
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- **Eric Shaffer (heart surgery)**
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Kathy Woods (cancer)
- Neal Wurth (cancer)



For Military Service Men and Women:

Serving stateside: **Promoted to Lt. Cmdr.** Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.), SGT, Casin Down-Wilson (Deployed to Washington, D.C. - KS Army National Guard), CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Campbell, Ky.), SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron), Caleb Schempp (KS Air Natl. Guard-Qatar), STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Lewis-McChord, Wash.), and PFC, Nathan Wibe (Deployed to Kuwait - KS Army National Guard)

For Our Expectant Mothers: Elise Christensen, Taylor Lewallen, Amy Morin, Morgan Riechers, Sarah Walsh, **Peyton Ziegler**, and all other expectant mothers, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For the Sake of the Gospel:

Vicar Nathan Harkins and his wife Tiffany as they wrap up their vicarage year at BSLC and prepare to return to seminary.

For in-coming Vicar-elect Josiah Sandcork and his wife Amanda, as they prepare to move to Kansas and be installed as BSLC Vicar.

For in-coming Associate Pastor-elect John Kastner, his wife Beatrice, daughter Anastasia and son Emmett as they prepare to move to Kansas and be installed as BSLC Associate Pastor.

*New additions to the continued prayer list are in **red**.

Please contact the Church office when a prayer can be removed.

MISSIONS

Our first Second Saturday event with our neighbors at Fieldstone was great! We had many friendly BSLC families who joined in. They helped cook, visited with neighbors, and played with the kids. We had a fair turn out of neighbors – about 35 residents joined in the fun. We have been able to follow up with most of them.

July's Second Saturday event will include signing families up for school supplies. **Be on the lookout for an opportunity to help with that need in our mission box.**



THE GOOD NEWS IS BEING SHARED!

- A man who came to our event June 8 has expressed interest in visiting our church.
- We plugged a couple from Algeria into language classes at Mission Southside a year ago. They were befriended by their language partners and are listening to the Gospel message. We reinforce that message as we have opportunity to share with them. Please pray that Zahra and Ahmed would come to trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- A Muslim Iranian family allowed their 7-year old daughter to go to camp at Mission Southside. When they expressed concern over "what would be taught". We informed them she would hear the gospel every day at camp. They decided to let her go anyway!



We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would work in our neighbors' lives. We continue to shine the light of Jesus at Fieldstone in everything we do and say. Please pray with us that hearts would turn to Jesus!



Please let [Vicar Harkins](#), [Ann Campbell](#), [Greg Koontz](#), or [Sara Zarnstorff](#) know if you would like to **join us in this ministry** or just learn more about what we are doing.



MISSIONS



JULY/AUGUST COLLECTION School Supplies for Fieldstone Neighborhood Students

We will be collecting school supplies for Fieldstone students. In mid-July, the families will get the specific supplies lists needed for the new school year. Watch for the poster that will have post-it notes for you to take to help provide these supplies. Donations can be put in the large, wooden donation box in the narthex.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



It's no secret! The Secret Prayer Sister Ministry had its reveal party on Sunday, June 2. There were ten women who participated in Secret Prayer Sisters this year. Secret Prayer Sisters is a ministry between you and another "sister" in our church family. You become her secret encourager and silent prayer partner for the year. Secret Prayer Sisters is about encouraging, supporting, and edifying one another in prayer as well as with personal notes, cards, and small gifts.

At our reveal party, Sara Zarnstorff led us in a devotion and prayer time. Tiffany Harkins made a game using each participant's childhood photo and favorite Bible verse to help discover who had been praying for each other. Thank you to all the women who participated this year! We will begin another round of Secret Prayer Sisters in September. Watch for information on how you can sign up to participate in August.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

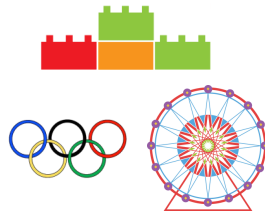
Preschool News



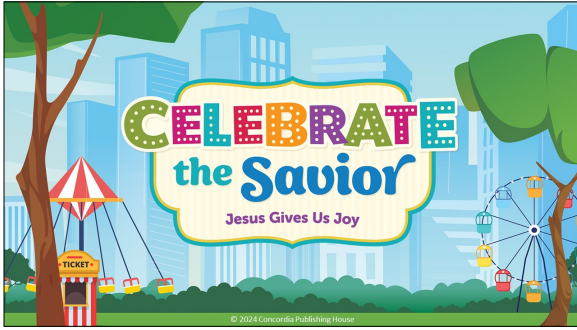
Our Preschool children enjoyed our three one-day summer camps this past month with the themes of Lego Camp, Carnival Camp, and Summer Olympic Camp. We had beautiful weather, fun activities with art, movement, snacks, science, outdoor play, books, Bible stories, Olympic events, Olympic opening and closing ceremonies, and just preschool play with preschool friends! We are thankful for these



exciting three days every summer in late May and early June.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



BSLC welcomed more than 207 children to VBS from Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13 to Celebrate the Savior: Jesus gives me Joy! It was an incredible four days filled with service, learning, and love of our Savior, our families, and our community.

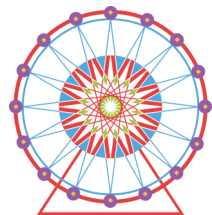
During the four days the children learned about the following Bible stories:

- Day 1: Wise Men Worship Jesus. Matthew 2:1-12. JESUS CAME FOR ME. JESUS GIVES ME JOY!
- Day 2: Jesus Heals a Man Lowered through a Roof. Mark 2:1-12 JESUS HEALS ME. JESUS GIVES ME JOY!
- Day 3: Jesus Dies and Rises Again Luke 23:32-49; Matt. 28:1-10 JESUS SAVES ME. JESUS GIVES ME JOY!
- Day 4: Jesus on the Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35 JESUS' LOVE FILLS ME WITH JOY! JESUS GIVES ME JOY!

During VBS the children contributed to the following completed mission projects:

- Eight super detailed and intricate bandanas for KU cancer patients
- Sixty-three very sweet baby blankets for stillborn babies and their families at Overland Park Regional Medical Center
- One Hundred and eighty-three Mission Bracelets for MOST Ministries
- Fifteen FULL BLOWN QUILTS were pinned by students and sewn by volunteers for the Orphan Grain Train and some will go to our mission church in Guatemala!
- Our kiddos also put together 346 soup kits for local families in our community and Mission Southside donations.

Thank you to the more than 72 volunteers and for your donations. Also many thanks to Liesl Jensen and Moriah Obermuller for serving as the VBS directors.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

		July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Acolytes:	8:00 am	TBD	Caroline Stoll Adam Stoll	Isla Delancy Nate Delancy	Jack McDonald TBD
	10:45 am	Hudson Vogt	Rowen Clark TBD	Blake Hughey Maya Hughey	TBD
Greeters:	8:00 am	Roger Berardi & Chuck Tuttle	Riechers Family	Kent & Paula Thomp- son	Bob Welsh
	10:45 am	Lois Clendening & Liza Pillers	Ken & Shirley Knese	Williams Family	Lewallen Family
Altar Guild	Carolyn & Keith Clarke Nancy & Jim DeLaney Gina & Tim Stoehr		Deb & Dana Froelich Deb Hodnik Mary Jane Rees	Scott & Denise Behrman Karen & David Benz	Carol Brandt Angela Hodge Rebecca McDonald Liza Pillers Jeanie Zeller
Education Hour Nursery:	Jason & Alli Bauck <i>Helping Hands: Andrew & Marissa Lippe</i>		Ashley Stoll & Sheila Huseman <i>Helping Hands: Matt & Morgan Riechers</i>	Jason & Alli Bauck	Andrew & Marissa Lippe <i>Helping Hands: Zach & Alaina Booth</i>
Counters:	Eric Domsch Todd Scheumann Bob Welsh		Brian Olson Paul Peterson	Jym Fees Chuck Tuttle	Ron & Karen Aerni Trevor Huseman Jared Turrel
Altar Flowers:	Patrick & Lauran Delancy <i>21st Wedding Anniversary</i>		OPEN	<i>Joe Hodnik's Mother's 90th Birthday</i>	David & Pam Wellons <i>42nd Wedding Anniversary</i>
	Joe & Debbie Hodnik <i>39th Wedding Anniversary</i>			Chris & Sherri Webb <i>35th Wedding Anniversary</i>	<i>Jordan & Matt Gutterman's Birthdays</i>
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am	
	Matt Christenen, Keith Clarke, Matt Horyna, Matt Riechers, and Ryan Wolff			Leo Bertels, Phil Bertels Jeff Hiller, and Paul Peterson	



NEWS & NOTES



FAITH ALIVE (55+) group met Saturday, June 8. Approximately 20 people attended for an evening of fellowship and food. Brad Keefe opened the evening with a devotion, "Grandparenting is Grand". It included some thoughts and suggestions from grandkids writing a book called *How To Raise Your Grandparents*. Several of those attending shared stories and advice when spending time with grandchildren.

We all enjoyed brats provided by Steve and Laurie Cichon. Thank you for hosting. Also, thank you to those who provided sides and desserts.

FAITH ALIVE will be changing the meeting date during the summer months. We will meet the **third** Saturday in July and August. More details will be sent to those on the email list as the July 20 date gets closer. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
6/2/2024	383
6/9/2024	382
6/16/2024	382
6/13/2024	352
6/30/2024	366



Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a congregational outreach ministry supporting The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and partnering churches worldwide. It is independently funded by generous Christians who want to spread the pure and powerful message of the Savior's love in their own communities and throughout the world. The Lutheran Hour is available on local radio stations. To find a station search [here](#).

Lutheran Hour Ministries has apps available for the Lutheran Hour and Daily Devotions through:



Also LHM podcasts are available through these services:



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Sunday Worship
8 am & 10:45 am,

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