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Each Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (BSLC) member is:

Beautifully

Saved to

Lead to

Christ

**Beautifully:** purely by the love, grace and power of our Triune God (Creator, Redeemer, Counselor

**Saved:** from sin's curse, condemnation and control; from death to joyful life with our crucified and risen Jesus.

**To Lead:** This gift is meant for everyone, for all people need the life revealed through the Word

**To Christ:** for He is the Head, Heart and focus of our congregation and our loving service to our members and those whom God will call to Him through our caring outreach.



## Simple Ways to Witness

A thorough course on evangelism is great for every Christian to take. But to get started as a witness, all you need to know is the Apostles' Creed and a few things to say about matters of faith. The creed provides a simple outline.

### **I Believe in God the Father**

Add to your conversations the following (or similar) simple statements:

"God has given us a beautiful day/night."

"I'll pray for you."

"God bless your day."

These are great ways to start, continue, or end a conversation. People do not take offense when you use such expressions. So share these thoughts with confidence. When you are comfortable doing so, follow up with a question:

#### **"Can we talk about matters of faith?"**

For most people, this is a nonthreatening question because it simply invites them to share their thoughts about God and faith. You are not requiring them to know a lot, so they will not feel quizzed. You are not promising to have all the answers, so you do not need to worry that you will say something wrong. After you have asked this question, just listen. Be cordial and respectful, learning about what they believe and have experienced. Polite conversation allows that, if they share their thoughts about matters of faith and you have listened, you may share your thoughts about matters of faith with them. They will most likely listen. You can talk about your church, praying to God, or how much faith means to you. Most people are quite comfortable with such conversation.

### **I Believe in Jesus Christ**

You have not really borne witness as a Christian until you have spoken with someone about the Lord Jesus Christ. Any religious person might talk about God or a religious upbringing. But Christians believe in and talk about Jesus Christ. Begin this important conversation with a simple question:

#### **"What do you believe about Jesus Christ?"**

As before, just listen to the answer. Try to understand where they are coming from and what they know about Jesus. If they seem uncomfortable, apologize for making them uncomfortable and suggest that perhaps you could talk another time. If they seem comfortable, wait for an opportunity to share what you know and believe about Jesus, such as "Jesus is my Savior." Or, "I pray to Jesus when I'm facing challenges in life." Let the conversation develop naturally from there. Once again, you do not have to have all the answers. Just share what you know, what you understand. If they ask questions you cannot answer, say, "I don't know about that. I'd like to talk with my pastor/Bible teacher about that. Okay?" Follow up later.

Pastor John message continues:

### **I Believe in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Christian Church**

The Holy Spirit makes people Christians and brings them into the fellowship of the Church through Holy Baptism and God's Word. Many people today believe they can be Christians without the Church. But Jesus clearly taught that His followers would be part of the Church, and He taught His disciples how to care for one another in a community of faith.

Follow up your conversation by simply inviting them to church, Bible class, Vacation Bible School, or any event that brings them into contact with other Christians. Surprisingly, most people say that they would attend a church service if someone invited them. Pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen you as a witness and pray for the persons to whom you witness. If they come to church with you, introduce them to others who may share their interests or experiences so that they can bear witness to them as well. It is really that simple.

To grow more confident and comfortable as a witness, read Milton I. Rudnick, *How to Share Christ Confidently* (St. Louis: Concordia, 2009).

Engelbrecht, E. A. (2009). *The Lutheran Study Bible* (p. 1425). St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House.

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The family of Matt Roehrs would like to say thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and gifts upon his passing. We do not know how a family can get through this kind of thing without faith in Christ. We also want to extend a big thank you to everyone who prepared food, set up tables & chairs, and served the food at the funeral.

Thank you so much! The Roehrs family.



Wow did the first part of the year go fast. We had a very sweet little Christmas program. The kids did a wonderful job and the parents were so proud .

Now we will get back to school and get to work again on letters and numbers. We will learn about the three wise men ,Jesus in the temple as a boy, baptism, the ten lepers, and Jairus's daughter.

We will be wearing our pajamas to school, the kids love that. It has been a nice little break but I am definitely ready to be back in school.

*Ms. Annie*



## Board of Christian Education

Board did not meet in December

BOARD OF TRUSTEE 12/9/2024



1. Contracts are in place for mowing, lawn care, and snow removal.
2. The front of the church floodlights will be adjusted.
3. One of the parking lot lights on the north side has had damage and will need to be evaluated.
4. Landscape: one bid has come in and another one is pending.
5. Church insurance is being reviewed. The proposed rate is around 18,000 compared to 13,000 this past year. Two additional bids have been requested.
6. Wi-Fi thermostats: six have been installed, 7th unit was defective and will need to be replaced. One remaining unit will need to be ordered.
7. A concern was raised regarding cold air return in the balcony area. This will be discussed with the HVAC company. Year to date spending by item is included.

### CALL MEETING 11-10-2024

Call meeting was called to order. 3:04 pm

Mike opened with a prayer.

Pastor Kuefner opened with discussion about how this process works. He will place a phone call to the individual selected and confirm they are willing to consider a call before everyone leaves.

Mike discussed the paperwork provided to the congregation and explained what each document provides information wise. Discussion was had regarding each candidate. Andrew VanVelson spoke to why the committee was  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and  $\frac{1}{3}$  on the candidates.

Vote was held, Pastor Mau received 39 votes, Pastor Kelin received 2 votes, and Pastor Erickson received 13 votes. A unanimous vote was called for. Doc Boettcher moved to call for a unanimous vote; Bonnie VanCura seconded. It was moved to call Pastor Mau by unanimous vote and vote passed.

Pastor Kuefner stepped out to make a phone call to Pastor Mau. Pastor Mau is open to considering the call. He is currently on a 2 week trip to Ireland. So this call will be made until Dec. 1 so he can tell his congregation.

Andrew VanVelson moved to adjourn, everyone seconded. Motion passed!



## BOARD OF ELDERS Minutes December 9, 2024

John Flynn Opened the meeting in prayer.

**In Attendance:** Rod Christmann, John Flynn, Jim Parish, Allen Huff, Bob Lantis, Leland Poppe and Larry Wallace. Mike

Steele attended as an invited guest and subject matter expert.

Leland Poppe chaired the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the November 11TH meeting were reviewed. Bob Lantis moved, and John Flynn seconded, that the minutes of the November 11TH meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The monthly elder coverage for services was reviewed and a few more open slots were filled in. The need for more elder assistance with the services after the first of the year was emphasized. Services with celebration of communion will work best with three elders assisting. Services without communion will require an elder to lead the liturgy and an elder to read the sermon.

Coverage for the Advent Services was finalized. Jim Parish will lead the liturgy and Allen Huff will read the sermon at the December 11TH service. Bob Lantis will lead the liturgy and Brent Sinsel will read the sermon at the December 18TH service. Sermons for these services have already been provided by Pastor Stubenrouch.

Mike Steele was asked to explain how the expenditures for the Sponsor Travel to National Youth Gathering (NYG) line item in the Elder Budget were posted. There was discussion on how the budgeted expense should show each year as an expense to the Operating Account, when the money is transferred to the NYG Fund in the Dedicated Account. More discussion was held on the difficulty of knowing which account, or fund, some of the expenses should be charged to at the time of data entry. There is a form that must be filled out when expense receipts are turned in to the office, so that whoever is entering the expenses knows what it was for and what account it should be charged against. Mike stated that he intends to review and clean up some of the entries before the end of the year. His intention is also to try and get the bookkeeping set up in Quick Books by the end of the year. The Memorial and Endowment Funds were also discussed.

Progress of the Cottage Bible Studies was discussed. Two groups have been formed. One group has been going strong and are reporting positive experiences. The second group will start after the first of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The plans for the combined service, and potluck, on Sunday December 22ND are on track. It stands that Sunday School classes will start at 9 AM and worship will start at 10 AM on that Sunday. Sunday December 29TH, being the fifth Sunday, will also be a combined service, however there will not be a potluck. Again, Sunday School classes will start at 9 AM and worship will start at 10 AM. The next month that will have five Sundays is March 2025. **Christmas Eve services** will be held at 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM. Lisa Parish plans for a soup supper between the services. There will be a need for three or four elders to assist at each service. Plans are that Brent Sinsel, Bob Lantis, Larry Wallace, and John Flynn will attend the early service. Rod Christmann, Leland Poppe, and Jim Parish will attend the late service. Communion may be practiced in a continuous (or Pilgrim) style, where communicants process in a continuous line rather than in standing tables. **The Christmas Day** service will be at 10:00 AM. The service will be led by elders and will be the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The vacancy on the Elder Board was discussed. One option is for the Church Council to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. The congregation would then need to vote on the appointment. The second option is to leave the position open until April, when it would be filled at the normal election time. No action was taken.

The cordless microphones that are used by the pastors are dated, somewhat worn, and are not staying in place well. Jim Parish volunteered to investigate lapel microphones that could be used. Bob Lantis moved that we authorize Jim to spend up to \$1,000 for replacement microphones. Larry Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The participation in the Christmas Parade, with a float, was discussed. The materials that will be handed out were reviewed. The parade starts at 5:30 PM, on Thursday, December 12TH.

The possibility that Remedy Drive could participate, with special music, in a worship service was discussed. They will be traveling through Nebraska the first week of February. It was noted that the music to be presented should be reviewed, in advance, by the pastor.

A local service group titled Compassionate Friends has been placing a giving tree in local churches each year. They would like to have Beautiful Savior consider approving such a placement for 2025. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** : Bob Lantis moved to adjourn, and John Flynn seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer, at 8:17 PM.



## **BOARD OF OUTREACH**

Monday, December 16th

Present: Dr. Charles Boettcher, Lisa Parish, Byron Fritz, Guest Diane Fritz

**Report of Christmas Parade:** Thanks to Rod Christmann for all his support with providing the wagon for the float and for preparing it. Thanks to all who braved the weather and represented BSLC by participating. There were 250 bags that contained a Christian booklet with the Christmas story, candy cane and a card with QR code that told of all the events going on at BSLC. Next year we could have 1,000 bags to pass out. BOOM will discuss what we will use for next year.

**Nebraskaland Days Parade:** Dr. Boettcher thinks we should plan on 1,000 items for this parade. This will include information cards with QR code and information regarding VBS. We will be working with Board of Youth to plan Bible School for after the parade so that we can feature it in the items we pass out at the parade, possibly including a card with a QR code directing to VBS information and sign-up.

**Veteran's Parade:** We will plan to hand out 500 items at this parade.

**Preschool Promotion and Advertising:** The other item discussed was how BOOM can help with advertising for preschool. We could include information regarding preschool in the Nebraskaland Days parade packet and also help with signs around town and media coverage. They will join with Board of Outreach to offer them help with promotion of preschool.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Parish

**8:45 am - Classic Worship    11:00 am—Blended Worship**

**9:45 Coffee and Conversations**

**10 am—Bible Study and Sunday School**

**\*Both services are livestreamed and archived**

- At 9:45 join us for coffee, donuts and camaraderie in the Fellowship Hall
- 10 am Bible Classes for all ages.
- Thank you for remembering to contribute to the Lord's work here at Beautiful Savior. Online giving options are also available and listed on the church website:  
[www.bslcnp.com](http://www.bslcnp.com)



# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Voters Meeting

11/10/24

Call to Order - Mike Steele - 2:04 PM

Opening Prayer was given by Mike Steele

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Glen VanVelson and second by Loren Sinsel. Discussion corrected spelling errors.

Vote was held, motion passed.

Proposed budget was brought to the table.

**Board of Trustees:** Doc Asher mentioned that the insurance needed to be corrected to 18,000 and drop the landscaping quote to 3,000. Doc Boettcher moved to approve and Don Roehrs seconded. Final total in the motion is \$88,830. Discussion was had - Vote was called; motion passed

**Board of Outreach:** Discussion was held regarding additional programs and activities for Christian Family Night (CFN) and Trunk-or-Treat. Budget was increased and request made to board of outreach to discuss what the increase is for. Doc Boettcher explained that the Truck-or-Treat budget is actually for all events: VBS outreach, Trunk-or-Treat, Veterans Day outreach, and other outreach events and activities. Lisa Parish brought up that they have depleted their “trinkets” box that they hand out at events and will need to replenish as they’ve been over buying for years and didn’t have to buy this year. Lisa brought up the CFN meals and the decline in persons attending. There is a need to increase the marketing and outreach for CFN . Andrew asked if it would be better to rename the “Trunk-or-Treat budget” to Community Outreach budget. Betty VanBoening asked what comes under media. Andrew moved to approve the budget with line name change as listed. Janelle Ouderkirk seconded. Discussion was had - Doc Asher suggested for next year to have a better line-item budget list for more transparency. Vote was called - Motion passed.

**Board of Youth:** There is not currently a board of youth to provide or discuss budget. Mike discussed that anyone working with youth and needing to access funds for 2024 will go to the council . Doc Asher moved to approve the budget as listed and Andrew VanVelson seconded. Discussion was had to ensure NYG is accounted for- Board of Elder’s budget holds the \$ for NYG Sponsors. Vote was called - Motion passed.

**Board of Education:** Andrew VanVelson moved to approve the board of Ed budget as written and Charlene Schneider seconded. Discussion was had. Mike brought up pre-school discussions regarding income/outcome - the Preschool has made \$5300 to date. Mike discussed the potential discussion of making the preschool free to match what public schools are doing. Betty VanBoening brought up that the Kids First preschool has made adjustments to accommodate special needs kids that are older. Janelle brought up that the board of ed has plans to focus more on 3 yr old pre-school ages as St. Pats and other pre-schools are focusing on 4 and 5 yr olds. Right now volunteers are helping with Tuesday and Thursday as we lost our current aide and are still interviewing for a new aide. Vote was called; motion passed. Board of Ed welcomes any and all ideas to be brought to their meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm

**Board of Elders:** Andrew VanVelson moved to approve as written and Bob Lantis seconded. Discussion was had regarding the salary for the pastor and DCE - changes will be made when a pastor is called and accepted. Betty VanBoening brought up that the messenger stated that we were stopping live streaming. This is an incorrect statement and correction will be made. Live Streaming and programs will still be online for shut-ins, travelers, and "snow-birds". Vote was called and the budget was approved.

Circuit visitor elections are December 1st and a member needs to attend to vote for the congregation based on the congregation nomination. Pastor Keifner discussed the role of a circuit visitor and all the involved events they organize. Andrew VanVelson moved to place nomination on Pastor Aedle and Bonnie VanCura seconded. Vote was called; motion passed. Glen VanVelson moved to appoint Don Roehrs as the delegate for the church at the meeting in Ogallala. Shirley Steele seconded; vote was called motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Andrew VanVelson and seconded by Sharon Lantis.

Meeting was adjourned.



## Sunday Mornings 10 am

### ***"Heroes of the Faith"***

In our era of great challenge, the Heroes of the Faith series highlights men and women in the Bible who overcame extraordinary difficulties. Their stories show that God chooses ordinary people—people like you—to do His extraordinary work.

The authors have taken special care not to elevate these Bible characters inappropriately. *God* is the true hero of each Bible story! Each session focuses on God's mercy in people's lives, especially the mercy shown through Jesus Christ. These lessons will introduce you to the cultural setting and life story of biblical characters, examine the joys and challenges they faced, and show how God forgave, sustained, and empowered them to serve Him.

## MENS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 8 am Join us for coffee and fellowship as we study "Is Genesis History?"



## Women's Bible Study Tuesdays at 1:30

The book we will be using for our study is "Live Deeply" A study of the Parables of Jesus.

Questions: Contact Cathy Christmann

## Book Clubs



Our **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** Morning Book Club (Jan. 14th) is reading "Hearts of Fire, the voice of the martyrs."

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** Book Club (Jan. 16th) is reading Part 3 of The Hammer of God.

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday** Book Club (Jan. 24th. ) is " The Paris Library".

Everyone is invited to join one or all of these book clubs.

If you have questions, please contact Cathy Christmann at 530-6031

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church LWML Quarterly Meeting  
and December Executive Board Meeting  
December 15, 2024

President Lisa began the meeting with prayer.

Marilyn Sinsel began the devotion by asking everyone to take a deep breath and close their eyes. She then instructed everyone to focus on the stillness. She went on to say that during this time of year we are bombarded with noise, sounds, smells, etc. What we should do is focus on Psalm 46:10 – Be Still and know that I am Lord. God wants us to be still and focus on our faith and on Him. God is our Mighty Fortress. God is our Refuge and Strength.

Minutes of the September 29, 2024 Quarterly Meeting were available for everyone to read. There were no comments regarding the minutes and they were approved by all.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bonnie Van Cura reported the following: Beginning Balance as of 9/29/24 was \$501.13. Receipts totaled \$1,092.81. Total Disbursements were \$852.00. Ending Balance as of 12/15/24 was \$740.94.

**Correspondence:** A thank you from Gary and Carol Krumm for the welcome basket was read. A thank you from Our Redeemer, NP, for the donation of supplies from the District In-Gathering was also read.

**Reports from Appointed Officers:**

**Christian Life** – None.

**Human Care** – See Tree of Love below.

**Leader Development** – None

**Historian/Archivist** – None

**Old Business: Ogallala Zone Fall Rally:** Those attending were Lisa Parish, Jean Huff, Diane Fritz, Janet Livingston, Thelma Miles and Vicky Van Velson. Minutes of what was done during the day are available to anyone who would like to read them.

A small group of people put up **Christmas Decorations** in the church on November 30. Twila Conell and Rebecca Sinsel have continued to add more decorations almost every day. A special thank you to Rebecca Sinsel for the many hours of decorating she has done on her own. **Please take advantage of the "Photo Benches" in both the South and North entrances. Gather your family members for a wonderful photo backdrop.**

**Church decorations will be taken down on Saturday, January 4 at 9:00 am.** All help is greatly appreciated.

**Tree of Love** – Jean Huff reported that the donations given will be going to Orphan Grain Train for Flood Relief and that Thrivent will match the amount donated.

**Advent Meal:** Approximately 50 people were served on December 4. Proceeds will go toward LWML Missions with no specific recipient at this time. Thank you, Alfie for organizing a wonderful casserole meal and to all who donated. Donation total was \$158.00.

**Christmas Cookie Walk December 8:** A huge variety of cookies were donated this year. Thanks, Shary Asher, for all the preparation and setup and to Linda Mueller and Lisa Parish for supervising the tables. Thanks to all who donated. Proceeds will be given to Oxford House which is a new support ministry for men in recovery. The Oxford House is located in North Platte. Donations totaled \$459.

**Christmas Cards for Veterans:** Thank you to all who took time to write Christmas greetings to Veterans. The cards were delivered to the Veteran's Home in Kearney.

Two baby quilts were made by Jean Huff and Twila Conell from the basket of quilt fabric that was purchased at the District Convention in Kearney. Other smaller items are also being made.

**New Business: LWML Board Member Installation** will be Sunday, January 12, 2025 at both services.

**LWML Registration for 2025:** Envelopes to register for LWML will be available in January for existing members as well as new members. Please complete your registration as soon as possible and drop the envelopes in the offering plate or in the church office so that the new LWML booklet can be printed. Dues are \$3, which will be passed on to the Zone and \$7 for the Quarterly for a total of \$10.

Betty Van Boening made a motion to give \$100 to Pastor Riley as thanks for his service to our congregation over the past 2 years. Shari Lantis seconded. All approved.

**Sign Up Sheet for Circle Leader/Hostess:** Contact Lisa Parish for Evening circle or Alfie Moore for afternoon circle if you have not already signed up to be a leader/hostess for a circle meeting in 2025.

Bonnie Van Cura presented Lisa Parish with a thank you gift for her work as LWML president.

Everyone attending drew names for Prayers Partners for 2025 followed by a white elephant gift exchange of an item you did not use. If you would like to include your name in the Prayer Partner exchange, contact Bonnie Van Cura and additional exchanges will be made.

### **January Circle Meetings:**

Afternoon Circle – Thursday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m. Clean the kitchen.

Evening Circle – Monday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the church. Betty Van Boening Leader/Hostess.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Roehrs



## LWML CIRCLE Meetings:

**Afternoon Circle: Thursday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m.** Clean the kitchen

**Evening Circle: Monday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m.** at the church.  
Betty Van Boening Leader/Hostess.

## LWML Gospel Outreach Message:

Vacations. Vacation homes. Jobs. Better jobs. TVs. Bigger TVs. Parties. More parties. Shopping. Boats. Cars. Etc., etc., etc. The list of things we think will bring us joy is endless. But the time, energy, and money spent on the pursuit of happiness are wasted because the material things we want today are not a source of everlasting joy. They will not bring comfort when troubles or sorrows enter our lives. True joy comes to us as the Holy Spirit leads us into living with Jesus Christ. Through Him we have the precious gift of eternal life. Knowing this helps us to walk through the dark times. Joy is God caring for us. Let us shout with loud voices, JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME! "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40)



We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. Although it is much more fun putting up decorations than taking them down, your help would be VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. If you have enjoyed all the beautiful decorations in our

church this year, please consider helping to get the church ready for the coming new year!



LWML Installation of new officers will be Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, both services.

**LWML registration for 2025:** Envelopes are now available to sign up as an LWML member for 2025. If you were a member in 2024, you will find an envelope in your mailbox. New members can find registration envelopes on the LWML table by the mailbox at the back of the sanctuary. Please return this envelope by the end of January in the offering plate, or in the church office. Any questions contact Lisa Parish, 308-530-4067.

In order for the Church to effectively communicate with you , we are asking that you make sure we have the correct email for you. Also if you would indicate if you would like to receive the Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_,

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_,

and/or prayer requests. \_\_\_\_\_ via email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

You can either place this in the offering plate Sunday, drop it by the church office or email [bslc@bslcnpc.com](mailto:bslc@bslcnpc.com) to update your preferences.

Thank you, Ruth

## Daily Bible Reading Guide for January

Celebrate Unity in Christ Jesus

1<sup>st</sup> Ephesians 1:1-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Ephesians 1:15-23

3<sup>rd</sup> Ephesians 2:1-10

4<sup>th</sup> Ephesians 2:11-22

5<sup>th</sup> Ephesians 3:1-21

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6<sup>th</sup> Ephesians 4:1-15

7<sup>th</sup> Ephesians 4:17-32

8<sup>th</sup> Ephesians 5:1-20

9<sup>th</sup> Ephesians 6:10-24

10<sup>th</sup> Luke 3:1-20

11<sup>th</sup> Luke 3:21-38

12<sup>th</sup> Luke 4:1-15

13<sup>th</sup> Luke 4:16-30

14<sup>th</sup> Luke 4:31-44

15<sup>th</sup> Luke 5:1-11

16<sup>th</sup> Luke 5:12-32

17<sup>th</sup> Luke 5:33-6:5

*Week of Pray for*

*Christian Unity Begins*

18<sup>th</sup> Luke 6:6-16

*Ecumenical Sunday*

19<sup>th</sup> Luke 6:17-25

20<sup>th</sup> Luke 6:27-49

21<sup>st</sup> Luke 7:1-17

22<sup>nd</sup> Luke 7:18-35

23<sup>rd</sup> Luke 7:36-50

24<sup>th</sup> John 17:1-26

25<sup>th</sup> Colossians 1:1-14

26<sup>th</sup> Colossians 1:15-23

27<sup>th</sup> Colossians 1:24-29

28<sup>th</sup> Colossians 2:1-19

29<sup>th</sup> Colossians 2:20-3:4

30<sup>th</sup> Colossians 3:5-17

31<sup>st</sup> Colossians 4:2-18

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 16, 2024

President Mike Steele opened the meeting and asked Jim Parish to say the prayer. Those in attendance besides Mike were VP Andrew Van Velsion, Charles Boetcher, Janelle Ouderkirk, Jim Parish, Steve Van Boening and Secretary, Cheryl Schiel.

Mike stated the minutes were on the back of the agenda and if anyone had any corrections. Charles motioned to approve the minutes as written and Jim Parish seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There was no Treasurer Report.

Andrew asked when Board of Youth was disbanded. Mike explained it was after no one stepped up for Board of Youth.

Jim gave the **Elders Report**. He said they finalized plans for Advent and there was only one service left. December 24, Christmas Eve services will be at 4:30 and 7:00 PM with soup served between services for those assisting with both services. Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 AM. December 22 will be a combined service at 10:00 AM with a Potluck to follow to honor Pastor Riley as he will be leaving us at the end of 2024. December 29th will also be a combined service at 10:00 AM with no communion. There will be no Sunday School until January 5th. Music for Christmas Day will change from Sherri to Computer. New lapel mic with a transmitter and a new transmitter for old mic were all ordered for Pastor. February 9th Remedy Drive will do the songs and music for the 11:00 AM service. Compassionate Friends, a group for people who have lost children, will have a ceremony on second week of December and then decorate a tree for their lost loved ones. Float for Christmas Parade went well.

Steven gave the **Trustee Report**. He said they need professional help with the landscaping. He gave the different quotes from State Farm, Lightwell Brotherhood and Church Mutual. The Trustees do not have enough information on amounts, limits, deductible and coverage to give a recommendation. Mike recommends the Trustees get quotes for coverage of \$4 Million with a \$1500 to \$2000 deductible and provide the companies with a copy of the current insurance binder so quotes are for same coverage. Current coverage expires January 19th.

Janelle gave the **Board of Education Report**. Due to time constraints, there was no December meeting. They received good comments on their more traditional Christmas Program. The new logo is on the Pre School door. They are having a man-made logo for the Exterior sign. In January they will be discussing No Fees for Pre School.

Charles gave the **Board of Outreach Ministry Report**. He said at the Christmas Parade they had 250 handouts; however, the parade was so well attended that they could have given out 1000. He said that for 2025 they are going to plan on 5000 handouts for Nebraskaland Days, 1000 for Christmas Parade and 250 for Veterans Day Parade. He would like to hand out some snap bracelets in 2025 for Church, Bible School and Our Redeemer, as well as, parades.



There was a LWML quarterly meeting on December 15. Membership Drive after January 1. Need to find out about OR Codes.

Mike gave a Call Committee update. Four Board members and Charles, Ron, John, Leland and Brent met with Pastor Mau who was delayed for an hour and a half as, being a firefighter, he stopped on interstate by Lexington to assist with extinguishing a fire due to accident. Pastor was impressed with our sanctuary and meeting went well and then they met members of the Call Committee at Capones. He told Annie he has a son who will be entering high school in the fall of 2025. His in-laws live in Waco. He was very friendly and cordial. Pastor Mau planned on touring the Preschool and Our Redeemer on Monday the 16th and he will have his decision to us by January 5th. Pastor Mau asked about the church roster of 800 members while the District shows 450ish. Therefore, this is a challenge to Elders to review the Roster for discrepancies. They need to verify people who may have moved or passed away. They also need to verify if District wants Total Roster or just Active, participating members. Early service usually has 92 in attendance and second service has an average of 35.

Mike said Rod Christmann is on the Nominating Committee with Kim Utecht & Lisa Parish. At our January meeting we need to appoint a delegate for January 2025. Ruth will be starting chemo this week.

Andrew motions to adjourn meeting and Jim second's motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:44PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Schiel



**January 5 "In the Beginning Was Dialogue"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. (John 1:1)

**January 12 "What's This Neighborhood Coming To?"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone. (John 1:14)

**January 19 "He Made Me a Believer"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made--church, marriage, family, and work. (John 2:11)

**January 26 "An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

Like an overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation. (John 3:26-36)



1 <sup>st</sup>	Ella Rae Stearley	18 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Krumm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jill Miles		Caitlynn Peterson
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Blevin	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Babcock
6 <sup>th</sup>	Alexander Anderson		Madalyn Babcock
	McKynzie Kelsey	21 <sup>st</sup>	Jewel Kelsey
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bobby Carter	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Courtney Koehn
8 <sup>th</sup>	Colter Spearman		Samantha Staggs
	Colleen Steele	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rick Elliott
9 <sup>th</sup>	Derek Macumber		Tom Frerichs
	Alfie Moore	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Huebner
10 <sup>th</sup>	Agnes Knosp		Brooks McConnell
	Kathy Palmer		Shirley Steele
12 <sup>th</sup>	Leslie Borges	25 <sup>th</sup>	Gena Cullinan
	Judy Frerichs		Tammy Hamburger
	Peyton Negley	28 <sup>th</sup>	Tiffany Negley
13 <sup>th</sup>	Billy Edelman	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Niedan
15 <sup>th</sup>	Dale Wee		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jasper Goforth		
	Cathy Poppe		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Bartling		



January 3rd—Dean & Cathy Nutt (27 yrs).  
 January 5th—Jeff & Chandra Boeka (40 yr.)  
 January 7th— Rusty & Deedra DeGarmo (19 yrs.)  
 January 15th—Eric & Kim Ryan (19 yrs.)  
 January 24th—Wesley & Kortney Gilbert (16 yrs.)  
 January 25th—Dave & Jeanne Baade (50 yrs.)



# *In Service to the Lord*



## **January 5th.**

## **Elders**

Organist	Marcia Colvin	8:45
Acolytes		8:45
Reader		8:45

Worship Team	11:00
	11:00

## **January 12th.**

## **Pastor Stubenrouch**

Organist	Shary Asher	8:45
Acolytes		8:45
Reader		8:45

Worship Team	11:00
	11:00

## **January 19th.**

## **Elders**

Organist	Sue Johnson	8:45
Acolytes		8:45
Reader		8:45

Worship Team	11:00
	11:00

## **January 26th**

## **Pastor Stubenrouch**

Organist	Shary Asher	8:45
Acolytes		8:45
Reader		8:45

January Elders:	8:45	Rod Christmann & Bob Lantis
	11:00	Jim Parish & Larry Wallace
January Ushers:	8:45	Leroy Gellerman, Bob Lantis & Jeff Boeka
	11:00	Zach Parish & Charles Boettcher

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

In an effort to keep members up on the financial condition of Beautiful Savior, we will put monthly updates in the Sunday bulletin and Messenger.

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION As of 12-30-2024**

<b>Budgeted Expenses Needed Monthly for 2024</b>	<b>\$ 33,286.67</b>	
<b>Year-to-date Income ending December 2024</b>	<b>\$27,846.86</b>	<b>\$331,546.13</b>
<b>Year-to-date Expenses ending December 2024</b>	<b>\$112,072.45</b>	<b>\$279,184.34</b>
<b>Total 2025 Budget</b>	<b>\$399,440.00</b>	



**National Youth Gathering  
July 19-23, 2025  
New Orleans, LA**

**Students attending Gathering:**

Sam Stefka  
Seth Steele  
Isaac Sinsel  
Talen Ouderkirk  
Trevor Jorgensen  
Molly Jorgensen  
Lexi Lantis

**College Kids** that applied as YAVs (young adult volunteers)- they help with the gathering. Set ups- tearing down- etc. If their application is accepted they will pay \$400 for their attendance/room & board by and their travel to/from the gathering.

Nate Unger  
Jackson Sinsel  
Shelby Steele  
Catherine Anderson

**Adult Shepherds:**

Brent Sinsel  
Colleen Steele  
Amy Stefka

**Prayers:**

for the wellbeing of all during their preparations for the gathering and opening of hearts and minds to hear Gods will. We can still register any kids that wish to attend that are freshmen-seniors; so any youth that change their minds can still attend.

**Financial support** for the YAV's would be significant for these kids as they cannot participate in much fundraising as all are in college away from home. The Youth will be fundraising a lot this coming year to help with their attendance costs and those of their YAVS and any support would be appreciated.