## **Upcoming Changes to Our Services**

The Elder Board is excited to share that Pastor James Peterson has agreed to serve as a Vacancy Pastor.

The Major changes you can expect are: STARTING AUGUST 17th

## Sunday Service:

9am Coffee and Donuts 9:30am Bible Study & Sunday School 11am Worship Service - Classic

## Tuesday

Pastor Peterson will be in the office every Tuesday starting on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

8am Men's Bible Study 10:30am Preschool Chapel Women's Bible Study (if desired) 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Worship Service –

Sunday Service (Communion on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)
Pastor John Stubenrauch will continue to lead the service.

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## A Special Note from the Elders:

We are thankful for the support from Pastor Peterson in Curtis. We also want to thank the Pastors that continue to serve us during our vacancy. Pastor John has been a special gift. He will continue to preach on Communion Sundays at 11am. Pastor Peterson will be the Lead Vacancy Pastor. We also have support from Pastor Ramsey for confirmation classes and Pastor Bob with visiting and communing those that cannot attend church in person.

We wanted to share the thought process behind the changes being made until we find a full time Pastor.

Pastor Peterson is enthusiastic about assisting during this vacancy. He has moved the service times in Curtis to an 8 am Bible Study and a 9 am church service in Curtis. The time change allows him to be at Beautiful Savior at 11 am. The elders could continue to provide the service at 8:45am with liturgy and the sermon prepared by Pastor Peterson, however, we decided to combine the service at 11am to fully utilize Pastor Peterson on Sunday and bless him with the opportunity to reach the entire congregation.

Pastor John will continue to provide the service on Communion Sundays. He did not demand that we combine service at 11am but we want to be considerate of Pastor John's schedule, being in the mountain time zone, and to also avoid confusion with different service times for each Sunday.

Pastor Peterson will dedicate his Tuesdays to Beautiful Savior. He plans to be in North Platte at 8 am and all day with the exception of once a month when he has Circuit meetings. He will arrive in the afternoon on those days. He will attend the Tuesday bible studies, work with Ruth on schedules, visit members and hold a full service at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. The Tuesday service allows an opportunity to reach those that cannot attend on Sundays. Pastor Peterson will offer communion at the Tuesday night service on the Tuesday following a communion Sunday. We hope to continue with the 5:30 fellowship dinners but will need additional volunteer support to offer the meals every week. Pastor Peterson has also offered to do adult confirmation. This can be completed in person and also via zoom if or as needed. (It might be a good time for all of us to consider a confirmation refresher.)

Confirmation Classes: Pastor Peterson has offered to lead the confirmation class on Tuesday. Pastor Ramsey taught our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders last year at Our Redeemer. We have decided to have Pastor Ramsey continue with the confirmation classes. We considered the Tuesday confirmation time offered by Pastor Peterson, but the school schedules would be a conflict, so we are going to stay with the Wednesday class with Pastor Ramsey.

Service format: Our preference is to have a traditional service on Sundays and a blended service on Tuesday night. The thought process is a bit of a compromise for those changing from the 8:45am service to the 11 am service. They would change times but not change the traditional service. The type of service format could change depending on the availability of our musicians (which we greatly appreciate!).

We appreciate your cooperation and attendance as we modify the schedule for the balance of our vacancy. God has granted us with the opportunity to come together as a congregation. However, you can still pray that we find the right Pastor for Beautiful Savior.

Please reach out to any elder if you have any questions.

In Christ's name,

Leland Poppe

Elder



Michela, Pastor James Peterson, holding Matthias (9months), Charissa (9), Chloe (7), and Millie (5).