

# BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR NEWS

We Grow in Faith, as a Family, Through  
Outreach, Worship and Service,

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Pastor Leavitt



"If my people, which are call by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

**2 Chronicles 7:13**

This well-known verse has often been quoted through the years for patriotic holidays, political rallies, and national days of prayer. And though the heart of its words is to inspire change and God's call for repentance and healing in our nation, the promises of this verse go much wider and deeper than we may comprehend. These words, spoken for the Israelites after the dedication of the temple, has strong reminders for our lives today, for all of God's people, in every nation.

In the chapter just before, 2 Chronicles 6, Solomon asked the Lord for His mercy and forgiveness in the times that the people would sin. He knew, as we do today, that none of us are perfect and without sin in our lives. And God answered with these words and provisions that are relevant for believers still today:

Humble yourselves by confessing any sin.  
Pray to God and ask for His forgiveness.  
Seek God's face continually.  
Turn from the wrong behavior.

In response, God promised:  
"I will hear from heaven."  
"I will forgive their sin."  
"I will heal their land."

On the heels of true humility and repentance before Him, can we come before the Lord and receive His forgiveness. Then with prayerful hearts, truly seeking His face, filled with the Spirit's power to turn away from sin.

God is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. And the way He responded to the cries of His people during Solomon's days, is still the way He is faithful to respond to our cries for help. He does hear our prayers from heaven. He is faithful to forgive us when we come before Him and confess our sin, admit our great need for Him, and turn from wrong. He promises to heal our land.

His whole character, who He is—Redeemer, Restorer, Healer, Rescuer—is a constant reminder to us that He will do what He says He will do. We don't have to worry. We don't have to fear. We don't have to wrestle through all on our own.

The very God who made us and set us free from sin and defeat is the very God who will miraculously heal our land. Our "land" in our personal lives. Our "land" in our families. Our "land" in our communities. Our "land" in America. And wherever else our "land" may be in this world. His power is limitless and reigns over all.

God hears our prayers, He knows our needs. And there's great power in uniting together, turning our hearts towards Him, and praying on behalf of our nation and world.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Leavitt".

Pastor Leavitt

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 10, 2022

Present: Pastor Leavitt, Pastor Kuehn, Bob Brzycki, Jerry Dalton, Rebecca Reich Sammito, Bill Christensen, Barb Christensen, Dan Najjar, Robert Morris, Jo Ross, Pat Brzycki, Davey Davis, Mary Luecke, Martha Music, Orval Stuckemeyer

Vice-President Jerry Dalton called the meeting to order. Davey opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Church Council meeting be approved. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 1, 2022 Voters' Assembly meeting be approved. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.**

### Treasurer's Report – Bill Christensen

Year-to-date donations and other revenue are \$211,714 for 2022. The same number last year was \$188,565. This is an increase of about \$23,000. Expenses increased by about \$21,000, leaving us to break even for the year so far. The church has sufficient cash and we are in a good financial condition.

### Evangelism – Barb Christensen

The board met last week. Barb informed Council that she, Pastor Kuehn, and Donna Taylor continue to visit new homeowners in the Grady Pointe community. Additional gift bags have been assembled. A map with future visits coded in blue has been posted in the room off the Fellowship Hall. Barb thanked all the parishioners for their generous donations to Community Pregnancy Center. Grief Share classes, conducted by Donna Taylor, ended before Easter. Another session will start in late August. The 'Greeter and Welcome Desk Volunteer' guidelines document has been updated. There is a list of all previous volunteers and of all those interested in helping out. Interested individuals will be soon be contacted by the board. A future meeting of committed volunteers will be scheduled. Doris Schnepel will review the 'Ministries of BSLC' document to assess if the descriptions are still valid. Barb will present details of the Stephen Ministry to the Board of Elders. Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated last week. The board sponsored this event at Abel Elementary School and Kinnan Elementary School. Pastor Kuehn, Barb and Donna met with a Grady Pointe couple who are involved with a prison ministry program. The couple has expressed an interest in discussing this with the board. Bibles were recently distributed by Jean Evers and Arlene Webb at the Manatee Correctional Facility. Arlene, the new Bible Ministry leader, has proposed an idea to reach out to incarcerated youth and youth facilities. BSLC labels for the Bibles have been revised to include a larger font. Care bags for the homeless was discussed this evening. At this time, the congregation will not be pursuing this. Resurrection House in Sarasota offers free items to the homeless population. The board previously discussed the idea of a 'Parents' Night Out' on church property. Liability issues within our insurance coverage is an issue and therefore, will not be an option. The board meets again on June 7.

### Financial Secretary – Martha Music

Martha informed Council that she has been working on the church website in an effort to attract community residents. Martha reminded all board chairpersons to communicate all volunteer opportunities so that they can be posted on the website, including future events, landscaping volunteers, Thanksgiving dinner event, etc.

### Trustees – Orval Stuckemeyer and Dan Najjar

Dan informed Council that there was a major water leak on church property and this was discovered when the water meter ran continuously. It was determined that a tree hit the water line. BSLC will be able to ask for a forgiveness of \$1,000 from Manatee County on the \$1,700 payment of the water use due to the leak. Dan asked the Treasurer if the farmer neighbor contributes to water costs. The farmer has access to some water for his cows due to the water coming from our water line. Bill determined that the bill is not separated for the church and this homeowner. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the church should be good neighbors to a farmer and his herd of cattle. Trustees will discuss this issue at their next board meeting. Orval informed Council that the Fellowship Hall chairs, a gift from Service Guild, have been ordered. New chairs for the Administration Building Conference Room will arrive soon. Dan discussed Dennis Wilm's request for a new carillon. Dan described the history of our church's bells. Acquiring a new carillon would come with a cost of about \$16,000 with an additional \$20,000 for installation. Council discussed this and determined that since it is not within the budget parameters of Vision 2025, we would take this issue up in the future. Discussion took place on replacing Pastor Leavitt's microphone and a component of the sound system. Martha brought up the need for better lighting near the Fellowship Hall exterior entry. She reports that it is eerily dark at around 6:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings when she delivers bread from Publix. Trustees will pursue this issue, possibly with a light timer or a sensor light.

### Senior Ministry – Jo Ross

Vice Chairperson Jo will be sitting in for Chairperson Dennis Wilm who is spending summer in Wisconsin. No board meeting was held in May. The board will meet in June. The care note program continues with cards and notes sent for those needing prayer, healing and encouragement at a time of grief. Care note writers, including Dolly Morris, Ann Wilm, Christine Wright, Carol Rose and Jean Evers, have received materials to cover May through August. 30 individuals attended a Mayo de Cinco celebration at the Acapulco Mexican Restaurant on April 28. Bingo Day will be held on Thursday, May 12 at 1:30 P.M. Super Seniors will step back to the days of their Senior Prom on Thursday, May 26 with entertainment by Eddie Toben. Special thanks to Norm Kurtz who continues to oversee all Super Seniors events. Attendance at these events is now being recorded. Of the 220 Senior Ministry members, 85% have returned to worship since February when church attendance recording was initiated. Of those who have not returned to in-person worship, more than half are homebound or have experienced recent illness or grief. Two reside out-of-town.

### Stewardship – Pat Brzycki

The board met last month with Treasurer Bill Christensen providing a budget update and answering Vision 2025 funding questions. At this time, there will be no major fundraising campaign. The 2023 church donation envelopes have arrived. The board has approved the LCMS Endowment Fund language in the revised Board of Stewardship job duties within the revisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

### Youth – Davey Davis

Davey thanks the entire congregation for their donations towards the upcoming National Youth Gathering event on July 9-13 in Houston. Youth will be assisting Trustees with mulch placement on Saturday, May 14. The board met with Hope Lutheran's youth last month and will meet on May 23 to finalize plans for the National Youth Gathering. Davey thanked

Trustees for the recent installation of a concrete pad to replace the deteriorating wood deck. On behalf of Children's Ministry chairperson, Cassie, Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for June 13-17 from 5:00-8:30 P.M. Martha encouraged Davey to present a list of needed donations for VBS so that it can be posted on the church's website.

#### Elders – Robert Morris

Worship services are going well and the church continues to welcome numerous visitors. Robert reported that 11 new members have been received since January 1; 3 members transferred or moved; and 7 deaths have been reported.

#### Parish Health Ministry – Mary Luecke

The board continues to contact those on the prayer list with recipients expressing much appreciation for the cards and thoughts. CPR/AED training was offered to Council members before this evening's meeting. We thank Mary and Chris for providing this essential training. The availability of wheelchairs on church property continues to be an issue with only one wheelchair now available in the narthex. The board has decided to purchase another universal wheelchair for church use only. Durable medical goods, including walkers, canes and crutches, are available and members may borrow with permission from the board. The church is in possession of a scooter. Chris Wright is presently reviewing the list of interested persons who may best benefit from borrowing this scooter. Mary inquired about an Elder liaison for their board. Robert Morris reported that this will be discussed at the next Elder's meeting on May 16.

#### Pastor Kuehn

Bible studies continue via Zoom on Wednesday evenings and between worship services on Sunday.

#### Pastor Leavitt

Pastor Leavitt presented details on future memorial services: Deborah Miller on Friday, May 20 at 2:00 P.M.; Dina Hink at Sarasota National Cemetery on Friday morning, May 20; and Carroll Bennett with a private service on Saturday, May 21. Pastor is happy to report that the church has been receiving numerous visitors. Visitors are appreciating the warmth and welcomeness by our members and the beautiful grounds. Bible study on the Book of Jeremiah was recently completed. A new Bible study, focusing on topics with a Biblical connection will begin on June 1. The installation of Hope Lutheran's new pastor, The Rev. James Krach, will take place on Saturday, June 11 with FL/GA District President Walton officiating. Hope has expressed much appreciation for Pastor Curt and his wife, Joyce, for graciously stepping in during their pastoral vacancy. Pastor Leavitt and President Bob Brzycki will be attending the District Convention in St. Augustine on June 16-18. The convention will acknowledge the termination of President Walton's term.

#### President's Report

Bob reported attending the recent Board of Stewardship meeting and will attend the Board of Elder's monthly meeting on May 16. With Vacation Bible School scheduled during the week of June 13, Council will need to meet on another date. Council members voted in favor of meeting on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 P.M. in the Still Building Conference Room.

**Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Church Council will meet on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 P.M. to accommodate the scheduling of Vacation Bible School from June 13-17. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.**

#### Old Business

Board of Elders discussion on financial assistance to members' families that have children attending Christian schools and the possibility of homeschooling on church property will be held at the next Elders' meeting on May 16. Council will discuss this issue at the next Council meeting on June 9.

Board of Stewardship has approved the establishment of the LCMS Endowment Investment Fund. Future details will be forthcoming.

**Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the establishment of the LCMS Endowment Investment Fund with the Board of Stewardship. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.**

BSLC Emergency Response Guidelines will be reviewed again at June's Council meeting so that it may be officially posted on the church's website.

#### New Business

Bob Brzycki conducted the process of Council's review and approval of the revised Church Constitution and By-Laws. He thanked members of the committee who tirelessly worked on this endeavor as one of Vision 2025's goals: Chairperson Mike Murphy, Secretary Rebecca Reich Sammito, Dennis Bonneau, Jo Ross, Randy Thies, and Marian Murdoch. The revisions of the Constitution were approved by Council members. Much discussion took place on the revisions of the By-Laws. Some of the revisions will be tabled until Council meets in June. Upon complete approval from Council, Rebecca will electronically submit the entire revised document to the District during the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The District will review the entire document in August and upon their approval, the Constitution and By-Law revisions will be presented to church parishioners for their vote at the fall Voters' Assembly Meeting.

Elders will open and close the Church Council meeting on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 P.M.

Davey closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Motion: It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Reich Sammito

Church Council Secretary

Approved June 9, 2022

**Sunday,  
July 3rd**



**in all  
things**

2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

## **Volunteer and Participant Sending Service**

10:30 am Traditional Service  
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

**Parent and Participant Meeting  
will follow**

**Stay connected  
with the youth  
at the gathering!!!**



**in all  
things**

JULY 9-13, 2022 | HOUSTON, TX

**WATCH THE LIVESTREAM!**

Some events and Mass Events will be live  
streamed on the gathering website  
<https://lcmsgathering.com/>

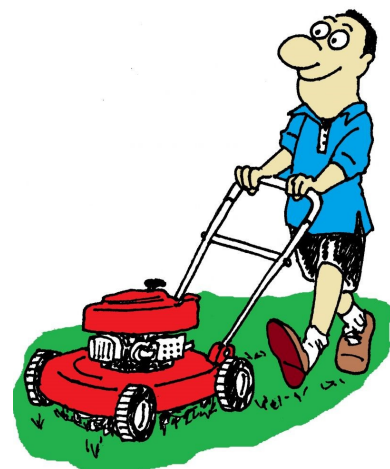
**CHECK OUT FACEBOOK!**

If you are on facebook, you can keep up with all  
that is going on by going to the page  
LCMS Youth Gathering!

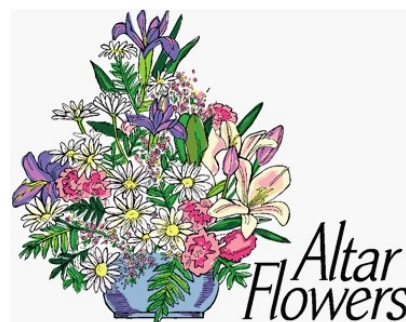


We are in need of outside help keeping our grounds looking beautiful! Wednesdays we meet at 8 a.m. for Yard Work, with a break for Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.

But you can come any day of the week if you have a few hours to spare. Talk to Orval Stuckemeyer for more info. Thank you!



**ALTAR FLOWERS** — We are now using a new Florist, **Tallevast Florist (941-870-3020)**, for our Altar Flowers. Please let me know what you think! And if you need flowers in the future please call them and give them a try, and tell them you are a member at Beautiful Savior!



The flowers are still \$50 an arrangement, and we hope you sign up to dedicate to yourselves, friends or family. We ask that you return the vase that they come in when not needed anymore, as we return to the Florist to help keep our costs low. Thank you for helping us keep fresh flowers on our Altar!

## SuperSeniorS



## PATRIOTIC PICNIC

The SuperSeniorS would love to invite everyone to join them at noon on Thursday July 21st, for a summer picnic and patriotic concert. Enjoy hamburgers 🍔, hotdogs 🌭, potato salad, baked beans, drinks and desserts, while listening to Joe Thayer and friends Jazz man Bob and Blues man Al for a special patriotic themed concert. You won't want to miss our only luncheon event of summer and especially the great Christian fellowship. Invite friends, neighbors and relatives and please sign up on the SuperSeniorS activities board in the fellowship hall.



Ken and Mary Laxton wish to thank all of the Beautiful Savior members that have been praying for Mary, and the phone calls and cards. They especially want to thank Pastor Leavitt and Norm Kurtz, who have been visiting with them as well. Christian friendship makes the world of a difference!



# July Birthdays

# July Anniversaries



7/01 Robyn Robison  
 7/02 Steve Rusincovitch  
 7/06 Lucy Robertson  
 7/07 Susan Najjar  
 7/08 Priscilla Collett  
 7/08 Nancy Gaul  
 7/08 DeeAnn Gores  
 7/10 Orval Stuckemeyer  
 7/11 Linda Jorgensen  
 7/13 Linda DeGuzman

7/14 Carol Schiferl  
 7/19 Betty Fecteau  
 7/19 Ken Maynard  
 7/22 Glenn Ziegenfuss  
 7/22 Julia Thurman  
 7/24 Susan Makowski  
 7/25 Julie Robinson  
 7/25 Mark Kail  
 7/26 Russ Wiltshire  
 7/26 Nancy Murphy  
 7/27 Lillian Perraut  
 7/28 Cynthia Swales  
 7/29 Dick Neville



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7/04 Doug & Joyce Payne  
 7/11 Glenn & Gerry Ziegenfuss  
 7/16 Bob & Sue Wick  
 7/19 John & Nancy Gaul  
 7/20 Rick & Karen Vallier  
 7/25 Dieter & Jana Flick

## NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The Real St. Nick: Leader, Legend or Lie

*The REAL  
 St. Nick*  
 Leader, Legend or Lie?  
 featuring the Rev. Ken Klaus

By: [Rev. Ken Klaus](#)

This Bible study examines a man who, next to Jesus Christ, is the most visible figure during the holidays—St. Nicholas or Santa Claus—as we know him in Western culture. Dating back to the third century, St. Nick is attributed with the doing of many benevolent and charitable acts of kindness and generosity.



Revered and honored by Christians the world over, St. Nick has a resume of accomplishments and good deeds even the most celebrated saint would be envious of. This seasonal Bible study surveys St. Nick and the age-old traditions surrounding him. An extensive list of Web links in the discussion guide gives users numerous sources of information providing fascinating details behind the man. Exploring these you'll learn about the persecution he faced under the Roman Emperor Diocletian. You'll also see how—using ancient relics and modern science—a team of forensic specialists has reconstructed an image of St. Nick's face.

In the end what St. Nick has set down for us all is a lifestyle of service and going the distance for the Lord Jesus Christ. Whether it's staying the executioner's blade from the neck of three innocents, bailing out a man's daughters with gold from certain prostitution, or simply giving children gifts, St. Nick took his faith to the streets and made a difference—a worldwide difference—as a follower of Christ.

**The Bible Study will start on Wednesday, July 13th. Men's Group starts at 7 a.m., Women's Bible Study starts at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Bible Study on Wednesday, July 6th.**

# Service Guild

Beautiful Savior  
Service Guild



*With Love, Serve  
God and Others*

## WANTED

### • CRAFTERS •

The  
Service Guild Crafters  
are branching out.

If you enjoy  
keeping your hands busy  
and making things

**JOIN US**

(no experience necessary)

Also seeking someone with knowledge of  
the Cricut Machines.

Contacts:

Dorothy Schawk  
deschawk@bellsouth.net.

Linda Jorgensen  
Lm\_Jorgensen@msn.com

HERE IS WHAT THE CRAFT TEAM IS WORKING ON  
THESE DAYS...



WINE CANISTERS



LIGHTED  
ORNAMENTS



3D  
CHRISTMAS  
CARDS



WOODEN TRINKET BOXES

**For the month of July...**

**We need people to sign-up to do the Publix pick up, as well as make coffee, clean-up, etc. Please sign up to take a turn! We want to be able to offer Fellowship every Saturday and Sunday, but can't do it without you. THANK YOU**



**Beautiful Savior Fellowship Board**

## **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Emergency Response Guidelines**

Unfortunately, emergencies occur everywhere, even in church. The Ushers, Elders, and Parish Health Ministry Team are usually the first responders to handle these situations and to call 911 as needed.

Try to remain calm. You can help the congregation maintain its service and prevent panic and alarm.

If the person is unconscious, call for help immediately (911). Most have cell phones and there is also a telephone in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen if needed. Stay on the call with the dispatcher until they have all of the information that they need.

Check for breathing and pulse. If the person is not breathing and/or has no pulse, start CPR and have someone retrieve the AED (Automated External Defibrillator). If you are uncomfortable with giving mouth to mouth breaths, it is ok to do just the chest compressions. The AED is the machine that shocks the heart back to a normal rhythm. It is located in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen. It will instruct you on what to do once it is turned on.

If 911 is called, someone should go to the street entrance of the parking lot to flag down and direct the emergency responders to the doors nearest the patient's location.

If the injured/ill person is responsive, keep them calm and comfortable. Obtain basic information (name, contact information, who to notify). The injured/ill person, if responsive, may not feel it necessary to call 911. Despite their objections, ALWAYS call 911 when in doubt. The dispatcher and emergency personnel will make the decision regarding treatment and transport.

If the ill/injured person is being transported via ambulance and is alone, obtain the contact person's name and phone number so they can be informed of the situation.

If the ill/injured person's injury is a minor "First Aid" treatment issue, encourage follow-up/contact with their Primary Care doctor.

If the service is streamlined and the patient is in view of the recording camera, please try to move the person out of view of the recording or stop the recording.

There are first aid kits in the Fellowship Hall and the administration building. Please remove them from the walls before opening them so the contents do not fall out.

Complete an incident report, found in the yellow folder at the welcome desk in the narthex as soon as possible. Instructions for completing that form are in the folder as well.

### **There are 13 fire extinguishers:**

#### Still Building:

One fire extinguisher located in the hallway, between the Pastors' offices,  
Northside double exit doors  
Westside double exit doors  
Kitchen exit door

#### Church and Fellowship Hall:

There are fire extinguishers at every exit door.  
Additionally, there is one fire extinguisher in the kitchen hanging on the east wall.

#### 2nd story storage area:

One fire extinguisher is located at the top of the landing and around the corner to the left, hanging on the wall.

#### Youth Building:

Near west exit door



### Fire Alarm Pull Boxes:

#### Still Building:

Located at all exits except for the two dining room doors.

#### Church & Fellowship Hall:

Located at every exit door in church and fellowship hall

Located in kitchen on east wall (next to sink) - prefer that that alarm is not used.

\*\*\*If a fire alarm sounds, evacuate. No one is permitted to reset a fire alarm except for the fire department. \*\*\*

**Alarm Control Modules (2):** These boxes can be used to summon police and emergency services.

One in Still Building by kitchen exit door

One in Sanctuary by North exit door



Starting July 23rd through July 31st the Evangelism Board, with the help of you, our parishioners, plans to conduct a Back Pack collection of school supplies for the needy children at Abel and Kinnan Elementary Schools. Last year our efforts were a great success. Many happy students and teachers were so grateful and appreciative for the school supplies that our church gathered and donated to them. We can be proud to know that we all made a difference in their school year and helped these students to learn and achieve. Once we have the list we will share. Thank you! The Evangelism Board

**Together, let's do it again!**

### Grieving the loss of someone close to you?



Grief Share is a 13 week, Christ-centered, biblically based support group seminar.

A grieving person can join at any time during the 13 weeks. Each session shows a video presentation followed by small group discussion about the video. GriefShare guides people to focus on developing or strengthening their relationship with God as the way for emotional healing.

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend. you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time, a time of isolation, with many questions about things you've never faced before. If you are hurting from the pain of grief, we invite you to join us starting on

**Thursday, July 7th, at 6 pm.** Or if you know of someone who is hurting, please extend this information and invitation. See Donna Taylor for more information.



Thank you to everyone who donated items, prayed for us, and/or volunteered your time to help with our Vacation Bible School this year. We could not do this without everyone's help!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### MEMBERS

- Bill & Marian Murdoch—have COVID, at home
- Roger & Jan Hornick—have COVID, at home
- Margarete Wiltshire—Still at SMH, suffering serious pain from recent spinal operatoin
- Russ Wiltshire—strength for upcoming procedure for ongoing problems
- Ozzie Hauswald—under Hospice Care at home
- Joyce Popelka—in rehab
- June Graham—strength and healing, in rehab after 8 day hospital stay
- Bob Graham—strength and healing, in-home rehab after suffering falls
- Jessi Kuehn—prayers for comfort and strength for healing
- Laura Hysell—strength and healing, in rehab
- Judy Stuckemeyer—strength and healing from surgery

### GUESTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- June Greene—bad reaction to chemo treatment, in hospital, friend of Jane Schneeberger
- Kenneth Weiser—strength and healing, son of Beth Loveday
- Barry Curless—in need of prayer as he fights cancer
- JoAnn Beals—in rehab, in need of strength and healing
- Dave Measell, lung cancer, with wife Linda as caretaker, brother-in-law and sister of Willie Gwyn
- Anthony Carlesimo—strength and healing following procedure, brother of Linda Stamos
- Dawn—cancer—daughter of Ginny Dryden
- Mother of Robyn Robison—strength and healing
- Joe Mazolla—strength and healing from cancer, friend of Lydia Paton
- Bud Collins and son Curtis—strength and healing
- Lynn Rumel—auto-immune disease affecting bones, daughter of Mary Lou and Carl Albrecht
- Ruth Jean Bolt—strength and healing from heart surgery, cousin of Jane Schneeberger
- Pam Osgood—continuing cancer treatment—sister of Bill Christensen
- Rick Hillis—cancer in both his kidneys, cousin of Carolyn Tudor
- Glenn Latta, Jr.—four year old coping with Leukemia, hospitalized with aggressive chemo, friends of George & Judy Koegel
- Kim—breast cancer, daughter of Ken & Mary Laxton
- Weston Hermann,—13 year old son of Jared, undergoing extensive chemo for brain cancer, friend of Darci Allison
- Guy Montes—cancer , tumor in his brain, nephew of Willie Gwyn



**REQUESTS  
— FOR —  
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Here are some of the "Paper Crafting"  
items we are working on for  
Christmas...and more.  
Other items to come.



Wine Canisters



Village Houses



Jewelry/Gift  
Boxes



Glass Plate - Nativity



3D Christmas  
cards

We meet on  
• Mondays for 3-4 hrs at Dorothy Schawk's  
house. Near Bee Ridge rd & I-75. 10:00 to  
1:00/2:00pm - Brown Bag Lunch  
• Tuesdays at church: 2 hrs 10:00 to Noon  
(If interested in an evening session only, let me  
know. Dorothy Schawk)



## Volunteer needed to serve as a Liaison for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)!

# STEWARDSHIP

175 Years of Partnering with God Through Stewardship & Service

**Role of the liaison:** Communicate information from LCEF to members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Liaison is under the guidance of the Stewardship Board.

**Lutheran Church Extension Fund:** Financial extension of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod since 1978, offering funding and resources in support of the church. Investors in LCEF provides the financial strength for LCEF to provide customized loans and support services to new and growing ministries as was provided to our church when we started out as a new ministry in Sarasota. In addition, LCEF provides loans to Rostered Church Workers who dedicate their lives to sharing the Gospel.

Churches and individuals trust in LCEF to invest through various financial tools. Visit the LCEF website for more information at <https://lcef.org/about-us/>  
If you are interested, please contact:

**Pat Brzycki, Chair of the Stewardship Board**  
[patbrzycki4@gmail.com](mailto:patbrzycki4@gmail.com) or 941-228-1765

## Quilters

Even though the Summer vacation months are here, the Beautiful Savior Quilters are still meeting in the Wayman Stills Fellowship Hall on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon.

We, though few in number, are busy cutting fabric for the quilt tops, sewing quilt tops, cutting backings for the quilts, assembling the 3 layers of the quilts together, finishing sewing the quilt edges, ironing fabric, etc.

These quilts are being made for Lutheran World Relief, and are picked up in February each year. We hope to make at least 83 quilts, which is the number of quilts we made last year.

If you are interested in helping us, or just want to come see what we are doing, please feel free to join us. Bring a bag lunch and stay with us at noon for our fellowship meal.

We were very pleased to have Bert Bellhorn join us recently, and are looking forward to having her come again. Won't you come too?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I found this article over at CBN (Christian Broadcast Network) and thought it is a good read as we celebrate the 246 year of our country's existence.



### **How Founding Fathers Who Loved the God of Liberty & Their Freedom Built the Freest of Free Nations**

PHILADELPHIA – As we celebrate Presidents Day, it's important to remember the first five commanders-in-chief were also all Founding Fathers of the nation. What you may not know is how crucial The Founders' faith was in America's beginning.

And much of that beginning took place in Philadelphia.

In locations all around colonial Philadelphia, Founders who knew the God of Liberty fought to form a nation of liberty.

"Why Philadelphia? Because this was the big city. It was much bigger than the little farm town of New York," Providence Forum founder Peter Lillback told CBN News. "Philadelphia was also centrally located. It was a big city right in the middle."

Touring around the sights, Lillback described how Bible beliefs backed each step the Founding Fathers took. Standing near a statue of George Washington, Lillback stated the first president personified this.

### **'Follow Jesus Christ to Succeed'**

"Washington said we need to follow Christ or we're never going to succeed as a nation. That's not a minister. That's not a right-wing conservative fundamentalist. That's the father of our country!" Lillback exclaimed. He offered that it's significant and apropos that Washington's statue is located right outside Independence Hall since that's where the Founders declared the colonies' freedom and formed the fledgling country's constitution. Washington led the army that fought for that freedom, then presided over the 1787 Constitutional Convention, and finally led the nation as its first chief executive. But he was always guided by his faith that he held so dear.

### **How to be a Happy Nation**

Lillback explained of Washington, "He's the one who said, 'Unless we imitate the Divine Author of our blessed religion in terms of His charity, humility, and specific temperament of mind, we'll never be a happy nation.'"

In a world used to rule by monarchs, he almost singlehandedly broke Americans out of the habit of being subjects. "When he was called on to become king, he refused. Because he said, 'We're going to let the people decide,'" Lillback shared.

### **Followers of Christ the Carpenter Met in Carpenters Hall**

But many years before that, leaders from the various colonies gathered for the first time and in Philadelphia in 1774 to figure out how to remove the oppressive grip Britain had wrapped around the colonies' collective neck. These colonial leaders were overwhelmingly of the Christian faith, following Jesus Christ, a carpenter. And interestingly enough, where they first met was called Carpenters' Hall.

They longed to unite against Britain but were divided by deep denominational differences and even regional customs. Like when Massachusetts' John Adams first encountered Washington, the Virginian.

### **Some Would Shake Hands, Some Would Bow**

"They're all gathered together. They've never been in the same room, they're meeting each other for the first time. John Adams meets this big tall Virginian, George Washington. And they don't even know how to shake hands. John Adams comes up to shake his hand and George Washington steps back. Because Virginians don't shake hands. They give a bow," Lillback explained.



These men gathering in Carpenters' Hall were taking the actions that would someday give birth to America. Did it begin in rebellion? In bloodshed? It actually began in that hall with prayer.

Standing in front of Carpenters' Hall, Lillback stated, "This is where the first prayer for the country happens. But not without a debate. They debated the question could they even pray? Not because they didn't believe in prayer, but because all the different denominations believed that the others were wrong, and they couldn't fellowship with them," Lillback related.

### **The Spark Plug of the American Revolution said 'I'm no Bigot'**

That's when one of the fieriest radicals against the British stepped into the breach and bridged the gap.

"This is the great accomplishment of Samuel Adams, called the spark plug of the American Revolution, who said, 'I'm no bigot. I can pray with any man who loves his God and loves his country'," Lillback said.

Adams called on this First Continental Congress to invite over local Anglican minister Jacob Duche to come and lead them in prayer. Adams was a Congregationalist. Not all that many years before, his people waged war against England's Anglicans and even beheaded the British king, head of the Anglican church.

### **They Prayed in Jesus' Name**

But like Samuel Adams, Jacob Duche rose to the occasion, and soon arrived in Carpenters Hall.

"Leads in prayer and he does it in the name of Jesus Christ," Lillback shared. "So we can honestly say the United States was begun with a prayer meeting."

He went on, "I think it's a beautiful thing to realize that American colonialists found a way to come together, and they did it in the Gospel name of Christ, crossing denominational boundaries."

What these men accomplished, Lillback characterized as, "The spiritual and political first step of the First Continental Congress of the United States."

And Lillback said of Adams reaching out across the denominational aisle, "It was at that moment that Sam Adams created the American ecumenical spirit, where, in the public square, we can walk over our denominational boundaries."

<sup>12</sup> *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! (Psalm 33:12, ESV)*

Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!

In Christ,  
Pastor Todd

I just received an email from the Florida Georgia LWML President about the final funding for 2020-2022 mission grants.

We are \$16,966.02 short of reaching our \$200,000 goal by June 30. She is asking everyone to donate your mite boxes in the next two weeks. You can empty your mites into the box on the table in the narthex or leave it on top and take a new one.

We will take the final collection for this drive on Sunday, June 26 and get a check to the district on June 28. Please check your pockets, under your cushions and in your car and help the LWML reach the goal!! Thank you for all your support. I'll let you know how it goes. Lucy





*“Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth”*

*I John 3:18*











The subject of abortion is almost constantly in the news as laws are changed in various states and now under scrutiny in the Supreme Court once again. Christians generally are on the side of pro-life and are often asked what do we do to help those women who don't abort. The answer of course is we support Pregnancy Centers and Maternity Homes. The answer here in our own church is the overwhelming support you have shown to the Community Pregnancy Center with your recent donations of needed items and monetary help. This is not a one time thing and as they have been helped in the past as well as Our Choice Pregnancy Center so too have other groups such as Solve Maternity Homes, etc. The FL/GA District LWML supported and continues to support Redeeming Life Ministries in Sanford, FL and now an outreach of that ministry has a new location in the Chicagoland area. A \$100,000.00 grant from LWML National was given for a Redeeming Life Maternity Home in Northern Illinois. A deaconess will serve in the new location. The funds will help offset the costs, during the first two years, of operating a safe and stable home (rent, utilities, food) and provide program services for the women to be served. Redeeming Life's goal is for their residents to learn to live independently and offers many opportunities for the women to understand that, in Christ, there is forgiveness, peace and unconditional love. Redeeming Life is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS.

Apparently, through an oversight, our goal for the FL/GA District had not been reached as I reported last month. Trusting that the Lord will provide I am confident that goal has been reached by now. We will let you know and once again thank you for all your contributions to help us fulfill that pledge. You are the best!

The Theme for the FL/GA District LWML Convention to be held in Tampa September 29 - October 2 will be “Speakers for Christ” according to II Corinthians 5:20. *“Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God”.*

*“Serve the Lord with Gladness” Psalm 100:2*

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Thank you President Walton for your 13 years of selfless service to the District. We pray God's blessings on you and Edith. Remember, we don't know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future.

