## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR NEWS

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REFORMATION SUNDAY —
WHAT IS IT AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Every year on the last Sunday in October, many churches set aside the day as "Reformation Sunday." If you didn't grow up with this practice, you may wonder where this tradition comes from, and why some congregations continue to practice it.

So ... what is Reformation Sunday, and why should we care?

#### The History of Reformation Sunday

Our story begins in the 16th century – 1517, to be exact. Bear with us here – what follows is a very simplified explanation of complex theological, political, and economic events that all coincided.

Across Europe, the Roman Catholic Church was engaged in one of the greatest fundraisers in all of history.

If a person – out of contrition for their sins and as a sign of repentance – made a financial gift to help with the building Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, then the church would furnish that person with a certificate acknowledging that gift and promising that they or their loved ones would be freed from a portion of the misery expected in the afterlife. In short, the church at that time taught that even those bound for heaven had to be cleansed of their earthly sins and this cleansing (purging) in the afterlife took place in a place called Purgatory. The certificates offered by the church (called "Indulgences") promised to lessen this time of cleansing for oneself or others who have already died.

There were some very nuanced explanations of this practice at the time. And there were other very crass explanations that basically amounted to people paying to be forgiven.

November 1st was an important day for the selling and buying of these indulgences, known as All Saints Day on the church's calendar.

The day before a German Monk named Martin Luther posted a list of 95 Theses – 95 reasons that he objected to this practice of selling indulgences. Along with other writings by Martin Luther, those 95 Reasons went viral.

Luther insisted that we are not forgiven because of anything we do – including the buying of Indulgences or doing enough good work. Instead, we are forgiven because of who God is. We are loved and forgiven because God is full of grace and mercy.

His teachings and writings got Martin Luther kicked out of the church.

But he didn't go alone. Others agreed with him, and after his death those who agreed with Luther became known as Lutherans and also as Protestants.

Every Protestant church traces their roots back to this moment in history.

#### Why Does Reformation Sunday Matter?

October 31st, 1517 was a long time ago. Why does it continue to matter and be remembered in our churches today?

## I. Reformation Sunday gives us a chance to tell our storya chance to remember.

We all have a family story – how we got to this point in history. Stories about parents and grandparents, about the things that have shaped our families over the years. Reformation Sunday is a day when we remember and re-tell the family stories of our faith. Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith. Stories about people who risked everything so that we would be able to gather and worship in the manner that we do

## 2. Reformation Sunday reminds us of the most important things.

Throughout the year we preach about many things in church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing — the thing that compelled Luther and others to risk their lives.

On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: God loved us

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first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.

#### 3. Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better

Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better.

We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God. In the church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther preached, there is a wonderful painting. In it Luther stands in the pulpit on the right hand side, and the people stand on the left. In between people and the preacher is Christ on the cross. Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith – the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for for our faith and for this community that we call "church."

In Christ,

Pastor Leavitt

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We invite you to be part of our Reformation Sunday Celebrations on October 30th. Also we invite you to join our ten Sister Congregations at Lakeside Lutheran Church in Venice that afternoon. Rev. James Rockey, the newly elected President of the Florida-Georgia District will be the guest preacher. A mass choir, including members of our choir, will sing a special anthem. Also there will be a dinner to follow the service. It will truly be a day of Reformation blessings for you and your family.

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 9, 2022

Present: Pastor Leavitt, Pastor Kuehn, Rebecca Reich Sammito, Bill Christensen, Barb Christensen, Robert Morris, Jo Ross, Davey Davis, Dan Najjar, Christine Wright, Dan Legler

Secretary Rebecca Reich Sammito called the meeting to order with an announcement of Bob Brzycki, Jerry Dalton and Martha Music being absent this evening due to illness. Robert opened the meeting with a prayer. Rebecca shared Bob's celebratory messages for Jo and Paul Ross's anniversary this past Tuesday, Martha's birthday today, and Rebecca's birthday yesterday.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Church Council meeting be approved.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report - Bill Christensen

Total donations and other income items year-to-date are about \$255,000 and total expenses are about \$247,000. This places us in line with last year. Our total cash available is about \$480,000 spread over the various funds. Our church's financial position remains strong.

#### Evangelism - Barb Christensen

The board met on June 7. Calls were made to church members about volunteering to be greeters. Doris Schnepel is compiling all the information and is writing a cover letter to each greeter. In the past, Carol Miller took care of the 8:00 A.M. greeters and will be contacted if she would like to continue this. Packets for greeters are being ordered. Arlene Webb has been busy with Bible Ministry and is presently formulating a list of facilities that have received Bibles from us. Arlene has also contacted hospital chaplains about distributing Bibles within the hospital setting. Bibles in the Creole and Spanish languages have also been ordered. Reaching out to children with Bibles is also being considered. Barb and Donna Taylor will contact a Grady Pointe resident about prison ministry and further discussion is planned at the next board meeting. Five welcome bags have been distributed to new Grady Pointe residents. Donna Taylor will sponsor an orientation meeting on Grief Share with classes beginning again on July 7 through the end of September. Nikki Davis has offered to assist in leading the classes. Plans for Stephen Ministry continue and Barb informed Council that there is one individual interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. She is expecting a packet from LCMS and told Council that <a href="https://www.stephenministries.org">https://www.stephenministries.org</a> has a wonderful you tube on the ministry. Pam will contact Kinnan Elementary School and Abel Elementary School about the upcoming Backpack ministry event and inquired about obtaining lists of needed items.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that Board of Evangelism's Backpack Ministry during the weekends of July 23-24 and July 30-31 be approved. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

#### Parish Health Ministry - Christine Wright

Chris announced that the BSLC Emergency Guidelines in a red notebook will be located at the Welcome Desk in the narthex. A new wheelchair has been purchased for parishioner use when needed and will be stored in the Parish Health Ministry office (Still Building). Ais nother wheelchair available in the narthex. Pilot training for CPR went well and future plans include presenting future training for ushers and others who may be interested. A First Aid dvd was recently purchased and Chris is planning to include this as a future Super Seniors' event. The board continues to contact those on the prayer list through telephone calls and visits with some errands for parishioners being conducted.

#### Trustees - Dan Najjar

Dan spoke on behalf of the board in their request for help and direction on the ongoing issue of the church and office building doors being found unlocked. The board discussed a closure system but this would not totally solve the issue of the door being unlocked. Elders and ushers are responsible for checking and locking all doors after services. Robert Morris, Board of Elders chairperson, offered to remind all Elders at the next board meeting.

Pastor Kuehn will remind AA of the need to lock all doors. Rebecca will contact Altar Guild President Chris Andersen so that all volunteers can check all doors upon completion of their duties. It was suggested that we insert a notice in the weekly news, reminding everyone to check and lock all doors, including doors that were not used during their visit to the church facilities. Dan informed Council about lighting in the parking lot. There were some concerns that it was not bright enough. The board will look into specific areas that could use improved lighting. Tree limbs can also be removed if they are blocking the lights. Variable lighting controls can also be considered. Dan asked Council about security cameras on the church premises. Some discussion took place on this. In the past, Martha Music had suggested on-site security cameras and mentioned a neighborhood resident who might be interested in installing these cameras. Bill said that \$550 was available to help fund this. This issue will be added to the agenda for August's Council meeting. The church's audio system was discussed. It was suggested that the lectern microphone be repaired. Pastor Kuehn stated that Pro-Audio Repair has assisted us in the past with our sound system and he will contact them. Helpers are always needed for maintaining the church grounds. Dan informed Council that hiring professional help in the future may be necessary.

#### Senior Ministry – Jo Ross

The board did not meet in June due to Dennis and Ann Wilm returning to Wisconsin for the summer and another member with health issues. Norm Kurtz and Jo Ross did briefly meet. Bible Bingo was held on May 12. Flashback Senior Prom was held on May 26 with entertainment provided by Ed Tobin. However, only 19 attended. It was therefore decided that there will be no major events in June and August. Approximately 20 attended today's movie presentation, "The Pink Panther". A patriotic-themed event has been schedule for Thursday, July 14. Another movie event will be held on August 18. Care noted continue to be sent to those on the prayer list. Birthday and anniversary cards are being sent. Special thanks to all those who write these cards: Dolly Morris, Jean Evers, Carol Rose, Ann Wilm and Chris Wright.

#### Youth - Davey Davis

Davey reported that final plans are underway for the youth's trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston on July 9. Two more meetings are being planned to finalize plans. Vacation Bible School is on June 13-17. A group of volunteers are meeting this evening to decorate.

#### Elders - Robert Morris

Robert reports that church services are going well and he noted that there were numerous children in this past week's Sunday 10:30 A.M. worship service. Chris Mauk was selected to become the liaison for Parish Health Ministry. The board discussed liability issues with parishioners driving church members to various medical appointments. It was determined that any liability issues that occur would be on the driver's own auto insurance. The board has concerns on the potential for our church being responsible and being sued. The board is considering plans for online giving. Chris Mauk's company and other church-related companies offer online giving services. Robert will contact Martha Music on this issue.

#### Fellowship - Dan Legler

Dan announced that Publix pick-ups continue and the sign-up listed is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Salvation Army in Sarasota and Manatee counties no longer wish to receive the Publix donations. Presently, they are being donated to the local Food Bank.

#### Stewardship - Rebecca Reich Sammito

Rebecca read notes from Chairperson Pat Brzycki who was unable to attend this evening. Tony Hunt of LCMS Foundation attended the board's meeting on June 9. He provided additional information to assist the board in preparing guidelines for the Endowment Fund. The board developed and approved a document that provides the guidelines for the board's oversight of the Endowment Fund. This will be presented at the board's next meeting in August for review and approval. It would then be presented at the fall Voters' Assembly meeting. The board will be requesting approval from Council for monies in the Foundation Fund (\$26,659.25) be used as the start-up investment for the Endowment Fund in January 2023. In the July church newsletter, the board will provide an article to solicit a volunteer to serve as a liaison for Lutheran Church Extension Fund. The board discussed and agreed that the board-sponsored meetings for LCMS Foundation and LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund) would be held on the same Sunday in February. At the September board meeting, the web site for the Time and Talent Survey will be discussed. Pat met with Martha Music about posting Endowment Fund information on the church's website where it could be posted under the "Giving" tab.

#### Pastor Kuehn

Bible studies continue on the books of Peter via Zoom on Wednesday evenings and between worship services on Sunday. New Bible classes are being planned. Wonner Yee (Celeste Yee's mom) recently passed with services held in New York. A memorial service at BSLC in July may be planned.

#### Pastor Leavitt

Pastor Leavitt announced the recent deaths of Virginia Johnson and Pearl Del Collo. Virginia's funeral service is on June 10 and a future graveside service at Sarasota National Cemetery for Pearl is being planned at a later date. A new Wednesday Bible study has begun with a focus on varying topics. 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. 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. The new Circuit Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Brian Stolarczyk from Lutheran Church of the Cross in Port Charlotte. will be confirmed.

#### Old Business

The review and approval of the By-Laws continued. The job description for Board of Fellowship was reviewed. Pastor Todd's and Martha Music's revision of Article VI: Excommunication and Self-Exclusion was also reviewed with Pastor Todd suggesting a couple minor word changes. Article VIII: Indemnification was discussed. The district's attorney, Bill Huseman, has strongly suggested retaining this by-law. Elder and Attorney Dave Taylor offered recommendations. Dan Najjar posed questions on the process of the Constitution and By-Laws going forward. Rebecca offered a brief synopsis of the process, including the electronic submission to FL/GA District in July with approval process in August. Once approved by the District, it will be presented to the parishioners at the fall Voters' Assembly meeting for a vote of approval.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the job description for Board of Fellowship (By-Law/Article IV). All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the revisions of Article I: Excommunication and Self-Exclusion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the revisions of Article VIII: Indemnification. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

#### Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the revision of the Church's By-Laws. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

Board of Elders discussed financial assistance to members' families that have children attending Christian schools. The possibility of this support could fall under the Endowment Fund. Robert will discuss this with Stewardship Board Chairperson Pat Brzycki.

Board of Elders is also open to the use of church facilities for home-schooling. Robert indicated that the church previously held home-schooling on the property.

BSLC Emergency Response Guidelines were reviewed and approved by Council. Chris will instruct Martha to post these guidelines on the church's website.

#### Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the BSLC Emergency Response Guidelines. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

#### **New Business**

Robert Morris informed Council that Board of Elders is looking into the return of the new church members' orientation and breakfast. He indicated that it had been done in the past. This will be further discussed at a future board meeting. The event could be held periodically throughout the year between church services.

Dan Najjar proposed the idea of a combined worship service on a specific Sunday. He informed Council that parishioners who attend the any of the four weekly church services do not have the opportunity of worshipping and communing together.

Pastor Kuehn received a request from AA for the use of the Fellowship Hall for a dinner event on Tuesday, July 19.

#### Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve AA's dinner event in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 19. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

Pastor Kuehn wished to recognized and thank Pastor Leavitt for his dedicated 10 years of serving as Circuit Pastor. His years of service included the oversight of filling at least 8 pastoral vacancies. Council expressed their thanks with an applause. Thank you, Pastor Leavitt, for devotedly representing our congregation.

Treasurer Bill Christensen will open and close the Church Council meeting on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 P.M.

Robert 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 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca Reich Sammito

**Church Council Secretary** 

Approved August 9, 2022

### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2022

Present: Pastor Leavitt, Pastor Kuehn, Robert Brzycki, Jerry Dalton, Rebecca Reich Sammito, Bill Christensen, Barb Christensen, Robert Morris, Jo Ross, Pat Brzycki, Orval Stuckemeyer, Martha Music, Donna Taylor

Vice-President Jerry Dalton called the meeting to order. Bill Christensen opened the meeting with a devotion and a prayer.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the June 9, 2022 Church Council meeting be approved. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report - Bill Christensen

Through the end of July 2022, donations and other income are about equal to budget and to last year. Expenses are about \$10,000 more than budget due to utilities and other maintenance costs. We have cash of about \$445,000 allocated to various funds. We will monitor how we do during the last five months of the year. Bill does not foresee a significant surplus for the year but reports that we are still performing from a relative position of strength.

#### Senior Ministry - Jo Ross

Jo reported that a movie day was held in July with 15 in attendance. A patriotic-themed luncheon event was held on July 21 with entertainment by Joe Thayer and friends, Jazz Man, Bob with Blues man and Al. 63 persons, including first time participants, guests and visitors, enjoyed a summer picnic that included hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. Thanks to Norm for organizing the entire event and making the folks smile with his jokes. Special thanks to Doug and Carol Rose for assisting in the kitchen and for Doug seeking sponsorship and financial support through Thrivent Action Team. No board meeting was held in July. Meetings have been suspended due to illness, injuries or summer northem residence of some of the board members. A movie date has been planned for August 18. September events may have to be rescheduled or modified. Tentative plans were made prior to Norm's injury for a Super Seniors event but the decision to proceed is pending. Meal preparation and set-up requires a significant amount of effort, organization and a support group. Board members, Dennis and Ann Wilm, return in November. The Care Notes program, including cards for birthdays, anniversaries, and prayer concerns, have continued throughout the summer. Volunteers have been scheduled for September through December. Many positive comments have been shared with the board after receiving these personal and handwritten remembrances. The master list of seniors continues to be updated, including new members who have joined or those reaching the age of 65. All Super Senior events are open to all ages. Jo reported that we have 21 members who are 90 years and older. Future plans include a special event for these individuals.

#### Stewardship - Pat Brzycki

The board met in June and will re-convene on September 15. An announcement for a volunteer liaison for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) was posted in the July church newsletter

but no one has responded. Future speakers are being planned, including Jay Wendland of LCEF on January 22 after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship service. Jay oversees the Disaster Relief Fund and will share details on this. Thrivent weekend with John Leavitt is being planned for November 6 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The new Endowment Fund will commence in January 2023. Details will be presented at the Voters' Assembly meeting on November 20 and printed in the December church newsletter. Pat reviewed the fact sheet on BSLC Endowment Fund. Questions were encouraged and suggestions were offered. Dennis Wilm has expressed an interest in becoming the liaison for the board's Endowment Fund. A brief discussion took place on the use of funds towards education for members' children at a Christian school.

#### Evangelism - Barb Christensen

The board met on August 2 with guests, Rodolfo and Sandra Rodriguez. They are Grady Pointe residents and are active with Evangelism Explosion International, a Christian evangelistic ministry group supporting prison ministry. The ministry was founded 50 years ago and reaches all age groups with various initiatives to spread God's word. Since 1992, Rodolfo has visited prison inmates, utilizing the "Fresh Start" program. The board will discuss ways to provide support for the prison ministry next month. The board continues to support Kinnan Elementary School via "Teacher Appreciation Day" and "Backpack Ministry". More than \$600 was donated to the recent Backpack fundraising event. The board has decided to provide the monies towards "Adopt a Manatee County Teacher" and will support a local music teacher who is starting up music ministry and is in need of supplies.

#### Elders – Robert Morris

Robert reported that the board did not meet in July. All services, in-person and online, are going well despite a low summer church attendance. It has been reported that there is a sound issue in the narthex and in the nursery room. One Elder is always present in the narthex during services. Three Elders have been experiencing recent illnesses. The remaining Elders have willingly offered to assist and fill in as needed.

#### Financial Secretary - Martha Music

Martha continues to keep the church's website up-to-date. She welcomes all feedback on the website. Martha posed the question to Council about a future Eternal Life seminar. National Cremation Society has reached out and offered to do a presentation again. If approved by Council, the seminar would also include an attorney to discuss essential documents. Dates were discussed and tentative plans include a Saturday morning in February. Martha will report back with further details next month.

#### <u>Trustees - Orval Stuckemeyer</u>

Orval informed Council that Dan Najjar researched safer ladders for Trustees to climb up to Fellowship Hall roofing. He recommended a steel caged ladder that with a walk-through that could be inconspicuously and permanently attached on the south side of the Fellowship Hall. Trustee members would have safer access to check a/c compressors, assess storm damage, check drainage and debris removal rodent activity, supervise vendor maintenance, etc. Cost is estimated at \$2,000 plus installation fees.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the purchase of a steel caged ladder, permanently attached to the south side of the Fellowship Hall be approved. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

#### Pastor Kuehn

Pastor Kuehn informed Council that he is nearing the completion of synoptic Bible studies. Wednesday evening's Zoom Bible study is now studying the Book of Colossians. Pastor continues to provide ministry at the Throne of Grace in Bradenton weekly on Tuesdays.

#### Pastor Leavitt

Pastor Leavitt reported on the recent illnesses and absences of three Elder members. He thanked the Board of Elders for capably handling the workload. A graveside service will be held for Pearl Del Collo on September 29 at the National Cemetery in Tampa. He briefly highlighted the events of the FL-GA LCMS District convention, held in June. His term as Circuit Counselor for 10 years has ended. He recently provided helpful information on the pastoral call process for Redeemer Lutheran Church in Englewood as they deal with the sudden retirement of their pastor. He thanked all those in Senior Ministry for continuing to send cards and place telephone calls to those members who have experienced recent illnesses. The Wednesday morning Bible study continues to focus on varying topics. Lakeside Lutheran Church in Venice has invited members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church to attend their Reformation service on Sunday, October 30 at 2:30 p.m. District President Rev. James Rockey will preach. Pastor will inform Music Director Norm Vagn to have our choir members participate in this service. Pastor communicated with Parish Health Ministry chairperson, Mary Luecke, today. She is spending the summer in Wisconsin. Mary requested an upgraded computer as she felt that it was not performing as well. Pastor Todd offered to research this.

#### President's Report - Bob Brzycki

President Bob Brzycki had no issues to report.

#### Old Business

Orval discussed on-site security cameras as a means of identifying possible perpetrators. Dehart Alarm Systems, our alarm company, indicated that their camers are not likely to assist law enforcement with the physical identification needed to identify perpetrators. BSLC would have to purchase the equipment and vendor warranty would rule. Dehart Alarm Systems quoted \$23,000 for interior and exterior cameras for the tool shed, the Still Building, the church, and Fellowship Hall. The expense seems excessive and the cameras would only be redundant to our current burglary alarm system. Orval is researching two other security camera options online, including Vivint and Lorex.\_Martha stated that she was meeting with a condo resident, knowledgeable on security cameras, tomorrow as the condo association is considering a security camera for their pool. She will share the information at September's Council meeting.

Robert Morris, Board of Elders chairperson, informed Council that the board discussed and approved financial assistance to members' families that have children attending Christian schools.

The possibility of this support could fall under the future Endowment Fund. Members who do home schooling would be able to use the church facilities to share lessons and activities with other home school families. Bob Brzycki will reach out to Dennis Wilm and ask that he consult with our church insurers. The concern lies with non-members' children attending on-site home schooling. Further discussion will take place at next month's Council meeting.

Bob Brzycki updated Council on the approval process for the revisions of BSLC Constitution and By-Laws. Bob received word from the District that the congregation must approve the revisions before the District reviews and approves the revisions. This requirement was not adequately spelled out in the guidelines for submitting the revisions. Bob stated that the copy of the revisions could be presented to parishioners in September with members having access to submit questions to either Pam in the office or Bob. Martha offered that the revisions could be posted on the church's website. Rebecca offered that the document was 30 pages in length with yellow highlighted sections for revisions/additions and with deletions crossed out with lines. A special voters' meeting would be scheduled between services on Sunday, October 9 for the congregation to vote on the revisions. A majority vote of the parishioners present at this meeting is required to approve the revisions. The approved revisions would then be submitted to the District on October 10 with a notation to expedite the approval

process by November 15. Once the District approves the revisions or offers suggested changes, the Constitution and By-Laws would be voted upon at the Voters' Assembly

Much discussion took place on the planning of a Fall Festival. A date of Sunday, October 30 was discussed and Pastor Leavitt reminded Council of the afternoon Reformation service at Lakeside Lutheran Church in Venice. With Norm Kurtz expected to continue with recovery from injuries, Council discussed the idea of having the festival in early spring.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Fall Festival be replaced with a Spring Festival. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

#### **New Business**

Bill has begun work on the BSLC 2023 Proposed Budget schedule. Board members are encouraged to submit paperwork to be completed and submitted to Bill by September 8, prior to the next Council meeting. The draft budget will then be discussed at the Council meeting on September 13. The budget will be finalized at the October 11 Council meeting. Upon approval of this budget, parishioners will receive a copy two weeks before the Voters' Assembly meeting on November 20.

Board of Evangelism board members, Barb Christensen and Donna Taylor, presented a video on Stephens Ministry. Discussion followed this presentation. The single fee of \$1675 is required to cover the 50-hour training by Stephen leaders on church property. The training of Stephen Ministers would equip congregation members to provide one-to-one Christian care to members who are hurting. Stephen Ministers are commissioned by the Pastor during a worship service. Once approved by Council, it would be presented to the

Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the presentation of Stephens Ministry to the congregation. All present voted in favor. The motion passed.

Trustees will open and close the Church Council meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 P.M.

Bill 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 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Reich Sammito

**Church Council Secretary** 

Approved September 13, 2022



"For Us and With Us," is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul's letter to the Romans, Paul



tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31-39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we Aare already more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ.

# October Birthdays

## *October Anniversaries*



10/02Merwin Crampton

10/02 Rick Vallier

10/03 Bill Heerman

10/04 Richard Graven

10/04 John Yee

10/06 Hank Andre

10/07 Kathy Goering

10/09 Arlene Barrett

10/10 Laurie Legler

10/16 Judy Koegel

10/16 Ann Wilm

10/17 Lucy Fuller

10/18 Dolly Morris

10/18 Kim Morris

10/19 Charles King

10/20 Donna Taylor

10/21 Bob Webb

10/24 David Thieme

10/25 Celeste Yee

10/25 Nichole Davis

10/26 Peter Leavitt

10/28 Sue Wick

10/29 Ken Wieland

10/29 Pastor Curt Adams

10/30 Frank Abbott



10/02/1993 Chris & Jodi Mauk

10/07/1978 Bill & Jane Sloman

10/09/1976 Jim & Mary Luecke

10/26/2002 Robert & Carrie Morris

10/30/1968 Roger & Jan Hornick

#### Time and Talent Survey for Beautiful Savior



There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. I Corinthians 12: 4-6

The Stewardship Board will be distributing a Time & Talent Survey to Beautiful Savior members to complete in October. Surveys will be in your mailboxes the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks in advance for then completing the short survey and dropping off in the BLUE basket next to the Welcome Desk in the narthex no later then October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

Time & Talent Survey will also be posted soon on the Beautiful Savior website for you to compete and submit online. <a href="https://beautifulsaviorlcms.com/">https://beautifulsaviorlcms.com/</a>





There are things you should know to understand what breast cancer is, know your chances for getting it, and how to find it early. Finding breast cancer early is critical because when it is found early, it is easier to treat. Read to learn more about the common symptoms of breast cancer and the best way many women find breast cancer early.

#### What is breast cancer?

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women, after skin cancer. It is a disease in which cells in the breast grow out of control.

Cancer cells can also spread, or *metastasize*, to other parts of the body.



#### What symptoms should I look for?

Some warning signs of breast cancer are:

- New lump in the breast or underarm (armpit).
- Thickening or swelling of part of the breast.
- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin.
- Redness or flaky skin in the nipple area or the breast.
- Pulling in of the nipple.
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk, including blood.
- Any change in the size or shape of the breast.
- Pain in the breast.

These symptoms can happen with other conditions that are not cancer. If you notice any of these symptoms, talk to your health care provider right away.

#### What can I do to find breast cancer early?

**Breast cancer screening** involves checking a woman's breasts for cancer before there are signs or symptoms of the disease.

A *mammogram* is an X-ray picture of the breast. Doctors use a mammogram to look for early signs of breast cancer. The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends that most women who are at average risk and are 50 to 74 years old get one every 2 years. USPSTF



recommendations state that women with a parent, sibling, or child with breast cancer are at a higher risk for breast cancer and may benefit from beginning screening in their 40s. Weighing the benefits and risks of screening is important when considering your screening options. If you're 40 to 49 years old, talk to your health care provider about when to start screening.



## Are you concerned that you cannot afford to have a mammogram?

Most health insurance plans cover the cost of screening mammograms. If you have a low income or do not have insurance, you may qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram through CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.



National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

> To learn more about the program, call (800) CDC-INFO or visit www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/.

#### What can I do to lower my chance of getting breast cancer?

One of the most important things you can do to lower your risk of breast cancer is to know your risk of breast cancer. Talk to your doctor about what that means for you.

Your doctor will consider factors that cannot be changed, like:

- Your personal history of breast problems.
- · Your family's history of breast cancer.
- Your breast density (the amount of connective and fatty tissue in your breasts).
- Your age. Most breast cancers are found after age 50.
- Your menstrual and childbirth history.
- Your history of radiation treatment therapy to the chest or breasts.
- If you took the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES), which was given to some pregnant women in the United States between 1940 and 1971 to prevent miscarriage, you have a higher risk. Women whose mothers took DES while pregnant with them are also at higher risk.
- If you or close family members have known mutations (changes) in your breast cancer genes (BRCA1 or BRCA2). Women who have inherited these genetic changes are at higher risk of breast and ovarian cancer. You will only know if you have a mutation if you have had genetic testing. Even in the absence of having abnormal genes when tested, it is important to know your family history; we don't know all the genes that cause breast cancer.

Your doctor will also consider factors that can be changed, like any hormone replacement use.

## Here are some things you can do to reduce your chance of getting breast cancer:

- Keep a healthy weight.
- Engage in regular physical activity.
- Don't drink alcohol, or limit alcoholic drinks to no more than one per day.



To learn more about breast cancer, visit <a href="www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/">www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/</a>.

**Division of Cancer Prevention and Control** 

October 2020

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

#### **MEMBERS**

- Don Andersen—in the hospital, in need of strength and healing
- Glenn Ziegenfuss— at home, strength and healing from bypass surgeries
- Bill Sloman—received liver transplant, at home, prayers of thanksgiving
- Genny Dryden—fell and broke three ribs, has infection
- Arlene Barrett—fell and broke hip, had surgery, in rehab
- Karen Vallier water retention and other problems, going into rehab after hospital
- Ellan McMorrow—heart procedure, in need of strength, healing, and answers
- Mary Jacobsen—strength and healing following surgery
- Denise Hartman—strength and healing from surgery
- Roger Hornick—strength and healing following surgery, at home
- Lucy Abbott—at rehab
- Dave Schnepel—at home, strength and healing



- Jerry Dalton, Sr.—multiple heart procedures, strength and healing, father of Jerry Dalton
- Carol Clark—diagnosed with lymphoma, going thru Chemo, classmate of Jane Schneeberger
- Ralph Gwyn—at home, in need of strength and healing, husband of Willie
- Terry Jones—stage four breast cancer, daughter of friend of Roger and Jan Hornick
- Dale Albrecht—strength and healing following surgery, son of Carl and MaryLou Albrecht
- John Horalek—recovering from open heart surgery, friend of Charles and Ann King
- Amber Hartman—Has diverticulitis and severe knee pain, daughter of Denise Hartman
- Ella—strength and healing after knee surgery, granddaughter of Ellan McMorrow
- Jimmy Suskiewicz strength and healing following successful hip surgery, brother-in-law of Martha Music
- Jerry Morris—strength and healing from double knee surgery, friend of Paul & Linda Jorgensen
- Kenneth Weiser—strength and healing, son of Beth Loveday
- Barry Curless—in need of prayer as he fights cancer
- Dave Measell, lung cancer, with wife Linda as caretaker, brother-in-law and sister of Willie Gwyn
- Dawn—cancer—daughter of Ginny Dryden
- Suzie—recovery from heart attack, in hospital, needing surgery when healthier, cousin of Ellan McMorrow
- 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
- 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







"Be joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer."

Romans 12:12

As I was preparing this article today an email came in from LWML that our president, Gayle Caruso, had made the decision to cancel the Convention to be held in Tampa this coming weekend due to Hurricane Ian. Be assured that all your donations and monetary gifts for the Tampa Hope Children's Home will be delivered. Thank you for contributing. Fortunately the delegates had already voted online for the 18 mission projects that were presented. That will help to make things easier for other decisions our directors have to make. We pray for them and all who were impacted by the storm.

At this time we don't know what conditions or damage we will face after the Hurricane has passed but the Lord has promised to see us through and we can trust in Him.

You might be interested to know that the FL/GA LWML is helping to support 10 young people studying to be Pastors, a Deaconess, DCE's and Teachers through our scholarship program. One young man, Joshua Wareham, received the Kuiper Award. Joshua spent the last two years in Jos, Africa teaching English. After this experience he felt God's calling to become a Pastor. If in God's plan, he would like to return to Africa. Your mites are part of our Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your part in the lives of these young people.

"For Us and With Us" is the theme for LWML Sunday on October 9. Hopefully we will be able to share which mission projects were chosen for the next two years and highlight a few of them. We will meet the following day, Monday, October 10, at 10:00 AM for our regular meeting. Please come and join us. We'll be planning our Christmas tea, to be held Monday, December 12, also at 10:00 AM. Please plan to be with us. There is no charge but there will be prizes and lots of goodies and of course, TEA! Put it on your calendar, invite some friends and be with us to help celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.



#### COMPASSION. CONNECTION. QUALITY CARING.

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Starting Stephen Ministry involves just two easy steps:

**ENROLL YOUR CONGREGATION** 

Enrollment provides your church with ongoing access to training, resources, and support from Stephen Ministries.

**GET STEPHEN LEADERS TRAINED** 

The online Bridge Stephen Leader's Training Course equips lay leaders, church staff, and pastors with the skills, tools, and knowledge to serve as Stephen Leaders—the ones who lead Stephen Ministry in the congregation.

"I've always seen my job as a pastor as helping members of my congregation do the ministry they are called to do. That's why I'm so excited about Stephen Ministry. There's a great need for this kind of ministry, and I know I can trust our Stephen Ministers, their preparation, and the care they're providing."

Rev. Shawn Clerkin

Saint John's Episcopal Church | Franklin, PA

"I've been a Stephen Minister for 7 years, and it has really strengthened my faith and spiritual life. I encourage every church to start Stephen Ministry. After seeing Stephen Ministry in action for all this time, I can't imagine how a congregation can do without it!"

Pat Higuchi

Wesley United Methodist Chuch | San Jose, CA

## MORE ABOUT STEPHEN LEADER TRAINING

The Bridge Stephen Leader's Training Course is a live, interactive online experience. The training takes place in cohorts of twenty participants, led via Zoom by two members of Stephen Ministries' teaching faculty.

Open to members of enrolled Stephen Ministry congregations, training cohorts are offered in the morning, afternoon, or evening to meet people's needs:

- A 5-week option meets twice a week.
- · A 10-week option meets once a week.

New cohorts start every five weeks. Check our website for the schedule of upcoming cohorts.

#### QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about starting Stephen Ministry or getting Stephen Leaders trained, call us at (314) 428-2600.

#### WHAT DOES THE TRAINING OFFER?

- LIVE, INTERACTIVE EQUIPPING
- PERSONALIZED SUPPORT
- MEANINGFUL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
- FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING
- ONVENIENT & EFFECTIVE LEARNING

#### THE BRIDGE LEADER'S TRAINING COURS



To learn more about Stephen Leader training, go to **stephenministries.org/bridge.** 

**EXPAND YOUR CONGREGATION'S** 

CARING CAPACITY

"The skills and learning I've received through Stephen Ministry have molded me into the compassionate listener, caring friend, and healing vessel God needs me to be. Jesus said to love one another, and Stephen Ministry helps regular people like me do just that!"

**Beth Solis** 

Saint Philip Neri Parish | Choctaw, OK

"Stephen Ministry has given us a great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus for those who need care. It's a unique outlet for people to use their gifts. All congregations, no matter how large or small, will benefit from having Stephen Ministry!"



Kevin Winkler

Bethel Evangelical Free Church | Fargo, ND

"A front-row seat to watch God in action"

### "Supports

and advances our church's mission"

"Tangibly showing Christ's love"

"Helping us make ministry happen"



### "So blessed

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STARTING STEPHEN MINISTRY IN 2023

## Service Guild

Beautiful Savior Service Guild



With Love, Serve God and Others

# RESERVE THE DATE SERVICE GUILD CRAFT FAIR NOVEMER 12 & 13, 2022 9 AM TO 2 PM









The ladies of the Service Guild have been working hard all year to bring you new home-crafted items just in time for the holidays, such as live plants; original doll fashions; jewelry; Thanksgiving & Christmas decor; and household & kitchen items. We will also be offering delicious home baked goodies for you to take home; and hot dogs, chips, sodas and fresh coffee on premises.









## SuperSeniors



## Oktoberfest, 2022





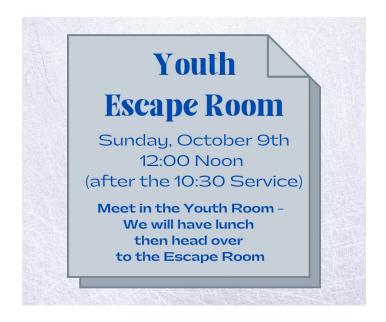








The Youth Group met up this past Saturday night the 24th at Freddy's to share dinner together then headed up to Busch Gardens for Howl O Scream. This was our second event this fall season following Fall Kick Off on September 18th. We had a fantastic time hanging out with both seasoned and new youth joining us!





Beautiful Savior
Prayer Partners' Ministry
Breakfast
Saturday, November 5, 2022
9am to 11am
Fellowship Hall

Join us! Enjoy fellowship and music
Pastor Leavitt and Pastor Todd will be speaking
Planning to come, contact Julie Robinson, Prayer Partner Leader
by October 26, 2022
kenai 1996r@gmail.com (941) 359-2408
email: kenai 1996r@gmail.com

#### Dear BSLC Members

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, phone calls, texts messages and visits during my recent 10 day extended hospitalization. The procedure on my right hip to remove bone growth following my hip replacement in When bone grows outside of the skeletal system, it grows for two years, then stops growing. Surgery can not be performed until it stops growing, otherwise it will just grow back. June 2021 was my two year mark, which was the peak of Covid, since SMH had around 250 Covid patients admitted, I decided not to have the surgery until now. The massive amount of bone growth was very painful the last three year, but I am very happy to report that the morning following surgery in which they removed about 12 large pieces of bone growth, the pain in my right hip and leg was gone. There was a significant incision but am happy to say that in comparison to the previous pain the incision was a minor irritation. Home Healthcare did a great job with PT & OT for two weeks getting me to start moving. Today 9/21/22 I started six weeks of Out Patient PT, so my goal is to be able to walk and be fully functional at the end of six weeks, that is if these old bone cooperate. Again, thank you to everyone for your kindness and sharing as it is greatly appreciated.

Roger Hornick

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 7461 Prospect Road, Sarasota, FL 34243



Come on out on Saturday, October 29th from 5:30 p.m. until 7 for some Trunk or Treating! All are invited, and there will be plenty of candy and fun for all.

At 6:00 p.m. we will be offering Pizza, which will be inside in our Fellowship Hall. All are invited for this too!

Come enjoy some pizza and get to know your neighbors!
We will have tables set up to sit and visit with family and friends!



## SuperSeniors

Join us at noon on Thursday, October 20th at the Beautiful Savior Copa Cabana for great food (fried chicken and all the fixings), awesome entertainment and unsurpassed Christian fellowship.

Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives and please sign up on the Seniors board in the fellowship hall.



## **About Barely Manilow**

Looks like we made it!

Barely Manilow is the Ultimate Barry Manilow Tribute show!

Celebrate the enduring legacy of one of our most cherished entertainers and the number one adult contemporary artist of all time, Barry Manilow. Barely Manilow stars the amazing Jonathan Elgart, who will blow you away as he takes you back with his incredible portrayal of Manilow.

Barely Manilow features many of Manilow's international hits, including "Mandy," "Could it be Magic," "American Bandstand," "I Write the Songs," "Copacabana," "It's a Miracle," and many more.

With a career spanning over fifty years and still going strong to this day, Barry Manilow is one of our most enduring musical artists, and with Barely Manilow, fans can sing along just like the days at The Copa. !

We will be showing our Veteran's Day Photo Show with all of our members next month.

If you haven't already, be sure to send a picture of yourself, your spouse or child to office@beautifulsaviorlcms.com so we can include in our Photo Show. Photos must be in by Monday, November 1st.





#### **Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,**

Over the years, the increase in demand for spiritual guidance to the incarcerated's families has caused us to expand our outreach and assistance into the communities and homes to where the incarcerated will return. There are approximately 2 million people incarcerated in the U.S. Over 1.5 million children in the US have a parent serving a sentence in a state or federal prison. The average age of a child with an incarcerated parent is eight years old. 75 % of incarcerated women are mothers. **EEPM** ( Evangelism Explosion Prison Ministry ) has impacted over 15,000 families of the incarcerated. We shared the gospel to more than 20,000 prisoners and 13,000 local church attendees of which, more than 10% responded for salvation and recommitments in Christ; discipled over 10,000 inmates through correspondence Bible studies; traveled over 180,000 miles across the United States and abroad, trained over 16,000 prisoners & over 7,800 local church volunteers with the tools to effectively share their faith on the compounds with their peers and personally with their families.

**Please be in prayer with us** and our increased outreach and support to the incarcerated's families. We will always have prisoners and we will always have family members who appeal to God on their behalf; sometimes I feel as though we are direct answers to the prayers of the prisoner's loved ones. Consequently, we must go. And, with your continued <a href="help">help</a>, we will!



Anyone is welcome to join the Youth for the Road clean up, and enjoy donuts and orange juice after, on Saturday, October 29th.

They will be hosting a Trunk or Treat later that day after the Contemporary Worship Service, and we have invited the kids from Kinnan as well as the neighborhoods around us. If you would like to decorate your trunk, please come join us! We would like to have as many cars as we can!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray everything is going well as you prepare for hurricane Ian.

It has been brought to my attention that many of you have concerns about my "nuanced fidgeting". What I mean is when you see me in worship for Bible study or in other settings I kind of wiggle a lot. Sometimes I'll move left and right or bend over and almost touch my knees to my chest. I admit when I see it on video when I watch the service later it is quite unorthodox.



The problem dates back to my injury from over 30 years ago. Because I am a quadriplegic and my muscles have atrophied and my circulation isn't very good I suffer from low blood pressure. My normal average blood pressure is usually around 90/60. I have adjusted to it and been able to function pretty well that low. The problems arise when I take medication for spasms. I'm sure many of you seen the "tremors" and shaking uncontrollably. I take medication to curb those spasms but unfortunately one of the side effects of those medications is lowering my blood pressure.

When you see me rocking back-and-forth, or even to the point where about a month ago I had to lower my wheelchair and tip backwards, it is because my blood pressure is extremely low and I'm trying to raise it up by activating my muscles to contract through spasms to raise my blood pressure.

It's nothing to be really alarmed about but I imagine it looks quirky. I just thought you all needed some more insight into my condition. I'm always an open book and you can come and talk to me about anything and everything pertaining to my disability and anything else.

It is great to have such a wonderful church family and I know you care deeply about me and are concerned when you see things that seem strange. I'll keep on preaching and teaching as long as this body can hold out. God will let me know when my time is up for this part of my life but God willing, he gives me another 8 to 10 years to keep preaching and teaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

See you soon at church or out in the community. God Bless you all!

In Christ,

Pastor Todd

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