



The

Sanctuary

You are God's Temple

...God's Spirit Lives in You. 1 Cor. 3:15

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Upcoming Events

October 2022

Sun. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Worship 9:30

Sunday School & Adult

Bible Study 10:45

Mon. Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Support Group 7

Tues. Oct. 4

Quilting 930-12

Wed. Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
Ladies Bible Study 10 am

Wed. Oct. 5, 19

Adult Choir 7 pm

Thurs. Oct. 6, 13, 27
Blanket Tying

Tues. Oct. 11

Church Council 7 pm

Sat. Oct. 15

Basement Reserved
Carron—Basket Weaving
1 pm

Tues. Oct. 18

Christian Ed 7 pm

Thurs. Oct. 20

Fellowship 430 pm
Bunco 6 pm

Sun. Oct. 23

Trunk or Treat 3-5
Fall Festival
Chili Cook Off 4

Sun. Nov 6

Day light savings
time ends
Fall Back

Family

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 23

Fun for kids starts at 3:00 p.m.

Games, Activities, Hay Rides, the balloon
lady, Trunk or Treat, etc.

Bring your chili for the chili cook-off
by 4:00 p.m.

Dinner by the bon-fire at 5:00 p.m.

Sign up in the Narthex to bring:

Chili for the cook off,
Other food items, and/or
Cake Walk donations



Trunk or Treat 2022

3– 5 p.m.

Sign up in the Narthex
to bring your trunk!

Kids—wear your costumes!

Invite your friends!

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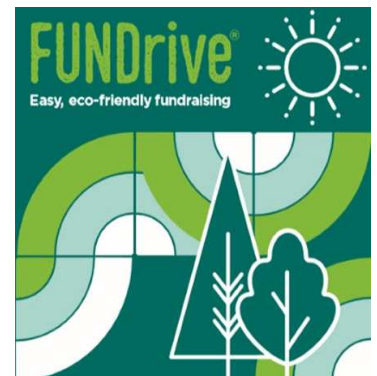
Our Goal: \$1000

278 Tall Kitchen Bags + Large Yard Bags

Fundraiser Dates:

09/26/2022 - 12/02/2022

More info on items to bring on page 7



Time to change your clocks back!

Daylight-Savings time ends

Sunday November 6.



For many months the Elders of Blessed Savior have been asking the question, "How do we help our members understand and engage in the ministry that Christ gave to His church?" What's our *raison d'être*; the most important reason or purpose of our existence? What's our mission as the people of God?

In our church's mission statement are the words of Jesus who made our purpose very clear. In the 28th Chapter of Matthew He says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18–20, ESV).

Baptizing is the easiest part of making disciples and yet it is the most important. Through baptism, God implants faith in the heart. Baptism is the easiest part of the disciple-making process. It is a completely passive act performed by God through the administration of a pastor. This should remind us that our salvation isn't our own doing, but a work of God. But Jesus includes teaching as part of the disciple-making process. We are saved eternally and no one can take that away from us. But we are also saved for a purpose, and that purpose is to share the good news with others... "faith comes from hearing the Word of God" and it is passed on from one heart to the next.

The Elders came up with a simple tool to help each of us understand our purpose and calling under the Lordship of Jesus. We're calling it "4G." Each "G-word" is not only a topic for understanding what God has done for us in Christ Jesus, but it is also a challenge to action. Remember Jesus said,

"Make disciples... baptizing... and teaching them to '*observe*' everything I have commanded you."

While faith in Christ alone is the foundation for our salvation, not by works, yet faith is also the motivation and energy for all our faith-full, God-directed actions. James reminds us that "faith without works is a dead faith." The problem most of us have today is not our lack of faith, but our lack of understanding how God directs our faith-driven actions to increase our faith. As we "observe" (obey) God's call to action, our faith is strengthened *and* those good works then become a shining witness to others; a display of God's goodness for the world to see.

For the next four Sundays (October 02, 09, 16 & 23) I will be preaching on one of the "4Gs." In these messages I hope to help you think through the importance of:

Glorifying God (Oct 02)

Gathering with His Family (Oct 09)

Going into the world with the Gospel of Grace. (Oct 16)

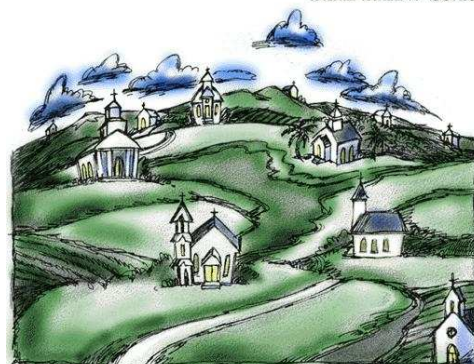
Giving Ourselves to the work of God's ever-expanding family. (Oct 23)

I encourage you not to be satisfied with being simply a member of our congregation, but an active disciple of Jesus, who desires to grow in faith and practice the disciplines our Lord gave us to "build each other up." Jesus promised to be with us to the end of the age and promised also to live in us corporately as His Body. So let's agree to set aside our Sunday plans for the coming month and commit to joining with God's family at Blessed Savior for the next 4 Sundays that together God may inspire us and lead us in faithful service to the One who has saved us by His death and resurrection, and given us hope in our sojourn here on earth and assurance of our eternal destiny in heaven.

In His Service + By His Grace,
Pastor Vern

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MATTHEW 28:19



Sunday School

Just a reminder that Sunday School has started. There are classes for everyone from age 3 through Adult. All classes start at 10:45 with the PreK to 6th grade children meeting in the sanctuary, 7th to 12th grade meeting in the basement and adults meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please ask a greeter if you need help finding the right place.



Fall Festival

Join us for fun and fellowship at church on October 23 for the Fall Festival. The activities will begin at 3 pm with the kids participating in "Trunk or Treat", and continue through our campfire dinner. There will be games, hay rides, a cake walk, the balloon lady and, of course, plenty of chili for dinner. Mark your calendars now and watch for future updates and sign-up sheets for donations.

TRUNK OR TREAT

SIGN UP to participate!!

Trunk or Treat was a big hit last year so we will do it again this year! But, we need your help! You are asked to provide candy or trinkets to pass out.

WHEN: OCTOBER 23 FROM 3:00-5:00

WHERE: BSLC PARKING LOT (Please be in place by 2:30 pm)...
we will direct you where to go with your car.

WHY: COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND FUN FOR THE KIDS



We are looking for 20-30 individuals/families who would be willing to decorate their vehicle's trunk and hand out candy at the Trunk or Treat activity? If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex!

If you need ideas, all you have to do is google "Trunk or Treat" and a million ideas will pop up. Otherwise, you can just decorate in a Fall theme, a Bible Story theme, a Storybook theme, a Disney Theme, a Children's Game theme....the options are really endless and up to you! We just ask that you leave out the spooky gore theme because....this is for the KIDS!!!

Keep it simple or go all out...ALL ARE WELCOME and remember IT'S FOR THE KIDS....
 so LETS HAVE FUN!!!

If you have questions, see Gwen Borsch or Ginger Kieffer!

Living in the Present

During Martin Luther's great struggle to reform the church in the 16th century, the Holy Roman Emperor sought to silence him. So he spent some lonely months in Wartburg Castle under protective custody. There, as he fought despair, Luther scribbled the words "I am baptized" on his desktop as a reminder that he was living according to an ongoing call from God. He did not write, "I was baptized" but used the present-tense verb. For he rightly understood that in his baptism, God had adopted him as his son, and no human could take that from him.

Later, in his *Large Catechism*, Luther wrote: "To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act." —from *The Wired Word*

Stewardship CORNER

"We Are All Beggars"

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: "We are all beggars. This is true." And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Irony, isn't it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christ-

mas present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't like being in someone's debt like that.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise. – LCMS Stewardship Ministry:

lcms.org/stewardship



PERFECT PASTRIES



FUNDRAISING

Perfect Pastries are back! Just in time for the holidays!

They have puffin pastries, mini pizzas, cookies and more.

Order sheets will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, October 2. You may order anytime October 2– October 30. Payment is due with your order.

Pick up day is Monday, November 14 at 4 pm .

WANT TO HOLD A FUNDRAISER? HERE'S THE PROCESS

Blessings to all BSLC members and visitors. Over the past few months there has been questions concerning the process to conduct a fundraiser at the church. In the past members just did their fundraisers without checking to see if anyone else was doing a fundraiser at the same time. This resulted in church members being hit up for funds from multiple directions.

In an attempt to keep some type of control on the number and timing of fundraisers during last February's Rolls and Goals meeting we came up with the following process. This process was also stated at the April Voters meeting to no objections. Here is the process:

1. The church member that wants to conduct a fundraiser contacts one of the stewardship committee members (Keith Szolga, Dale or Carol Schutte, Curtis Kuppler, Karen Depping or Nancy Schmidt) with your request.
2. Provide the details of the fundraiser, what it is, when is it to be conducted and for how long, provide the POC(s) name(s) and contact information (phone number and email address).
3. The request will be entered into the fundraiser spreadsheet maintained by the Stewardship Co-Chairmen.
4. The request will be discussed at the next Stewardship committee meeting which occurs the fourth Tuesday of the month.
5. The fundraiser POC will be invited to attend the next Church Council meeting to present their request and answer any questions from the council members. After all questions have been answered the POC is excused from the meeting.
6. Required—The council members then discuss the request, check the Church calendar to make sure there isn't a conflict with something else. Then vote on the request.
7. The Stewardship Chairman lets the fundraiser POC know the Council's decision.
8. If the request is approved, the POC will be directed to contact Social Ministry POC (Hannah Husemann). This is to make sure their fundraiser is publicized throughout the church and outside.

If you have any questions on the above process contact one of the Stewardship committee members.



Give All Glory to God

By taking either compliments or criticism personally, we rob God of glory. Words go deep, either puffing up our pride or threatening our identity. But God intended better. Isaiah 60:21 (NLT) says, "All your people will be righteous. They will possess their land forever, for I will plant them there with my own hands in order to bring myself glory."

Our identity is in God, as his beloved children. Any comments (good or bad) must go through God first, and we can ask him to filter each word and speak his truth to our souls. We can pray: What do you want me to hear, God? Are you inviting me to do something different? How can I point others to you? Do I need to make something right?

This change in mindset provides peace. When we receive people's applause, we want to glorify God, who orchestrates all things. Likewise, constructive criticism can reflect God's work in us, making us teachable. Instead of being tossed to and fro by affirmations and critiques, let's rest secure and shift our focus to bring God glory!
—Janna Firestone



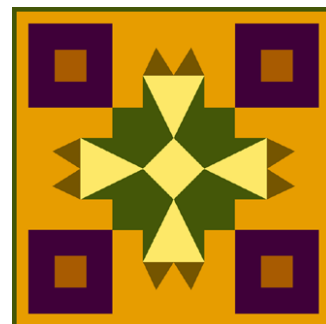


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Birthdays

1 – Buffi Gass
 2 – Ellen Schutte, Jessica Gass
 3 – Michaela Drouin, Tom McManus
 4 – Eric Stake, Jr., Lydia Feary
 4 – Loriann Reynolds
 6 – Bethany Ellington, Gogo Sanchez
 7 – Keira Longhorn,
 8 – Sandie Rust
 9 – Carlin Schefelker
 10 – Theresa Longhorn

10 – Ashton Gorney
 13 – Heidi Brady, Muriel Mayer
 13 – Hannah Williams, Jessica Carron
 14 Rochelle Monaco, Zachary Monaco
 18 – Ben Hodgson, Matt Morton,
 20 – Matt Lloyd
 21 – Justin Conrad
 24 – Ginger Kieffer
 25 – Michele Hollenbeck
 29 – Becca Couture



Join the Lutheran World Relief QUILT-ERS on **Tuesdays,, October 4, November 1, and December 6** from 9:30– 12:00 p.m. to tie quilts. (We don't actually quilt by hand. Instead we secure the layers by hand tying them.) Come and join us for a time of good ole fellowship. Hope to see you there! Mark your calendar for the 1st Tuesday of each month. If you have any fabric pieces, thin blankets, curtains, drapes, sheets, etc you no longer need, the quilters would love to recycle them into quilts.



OCTOBER

Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

4 – Shaun & Heidi Brady
 9 – Rev Perry & Diane Schefelker
 14 – Joe & Marci Monaco
 15 – Jim Christi Carron
 17 – Nathan & Keatyn Schefelker
 24 – Bob & Marsha Strohm
 26 – Jessica Schmidt & Andy Feary

We are sorry if your birthday or anniversary has been overlooked. Please call the church office, 632-0126 or email Nancy at nancy@mybslc.org so we may add your name to our list. Thanks for your help.

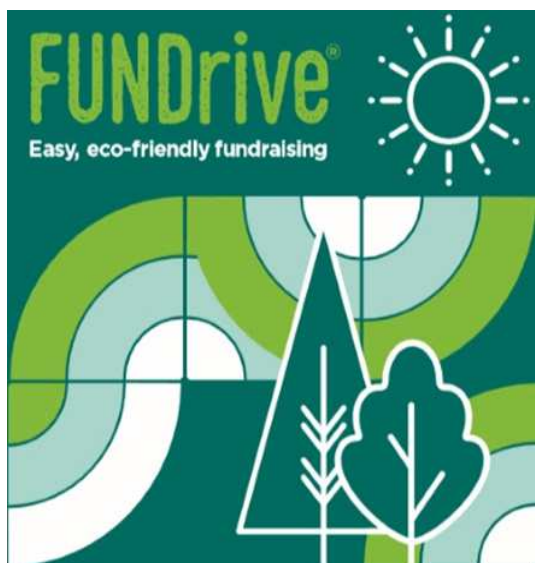
Prayer for the Church

The following prayer, included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006) and other hymnals, is often used in Protestant churches on Reformation Sunday. But it's an important petition for all Christian denominations at all times of the year, for we constantly need God's truth and peace, direction and reformation.

"Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."



Clean out your closets for Blessed Savior Lutheran Church!



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Our Goal: \$1000
278 Tall Kitchen Bags + Large Yard
Bags
Fundraiser Dates:
09/26/2022 - 12/02/2022

Community Collection Days:

To be announced

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church,
Lower Level
1205 North Lincoln - O'Fallon, IL

We are doing this fundraiser to help people in our community who are facing hard times, and towards The Rust Mabry Endowed Scholarship at McKendree College in memory of Mary Rust Mabry who lost her life from cancer. It is an educational Endowment for teachers furthering their education.

We Are Collecting:

Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Shoes: Please keep shoes separate for the ongoing shoe drive.

Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags.

All items must be clean and in sellable condition.



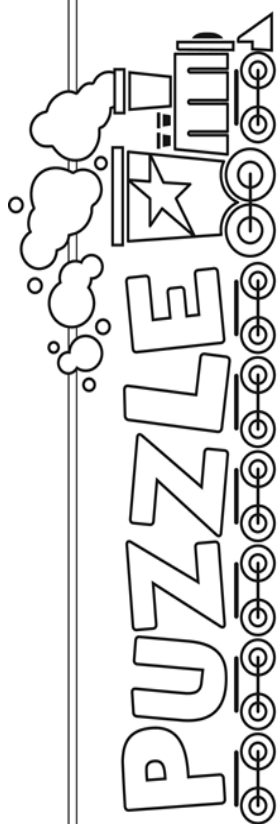
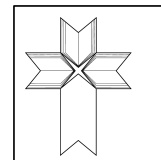
Be-attitudes

Be understanding of your enemies.
Be loyal to your friends.
Be strong enough to face the world each day.
Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.
Be generous to those who need your help.
Be frugal with what you need for yourself.
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.
Be open enough to believe in miracles.
Be willing to share your joys.
Be eager to share the sorrows of others.
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.
Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.
Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.
Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.
Be loving to those who love you.
Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.
Be yourself, above all.





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God's character is evident through what he made.

Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.

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WHAT HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT PEOPLE ARE

WITHOUT EXCUSE. 2WAMOR 1:20, NIV

Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans