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# Sanctuary

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

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## Upcoming Events

**May 2024**

**Wednesday May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Ladies Bible Study 10 am

**Sun. May 5, 12, 19**

Worship 930

Sunday school/Adult Bible Study 1045

**Mon. May 6, 13, 20, 27**

Support Group 7 pm

**Tues. May 7, 14**

Jr. Confirmation 4 pm

**Tues. May 7**

Youth Board 6

Elders 7

**Sat. May 11**

Basket Guild

**Sun. May 12**

Happy Mother's Day

Farewell Pastor Daniel

**Tues. May 14**

Church Council 7 pm

**Thurs. May 16**

Fellowship Mtg 4 pm

Ladies Night Bunco 6 pm

**Sun. May 19**

Jr. Confirmation 930

**Tues. May 21**

Christian Ed Mtg. 7 pm

**Mon. May 27**

Memorial Day

**Tues. May 28**

Stewardship Mtg. 6 pm



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Needed

Scuba VBS

June 3 -7



**Sunday, May 5, 2024  
12:30 p.m.**

This is a special meeting to call a new Pastor to our Congregation and elect a new president of our congregation.





Dear Brothers and Sisters of Blessed Savior,

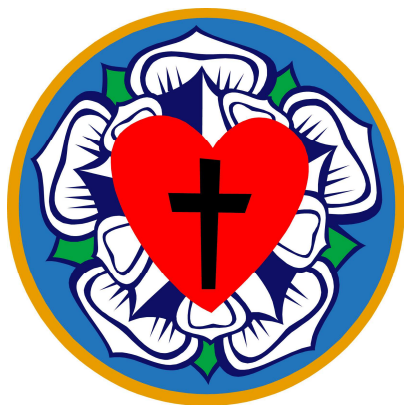
Sometimes I enjoy reading about heroes of the Lutheran Reformation. These folks aren't very well known, but God used them to change and impact many lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. True, these folks lived a long time ago. But their lives can still inspire us and demonstrate the power of God's grace in Christ.

One Reformation hero who really got my attention a few years ago is a man named George the Pious, the Margrave (ruler) of Brandenburg-Ansbach. George was born in Ansbach in 1484 to Margrave Frederick the Elder and his wife, Sophia. Although raised as a Roman Catholic, George was impressed by the teachings of Martin Luther, especially after he witnessed Luther's refusal to recant his writings at the Diet of Worms in 1521. You'll recall that after Luther was asked to take back his teachings, he replied, "I am bound by the Scriptures and my conscience has been taken captive by the Word of God, and I am neither able nor willing to recant, since it is neither safe nor right to act against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me." George was also moved by the preaching of Lutheran pastors in the city of Nuremberg and Luther's translation of the New Testament in 1522. After meeting Luther in 1524 and corresponding with him, George became a devout Lutheran and worked tirelessly for the spread of the Gospel in the lands he ruled.



While George was impressed by Luther's courage at the Diet of Worms in 1521, he himself demonstrated great courage when he and other Lutheran princes met with Charles V, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, in Augsburg in 1530 to present their confession of faith. This confession is now called the Augsburg Confession and is a teaching standard for Lutherans and other Christians. At first the emperor refused to hear the confession or have any discussion about theological concerns. He commanded the princes to stop the Gospel preaching in the city. When George and Philip of Hesse stated that the Emperor couldn't dictate to their consciences, the Emperor became furious. According to Johannes Walter in his book *Der Reichstag zu Augsburg, 1530*, George stepped forward calmly, looked the Emperor in the eye, and said, "Before I would deny my God and His Gospel, I would rather kneel down here before Your Imperial Majesty and let you cut off my head."

The Emperor was shocked and stammered in broken German, "Not cut off head! Not cut off head!" A few days later, on June 25, 1530, the confession was presented and read to the Emperor. He wasn't happy, but the Lutheran princes survived their confrontation with him and left Augsburg having boldly confessed their reliance on Jesus for salvation and their adherence to God's Word.



Again, this all happened a long time ago, but it still speaks volumes to us today. It speaks to the need for Christ, the cost of discipleship and the power of the Holy Spirit when bearing witness to Jesus. God grant us courage like that of those Lutheran princes. A courage that says in the face of ridicule and anger at the Christian faith, "Jesus is my Savior! He is the way, the truth and the life, and I trust in him."

Thanks for reading and God bless you richly!  
In Christ,  
Pastor Tony

## Honor Your Mother

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom's favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother's Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they "symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too,



### Mother — and More

Though I've primarily known God as Father — along with metaphors such as rock, eagle, shepherd, potter — I also learned of Scripture passages portraying God as mother. For example (all NIV):

- "For a long time I have kept silent. ... But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant" (Isaiah 42:14).
- "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13).
- "Like a bear robbed of her cubs, I will attack them" (Hosea 13:8).

In others, God is pictured doing traditional "women's work": making clothes (Genesis 3:21), sweeping (Isaiah 14:23), preparing and hosting a meal (Proverbs 9:1-6), baking bread (Luke 13:21).

One of my favorite images of God is tucked in Hosea. While many modern dads nurture their toddlers this way, the tender words surely call to mind a mama's care: "It was I who taught [Israel] to walk. ... To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them" (Hosea 11:3-4). Most importantly, God — however known — is loving and good. —Heidi Hyland Mann

### In-carnation

The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living.

In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love.

According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from *carnis*, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes *incarnation*, God's coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.





As I was gathering articles for this newsletter I was thinking of Pastor Vern and his recent passing. I was talking to Pastor Perry about putting one of his articles in the newsletter this month. He said ok, but find something that pertains to grief, or inspiration or the good of the congregation. This is the first article I read, it made me cry, I miss him so. He was such a good friend, teacher, pastor and my boss for 27 years. Enjoy the article—it's a good one! Nancy



Two thoughts are guiding my thinking as I am writing this newsletter article. The first thought is that November marks the end of the church year. This is most evident in the lessons which revolve around the themes of the End Times, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ and Judgment Day. The second thought is drawn toward what most of us think about in November: Thanksgiving Day.

The convergence of these two thoughts, “the end” as we know and live it and “thanksgiving,” immediately drew my attention to Omar and His father. I met Omar (and his wife Sue) through the Drouin Family. Omar has been an active participant of our Friday Night Bible Study at the Drouin home. By all accounts he is a great neighbor, friend, and faithful member of a local church in O’Fallon.

Last Friday (from the time I wrote this) Omar told us that he had been transferring all his VHS tapes to DVDs. As he was previewing tapes he ran across a recording of his dad. It turned out that this tape was recorded in the last year of his dad’s life.

Omar’s dad, Manuel, had been suffering from cancer for some time. He knew his health was deteriorating and the end was near. At the young age of sixty-one, as he faced the certain end of his life, he talked about how full his life had been. He didn’t talk about what he would miss by not being around the 20 or 30 more years of his entitled natural life expectancy. He was complete and content with the blessings God had given him. And He was thankful for it all. There it was; the intersection of “the end” and “thanksgiving”!

So many of us struggle with the convergence of these two ideas. Thankfulness depends on the continued flow of blessing. But when we see “the end” approaching (whatever “the end” looks like to us personally), “thankfulness” so often desists. How can one move into a mood of thankfulness when death threatens us? Isn’t the real question we all have at these times: “Where is God when disaster comes?” If He is a loving God, would he allow me to suffer cancer? If He is a caring God, would He allow our lives to be threatened by raging fires, violent hurricanes, crunching earthquakes, and tsunamis? If he is a God of compassion, would He allow enemy terrorists to kill innocent human beings who are going about their daily activities just to provide shelter and provisions for their families? What was Omar’s dad thinking? How can a person confronted with “the end” be content and “thankful” when they are “walking in the valley of the shadow of death?”

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

<sup>2</sup> he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.” 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

There isn’t a person among us who cannot attest to the Lord’s physical and material blessings. If we’re honest, like Omar’s dad, we can see the fullness of his blessing in our lives materially, like our homes, our families, our friends, our town, our country, etc. But we have also been blessed spiritually having received a faith that trusts in the promises of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Psalmist draws our attention to our Shepherd-ing Lord who promises to be with us as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. He is preparing a feast for us in the presence of our enemies! His anointing is lavish, excessive, and He continues to be good and merciful even when the end comes. What is He doing? He is preparing a house for us, that the fires of this life, or even the fires of hell, will never touch. And there, we will live secure eternally. Jesus said, “And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am



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Where is God in our calamities? He is with us, loving, caring, watching over us, and protecting us, hoping that we will see with spiritual eyes that no fire or earthquake, no enemy, even death itself can overcome us because His presence is with us. How do we find a thankful spirit as we approach the end? Take hope that, in Christ our Good Shepherd, no calamity, no matter how severe, can disturb the flow of God's blessing! Thanksgiving... in the end... is the result of a heart inclined toward God who promises that "He will never leave us nor forsake us." I learned that from Omar's dad and from the Word of God.

As we approach the season of "The End Times" remember that this is not a cause for alarm or discouragement, but it is a time to reflect on the Lord's shepherding love over us with "Thanksgiving."

Be Thankful; the Lord is with You! Happy Thanksgiving,  
Pastor Vern (Pastor Vern Article Reprinted from November 2007)



Join the Lutheran World Relief QUILTERS on **Tuesdays, May 7, June 11, July 2, Aug. 6, & Sept 3.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## Letter received from Mosaic—recent Baby Bottle Campaign

Dear Blessed Savior Lutheran,

Thank you for encouraging your congregation to support Mosaic Health's 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign. Your support of our mission to meet the needs of men and women and save the lives of the unborn is truly a blessing.

To date this year, more than 3,021 individual bottles have been collected from 83 different churches/groups in the Metro East, resulting in a total of **\$99,712.36** raised!

**The amount collected from your church this year was \$981.69 .** Please extend our heartfelt gratitude to your congregation for their generosity.

As one recent patient, Kennedy, shared with us, "*I don't know what I would have done without (Mosaic). They gave me hope, information, and support.*"

We truly could not have been there for Kennedy and many others like her without your help – **thank you**. We pray for God's blessings on you, your ministry, and your congregation.

Eternally Grateful,

Kathy Lesnoff

### Thanks to all Members who Recently Contributed to Our Church



Thanks to the anonymous donor who gave \$5,000 in Jan. to improve our sound system: two cameras, controllers, and livestream equipment in the back of the sanctuary to replace the iPhone in front of the sanctuary; Thanks to Ed, Eric, and Pastor Vern for wiring the feed to the cameras above the ceiling;

ing; and to Ed and Eric for connecting the sound board to the new and larger screen in the Fellowship Hall;

Thanks to John and Ed for putting up the new screen in the Fellowship Hall; Thanks to Ed for the new large white bookshelves in the Fellowship Hall that allow for the rest of the books to be placed on them.

Thanks to those who took down tables and put up the chairs in the Fellowship Hall for Pastor Vern's funeral service; 53 people used it for his service – the first service with livestreaming in the fellowship Hall for overflow attendance from the sanctuary. (The new sound equipment in the Fellowship Hall allows for use of the screen for monitoring worship services, lap top program connections, and playing DVD's.)

Thanks to Ginger, Gwen, and all who donated food for and helped with set-up and clean-up for the funeral meal for Pastor Vern's funeral service.

Thanks to those who donated and delivered food to the Lintvedts at their house during Pastor Vern's illness and after his death.

Thanks to Ed for changing the outdoor church sign for the worship services, including Pastor Vern's funeral service.

Thanks to Harry for his hours of labor on our church grounds: weed-eating, pulling weeds, spraying weeds, and planting and caring for those beautiful pansies in the containers by the church entrance.

Thanks to Don Geis for mowing our church lawn week after week.

Thanks to our organist, church officers, and other volunteer church workers who do so much for our congregation.

Thanks to Muriel Mayer for changing the bulletin board in the narthex with timely messages and pictures/portraits.

Blessed Savior is really blessed with gifted members, who are able and willing to use their gifts and abilities for those in need and to enhance our worship services and Bible Classes. God be praised!

Pastor Perry

#### Editor's note:

**Special thanks to Pastors Perry and Tony for all the Lenten and regular services through Lent and Easter. They did a great job!**

**Pastor Perry for all the home visits and hospital visits.**



#### Contact Person for Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity, a not-for-profit, ecumenical Christen ministry in the community contacted our church website requesting a contact person from our congregation publicize this program. Is there someone who is familiar with this program and would be willing to be the contact person for our congregation? If so, please contact Pastor Tony, Pastor Perry, or Gus Wililams, Council Chairman. If there is a contact person, more info. would be made available to the congregation in terms of articles for newsletter or bulletin, etc.





## Fellowship Committee

Here we are in May already! At Pastor Vern's Memorial Service, we were honored to be renamed the "Church Chics" courtesy of Pastor Vern's sister, Linda. The "Church Chics" is much better than the "Church Ladies!" Either way, we are happy to help any committee needing our assistance.

We wanted to let you know, if you know someone that is in need of meals, we will be happy to set up a Meal Train for anyone in need. Please let us know and we will be happy to help you with that.

### Upcoming Events:

May 12th is not only Mother's Day, but also it's Pastor Daniels last day. There will be a surprise for Moms and something special for Daniel too!

May 19th is Confirmation day for Trey Stake and we will be celebrating with a Cake.

Bunco will be held on 18 April at 6:00 pm. Come join us for some fun. You do not have to know how to play we will teach you, Its a great way to have fellowship with each other.

Thank you for supporting the donut fund. Without your help, we might not be able to do this. If you would like to donate there is a basket in the Fellowship hall for donations. Just a note, donuts will be discontinued for the summer months. We will be starting them up again in Sept.

Thank you everyone for supporting us. We could not do it without you!

Blessings,

Ginger Kieffer and Gwen Borsch

Thank you to all who donated items for the college and military care packages. The items will be greatly appreciated by the people who receive them.

We are in full swing planning for VBS. We have had several members volunteer to help out and Christian Ed thanks you. However, we still need help. We need to fill the following positions.

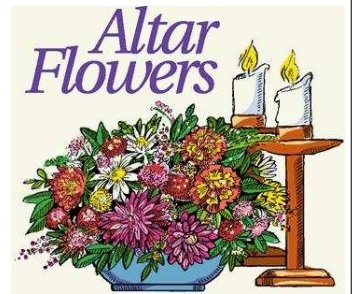
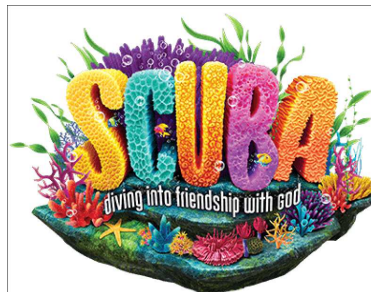


- Imagination Station
- Leaders
- Games Leader
- Games Helpers
- Crew Leaders
- Photographers
- Set Designers

Decorating Helpers

Kitchen Helpers

If you are able and willing to volunteer please contact Ryan Moureau or Loriann Reynolds. YOUR help will make it a success and remember many hands make for light work!!!



## Flower Chart

Would you be willing to donate a bouquet of flowers for use in front of the sanctuary for some special occasion? There is a sign-up sheet for the different Sundays of the church year, located on the little table in the narthex. (It's even possible that we could use the flower bouquet a second Sunday, if it was put in the refrigerator in the sacristy where the wine and grape juice are kept.) If you decide to donate flowers, either from a florist or your bushes/garden, please let the church secretary know for what Sunday and for what occasion, so she can include it in the bulletin.

Perry Schefelker, retired(?) pastor





# Stewardship CORNER



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[lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

## *More Than a Negative*

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you

swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without *technically* lying. You tell *just enough* of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing *how close* we can get to sinning without *technically* going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.



## Life Immortal

At the end of May, Americans honor those who've died for our country — and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn't the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Dust thou art, to dust returnest / was not spoken of the soul."

To our death-defying, death-defeating God we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone who asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal King of the ages, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him be honor, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



1 -Rev. Perry Schefelker  
 1—Autumn Kesting  
 2—Oliver Sanchez  
 3—Kris McManus  
 4 – Kyle Kesting, Kasen Schefelker  
 7 – Payton Johnson, Oscar Garcia  
 8 – Ben Lesire, Stephanie Yep  
 (Mabry) Gloria Alvarado  
 11 – Mary Stake, Haydin Williams  
 14 – Kim Williams  
 17 – Steve Foster  
 19 Bob Strohm  
 20 – Donna Jackson, Tate Husemann, Angela Dalton, Ava & Cohen Morton  
 22 – Greg Conrad  
 24—Pr. Daniel Akoh  
 25 – Noah Geis, Bethany Herran  
 26 – Gary Williams, Travis Lintvedt  
 27 – Jon Williams  
 29 – Darla Kesting, Andrew Brandmeyer,  
 29 – Dave Reynolds, Sr.  
 30 – Mary Geis  
 31—Charlie Morton, Keatyn Schefelker



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](mailto:nancy@mybslc.org) so we may add your name to our list. Thanks for your help.

10 – Chris & Sandie Rust  
 11– Kyle & Virginia Kesting  
 15 – Roger & Phyllis Miesner  
 22 – Don & Laura Drouin  
 26—Greg & Ginger Kieffer  
 29—Dave & Loriann Reynolds



Hi friends,

We are putting together a memory book for the Lintvedt family, especially the grandkids, to preserve stories and photos that capture the personality and personal ministry of our beloved Pastor Vern.

This is a request for short stories, vignettes, phrases that capture memory "gems" of how Pastor Vern helped at a special time or shared a moment with you or someone close to you.

We are not looking for long tributes to his wonderful character, but sweet gems that fit in a nutshell.

We would like to wrap up the project in May, so no hurry, but no lagging either.

Pastor Vern blessed us in so many ways over the course of so many years; there is no way we can document it all. But we hope to give a good snapshot, especially to the young grandchildren who lost him too soon.

Kathy Byers and Janet Satrom

P. S. This will not be a book for you to purchase, but only for the family.

Please send your stuff to Janet Satrom

[satroms4@gmail.com](mailto:satroms4@gmail.com) (618) 977-4876

## Running Slowly

At a track meet, we sat in the stands, cheering for our son. I chuckled as a young sibling of an athlete asked, "Why are they running so slow, Mommy?"

These athletes had been training for years, and many were setting personal best times and even state records. Most spectators would provide little competition for the runners. But the child was comparing how he'd felt while running at the park, sprinting to a soccer game.

Along the track, dozens of teammates and coaches cheered. Each time an athlete passed, she heard strong, pointed encouragement. "You've got this!" "Someone's approaching; time to pick up the pace!" "Great stride — keep going!" The coaches and runners knew what was helpful and understood how hard the athletes were working.

My point: Consider who you allow to speak truth into your life. Do you listen to loved ones who "train" alongside you? Or do you give sideline critics too much space in your thoughts? Heed Proverbs 2:2 (NLT), which advises, "Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding." — Janna Firestone



## Council Meeting 9 April 2024

Pastor Troup opened the meeting with a meaningful short devotion from Phil. 4:8 and 9 with great advice from Paul. Paul said to practice what is seen in Jesus and dwell on what is good—Godly things. Pastor added in these difficult times we should work with our Elders.

Pastor Troup reported confirmation class for this year is almost completed with one student, Trey Stake, being confirmed on May 19. The ladies' Wednesday Bible Study has completed a study on Prayer and are now studying Revelations.

Curtis Kuppler, our Treasurer, reported BSLC has over \$71,000 in the operating fund and we have a large reserve. However, we are in the red due to January being a slow month as usual for that time of year.

Ryan Moureau, our Christian Education chairman, reported around 30 kids attended the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. There was enough candy donated to fill over 700 eggs. Items are being collected for the annual college and military care packages to assemble on 28 April. VBS, taking place 3-7 June, needs volunteers to help with this fun and exciting week for families and friends of BSLC.

Brian Lloyd, clarified from the Elders, that the voter's meeting on the 21 April is to present a pastoral candidate for a call and not just an update from the call committee.

Pastor Perry Schefelker has been busy. In February he visited Wayne Kemp (3X), Cheryl and Dean Krantz, and Laurie Tatge. In March he visited Jeff Trefftz, Cornie Paulsen, Georgia Trefftz, Cheryl & Dean Krantz, Jean Miller, Bob Strohm, Charla Morton, and Pastor Vern. In April this far he has visited Pastor Vern and Jean Miller. He secured visiting pastors for the Worship services for April. He has been covering the Catechism with Jeff Trefftz to prepare for membership at BSLC.

Ginger Kieffer from Fellowship said they were also very busy. They served 75 family and friends of Bob Morton a funeral luncheon. The Elders, and the Fellowship committee prepared and served our annual Easter Breakfast. Thanks for the tasty items donated from the congregation. A Mealtrain was set up for Pastor Vern and his family. March Bunco was canceled due to scheduling conflicts and death of Bob Morton, but an April Bunco night is being planned. Donuts are still being served during Fellowship time on Sunday mornings until the end of May. Summer fellowship refreshments depend on if we have summer Bible Study and if we have a new Pastor who would like to continue through the summer.

Ed Brandmeyer from the Properties committee is still waiting for guttering. Painting the ceiling and finishing the TV installation will soon take place. The LED new message sign bid came in around \$40,000. Keith Szolga from the Stewardship committee reported the Butter Braids fundraiser by the Youth group was approved and Tyler Owens from Youth Group said it will take place in April. Erik Stake from the Worship Committee is getting more comfortable with our live casting setup and working out the bugs. Erik is also working on documentation of the new processes so that we can train more volunteers for the media center.

In Old Business the Social Media contract was reviewed; a nomination committee is in process to contact people for church positions and boards. A motion was passed to recognize Rev. Daniel on Sunday, 12 May for his time here at BSLC with a congregation wide card gift basket shower. Members may include a cash (not checks) donation in their cards. BSLC Sunday School and VBS are giving monetary donations as well.

In our Roles and Goals Meeting in January Habitat for Humanity was a way we discussed to become involved in our community. At the 9 April Council meeting we received a letter from our local O'Fallon Habitat for Humanity representative with information about current Habitat home building here and a request for the name of someone as a point of contact from BSLC who could discuss possible ways our church may become involved with this mission. A blurb will be put in the bulletin and added to the April 28 voter's meeting.

Lastly, a motion was made and passed for Roger Miesner, who volunteered to trim, clean, and fill the old sand volleyball area in the northern grassy area past the fire pit and remove obstacles from the blacktop by trash containers, to coordinate his efforts with the Properties Board.

The meeting was then closed with the Lord's Prayer.







## a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

### What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



### What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about ½-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.

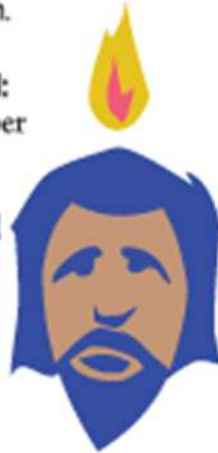


## Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

### What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue

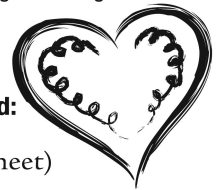


### What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

## A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



### What you need:

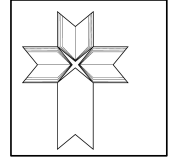
- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

### What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!



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# PUZZLE

## UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.  
 How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

**Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.  
 Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.**

flower, stem, bee, leaf	○	_____
pink, red, yellow, blue	○	_____
mother, sister, brother, aunt	○	_____
purple, dress, skirt, blouse	○	_____
necklace, ring, bracelet, braid	○	_____
diamond, emerald, heart, ruby	○	_____
orange, cherry, potato, kiwi	○	_____
my, our, she, your	○	_____
faith, family, love, hope	○	_____
sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature	○	_____
cookie, cake, pie, sandwich	○	_____
silver, white, gold, bronze	○	_____

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,  
 the unfading beauty of a g\_\_\_\_\_  
 and qu\_\_\_\_p\_\_\_\_\_, which is  
 of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, braid, heart, potato, she, family, temperature, sandwich, white, gentle, quiet, spirit