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Sanctuary

You are God's Temple

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

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Upcoming Events

October 2025

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

Worship 930 am
Sun School, Adult Bible
Study 1045

Sun. Oct. 5

Voter's Meeting to Call
Pastor 1145 am

Mon. Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

DBSA Support
Group 7 pm

Tues. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

Jr. Confirmation
315-415 p.m.

Tues. Oct. 7

Elders Mtg 7 pm

Tues. Oct. 14

Quilting 930 am
Church Council 7 pm

Tues. Oct. 21

Christian Ed
Meeting 7 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 26

Fall Festival
Trunk or Treat 3 pm
Chili Cook off 4 pm.
Chili & Hot Dog
Dinner 5 pm



Congregational Meeting



Plan to attend the special
Voter's Meeting to Call a Pastor
Sunday, October 5

Following Sunday School and
Adult Bible Class

11:45 a.m.

Fellowship will be serving
breakfast following worship on
Sunday as well.

Family Fall Festival

Sunday, October 26

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 2025

Sun. Oct 26—3— 5 p.m.

Sign up in the Narthex
to bring your trunk!

Kids—wear your costumes!

Invite your friends!



And Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Luke 10:2.

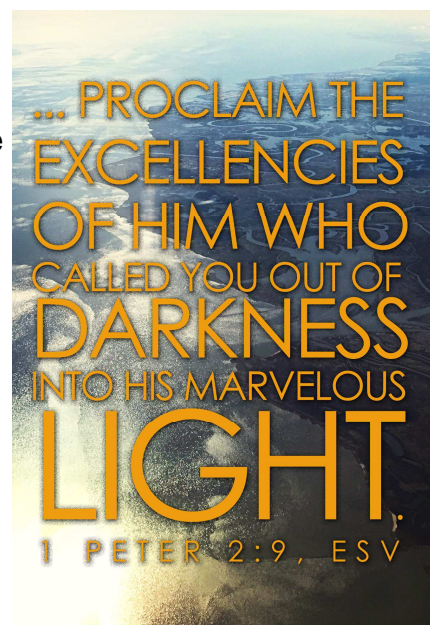
Dear Brothers and Sisters of Blessed Savior,

A few days ago my wife, Cindy, was looking at the fields of soybeans planted by our house. After a few moments of assessing the field, she said, "These beans are ready to be harvested. The leaves have fallen off, the plants are brown, and the pods are full and dry. I bet our neighbors will be combining in a few days." Sure enough, two days later, our neighbors were combining the fields. Everyone could see that the harvest was ready.

It's not always easy to see that the harvest of souls is ready in this world. We can't always see if people are open to the gospel and ready to hear about Jesus from looking at them. But the harvest is ready. People are ripe for the good news of Christ and EVERYONE needs Jesus. Jesus is the only Savior of the world, so he truly is what people need. And that's why we as God's people should be ready to share Christ and God's Word with those around us. Even if we don't feel qualified to share the good news of Christ, we can invite people to church so that they hear the message of salvation. And sometimes a simple sharing of the gospel is the best medicine. I once knew a man who was renewed in his faith by simply hearing someone say, "Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. We are weak, but he is strong."

And because there's a harvest to be brought in, let's pray that the Lord sends out workers. That he sends out pastors, and teachers, and missionaries, and caring Christians of all shapes and sizes. What the world needs now is JESUS. With our brothers and sisters in Christ, let's "proclaim the excellences of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9) Jesus bless you richly!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Tony



Call Committee Update

LCMS Southern Illinois District President Curtis presented the Call Committee with a new list on 8/29/2025; this list had (6) new candidates. President Curtis and Pastor Spelbring, our Circuit Visitor, both advised we would be well served to meet with all the candidates. Pastor Spelbring and I reached out to each of the candidates to see if they are still interested in a call to this area, and (4) Pastors responded yes. On Wednesday, September 10th, we met with the first Pastor; we will have the three other meetings completed by the end of the month. **A Voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5 following Sunday school to select one of the candidates.** While we haven't had much luck so far, I believe God has presented us with some of the best candidates yet!

The Call Committee asks that you pray for us, and for the church, as we continue this journey!

RJ Kinsella



Vacancy Pastor Update – Pastor Perry

Things seem to keep changing with what I see as my role in the congregation during this vacancy, which hopefully will be short-lived in the near future (our vacancy). One of my favorite verses is Psalm 31:5: *“My times are in Your hand...”* Indeed, they are! We plan one thing and then do another. We think we have something figured out and then something else happens. I’m talking about my role as “Vacancy Pastor” as spelled out in last month’s newsletter and shared with the boards of the congregation. I said:

“I will no longer be scheduling the pastors who conduct worship services” and “My vacancy work will only be that of Visitation Pastor.”

Well, I recant, sort of. I know that’s not a popular concept and not one that our Lutheran heritage is based on, when Martin Luther refused to recant of his beliefs when brought before the Catholic tribunal. And yet, I have a good example from your other vacancy pastor, Tony Troup, who also recanted of his plan not to teach 7-8th Grade Confirmation Class, beginning this new school year. (Praise God!) So, what am I talking about?

I am once again involved with scheduling pastors to lead worship here; actually, finding new pastors to lead worship here. I owe a debt of gratitude to Pastor Peter Kirby from the Missouri District office of the LCMS for his assistance with this mission. The reason that I have become involved with this aspect of scheduling (I told someone, “I’m being Nancy’s secretary”) is that we have had a couple pastors who will soon stop leading worship during our vacancy: Pastor David Pelsue and myself. Pastor Pelsue has accepted a vacancy at the Ironton parish in Illinois. And, due to a family conflict (Oct. 12) and Diane’s health problems, I have decided to find someone else to take my place in the worship rotation here. I want to be more available to Diane for her health needs, including blood transfusions and iron infusions, which she is currently receiving about every 2 weeks. Between Diane’s treatments she is fine and we go shopping for walking exercise some afternoons. Enough about that!

Information about our “new” pastors in the rotation for as long as the vacancy lasts will be in this newsletter and the next as well as the church bulletins. I will continue taking care of various jobs around the church as picking up the mail and checking emails. I will continue following up on visitors and those who join the congregation. I will also continue with calling on the sick, shut-in, and others with special needs as those visits allow me more flexibility. And, of course, you will all be in my prayers for God’s guidance, strength, and other blessings. Meanwhile, we keep in mind regarding our vacancy and our personal well-being: *“My times are in Your hand...”* May God give us all faith to persevere through this vacancy and our problems.

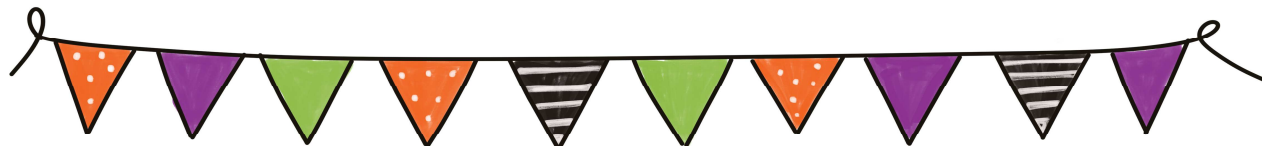
Pastor Perry

CONGREGATION Name Tags



Name tags are now printed and available for all adults to wear. A genuine warmth is truly conveyed when addressing others by their name.

These name tags are located on a table near the main entrance. Please return them to the same table provided after the service. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THEM HOME. Eventually they will be kept in your church mailbox for your convenience. Please note—name tags are NOT mandatory.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our annual Fall Festival will take place on Sunday, October 26, beginning at 3:00 p.m. There is something for everyone, from kids to adults! The 7/8 graders and high school youth will be running the games and activity stations. Win a baked treat at the Cake Walk, visit the Pumpkin Patch and decorate a Christian Pumpkin, play Games and win Prizes, and make a sand art Pumpkin Necklace to take home. The world-famous Balloon Lady, Diane Cross, will be back again this year, twisting balloons into extraordinary creations. So stop by her station and have her make you an awesome sword, a stylish new hat, or a cool balloon animal. Enjoy the fall colors with a Hayride around our church grounds. Ken Vohlken will once again be providing the hayrides. We thank him for his willingness and enthusiasm in doing this each year for us!!! It is the highlight of our Fall Festival. Make your favorite chili for the Chili Cook-Off, which starts at 4:00 pm. For more information about the cook-off, please contact Ginger Kieffer. At 5:00 pm, we will feast on a variety of chili recipes along with Roasted Hot Dogs. The campfire will be ready to toast your marshmallows to perfection for yummy S'mores.

3:00 pm - Games, Activities, Hay Rides

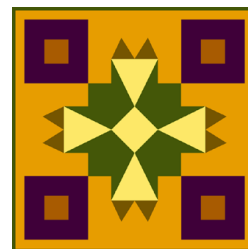
4:00 pm - Chili Cook-Off

5:00 pm - Chili and Hot Dog Dinner



fun-filled event. Invite your friends to this autumn afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship!

Ryan Moureau



Join the Lutheran World Relief **QUILTERS** on **Tuesdays, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, & Dec. 9** 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 2nd 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.



INTRODUCING REV. MARK RABE



Rev. Mark and Stefanie Rabe along with their four children, Noah, Gabriella, Julianna, and Matthias live in St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Rabe is currently serving with LCMS International Mission as Director of Missionary Recruitment at the LCMS International Center. Previously the Rabes served in Ethiopia for 6 years as missionaries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Prior to that he served at

Trinity Lutheran Church in Albany,

Georgia, two years with his family as a missionary in Kenya Africa and nine and a half years as a pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Oroville, California. Rev. Mark and Stefanie have been blessed to be married for 34 years. Their son Noah currently works in the area as a pharmacy technician, Gabriella is a cosmetologist at Pure Joy in St. Louis, Julianna is at Concordia University Wisconsin studying sports physiology, and Matthias is in his freshman year of high school and is home schooled. It's a joy to be with you on October 12.

Pastor Rabe will teach the adult bible study on Sunday the 12th. His topic: Vocation: The life of a "Living Stone" for Jesus!

From Knowing to Becoming

Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.

The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are. What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.



Just show up!

In *A Million Little Ways* (Revell), Emily Freeman says in order for Christians to "show up as you are with what you've been given," we must confront these statements:

- I'm not cut out for this.
- Someone else can do it better.
- People might not like it.
- I have nothing to offer.
- I hate my calling.
- It's a waste of time.
- It's too much work.
- Who do you think you are?

"A million loud voices ... keep us from the million little ways [Jesus] wants to show up through us to the world,"



Happy October! It's another busy month for the Fellowship Committee. We will start the month off with a real breakfast (egg casseroles, etc.) on the 5th of October. We want everyone to be ready for the Voters meeting for a new Pastor. Breakfast will be served in between the Service and Sunday School.

Trunk or Treat will be held on 26 October 2025. Starting at 3pm. Sign up for trunks, chili and other food items will be in the Narthex. Currently we have

109 people interested and we are just 5 weeks out. Please sign up to do a Trunk and/or provide chili. Chili judging will begin promptly at 4pm. Your Chili does not have to be entered for judging if you do not wish to do so.

Happy Halloween,

See you again next month - The Fellowship Committee



Providence and Pastries

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, it is up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious baked goods, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, God answered my prayer! On the eighth time round the block, there it was!



Take Courage: Trusting the One Who Overcomes

A young woman was deeply troubled by the suffering she saw in the world, as well as by struggles within her own family and friendships. Unsure of how to help or where to begin, she turned to her pastor for guidance. He responded with a heartfelt letter. A portion of it read:

"Life is difficult. It is sometimes like a mindless boot camp. We seem to be rehearsing for something that is beyond our present knowing. We come from a beginning that we cannot remember, and we move toward a destiny that we cannot see. Only imagination, faith and a friend here or there give us the strength to go on.

When Jesus said that we would always have trouble in this world, he added an encouraging word that we should never forget: *'Take courage; I have overcome the world.'*

I cannot fix you. You cannot fix you. Do not put your ultimate faith in me, or in yourself, or in any human being. Trust the Lord of the Harvest. He will fix you when he comes." — *Excerpted from a letter by Dr. Thomas Lane Butts*

Stewardship CORNER



Harmonious Stewardship

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:4-5).

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed

members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.

The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low. But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to "carry the tune" for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn't rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn't rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.

The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn't always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow's mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!

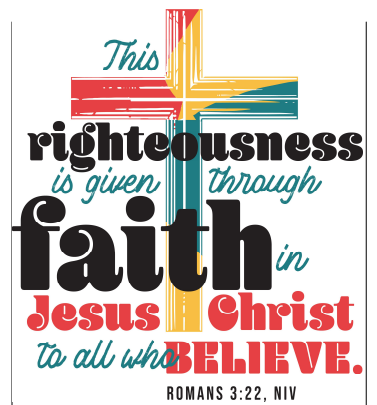




- 1 – Buffi Gass
- 2 – Ellen Schutte, Jessica Rogers
- 3 – Michaela Drouin
- 4 – Eric Stake, Jr., Lydia Feary, Connor Bryce
- 4 – Lorian Reynolds
- 6 – Bethany Ellington, Gogo Sanchez
- 7 – Keira Longhorn,
- 8 – Sandie Rust, Cal Garcia
- 9 – Carlin Schefelker, Jazlyn Heiden
- 10 – Theresa Longhorn
- 10 – Melodie Heiden
- 11 – Joetta Witkowski

- 13 – Heidi Brady, Muriel Mayer
- 13 – Hannah Williams, Jessica Carron
- 15 – Wayne Kemp
- 17 Jonathan Heiden
- 18 – Ben Hodgson, Matt Morton,
- 20 – Matt Lloyd
- 21 – Justin Conrad
- 24 – Ginger Kieffer
- 25 – Michele Hollenbeck
- 29 – Becca Couture, Shaun Brady
- 31 – Tonya Bowman

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.



Holy Interruptions

Most of us are pretty good at planning—schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently “interrupted” by people seeking healing or hope—and He never turned them away.

“Interruptible faith” is a posture of openness. It’s saying, “Lord, here’s my plan—but I trust Yours more.” It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, “In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.” May we have the courage to let Him.



- Happy Anniversary to:
- 4 – Shaun & Heidi Brady
 - 9 – Rev Perry & Diane Schefelker
 - 17 – Nathan & Keatyn Schefelker
 - 20 – Jeff & Amber Bryce
 - 24 – Bob & Marsha Strohm
 - 26 – Jessica Schmidt & Andy Feary

SAUSAGE DINNER

Sunday, October 19

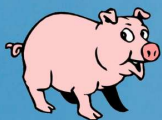
Carry-out starts at 10:30am

Dine-in starts at 11:00am

Serving ends at 5:00pm

Fresh, Cafeteria-Style
All You Can Eat Dinner

Adults - \$13.00 ~ Children (5-12) - \$5.00 ~ Under 5 - FREE



**COME AND ENJOY GOOD
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**



PINKAPALOOZA

Jack Schmitt Chevrolet of O'Fallon is having
a Ladies Night Out!

The event includes:

- Friends, fun, food and drinks
- Information on importance of cancer screenings & resources for women's health
- Attendance Prizes
- Fabulous auction items

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society

Thursday, October 23, 2025

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Jack Schmitt Chevrolet of O'Fallon
127 Regency Park



The Best Gift for Your Pastor

October is Pastor Appreciation Month—a time to recognize and encourage those who faithfully shepherd our churches. But if you've ever asked a pastor how to show your gratitude, the answer probably isn't a plaque or applause. More often than not, it's simple: "Pray for me."

Even the Apostle Paul didn't ask for much personally, except for the prayers of fellow believers. In his letter to the Romans, he wrote: "Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and relax in your company" (Romans 15:30–32, NASB).

This October—and every month—encourage your pastor by offering your prayers, support, and kind words. Ministry can be demanding, but knowing the church is lifting them up makes all the difference. Freeman writes.



The Beauty of Stewardship

Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

That is the beauty of stewardship. Ned Erickson



BSLC Stepping Up To The Plate! (Council Newsletter, Phyllis Miesner, Secretary)

happening at BSLC!

We did make a hit with getting our first year Seminarian student Cody Krueger! Our two coaches, Pastors Perry and Tony, came out of the bullpen **AGAIN** to be his mentors! Pastor Tony is continuing to train our confirmation students using Luther's Small Catechism. He is still on the road from Waterloo to O'Fallon to provide services for us once a month! And Pastor Perry scouted around and helped to find new teachers for our Christian Education program. Pitching will be Brian Lloyd with helper Erik Lindvedt and substitute Terry Colvin for our High School students and Jonathan Heiden to our seventh and eighth graders.

It was a great day at the BSLC park on 7 September for our Sunday School Rally Day! Seven of our Youth really hit it out of the park helping with games for our twenty-one elementary-aged student participants. On 14 September our Sunday School teachers for 2025/2026 were installed! The line up for teachers PreK/K are Terese Berens, Kathy Husemann, Kim Kruse, with substitute Marty Lintvedt; grades 1-3 teachers are Loriann Reynolds and Mary Stake; grades 4-6 teachers are Phyllis Miesner with substitute RJ Kinsella and Christie Poteet. I bet the Cardinals are jealous of our Team! On September 14 Sunday School officially started, and Bibles were handed out to our new third grade student players Madison Emmons, Kaitlyn Emmons, Zach Kinsella, Zander Vamboi, and Charlie Morton. Ryan Moreau and other Christian Education board members are scouting for seventh grade through high school helpers and other adults who would like to help with outdoor games and indoor cake walk as well as participants for our upcoming Fall Festival on 26 October! Sign up in the Narthex! Coaching provided!

With our Rally Day was of course our Gram Slam annual BSLC Picnic! But the food from our BSLC vendors (congregation members) was much better than ballpark food! Ginger Kieffer, the coach for the Fellowship Team, wants to remind everyone besides Christian Education games you can sign up in the Narthex to decorate your vehicle for Trunk or Treat to hand out candy for our community and to participate in our competitive Chilli Cook Off here on our parking lot at BSLC. Something new will be an ice-cream truck from 3:30-4:30. Returning in the line up are hayrides and a bonfire (weather permitting of course)! And we do love to eat; fellowship will be hosting breakfast on Sunday 5 October during fellowship time! Wow! So far BSLC is winning the Series with great scores!

And talking about a good game plan, our Church Council has voted to join the LCMS Lutheran Foundation which provides grants to individuals and churches to fund ministry projects. What a way to help Christian communities to develop and support disciples across the world! Another good move, we will now be paying our dedicated organist Cheryl Volken as well as any visiting organist. We thank Cheryl for all these years of dedication, talent, and teamwork!

Did you ever notice how the grounds inside and outside look all spruced up at a Ball Park? Well, BSLC is going to look as spruced up as any ballpark because our parking lot is being repaired, our outdoor storage facility is moving forward and hopefully our Video screen for the sanctuary will be installed soon! Thank you to all our ground keepers and builders and any participant that has helped to keep our BSLC "park" and church looking great inside and out!

We are winning with our finances! Curtis Kuppler, our treasurer, reported we have a strong checking account of little over \$140,000, LCEF Reserves accounted for around \$330,000, and giving was great and committee expenses were kept in check. A second CD was set to expire so it was moved on 2 September to an eighteen-month CD with a great interest rate. That was a double play! Maybe a triple play!

Here is another home run with bases loaded! At the 9 September council meeting we had four candidates placed on a call list for BSLC! September tenth was our first call to a candidate and the three others followed. Now the interviews have been completed. A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday 5 October. Please clear your schedules and attend Church, have breakfast, attend Bible Study, and stay for the congregation meeting to help choose your new pastor. This is an important gathering. If possible clear your schedules and be a team member and come to this important event!

So you can see BSLC is playing to win--disciples for Christ that is! Let's keep supporting team BSLC!

GOD ROCKS!



Make decorative stones as reminders of God's many great attributes.

What you need:

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.

THE POWER OF PRAYER BOX



Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper

What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2, NIV

Sweet little sheep treats



Create adorable sheep using graham crackers, marshmallows, and a little imagination!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie

What you do:

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!

Lesson tie-in

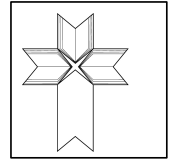
Use this treat to remind kids that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:11, KJV



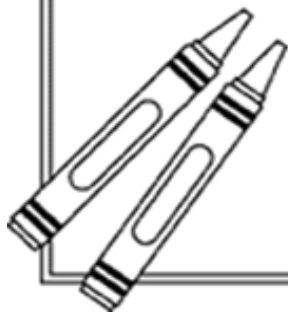
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Jesus Traveled to Many Places

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of those places. Can you find all the names on the list?

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| CANA | JORDAN RIVER | TYRE |
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| DECAPOLIS | MAGDALA | |
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