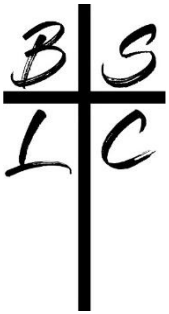
DECEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Each **B**eautiful **S**avior **L**utheran **C**hurch member is:

Beautifully **S**ave to **L**ead to **C**hrist

Beautifully: purely by the love, grace and power of our Triune God (Creator, Redeemer, Counselor).
Saved: from sin's curse, condemnation and control, from death to joyful life with our crucified and risen Jesus.
To Lead: This gift is meant for everyone, for all people need the life revealed through the Word.
To Christ: for He is the Head, Heart and Focus of our congregation and our loving service to our members and those whom God will call to Hime through our caring outreach.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Worship With Us

Sunday Schedule

8:45 Bible Study

10 am Worship

Wednesday Night Service

6:15 pm Worship



“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” — Luke 2:15

There is something wonderful about the shepherds’ response to the angels’ announcement on that first Christmas night. They heard the incredible news that a Savior had been born, and off they went!

Think about where they were. The shepherds were out in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks. They weren't in a place of any particular importance. They were out on the hills surrounding a small town called Bethlehem. Yet that is precisely where God chose to announce the greatest news the world would ever hear. The Savior had come, not to the powerful and prominent, but to ordinary people going about their ordinary lives.

Does that sound a little familiar? Here in Nebraska, we know something about hills, open fields, small towns, and people who make their living from the land. We know about farmers and ranchers who get up early, work long hours, watch the weather, and care for the livestock and crops entrusted to them. We know about communities where people know your name, and where life often revolves around the familiar rhythms of work, family, and community.

The wonderful news is that the Savior still shows up in places like these! He comes to us in the midst of ordinary life. He comes to small towns and country churches, to farmhouses and ranches, to living rooms and hospital rooms. He comes to people who are working hard, raising families, facing uncertainty, carrying burdens, and simply trying to make it through another day. He comes to you. Not because you have something impressive to offer him, but because you need what only he can give.

The shepherds remind us what to do when we hear this good news of God’s gift of a Savior—we come and receive! They went to Bethlehem and found exactly what the angels had promised—a baby

lying in a manger, Christ the Lord. But this was no ordinary child. He was God's Son, born to be your Savior. He came knowing your sins, your failures, your regrets, and the burdens you carry. He came to take your place, to bear your sins on the cross, and to suffer the death you deserve. He rose to life again so that death would not have the final word over you. Because of Jesus and through faith in him, your sins are forgiven and eternal life is yours. You are not forgotten or forsaken.

That is the good news that leads us to rejoice. Christmas isn't simply a heartwarming story or a beautiful tradition we revisit once a year. It is the announcement of what God has actually done for you in Jesus. His forgiveness is for you. His life is for you. His promises are for you. And these gifts are yours even when life is difficult and your circumstances give you little reason to rejoice.

But the shepherds didn't keep this good news to themselves. After seeing Jesus, they made known what had been told them concerning this child. They returned to their fields and their ordinary lives, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

That's our calling, too. Having received the good news of Jesus, we return to our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities with something worth sharing. There are people all around us who need to hear that Jesus came for them, too. There is a Savior, and he is for them!

The hills of Bethlehem heard the good news that first Christmas night. May the hills of Nebraska hear it again through us!

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Kevin, Pastor



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – is studying the book of Philippians. We will learn that the person, presence, and promises of Jesus brings joy, even in circumstances we wish would change. Bible Study meets from 8:45-9:45 each Sunday.

Elder's Meeting



IN ATTENDANCE

Larry Wallace, Brent Sinsel, Bob Lantis, David Steele, Leland Poppe, Glenn Van Velson, Rod Christmann and Pastor Hahn

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Hahn opened with some inspirational thoughts about Thanksgiving and a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS

Motion by Brent Sinsel and seconded by Glenn Van Velson to approve the minutes of the October 18th, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

No bills need to be approved

REPORTS

Pastor Hahn provided his November 2026 Report.

Highlights:

-October 23-24 Awaken program had 30+ in attendance. Personal goals were set to reach non-Christians in our lives

-November 8th, parents presented bibles to the children that completed Adventure Bible Class during worship

-Gunner, Carley and Noah will present confirmation faith statements following worship on Sunday, November 15th

-Chapel at Linden Court on November 17th

-All Saints Day was commemorated by reading the names of loved ones that left us last year. This was November 1st.

-Pastor would like a rehearsal of the Christmas Eve candlelight service. We will set that up.

-The first Benevolent Fund door offering will be Sunday, November 29th. This is planned for the fifth Sunday of the month.

-Strategic Planning – Next step is to recruit a team, followed by collecting information and adopting the steps with the process to begin January 2027. Looking for a team of about nine. Some positions have been filled.

-Beautiful Savior will host the North Platte Clergy Association meeting November 12th. Guest presenter is Deborah's Legacy.

OLD BUSINESS

-Security Follow up – Leland Poppe reported that the Board of Trustees is putting plans together for the Voters Meeting on November 15th.

-Linden Court Services are November 17th

-Christmas Caroling – Looking at Sunday, December 20th, likely in the afternoon. Songbooks are complete.

Glenn Van Velson reported that he has contacted the Center for Liturgical Art at Concordia University in Seward.
The center will complete a free review of Beautiful Savior's building. The have not gotten back to Glenn yet.

NEW BUSINESS

-Glenn Van Velson is looking for handbell players. Looking forward to the handbell choir music in service again.

-Discussed having a church choir re-established. Glenn Van Velson will look into that.

-Discuss other musical opportunities in church. We have numerous musicians that could provide special music.

-Pastor Hahn recapped the discussion on Holy Communion that they hat at the Circuit Pastors Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING

Due to the late hour (after 9:00PM) a motion was made by Bob Lantis and seconded by Rod Christmann to adjourn. A voice vote was called for and it passed almost unanimously.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted by Rod Christmann, Provisional Recording Secretary



Board of Education Meeting

Date: November 9th, 2026
Time: 6:30 pm

Attendees: Kerrin Tallmon, Caroline Sabin, Angie Petersen, Ashley Roehrs, Pastor Hahn, and Anne Wilcox.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Hahn shared the opening prayer to begin the meeting.

Approval of Minutes and paid bills:

Reports:

Preschool Report:

There will be a new student starting the Tues/Thurs class after Christmas, and there is a space open for a student who may also return after Christmas, so that class may be full with a maximum of 12 students. There is currently 9 in the Mon/Wed/Fri class. Tuition was discussed. It is currently $90.00 a month for Tues/Thurs and $115.00 for Mon/Wed/Friday. Students can pay both and attend five days a week. The preschool Christmas Program will be Dec. 17th at 6:30 with a soup supper and hot chocolate and cookies after.

Sunday School Report:

There have been a few more kids in attendance for Sunday school which has been good. They normally have 9 or 10 students in attendance on Sunday mornings. Wed. evening classes are going well. There will be no Wed. night classes during the Advent Season, but will resume following Christmas.

New Business: -

*Charlene Schneider came to discuss some budget questions. Caroline has been looking at different grants to work on some different church projects.
*Background checks will need to be done for everyone helping with VBS or Sunday School. So we need to plan ahead for everyone who plans to help.
*Pastor Hahn suggested doing a “Brown Bag” Christmas Program which would involve less practice since we have a fewer number of Sunday School Students.

The next meeting will be the 2nd Monday of the month, so it will be Dec. 14th at 6:

BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Awe December such a wonderful time of year, the kids are excited about Baby Jesus, gifts, and of course Santa. Our color for the month is Red. We will be having our Christmas program on the 17th. We will serve dinner at 5, have our program at 6:30 and then after the program we will have hot chocolate, punch, and cookies. The kids have been working so hard on their Christmas songs. In chapel we will be learning all about the birth of Jesus. Our last day of school will be on the 18th. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Annie



IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE CHURCH EMAIL – please send an email message to the church office (bslc@bslcnp.com). Email is the primary way of communication at Beautiful Savior. The current email list is incomplete and outdated, so many do not receive emails. Sending an email to the church office will make sure you are on the list and your email address is up-to-date. Thank you!

LWML
Lutheran Women *in* Mission

LWML MEETINGS

Evening Circle – Monday, December 14th @ 5:00PM Lisa Parish, Hostess

Executive Board/Quarterly Meeting – Sunday, December 13th @ 2:00PM

Afternoon Circle – Thursday, December 10th @ 12:00PM
Alfie Moore, Hostess

LWML Executive Board Meeting

November 9, 2026

Present: Shelia Mahler, Marilyn Sinsel, Alfie Moore, Linda Mueller, Carolyn Sabin, Jean Huff, and Sherry Roehrs.

Absent: Twila Conell

Opening: President Shelia opened the meeting with prayer.
Devotion: Marilyn's devotion was based on Galatians 5:22-23 about the Fruits of the Spirit and was written by Karen Sargent. She began by talking about her mom's recipes and the recipe she had for a perfect cheesecake. She also remembered a time when the cheesecake wasn't so perfect because she didn't add sugar. All ingredients are necessary when baking something. The Bible also has a recipe of vital ingredients called the Fruits of the Spirit. They are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness. Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. Omitting one Fruit of the Spirit, bruises all of them. Every day we are to follow the recipe for the Fruits of the Spirit.

Secretary Minutes: A copy of the minutes was sent to all board members. Alfie made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Marilyn seconded. All approved.

Treasurer Report: Linda Mueller reported a beginning balance on 10/11/2026 of $1,688.75. Receipts totaled $167.31. Disbursements were $147.17. Ending balance as of 11/9/2026 is $1,708.89.

Reports:

Christen Life – Nothing to report.
Human Care – Jean Huff reported that the proceeds from the Tree of Love December project would be split equally between the Woman's Resource Center and the Habitat for Humanity.
Leader Development – Nothing to report.
Historian/Archivist – No report.

Old Business:
Trunk or Treat Summary: Alfie Moore reported that it was fabulous! It was the best crowd they had ever had.

By-laws update meeting is planned for November 10.
Election of new officers: Lisa Parish has volunteered to take the Secretary position. We are still looking for Vice President Elect nominees.

First Advent Meal: LWML will be serving this meal on December 2nd. They will be serving casseroles. Donations received will go to the Concordia Food Pantry.

New Business:

Cookie Walk will be December 6th with the proceeds going to the Gift of Hope.

2027 LWML Dues: They are staying the same and there is no change in the cost of the Quarterly. Therefore to renew your dues for 2027 the cost will remain at $10.50.

Circle Meetings:

Afternoon Circle – Thursday, December 10 at 12:00 noon at the home of Alfie Moore, 3315 Stewart Ln.

Evening Circle – Monday, December 14 at 5:00 pm at church. Lisa Parish is Leader/Hostess.

Executive Board meeting will be combined with the Quarterly Meeting on December 13th at 2:00 pm. Lisa Parish and Carolyn Sabin are co-Chairs. More information to come.

Upcoming Dates:

April 10, 2027 – Seek and Serve in Grand Island. Rosie Adle will be guest speaker. For more information talk with Vicky Van Velson.

April 17, 2027 – Ogallala Zone Spring Rally at BSLC. Theme: Fruit of the Spirit

July 8-11, 2027 -- 42nd Biennial LWML Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Convention Theme will be “Transformed in Christ”.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Sherry Roehrs, Secretary



LWML Annual Cookie Walk will be Dec 6th after church service. Suggested donation is $5/doz. This year's proceeds will go to Gift of Hope Cancer Foundation which is a nonprofit organization helping cancer patients with basic living expenses and is totally funded by donations. Bakers: We would appreciate you bringing a couple dozen of your favorite recipe to help make this a successful event.

LWML Winter (Holiday) Quarterly Meeting will be held on December 13, 2026 at 2:00 pm in the Beautiful Savior's Fellowship Hall. All women of BSLC are invited to attend. There will be a short business meeting, a presentation on the Gift of Hope, refreshments and treats, and a Christmas ornament gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Please join us! For any questions, please contact Shelia Mahler or Caroline Sabin.

LWML Evening Circle: Monday, December 13th at 5p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will study Lesson 3 from the Fall Quarterly Magazine. Soup will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or sweet to share. We will have a Christmas Ornament Gift Exchange.
Contact Lisa Parish at 308-530-4067.



LWML 4th Quarter Human Care Project

LOVE TREE

We will be collecting cash donations to be shared with Women's Resource Center and Habitat for Humanity.

1. Take an envelope off the tree
2. Place your donation in the envelope
3. Take out the candy cane
4. Seal up the envelop and place it in the box under the tree

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



The family of **Thelma Miles** invite the congregation to a 90th Birthday Celebration Open House on December 6th from 1 to 3PM in the Beautiful Savior Church Fellowship Hall.



Billie Piller will turn 100 years old on 12/21! WOW! We would like to have a card shower to honor this amazing milestone. If you would like to bring a card to church by 12/20 we will make sure it gets to her. A basket will be placed at the back of the church.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 20

2:00PM at Linden Estates

2:30PM at Linden Court

Any and all are invited to bless the Linden residents with Christmas songs. Please give the church office a call to sign up so we have some idea of how many are going. Transportation can be coordinated and maybe enjoy refreshments afterwards.







Men's Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 8:00am at BSLC. We are currently studying the book of Matthew.



Women's Bible will be held Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall at BSLC.

They are currently studying the book of Galatians. All materials are provided.

Please feel free to come and check us out!

Contact Cathy Christmann at 530-6031 for any questions.



Daily Bible Reading Guide for November

Guided by Faithful Witnesses

1st	Psalm 24
2nd	Daniel 12:1-13
3rd	Malachi 1:1-14
4th	Malachi 2:1-16
5th	Malachi 2:17-3:5
6th	Malachi 3:6-18
7th	Malachi 4:1-6
8th	Isaiah 60:1-22
9th	Isaiah 61:1-11
10th	Isaiah 62:1-12
11th	Isaiah 63:1-14
12th	Isaiah 63:15-64:12
13th	Isaiah 66:1-11
14th	Isaiah 66:12-24
15th	Isaiah 49:8-23
16th	Isaiah 51:1-16
17th	Isaiah 52:1-12
18th	Isaiah 7:1-25
19th	Isaiah 8:1-15
20th	Isaiah 8:16-9:7
21st	Luke 1:1-25
22nd	Luke 1:26-56
23rd	Luke 1:57-80
24th	Luke 2:1-21
25th	John 1:1-18
26th	John 1:19-34
27th	John1:35-51
28th	Luke 2:22-52
29th	Revelation 19:1-10
30th	Revelation 21:1-17
31st	Revelation 22:1-21



LADIES BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

There are three clubs meeting at various time during the month:

2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am at BSLC
December Book: Because of Bethlehem, Author Max Lucado
Leader is Cathy Christmann

3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm at BSLC
December Book: The Women of Christmas, by Liz Curtis Higgs
Leader is Marilyn Sinsel

4th Monday at 7:00 pm at Scooters
Leader is Marsha Gosnell



Dec 2nd	Kenny & Susie Beman (60 yrs)
Dec 9th	Hector & Molly Morales (30 yrs)
Dec 18th	Rick & Kathy Palmer (44 yrs)
Dec 23rd	John & Amber Niles (22 yrs)
Dec 28th	James & Lisa Parish (49 yrs)



Dec 1st	Joshua Thompson
Dec 3rd	Jared Fox
Dec 5th	Anne Wilcox
Dec 6th	Thelma Miles
Dec 9th	Shirley Nielsen
	Trinity Vak
Dec 10th	Allison Utecht
Dec 11th	Gloria Krueger
Dec 13th	Jeanne Baade
Dec 14th	Elaina Davis
	Mark Goforth
Dec 15th	Jeff Staggs
Dec 17th	John Niles
Dec 18th	Jaden Ouderkirk
	Jean Wee
Dec 19th	Larry Gibson
Dec 21st	Billie Piller
Dec 22nd	Suzi Knolles
Dec 23rd	Madelyn Miles
Dec 26th	Noel Terry
Dec 27th	Don Colvin
Dec 30th	Adrian Fox
Dec 31st	Katherine Anderson
	Barbara Butterfield
	Gavin DeGarmo
	Joshua Nila

THE EVERLASTING LIGHT

2026 Advent / Christmas Series

You're invited to set aside time each week during Advent for a Wednesday evening worship series which concludes on Christmas Eve. The series is based on Isaiah 60 and employs Phillips Brooks' hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Wednesday Advent Worship
December 2nd, 9th, and 16th

Dinner (buffet-style)	5:00-6:00PM
Worship	6:15-7:00PM

Preschool Christmas Program
Thursday, December 17th 6:30PM
All are Welcome! We will have a light meal at 5:15PM and then refreshments following the program

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
Thursday, December 24th

4:30PM w/Holy Communion
&
7:00PM w/Holy Communion

Christmas Day Worship
Friday, December 25th
10:00AM

NOTE:
NO worship on Wednesday, December 23rd or Wednesday, December 30.

"*Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight*" (LSB 361; st.1)



In Service to the Lord

Music

December 2nd	(Wednesday)	Praise Group
December 6th	(Sunday)	Sherry Roehrs
December 9th	(Wednesday)	Praise Group
December 13th*	(Sunday)	Sue Johnson
December 16th*	(Wednesday)	Praise Group
December 20th	(Sunday)	Praise Group
December 24th*	(Christmas Eve)	Shary Asher
December 25th	(Christmas Day)	Sherry Roehrs
December 27th*	(Sunday)	Shary Asher

*Communion

Elders

Allen Huff & Jim Parish

Ushers

Mike Steele, David Steele, Josh Thompson, Zach Parish, Holden Brunkhardt & Larry Wallace