

DECEMBER 2021 ANNOUNCEMENTS



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OUR UPCOMING HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES INCLUDE:

Children's Christmas Service – Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 pm.

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24 with services at **2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 pm.**

Christmas Weekend – there will be **no** worship service on **Saturday, December 25** (Christmas Day) and our church office will be closed so our church staff can have a day with their families.

We will have weekend worship services on **Sunday, December 26 (9:30 am) and Monday, December 27 (6:00 pm)**. There will be **no** Sunday School or Bible class on Sunday, December 26.

New Year's Eve & Weekend - We will celebrate a year of God's blessings on **Friday, December 31 at 6:00 pm**, including Holy Communion.

There will be **no** worship service on **Saturday, January 1** (New Year's Day) and our church office will be closed.

We will have weekend worship services on **Sunday, January 2 (9:30 am) and Monday, January 3 (6:00 pm)**. There will be **no** Sunday School or Bible class on Sunday, January 2.

Please note: all three services for New Year's Eve and the weekend are the same, with the exception of Holy Communion being celebrated on New Year's Eve.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Our Sunday morning Bible class continues at 8:20 AM. Please note the following schedule:

- December 5, 12 & 19 – Pastor Ehlert will lead a study of Peter's first letter.
- There will be no classes on Sunday, December 26 or January 2.
- Bible class will resume on January 9

Our Ladies' Bible class continues to meet on Tuesdays (6:30 pm) and Thursdays (8:30 am).

THANK YOU

A note from our ministry staff: *"Thank you for the many cards, gifts and kind words of appreciation and encouragement which we received over the past several weeks."*

ALSO COMING UP IN DECEMBER...

Saturday, December 11	set up church Christmas tree after worship service
Sunday, December 12	decorate church Christmas tree after worship service
Wednesday, December 15	Confirmation students and parents fill Christmas treat bags and pizza party provided by Pastor and Vicar!!!
Thursday, December 16	Christian Seniors meet at church

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School students continue to meet each Sunday morning – most attend in-person and some participate on-line. We are preparing for our Sunday School Children's Christmas service on Saturday, December 18, during our regularly scheduled 5:00 pm worship service. This year's service has been simplified due to the ongoing impact of Covid on the families of our congregation.

GUEST PREACHER

We welcome our former Vicar, Tristan Paustian, who is now Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hortonville as our guest Pastor the weekend of December 11-12-13.

FROM PASTOR KOLTERJAHN

Dear Members of Beautiful Savior,

Many things have happened in the last week. I have had abdominal difficulties for a number of months. On Thursday night, November 11, I went for a test which then continued with two more tests. Through these tests and other procedures, it was determined that I have pancreatic cancer, a blood clot in the liver, and two ulcers in the stomach. Because these problems are very close together, it is difficult to help one without hurting another. I was in Bellin Hospital for six days and returned home on Wednesday, November 17, on comfort measures.

It was a privilege to serve you for five years. The Lord has special plans for me now. The Lord will continue to guide you with God's Word. Be confident of the Lord's love for your congregation. You are wonderful people and a wonderful congregation. I love all of you very much.

Please remember that the Lord is leading me. He has forgiven my sins by his grace and given me the gift of faith in Jesus. I know where I am going. I am going to the Savior who loves me for all time and eternity. I am going home forever to the glories of heaven. I am on the way to the eternal victory celebration. Please remember the encouragement for all of us from I Corinthians 15:55-57. **“55 Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Please pray for my wife, Barb, our seven children, and sixteen grandchildren. The Lord will continue to bless each one of you and Beautiful Savior congregation.

Pastor Darrick Kolterjahn

CHRISTMAS ANGELS + CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Thank you for all the generous donations again this year for our Good Samaritan's Christmas Angel program, to assist others this Christmas season.

Also again this year, we are putting together Christmas gift bags for the 30 members of our congregation who are home-bound or in senior living facilities. These will be assembled Sunday, December 5, after our worship service, and then delivered by our church staff beginning that week.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR SCRIP PROGRAM

Our Scrip program continues to accept orders for gift cards. Order forms are available in church. Please include payment with your order and allow 2 weeks for your order to arrive.

- Christmas orders must be received by 12/12/21 for Christmas delivery.
- No orders from December 19, 2021 - December 31, 2021.
- Ordering resumes 1/2/2022.

Once again, our thanks to Debbi Berkhahn for her many hours of dedicated service to our congregation!