

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD



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A Letter from Pastor Sander

**“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
Matthew 28:19-20**

Dear Friend:

I wish you a blessed New Year to you. This is an exciting time around here. The Gospel is being proclaimed through us in two new countries in 2020: Congo and Uruguay!

Jesus Christ is our Savior. He redeemed us from sin and eternal death. After his death on a cross, he was laid in a tomb, but resurrected on the third day and ascended into heaven. However, before he left his disciples, he told them to go and make disciples in all nations of the earth. Jesus Church is on a global mission.

Multinational companies are only recently doing what the church has been doing for 2,000 years: going global!



Blessed Savior New Berlin is affiliated with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It is a Lutheran church engaged in mission – in telling others about Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Blessed Savior New Berlin supports missionaries around the world. We feel it is vital that we preach freedom for the captives of sin and death. There are many people who do not know anything about forgiveness of sins, salvation, eternal life. All these are gifts from God. We have these gifts in abundance around here, so, let's share them with those who do not have them! Jesus has the power to set them free.

This power comes through the Word of God.

I invite you to rekindle our love of mission work in our 61st year of ministry in this place! Come, let us go and make disciples in 2020!

Your fellow worker, in Christ,

Pastor Martinho Q. Sander

From DCE, Jaime Greene



“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary,
and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Then they opened their treasures
and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11



With Christmas behind us, our focus turns to Epiphany and visit of the Magi to our Savior. I love the way it is written in Matthew 2:11, “....They opened their treasures...” They didn’t bring just any gift to the Savior, they brought their treasures-only the very best for the Christ-child! Countless artistic depictions of this event help us to picture 3 elaborately dressed men, down on their knees, handing off richly ornamented containers to the Holy Family. You just know that what was in them was valuable, and costly. These weren’t just any gifts, they were gifts for a King!

We too have the opportunity to bring our treasures to Christ, each and every day. Each of us has treasures that we can give, but too often we confuse the idea of treasures with physical things. In our minds, we think that the picture of us giving our treasures should look like the pictures we created of the Magi giving theirs. We feel that we have to give money or that we have to donate that stuff to the _____ (insert the group or organization of your choice here). However, I would say that the majority of us treasure our time more than we treasure the “stuff”. We often talk about how there isn’t enough of it around to accomplish the things that need to be accomplished, or how we wish there were just a few more hours in each day. It’s obvious that our society treasures what precious time we have. If we are to give to the Lord our best, does it not make sense then that our best would include our time?

Giving the Lord our treasure of time includes more than just carving out the 2 hours a week for church and Sunday School or Bible Study. It involves more than just volunteering at church or our favorite charity. Giving God our treasures means giving Him the best and the first. If that includes our time, that means we honor Him throughout our entire day with our words and actions. It means starting the day in His Word and teaching it regularly to our children, grandchildren, and those who are in our care. And it means giving Him the best of who we are-His creation.

In this coming New Year, when resolutions are all the rage, where will church fit into that? What sort of time are you able to give to Christ?

From our Director of Preschool & Children's Ministry, Jennifer Leinss



Matthew 28:19-20

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baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

Happy new year! The Lord has granted us yet another year! With this new year comes new opportunities. With this new year we are still called by our loving Father to do His work! What a blessing to know that even though the year changes, we have a Savior that does not! Our job as His children doesn't change either. We are commanded in the verses above to go and make disciples. We can confidently and boldly go out and preach the gospel to everyone!

I love being a Lutheran educator, Called by my Father in heaven to spread the Good News. Part of this includes having the chance to celebrate the fact that we have Lutheran schools which have the opportunity to preach and teach the Word of God daily. Throughout the United States alone we have 1,950 Lutheran schools and we have 21,764 teachers who share their faith with their students and families. Later this month we will have our preschool, Sunday school, and adult choir sing in church. One of the songs we will be singing is "Go Ye, Go Ye Into The World." This song is based on Matthew 28:19-20. It tells us to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. Each verse ends with "I will be with you there." The "I" in this instance is God! God promises to always be with us, so what do we have to fear?



Do you honestly think that God would give us a task and then let us fend for ourselves? Can you think of an instance in which God is not with us? We sometimes may show little to no faith or that we are afraid, but God always comes through. He never leaves us; He is there the whole time. In the Bible we see that there were times when people doubted or had fear, but then we see that God was with them the whole time. Take Jonah for instance; he even tried to hide from God. He didn't want to go and tell people about their sin and their need to repent. But God had other plans. We all know where Jonah ended up and, in the end, he did go! And guess what? God was with him!

It is a privilege and great reward to work for the Lord. As His children, we are all called to be His workers. Some might work as teachers or preachers while others work as cooks, bankers, athletes, or stay at home moms. Yet, we are all given the task to go and make disciples. In the verses above, God does not limit who He calls to go and make disciples. He calls and equips all His children to go and share the Good News! If you knew of something wonderful and life-saving, would you keep it to yourself or would you rather share with everyone? We are all a family. By keeping something from your brothers and sisters, you are robbing them of the same wonderful things that you have. Let's not be selfish, but instead with reckless abandon and the full support of our Heavenly Father backing us, go and share the Good News so that everyone may know that they have a loving Savior! A Savior that died to forgive them and rose to give them eternal life in heaven! Are you with me?

Preschool News

Among the hustle and bustle of preschool, the best part of our day is learning about Jesus. We love chapel time with Mrs. Greene, Pastor Sander and Miss Leinss, as well as the other opportunities we get throughout the day to talk about Jesus. Thank you for being a nursery of faith where we can learn and grow not only academically, but spiritually as well!

January holds more opportunities for us. We will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week from January 26-31. It is a week for us to gather with the rest of the nation and celebrate not only being a Lutheran preschool, but being a part of a bigger circle. We will celebrate by having special dress days, a family movie night, singing in church, and much more! Thank you, Blessed Savior, for the many opportunities and support you give to your preschool and for offering Lutheran education to many families.



Preschool Open House



Open enrollment of the 2020-2021 school year will begin on Tuesday, January 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. as we host our winter open house. We have 2K, 3K, and 4K openings and would love to add your child to our educational family. Spread the word about this wonderful preschool! If you are interested or would like more information concerning the preschool and childcare, please see Jennifer Leinss!

Children's Ministry

Thank You

As God blesses us, we can be a blessing to others. On behalf of the Sunday school and preschool classes, I would like to thank you for participating in all the recent giving opportunities that we had. A Place of Refuge was extremely grateful for the large donation of baby items that we were able to donate. This blessing will help so many moms and babies in crisis! And once again the shelves at Bethany Lutheran Church were looking bleak! We were able to drop off a huge load of non-perishable food items which will feed many people both physically and spiritually.

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Sunday School Offering

Our Sunday school offerings for the second trimester will be going to Mongolia! Lutheran Hour Ministries has a program called Gospel Adventures. Each January for Lutheran Schools Week, they sponsor an online mission trip. Kids from all over the world get to participate in this opportunity by meeting Mongolian children and seeing what a typical day looks like in their life. Our offerings will be going to this outreach to host Vacation Bible School, youth gatherings and workshops, provide outreach opportunities for those that don't yet know Christ, and offer a variety of age-appropriate resources that teach about Jesus!

Sunday School Singing:

Once again, our Sunday school children will join our preschool classes and sing in church on Sunday, January 26 at the 10:30 service. Please save the date and join us to hear God's children sing praises to Him!



SAVE THE DATE

Join us on Sunday, January 26 following the late service for our annual winter picnic! Nothing tastes better in the dead of winter than a fresh grilled brat! Watch the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet!

Military

Due to your generosity we have been able to continue to send out care packages to the USO in Bagram. Some have even included Christmas greetings. Anytime you might like to slip in a card or note for the troops please feel free to do so. Who knows, you might gain a new friend!

Another box of coupons has been sent out to an air base in England (over 15 lbs.). This is the third time that we have had more coupons ready than room in the box! How wonderful that is. For



Care
Packages
for the
Military

those of you who are new to our church family, here's how this project works: We ask that you clip manufacturers' coupons from newspapers, magazines, and mailers. Then you sort them by the month they expire. We will also accept unclipped coupons, because we have our own coupon cutting angel! Once you turn the coupons in to us, they are sorted by what the coupons might be for – edible vs non-edible! When that is done, they are bagged by expiration dates and type of coupon and mailed out. The best part is that the coupons can be used up to 6 months past their expiration dates, in

commissaries and BX's overseas. This is **NOT** an option for stateside military sites. If you find yourself with expired coupons, we can include them providing we stay within the 6 months' time limit.

The box of canceled stamps is almost filled, but we will continue to accept those stamps to start a new box. Just clip them leaving ¼" around if possible. Christmas time is a great opportunity to clip these stamps.

Our dedicated yarn crafters keep turning out those wonderful, warm helmet liners (hats). Every package sent contains several liners. Many thanks!!

We have been asked to send Bibles to American troops as the American Bible Society does. If Bibles are donated, they will be mailed. We do include *Portals of Prayer*, *Lutheran Digest*, and other religious materials in our packages. If you feel so inclined, you could donate to the American Bible Society or to the LCMS military program to help distribute more Bibles and Christian literature.

We did reach out to those on our mailing list with Christmas greetings, and the new *Portals of Prayer*. Contact Cheryl Taves if you have a family member or friend you would like us to reach out to. Remember to give Cheryl any address updates. None of these military projects receive any monies from the church or any organization, therefore giving us updates as quickly as possible is appreciated.

All receptacles for the above projects can be found in the mission table area in the fellowship hall.

WITH THANKS WE EMBRACE ANOTHER YEAR OF GRACE



You're Invited!

Please mark January 26
on your calendars.

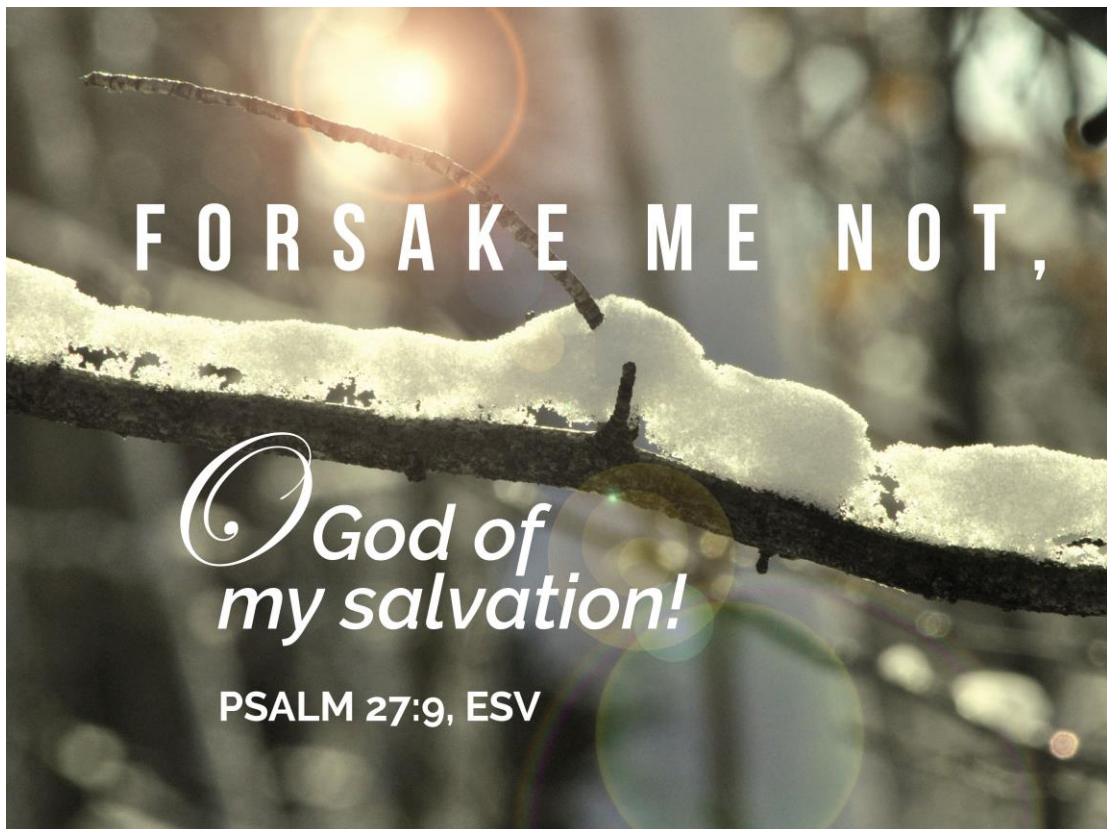
Blessed Savior
will be hosting a

WINTER PICNIC

after the second service.

We hope to see
you there!

Happy
New Year



FORSAKE ME NOT,

*God of
my salvation!*

PSALM 27:9, ESV

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Mark Filter	4 Wendy Pace
5 Addison Best Linda Forbord	6 Jeremy Arenas	7	8 Kristine Hansen Bella-Rose Reaves Robert Ziemer	9 Gerald Sutton	10 Kathryn Bickel Phyllis Kirschenlore	11
12 Wanda Kluessendorf	13 Laura Kachelmeyer	14 Alvina Chirillo Robert Jaeger	15 Darlene Kutz	16 Marilyn Pachucki Cynthia Petta	17 Taylor Hamann Harold Potterton Owen Radcliffe	18 Angelina Arenas Lenore Schmidt Dennis Wrycha
19 Millie Henry Dale O'Neil Shirley Robertson Helmut Sperl	20 Martinho Sander	21 Mark Forbord	22 Karen Reigles	23 Amy DeGueme	24 Andrew Wachholz	25 Anna Sobczak
26 Amy Jagielski	27 Beverly Kotlan Amanda Mihalek	28 James Czarnecki	29	30 James Burow Seth Carey Cheryl Hunn	31	

Bible Class Schedule

Sunday

9:15AM - Adult Bible Study
Led by Pastor Sander in Fellowship Hall
1 Kings

Tuesday

6:30AM - Adult Bible Study
Led by Pastor Sander in Fellowship Hall
The Gospel of Luke

9:15AM - Ladies' Bible Study
Led by Jaime Greene in Fellowship Hall
The Songs of Advent

7:00PM - Ladies' Bible Study
Led by Jaime Greene in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

7:00PM - Adult Bible Study
Led by Duane Graf in Fellowship Hall
2 Corinthians

Thursday

9:30AM - Morning Bible Study
Led by Pastor Sander in Fellowship Hall
Old Testament-Proverbs

Saturday

2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:00AM – Men's Bible Study
Led by Tom Wartick in Fellowship Hall
Begins January 25

Membership Updates

New Member:

Marianne Mundstock

Transfer:

Coppersmith Family

**Total Membership
at the End of December:** 588

**Average Weekly
December Attendance:** 465



Financial Report

YTD Offerings as of 11/30/2019

General Offerings: \$487,769.01
General Expenses: \$(563,527.67)
\$(75,758.66)

Preschool Income: \$245,214.58
Preschool Expenses: \$(158,835.70)
\$86,378.88

Other Offerings: \$403,683.60
Other Expenses: \$(446,122.12)
\$(42,438.52)

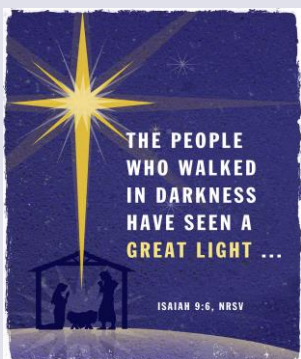
**Total Offerings Less Expenses
\$(31,818.30)**



A photograph of a winter forest scene. The trees are heavily covered in snow, and a path leads through the snow-covered ground. The overall tone is cold and serene, with a mix of white and blue hues.

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*“Though your sins
are like scarlet, they shall
be as white as snow”*



CHURCH OFFICERS

- ***Chairman** Bob Kunz
- ***Vice Chairman** Tim Scherer
- ***Council Secretary** Laurie Cataldo
- ***Treasurer** Mark Filter

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The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod



Worship Services

Sunday Mornings

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Thursday Evenings

7:00PM

Holy Communion

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at 8:00AM
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays at 10:30AM
1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays at 7:00PM