

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, September 3

Sunday, September 6

Guest Preacher: Reverend Gilbert Duchow

Welcome Pastor Duchow!

The Rev. Gilbert Duchow and his dear wife, Linda, are members of our congregation. Rev. Duchow served the church as pastor for 52 years. Although retired, he maintains a busy schedule preaching and teaching the word of God whenever called upon. We welcome him into our midst as he leads the divine services today here at Blessed Savior. The Lord bless him as he shares the Gospel with us!

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, *“you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,”* but whoever is humbled like a little child will be *“the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be *“drowned in the depth of the sea”* (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which *“is the fulfilling of the law”* (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we *“pay to all what is owed to them”* (Rom. 13:7) and we *“owe no one anything, except to love each other”* (Rom. 13:8).

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS All gifts for the special missions in the third quarter will go to support "Helping Hands Eastern European Ministries". This is a worthy cause that brings the gospel to the poorest nations of Europe. In ages past they organized "mission societies" that brought us the gospel. Now we have the opportunity to return their service! Checks, as always, are made out to Blessed Savior Lutheran Church.

INGATHERING FOR CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FOOD AND CLOTHING CO-OP Due to the cancellation of the LWML Fall Retreat these items cannot be gathered there. Help if you can. The collection bin is located outside of church for your donations. **Collection ending September 13.** Sorry for the short notice.

Diapers and Wipes
Shampoo and Soap
Over the counter children's medicines

MITES Please remember to bring your mites. The first grant of the 2020-2022 Biennium is **Church Worker Student Grant, \$30,000**. This money will help seminarians purchase their books. The need for new pastors is great.

CHURCH INFORMATION

PRESCHOOL BEGAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER

1st! The 31st year of preschool is now underway! We cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for us this school year. We ask that you continue to keep our teachers, students, and their families in your prayers! To God be the glory!

OFFICE MANAGER: Blessed Savior is seeking an individual to fill our Office Manager position. This position combines our business administrator position along with our secretarial position. Knowledge in Microsoft Office and QuickBooks is required. For a complete job description or for more information contact Tim Scherer, Vice Chairman, at tscherer29@gmail.com or 414-322-4707. This job is approximately 25-30 hours per week.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We will once again be collecting Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Please watch the September Messenger for more information and how to participate!

SCRIP While SCRIP gift cards may not be available for purchase on Sunday mornings, you are still able to purchase cards through our order forms. Simply fill out your order, include your payment (checks can be made out to Blessed Savior Lutheran), and place it in the SCRIP mailbox, which is located on the north side of the Narthex. The order forms are available near the SCRIP bulletin board in the hallway. Your order will be placed in your church mailbox when it arrives, unless other arrangements are made. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for an outdoor Youth Group on September 13 and 20 from 6-8pm, weather permitting. We will be playing yard games. If you have any yard games we can play, please bring them. We will also have a

bonfire and s'mores. If you have questions please email Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

DEVOTIONALS AND SUCH If you would like a copy of the devotionals that we receive, Portals of Prayer, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, or Lutheran Digest, please check out the bins outside of the front of church and help yourself!

HELPING HANDS EASTERN EUROPEAN

MINISTRIES We have been busy the last several months with the preparation and distribution of hundreds of food packets containing devotions and prayers. We have started working in a new area, the large city of Plovdiv, as that is where many Bulgarian immigrants in Chicago come from. Unemployment due to COVID is high and there is no unemployment compensation for them. Many are hungry and afraid, and are more open to the Gospel than ever. We have also started publishing Time of Grace devotions in Bulgaria Sega newspaper (the Chicago area newspaper in which we've long published articles on health with a Gospel connection). Our estimated readership is about 10,000 souls.

FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & SPECIAL MISSIONS

SIGN UP If you would like to sign up for flowers, bulletins, or special mission contact the church office by email blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com, or call 262-786-6465.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND **INTERCESSIONS**

1. We pray for those members undergoing medical treatment:

Chuck Lois Arliss Nancy Russell Judy

Harold Adeline Richard John

2. Bulletins were donated by Don and Deb Marx in celebration of their son Byran's birthday.

3. We pray the Lord to have mercy on us and bless the efforts to contain the Corona Virus, the wildfires in the west, the recovery from the storms in Iowa, and the recovery from hurricane Laura in the south.

Special intercessions: please pray for all health care workers in America and the world, for all first responders, truck drivers and essential workers.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

Last Week's Attendance: 118

Last Week's Offerings: \$7,000.00

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00