

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022**

**REMAIN IN THE FAITH**

Text: 2 Timothy 3:14 "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and become convinced of... and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

INTRODUCTION – Today, perhaps more so than in the past, I am keenly aware that the pulpit belongs to Christ. For that reason, today, like in the past you will hear the Gospel, as best I can teach it. I hope you did not come to hear a great farewell sermon, Pastor Sander's last sermon, etc. We'll be around town, and we'll spend eternity together. Today I want to leave with you the same message Paul wrote from prison to young Timothy, his successor in the ministry.

**1 – The setting: a Roman prison.**

**2 – The occasion: Paul's second imprisonment – not like his first!**

**3 – Feelings and emotions aside, only faith counts.**

**4 – Salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.**

**5 – Faith: the greatest stabilizer in the storms of life.**

**6 – Faith's warranty: guaranteed not to fail – it is a gift from God.**

**7 – Keeping a healthy faith through reading your Bible.**

CONCLUSION – Yes, my family and I will miss you. It has been and exceedingly fulfilling time in our lives. You have been wonderful in proclaiming the Gospel outside of this campus, reaching faraway lands and peoples. You allowed me to be a part in this great operation. I thank God for you. It's been a nice run! Now, remain in the faith. Don't make me come back! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

#### *The Lord Is Manifested as Our Savior through the Preaching of the Gospel*

When Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21–22). For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord “to proclaim good news to the poor,” “to proclaim liberty to the captives” and “to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:18–19). By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. “Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people,” sanctified the whole congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law (Neh. 8:8–9). As the people then were urged to “eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready” (Neh. 8:10), so are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to share in His feast and to serve the fellow members of His Body with His good gifts, “giving greater honor to the part that lacked it” (1 Cor. 12:12, 24)

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of Psalms. Please note that on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, class will meet in the Sanctuary. There will be no class on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**TUESDAY LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY** at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on Gifts, Chosen for You.

**TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** at 7pm. Please contact DCE Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** will study the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy and Titus. Class meets in the Library at 7pm.

**THURSDAY MORNING** at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of John.

**WOMEN’S HOME BIBLE STUDY** on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the church office for more information.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays in January at 8:30am to study the book of Ephesians.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> due to National Lutheran Schools Week celebrations, and on January 30<sup>th</sup> due to Pastor’s Retirement Celebration.

#### **CHARITABLE INFORMATION**

**FIRST QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS:** We begin a new year of Special Missions, by supporting the publication of two devotion books. The first is “Recipes of Love” and is for families with school-aged children. The second is called “Get Up and Walk”. It contains devotions for children that are sick—especially those undergoing extensive medical treatments. Both will be published in Portuguese, by Concordia Publishing House of Porto Alegre, Brazil. You may support the Special Mission by signing up on the bulletin board, or by using one of the envelopes in the pews.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

**PASTOR SANDER'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION:** Please join us in celebrating Pastor's 38 years in ministry, and as we say "see you soon" to Pastor and Joan after the Thursday night Worship Service on January 27<sup>th</sup> and between services on January 30<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of gifts, Pastor has asked that we contribute to the Special Mission Offering. You may do so by giving a gift in the special envelopes marked "A Gift in Honor of Pastor Sander's Retirement", or by stopping by the church office.

**UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS:** Given that the current rate of COVID-19 is at an all time high, the Board of Elders has reimplemented some preventative measures. Masks are currently required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status throughout our building, including in Worship Services. Communion will be served, but please use the designated spots on the floor for social distancing. We appreciate your cooperation!

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:** We love our Lutheran Schools, and especially our Lutheran Preschool! This week are celebrating the work and ministry of Lutheran Schools and how Christ is glorified "In All Things" during our week. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Chris Cody, Education Executive of the South Wisconsin District, as well as the area Lutheran Schools that our members attend. Please stop in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about their ministries or to gain information regarding how you can support them. Parents-if you are considering Lutheran Education for your child(ren), whether it be Preschool, Elementary School, or High School, this is a great opportunity to hear about our area schools!

**CRAFT FAIR DONATIONS:** If you donated items for the Women's Ministry Craft Fair that were not sold, we ask that you take them home at your earliest convenience. Any unclaimed crafts will be donated on February 1.

**GIVING STATEMENTS:** The 2021 Giving Statements for tax purposes have been put in your church mailbox. If you did not receive yours, or if there is an issue, please contact the church office.

**PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Preschool will start open enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Families with children ages two through preschool age are encouraged to check out the many programs we offer. Spots fill up quickly, so if you know anyone that is interested, please tell them to see Jennifer Leinss or email at [jleinss82@gmail.com](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com) with any questions.

**STAR READERS:** Our 4K classes are looking for some star readers! If you would like to come and read a special story to the children, please contact Jennifer Leinss at [jleinss82@gmail.com](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com). Our kids enjoy having special friends in class! Please note that Star readers are required to wear a mask when in the classroom. If you don't have a book, we are happy to provide one. Thank you!

**ZAMBIA BOUND:** During National Lutheran Schools Week, our students will have the opportunity to virtually visit Zambia and learn about their culture, way of life, and the ways in which they learn about Jesus. In recognition of this special adventure, we will be collecting an offering for Lutheran Hour Ministry to host VBS, youth gatherings, workshops, and more in Zambia! If you would like to give to this wonderful cause, please use the special offering envelopes and mark it "Zambia Adventure."

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The Call Committee has completed 3 of the 5 interviews for our pastoral candidates. Following all the interviews, the committee will narrow the list to 3 candidates, which will be brought before the congregation in a special Voters Meeting on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. More information regarding the candidates and the Voters Meeting will be available in the coming weeks. We would love your prayers as we continue through this process!

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS**

Adeline Judy Karen Karena Laverne Nancy Cindy Fran Amber

***We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:***

Bruce Carol

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

**Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Jim and Bill Reigles in celebration of Karen’s birthday.

**Bulletins** are sponsored by

**Special Missions** are sponsored by Pat and Marianne Mundstock in memory of their father, Ken and Jim and Bill Reigles in celebration of Karen’s birthday.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR January 21<sup>st</sup>-January 30<sup>th</sup>**

<b>SAT</b>	8:30am	Men’s Bible Study
	9:00am	Handbell Rehearsal
<b>SUN</b>	8:00am	Worship and Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Worship and Communion
	5:30pm	Youth Group
<b>MON</b>	SCRIP Orders Due	
<b>TUES</b>	9:00am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30pm	Women’s Home Bible Study
	7:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
<b>WED</b>	9:00am	Quilters
	7:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Confirmation
<b>THUR</b>	9:30am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Worship and Communion
	8:00pm	Pastor’s Retirement Celebration
<b>SAT</b>	9:00am	Handbell Rehearsal
<b>SUN</b>	8:00am	Worship and Communion
	9:15am	Pastor’s Retirement Celebration
	10:30am	Worship and Communion

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm

**Attendance:** 156    **Offerings:** \$9,264    **Needed Weekly:** Not available at publication