

***Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us***

“God is love,” and He has manifested Himself to us by sending “his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, “he has given us of his Spirit,” so that we also believe and confess “that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.” In this way, we “abide in him and he in us,” and we “love one another” (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip’s preaching of “the good news about Jesus” to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when “they came to some water,” the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into “the true vine,” Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He “bears much fruit” in us (John 15:3–5).

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 3-year-olds through 8th grade are invited to join us weekly at 9:15am.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is at 9:15am and is studying the Gospels in chronological order.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is studying the book of Acts on Tuesdays at 7am.

**TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays at 9am and is studying Obadiah and Micah.

**WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office for more information.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** is studying the Ministry of Jesus, with insight from Dr. Chad Foster, a Rabbi and LCMS Pastor, at 7pm in the Church Library.

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall and is discussing the gifts God has given us to serve His people.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor DeArmond is leading participants through a longer look at the Sunday lessons.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am and is going through the book "Mission Possible".

## **CHARITABLE INFORMATION**

**SECOND QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS:** Our second quarter Special Missions offering will support LAMP Ministries. Since 1970, through the ministry of pastor/missionary/pilots and short and long term volunteers in mission, LAMP provides spiritual witness and nurtures faith in communities in remote areas of northern Canada. They share the love of Jesus to Indigenous people through Christ-centered Bible Studies, sports camps, VBS, women's retreats, and more. To donate to Special Missions, please use the special envelopes in the pew. For more information about LAMP, please visit [www.lampministry.org](http://www.lampministry.org).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING - PENNY CHALLENGE:** The Penny Challenge is heating up-all in the name of raising money for Soles for Jesus so they can ship our new or used shoes to Africa! So far, 2nd-4th grade is in the lead with 8,280 points! Remember, pennies and dollar bills are all positive points, and nickels, dimes, and quarters are negative points. You may participate by dropping your donations in the bottles on the purple wall in the hallway. To learn more about Soles for Jesus, visit their website at [www.solesforjesus.org](http://www.solesforjesus.org).

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**CULVERT REPLACEMENT:** Please note that the culverts at the parking lot entrances on Cleveland Avenue will be replaced on May 6-7. While the entrances will still be open to use, please use extra caution when entering and exiting our parking lot. Thank you!

**NOW HIRING:** Blessed Savior is currently hiring for the position of Business Manager/Administrative Assistant. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please take a job description and application found on the back table near the main entrance.

**CHURCH TREASURER:** The Church Council is seeking an individual to serve as the Church Treasurer. If you would be willing to serve as treasurer or have any questions regarding the position, please contact Pastor DeArmond.

**PARKING LOT:** Our parking lot will be redone this June, and the projected cost is not to exceed \$260,000. If you would like to give to this project, please see the letter from the Church Council, which is in the Narthex. All monies raised before work begins would help defray the cost of the project.

**YOUTH FLOWER SALE:** Today is the last day to order your flowers and plants from the Youth Flower Sale! Order forms are available in your church mailboxes, or in the Narthex. They will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 18th from 10am-12noon.

**YOUNG AT HEART:** On Thursday, May 2 at 11am, we'll be working on our faith story, and how we can create a legacy of faith that is passed down from generation to generation. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you plan to attend.

**ROCK OF AGES CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE SHOW:** Save the date! Our annual Classic Car and Bike Show will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 9am-3pm. If you'd like to have your vehicle in the show, registration forms are available in the Narthex, and the fee is discounted through May 4th. If you know of a business that would like to help sponsor the show by donating a gift certificate or item as a giveaway, that would be greatly appreciated! Contact Lee Roloff at 414-750-7604.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Please join us on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30pm for our biannual meeting. We will be hearing from Nicole Mefferd, Blessed Savior member and a Thrivent Financial Advisor, on women's wealth and wisdom.

**QUILTERS:** As you are spring cleaning, please remember that the Quilters can use your bedsheets for fillers and backing on their quilts. Donations can be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** Open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year continues! If you have or know of anyone looking for 2K, 3K, 4K, or childcare and would like more information or to register please contact Jennifer Leinss 262-786-6465 or [jleinss82@gmail.com](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com).

**FULL-TIME LEAD CHILDCARE TEACHER:** Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool is seeking a lead childcare teacher in our multi-age childcare room. Early Childhood Courses 1 and 2 and experience in this field is required, along with CPR and first aid training. For a complete job description or more information please contact Jennifer Leinss at [jleinss82@gmail.com](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com).

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** Today is the last day to shop the book fair! There are lots of great titles to choose from, and you can help fulfill the wish lists of our teachers and support the military ministry as well. The fair will be open after both services!

**CEREAL BOX DOMINOS:** Last year we set a goal to turn cereal boxes into a game of dominos that reached from one set of stairs to the other on the lower level. Not only did we reach that goal, but we also collected 212 boxes of cereal! Help us accomplish this goal again by bringing in boxes of your favorite cereals. All cereal will be donated to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry.

**THRIVENT TAX EVENT:** On Wednesday, May 8th at 5:45pm, Thrivent Financial Advisor Nicole Mefferd will be hosting a Tax Planning Seminar in the Fellowship Hall. For more information on the event and how to register, please see the flyer in the Narthex.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

### **We pray for our members:**

Ron Lou Ann Brenda Danny Darrell Herb

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

Dan Ellie Jill Jim Ron Micah Nancy Bernadette Curtis Jordauka Shane

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

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

**Altar Flowers are sponsored by** Joan Ziegler, in celebration of Jared's birthday.

**Bulletins are sponsored by**

**Special Missions are sponsored by**

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>-MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

<b>SAT</b>	8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Handbell Rehearsal 9:00am Outdoor Workday		7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal
<b>SUN</b>	Scholastic Book Fair 8:00am Worship and Communion 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship and Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>THURS</b>	9:30am Bible Study 11:30am Young at Heart 6:30pm Worship and Communion
<b>TUE</b>	7:00am Bible Study 9:00am Ladies Bible Study	<b>FRI</b>	6:00pm Craft Night
<b>WED</b>	9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>SAT</b>	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal
		<b>SUN</b>	8:00am Worship and Communion 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship and Communion with the Rite of Confirmation

**Attendance:** 204    **Offerings:** \$7,191    **Needed Weekly:** \$10,212.08

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