

Welcome!

Congregational Open Forum

Beautiful Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

Ministry & Budget Forum

November 20th, 2011

Our Mission

Matthew 28: 19, 20

Therefore go and *make disciples* of all nations, baptizing them in the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Who are we?

- We are part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).
- We are a portion of the Minnesota District (1 of 12).
- We are **1** of **1,279** WELS congregations in the U.S.
- We are **91** of **308,640** communicant WELS members.
- We are **146** of **389,545** baptized WELS members.
- We are not alone.

How far does the Lord reach through us?

- He reaches lost souls via one of the largest prison ministries in the nation, providing Bibles and Bible correspondence courses to thousands of inmates.
- He reaches **547** worldwide mission congregations consisting of **83,024** baptized members.
 - 9 school teachers
 - 136 national pastors
 - 10 student pastors
 - 180 national evangelists

Who educates our pastors and teachers?

- Seminary in Mequon, WI
- Synod college in New Ulm, MN
- Preparatory high school in Watertown, WI
- Preparatory high school in Saginaw, MI

- Congregation Run Schools (Individually or Federations)
 - 334 Elementary Schools
 - 406 Early Childhood ministries
 - 23 High Schools
 - 1 College

What ministries do we support as members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church?

- **Worship**
 - Pastor
 - Candles, Flowers, Communion Supplies
 - Organ & Piano maintenance
 - Sound System
- **Christian Education**
 - Sunday School
 - Bible Classes (Various)
 - Meditations, Forward In Christ
 - Pastor's Training & Education
 - Vacation Bible School
 - Kids at Christmas
- **Fellowship**
 - Teen Group
 - Ladies' Guild
 - Post Worship Coffee/Doughnuts
- **Outreach**
 - World Missions
 - Needs of our neighbors
 - Invitations, Advertisements, Postage, and Various other supplies
 - Website, Internet
 - Stepping Stones Preschool?
- **Stewardship**
 - Offering Envelopes
- **Building & Property Maintenance**
 - Parsonage & Church Repairs
 - Lawn Care and Snow Removal
 - Maintain Plumbing & Electricity
 - Inside Cleaning and Painting
 - Fire Extinguishers, Light Bulbs, Cleaning Supplies, Etc.

Gifts necessary to support these ministries?

\$100,000

\$115,000

\$130,000

\$145,000

\$160,000

What does Scripture have to say about debt?

Get out of debt – *Unwise borrowing decisions enslaves the debtor to his master, the creditor. Do whatever you can to end those relationships.*

Proverbs 6:1-5

- ¹ My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor,
if you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,
² you have been trapped by what you said,
ensnared by the words of your mouth.
³ So do this, my son, to free yourself,
since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands:
Go—to the point of exhaustion—
and give your neighbor no rest!
⁴ Allow no sleep to your eyes,
no slumber to your eyelids.
⁵ Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter,
like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

What does Scripture have to say saving monies?

Be a disciplined saver – Build an emergency fund

Proverbs 6:6-8

⁶ Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise!

⁷ It has no commander,
no overseer or ruler,

⁸ yet it stores its provisions in summer
and gathers its food at harvest.

What does Scripture have to say about your labor and earnings?

Be a hard worker – Enjoy the work God has provided you. An ability to earn an income is one of God’s many gifts to you. Honor him with your very best effort.

Proverbs 6:9-11

⁹ How long will you lie there, you sluggard?

When will you get up from your sleep?

¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber,

a little folding of the hands to rest—

¹¹ and poverty will come on you like a thief

and scarcity like an armed man.

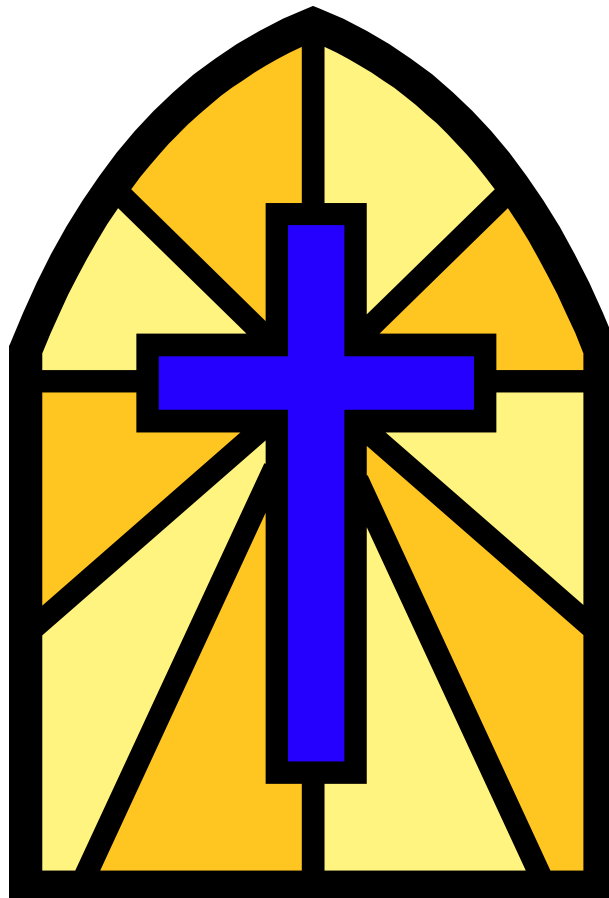
Views From you, the Congregation.



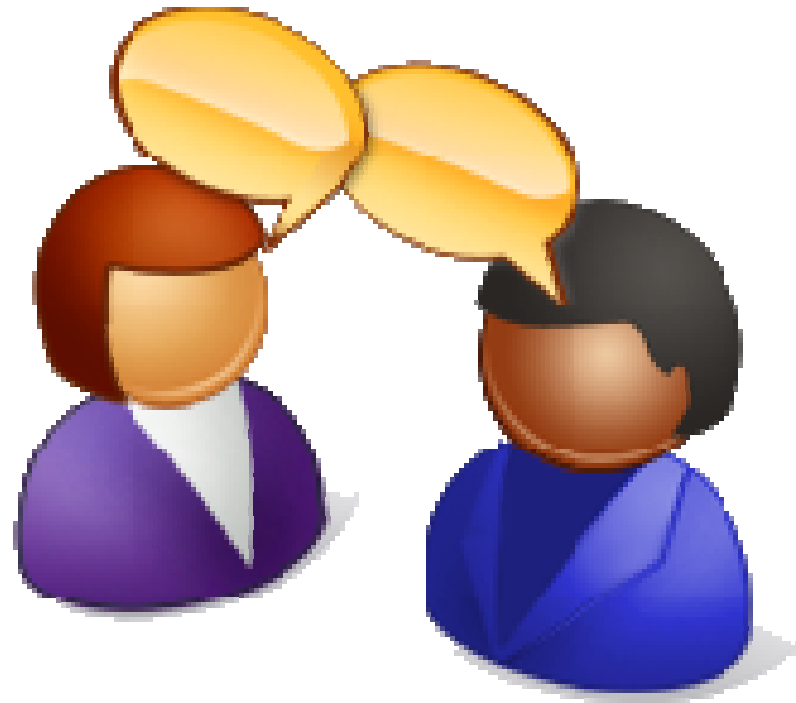
How do you feel about the Lord's work here at Beautiful Savior?

- As a congregation, do you feel as if we are doing our *very best* to bring glory to our Lord?
- Are you *feeling* connected to it?

**What changes would you like to see as to
how ministry is *conducted*?**



**What changes would you like to see as to
how ministry is *communicated*?**



More opportunities to participate.

Leadership Workshop

January 14, 2012

Saturday

9:00am to 12:00pm

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church