

Beautiful Savior's Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk ...

What is September – summer or fall? Well, it might depend on which day you are referencing.

For many people the routine of days has been established because of the school year. Even if you do not have kids in school, schools back in session still have an effect on our daily lives ... watch for school buses ... watch for kids walking and perhaps running out between cars ... traffic changes around school zones ... etc.

Even here at Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, September brings what we think of as a more regular schedule of meetings and Bible Studies.

But at the same time, things haven't really changed that much. The LORD our God is still in charge. Jesus our Savior still loves us, and still is governing the world in the best interest of the Church. And each of us has the same opportunities to let the Lord know that we believe he is the most important thing in our lives as we weekly gather for worship (declaring his worthiness to be praised), and gather for Bible Study because we need his Word to comfort and guide us every day. Happy September!

Mission Sunday – October 1

Sunday, October 1st will be a very special day. It is our 2023 Mission Emphasis Sunday.

This year the emphasis is on World Missions.

We are blessed to have Missionary Joel Sutton who is serving in South America. Due to technical issues, he will be preaching via a prerecorded sermon.

He will be LIVE to speak with us during Bible Study time. Everyone is encouraged to stay to listen to this presentation. It would be wonderful for him to see a large group interested in our WELS mission work where he is serving. We will receive a special offering for our mission work in South America on September 24 and October 1.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 – (A) Moreton's

9 – Rod Calkins, 1975

10 – Lavergne Moline, 1922

13 – (A) Dow's

16 – (A) Ihde's

Beautiful Savior: Our Name ... Our Message

Would you clarify this for us?

Pastor – what is the background on why pastors wear gowns?

The first reason is to hide the person and the personality of the pastor. This way the style preferences of the pastor are not on display.

Secondly, the gown reflects the special role of the pastor – as God prescribed the Old Testament priests' unique attire.

Thirdly, the gown is part of the visual message during services. Years ago, the standard gown pastors wore was black – again to conceal the individual tastes of the pastor. In more recent years, most pastors wear white gowns on Sundays. This is consistent with the liturgical point that each Sunday is to be a mini-Easter celebration, so the white gown reminds everyone of the white robes worn by the resurrected saints in heaven.

Fourthly, it has become common for pastors to wear stoles on their robes. Traditionally stoles are symbols of ordination. The stole also emphasizes the liturgical color of the liturgical season – again reminding everyone of the message of the church season.

Finally, in the New Testament age there are no commands from God about gowns. Their use is an adiaphron – something neither commanded nor forbidden by God. So, some pastors might choose to wear a gown, and some might choose to not wear a gown.

New Mission Update

The core group is taking on the Centerton Days event this year, since they have officially received mission status.

Our District Mission Board along with the core group on August 9th called Pastor Lucas Proeber, who is currently serving in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. We pray for God's guidance as he deliberates both divine calls.

The group continues to meet semi-monthly.