

Invitation & Response

This year, we will offer our estimates of giving to God's work through Beautiful Savior for 2023 on Commitment Sunday, November 13, 2022. Please pray for the success of our growth in generosity, and prayerfully consider how you will financially support the great mission and ministries of Beautiful Savior. The enclosed Estimate of Giving Card can be returned by mail, submitted through the church website at www.bslcml.org, or left during worship as a personal offering on Commitment Sunday. Your generous support of our mission in Christ's service is greatly appreciated and will ensure that BSLC takes more bold steps as we connect and reconnect in life-changing ways.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." – 1 Peter 4:10



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**CONNECTING &
RECONNECTING**
STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

Introduction

In October of 2020, Pastor Schillack shared some messages he'd received about Beautiful Savior's impact. Here are those quotes again with some follow-up from today:

Where have you been all my life? I live just miles away and had no idea you were there. I just don't drive down Adams Road. When we get a good vaccine, I'll be banging on the doors trying to meet all of you. Beautiful Savior is already my church. I can't wait to say that in person.

**THIS PERSON IS NOW AN ACTIVE PART OF
IN-PERSON BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LIFE.**

If it weren't for this beautiful church called Beautiful Savior, I don't think I'd be alive today. I was so depressed. I lost my job. I lost my path. I was about to give up everything. I was done. Thank you for reminding me that God has a plan for me. I'm alive today because of all of you.

**THIS PERSON IS ALIVE TODAY AND THE
PERSON'S FAMILY IS JOYFUL AND AT PEACE.**

Pastor Nik, we've never met, but Beautiful Savior is my home. Actually, I don't remember the last time I was in Michigan. I'd love to meet my Beautiful Savior family in person. I've worshiped online almost every week since Easter. If it weren't for Beautiful Savior, I wouldn't have made it, but I have made it.

THIS OUT-OF-STATE PERSON STILL WORSHIPS WITH US ONLINE AND REGULARLY GIVES GENEROUSLY.

These testaments point to our focus for 2023 – building stronger relationships. For us, the coming year will be about "Connecting and Reconnecting" – with God, our Beautiful Savior friends, and our neighbors in the wider community. **Let's join together to increase annual offerings by \$46,540 (\$895 weekly) to build and strengthen relationships in Jesus's name in 2023.**

Needs

What will "Connecting and Reconnecting" look like in 2023? Pastor Schillack and BSLC leadership have identified these essential areas of focus in 2023:

Connecting and Reconnecting with God - We will strengthen our relationships with our Creator and Savior.

Connecting and Reconnecting with Each Other - With the challenges of the pandemic beginning to ebb, we will renew and strengthen our relationships with longtime and new friends from Beautiful Savior.

Connecting and Reconnecting with Our Neighbors - We will strengthen relationships with our neighbors so that more people know about Jesus's love.

Continue reading to learn more about these exciting opportunities.



CONNECTING & RECONNECTING

With God

Beautiful Savior focuses on knowing God, the Creator of the Universe, who walked the Earth in the person of Jesus Christ. The stories of life transformations through our congregation are overwhelming and humbling. This year, we can invest in enhancing our worship experience with more leadership participation and guest musicians. We need to improve Christian Education for people of all ages, including resuming high school Sunday School after half a decade, and adding more opportunities for adults to learn about the Bible and its life application. There will be a renewed emphasis on praying and teaching people to pray, enabled by our Prayer Team of over 100 participants and the addition of the Service of the Word for Wholeness.

An additional investment of \$300 per week will help us connect and reconnect with God through small group support, spirituality retreats, and Bible studies.



With Each Other

Beautiful Savior’s members care for each other. It’s been difficult to stay connected with friends in meaningful ways recently, but our congregation’s focus on those connections is paying dividends that would make Wall Street jealous. Our Care Ministries Team will move at full steam, increasing regular contacts with members and non-members. Stephen Ministry is active again and needs our support to flourish. We will bring Holy Communion and meals (spiritual and physical food) to a growing number of people. We again have active youth groups for children of all ages led by two staff and an expanded team of volunteers. More get-togethers are happening and small groups help people love God and their neighbors better.

An additional investment of \$305 per week will help us connect and reconnect with each other by providing the funding needed for additional youth events, fellowship activities, and member care.

With Our Neighbors

Beautiful Savior makes a positive difference in lives. That is why we are increasing our emphasis on evangelism and outreach like resuming direct mail marketing. We’re learning new ways to connect online with people and invite them to meet us in person. Our revived BSLC Concert Series is drawing talented musicians and music lovers as we become a center for the arts. Beautiful Savior has increased giving to others as those needs continue to grow. Our goal is to share a minimum of 10% of our income (the biblical definition of a “tithe”) with our mission partners. We are one of the few congregations growing in size in the area as people seek a community that cares for others in Jesus’s name.

An additional \$290 weekly will fund outreach events and community needs, enabling us to build connections and reconnections with our neighbors.

Weekly Giving

