

Good News

A Message from Bishop Gronberg

September 2020

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God” Romans 12:2

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past weekend we heard these words from Paul through the lectionary. Words that remind us that as followers of Jesus we are invited to see the world in a different way. The things that this world values: power, privilege, wealth, influence are not to be our goals. But instead we are to be transformed by the living Word of God that renews us and invites us to see God’s will.

You, the community of Beautiful Savior, are in a transitional time in your life together. While no doubt there are many differing feelings about how you have gotten to this place, it is where you are now. So the question now becomes not “how did we get here?” but “what have we learned and where are we going from here?” What is God’s will for us now, what is the mission we share as ELCA Lutherans in Amarillo, and how best do we work together to achieve that mission.

The reality is our entire nation and world is also in such a moment of transition. The Covid-19 pandemic has revealed and intensified cracks in our society, cracks that have existed long before this time. But during this transformational experience we no longer can overlook or ignore their existence. The reality is we will not be the same even after this virus is defeated. There is no return to “normal” but there will be a “new normal” for our lives together.

That we are being transformed is nothing new for the Christian. Our lives are about transformation. In Baptism God transforms us and makes us new, inviting us into a life of discipleship and service. Focusing on our neighbors needs, not our own. Conforming our lives to the values of love and service. Being daily transformed as we remember our baptism.

As you go through this transitional time know that you do not do so alone. God’s Holy Spirit is with you in this work. As your bishop I am in regular communication with your leaders and we are actively working to assist them in the process of moving forward towards calling your next pastor. However, in this we must take time to learn and grow, to discern what you, the people of BSLC believe God is calling you to, and ultimately to partner with the Holy Spirit in calling your next pastor.

Know that you and your process are a priority for my office. I appreciate your prayers and partnership as we move forward. You are daily in my prayers. For we are...

#InMissionTogether,
Bishop Gronberg

Worship

Sundays Mornings
9:30 AM with communion

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COUNCIL NEWS

Congregation Update

We have reviewed our new period of scheduling supply pastors while awaiting the synod's notification regarding their selection of an interim pastor for us. In the meantime, we are very fortunate to have a relationship with two fine supply pastors: Pastor Mike Holmes and Chaplin Scott Willis. As you probably know Pastor Mike lives down south of Lubbock so he is not as available during the week for pastoral support. Although he will always help out in any way he can. Chaplin Scott lives in Amarillo and although he works full-time at the VA, he will also assist our congregation in any way needed. They are both familiar with BSLC and love our church. If you have any pastoral needs please contact Cheryl in the church office or any Council member and we will let them know right away.

Here is our pastoral schedule for Sunday Worship September—October.

Sunday, September 6

9:30 AM Pentecost 14—Pastor Scott Willis Presiding

Sunday, September 13

9:30 AM Pentecost 15—Pastor Mike Holmes Presiding

Sunday, September 20

9:30 AM Pentecost 16—Pastor Mike Holmes Presiding

Sunday, September 27

9:30 AM Pentecost 17—Pastor Scott Willis Presiding

Sunday, October 4

9:30 AM Pentecost 18—Pastor Scott Willis Presiding

Sunday, October 11

9:30 AM Pentecost 19—Pastor Mike Holmes Presiding

Sunday, October 18

9:30 AM Pentecost 20—Pastor Scott Willis

Sunday, October 25

9:30 AM Pentecost 21—Pastor Mike Holmes Presiding

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report July of Fiscal Year 2020

Income	Month	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget
OFFERINGS			
GENERAL FUND ENVELOPE	17,874.26	136,507.79	146,125.00
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	0.00	450.00	1,020.81
	17,874.26	136,957.79	147,145.81
OTHER RECEIPTS			
BUILDING USE	49.11	581.61	729.19
MISCELLANEOUS	20.00	80.00	175.00
	69.11	661.61	904.19
Total Income	17,943.37	137,619.40	148,050.00
EXPENSE			
Total Expense	20,713.60	113,651.51	149,834.30
Income Less Expense	-2,770.23	23,967.89	-1,784.30

BSLC Treasurer's Summary

For the month of July our income was \$17,943.37 on a budget of \$21, 150.00. Income was \$3,206.63 below budget for the month. Our expenses were \$20,713.60 on a budget of \$24,338.09 which was \$3,674.49 under budgeted expenses. The funds from the Paycheck Protection Plan loan were completely used by mid-July therefore the second paychecks and utilities after that, came out of our general fund account. And the income for July was \$2,770.23 less than expenses. Giving was a bit better in July than June but overall still considerable down from our projected income. For the past 3 months we are down \$9,286.55 from our budgeted income. I continue to pray that the giving will start come back up to our budgeted levels or above. I would pray we can replenish some of the dedicated account back to previous level and to also begin funding a Property Insurance Deductible dedicated account. I have faith in God and this Congregation that all this will come as we continue to get back to more normal worship and activities at our Church.

As I have said previously, I am thankful to a good and gracious God and for all you that continue to believe in and support Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Amarillo. I know we all pray and want to remain a strong Congregation together!



A **food pantry volunteer meeting** was held on August 27 at the church. The group discussed ways to safely open back up the pantry to the

community. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, contact Wally Herpich or the church office.

Look for more information in the coming weeks as we move forward in this vital ministry of serving our neighbors in need.



- 09/01 Rochelle Berg
- 09/03 Blair Berg
Brian Harlow
- 09/09 Konni Murphy
- 09/20 Courtney Johnson
- 09/27 Marian Cole



Communing
At Home

Worship has traveling communion sets blessed and ready for anyone who needs home communion. Call the church office at 359-9483 or Rita De Mar at 353-6187 for more information.

before I
called...
He
Answered.
 while I was
speaking...
He Heard.
 Isaiah 65:24

Others are in need of our continued prayers. For a complete list of those we are actively praying for see your Sunday bulletins.

Please keep in your prayers:

Jane Roulston was briefly hospitalized in August and is now recovering at home.

Ruth Holman is in hospice care.

Genevieve Miller is in hospice care.

Together We Pray

If you need pastoral care of a visit or phone call, contact the church office.

Call the church office at 359-9483 to add prayer requests into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin and/or the prayer chain.

To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office.

September 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 			2 <i>KEENAGERS</i> 12 PM (Bring your own lunch)	3	4	5
6 9:30 am Worship Pr. Scott Willis	7	8 Food Pantry Preparation	9 Food Pantry	10	11	12
13 9:30 am Worship Pr. Mike Holmes 10.45 Choir	14	15	16 Food Pantry	17	18	19
20 9:30 am Worship Pr. Mike Holmes 10.45 Choir	21 7 pm Council	22	23 Food Pantry	24	25	26
27 9:30 am Worship Pr. Scott Willis 10.45 Choir	28	29	30 Food Pantry	Through the teaching, support, sacrifice, worship and commitment of the church, utterly ordinary people are enabled to do some rather extraordinary, even heroic acts, not on the basis of their own gifts and abilities, but rather by having a community capable of sustaining Christian virtue. The church enables us to be better people. than we could have been if left to our own devices.—Stanley Hauerwas and William		



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