



GOOD NEWS

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Our congregation
celebrates
communion at each
service.**

Worship Schedule
8:30 AM WORSHIP
11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sunday School
9:45 Am

The November congregational meeting will be held on November 19, 2017 at 12:15. p.m.

FROM THE PASTORS

It's hard to believe, but Advent is just a few weeks away, and Christmas will be here before we know it. Are you wondering what to get for that person who seems to have everything? Are you tired of receiving things you don't really need or even want? There is a solution!

Elsewhere in this newsletter (and on posters and bulletin inserts in the coming weeks) you'll find information about the ELCA's Good Gifts program. This program is a great way to support ministries that help truly needy people around the world by providing things like vaccinations, water filters, school uniforms, and various animals that can be used both for food and to provide income for families. You can also fund things like communion supplies for a missionary or a seminary course for someone studying to be a pastor. These gifts are real examples from projects currently supported through ELCA church-wide ministries: the ELCA Fund for Leaders, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, ELCA New Congregations, ELCA Vision for Mission, ELCA World Hunger, Disability Ministries and Lutheran Disaster Response. Each of these programs is a long-term, partnership-based ministry that focuses on the needs identified by local congregations and global companion churches and their communities.

Each year, instead of giving gifts to each other, the two of us choose some options from among these gifts. The gift options start at only \$10, so just about anyone can find something that works for their budget. For us, it is a way to make Christmas more meaningful and less materialistic. We feel good knowing that we are helping people, and we don't have to worry about hurt feelings because we chose the wrong gift!

If you would like to participate in this program, you can either pick up one of the catalogs that will be available in the narthex in coming weeks, fill out the order form and mail it, or you can simply go to www.elca.org/goodgifts and order online. If you order online, you can also personalize a card to be mailed to the recipient of your gift; if you order by mail you can request blank cards be sent to your home, then personalize and send them out yourself.

We pray that this program will be as meaningful to you as it has been to us over the years. Please let us know what good gifts you choose to give and/or receive!

COUNCIL REPORT

The Congregational Council met on October 16, 2017.

Present: Erich Drochner, Tanya Berry, Andrea Schmidt, Laurie Dale, David Roulston, Greg Hinders, Joe Froeschle, Kevin Krallman, Susan O'Shaughnessy, Richard Owen, Keith Rosenthal and Cheryl Hall

Absent: Pastors Wendi Gordon and Steve Brauner, Linda Allen

New Business—

- The holiday office schedule will be reviewed by the personnel committee.
- New Financial Compliance Review Guidelines were approved. Financial Review Committee for the audit will be Sally Werner, Lori Luikart and Blair Berg.
- Nominees for 2018 Council are: Jeff Worley, Kendra Berry and Biff Flatt.

Old Business-

Courtyard- Our insurance company turned down the claim for the slab failure in the courtyard area. Keith Rosenthal will move forward with one of the two concrete bids that addresses the replacement of the concrete slab with poured and reinforced concrete.

Pastors Report—

Confirmation classes began on September 24th and continue on Sunday evenings. The Table, our campus ministry outreach to the students of WTAMU, continues to meet each Thursday at 5:30 for dinner at St. George's Episcopal church in Canyon. Our Day of Spirituality was held on September 23rd; 12 people attended.

We had a glorious 70th anniversary celebration weekend September 30th and October 1st. It was wonderful to have some of the previous pastors here, especially our founding pastor.

The Panhandle Conference Assembly was held on October 7th and had a reformation theme.

We were at the Bishop's Convocation at Briarwood from Sunday, October 15th (leaving after worship) through Tuesday, October 17th.

Thursday, October 26th at 7 pm, Beautiful Savior hosted a community meeting to explore the possibility of starting a Family Promise affiliate in Amarillo.

Saturday, October 28th, we had our "Marty Party" to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Fellowship— We marked the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation on October 28 with a "Marty Party"

Youth—met at the church Sept. 30th to start painting on props for Marty Party.

Starting in November - after the Marty Party - we will be cleaning out the high school youth room - if you have something in the room and want to keep it please let me know (Andrea Schmidt 433-5340)

We will resume our study of different religions in November for the high school youth.

All the youth will be delivering Thanksgiving meals to the shut-ins. If you have a name of someone in particular that would appreciate/need a meal, please Andrea Schmidt know.

Worship— We have vacancies for worship leaders. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the sacristy.

At our Semi-Annual **Congregational Meeting** on November 19, 2017, at 12:15PM (after our worship service) in addition to the usual business; 2018 budget and nominations for the 2018 church council, we will vote to approve an updated constitution for Beautiful Savior. Our current constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions are about a decade old and are out of date.

Thank you for planning on attending this important meeting in our life together as God's people of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

In Christ,

Congregational Council of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

FINANCIAL NEWS

September 2017

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of September was \$127,750 (\$6,226 decrease from the beginning of the year). \$81,650 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has increased \$3,950 for the year. \$46,100 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has decreased by \$10,176 for the year. The value of investments in our Endowment Fund is \$168,011, an increase of \$8,698 for the year.

September donations to our General Fund were \$15,261 compared to our anticipated amount of \$17,687 (\$2,425 less than anticipated). Total Year-to-Date income is \$173,835, \$19,395 less than our anticipated amount of \$193,231. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$4,944. Total receipts for September were \$20,309. Expenses for September were \$19,025 compared to a budgeted amount of \$22,333.

Dedicated Accounts expenditures were \$7,231. Major expenditures were from Lutheran World Relief (\$1,090), Columbarium Fund (\$498), Helping Hands (\$500), Fellowship Savings (\$2,252), Property Savings (\$2,200), and Thrivent Choice (\$258).

General Fund expenditures for September exceeded income by \$3,659 (loss). General Fund expenditures YTD 2017 exceeded income by \$11,384.

Cumulative YTD contributions to the General Fund are approximately \$17,241 below the 2011-16 average





If you would like one of the pastors to visit or call you or to put your prayer request into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin or on the prayer chain, call the church office at 359-9483.

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

KEENAGERS

**Wednesday
November 1 at noon**

This is a fun group of 55 and older who meet the first Wednesday each month for pot-luck lunch and fellowship. Anyone 55 or older that wishes to join us, please do so.

Hosts this month: Petersens, Herpichs, C. Hall



11/08	JoAnn Kahn
11/12	Sheila Hibbitts Marilyn Schleh
11/17	Carol Froeschle Harry Herber Carolyn Kelly
11/23	D'Ann Berry
11/24	Jerry Moller
11/27	Gene Reneau
11/29	Wendi Gordon

Count our blessings!

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers.....

Our sympathy to **Andrea Schmidt** on the death of her father, David Epley.

Bob Wells was hospitalized and is now resting at home.

Sally Lehrmann is doing much better after treatment to regulate her heart.

What if the first blessing we counted was simply the day itself? "Thank you, God, for this brand new day!" "Bless my use of this day, Lord, that I might glorify you." Scripture encourages such awareness and promises an additional blessing in return: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12, NIV).

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ELCA Good Gifts provides more than 50 different gift-giving options that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. These gifts, starting at just \$10, provide direct support for the churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

The resources make it easy (and fun!) for your family, your congregation and your community to say “goodbye” to traditional gift-giving and “hello” to meaningful gifts that really make a difference in the world.

See more at: www.elca.org/good_gifts



Holy Spirit, give us a vision of the fruit of Christ's work that you are growing in us, so that we may be refreshed in sharing God's goodness.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



\$500

Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.



\$20

Honey Bees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth – helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.



\$50

Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.



\$1000

Oxen and plow

A pair of oxen will help create record-breaking harvests, provide natural fertilizer for the fields and give families the gift of time.



\$250

Fish

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.



\$125

Sheep

A sheep's wool can be sold at the local market for extra income or be made into hats, sweaters, coats and blankets to keep family members dry.



\$30

Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds – bringing a big payoff at the market.



\$10

Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein rich meals for families who are hungry.

Give through your congregation, by visiting www.ELCA.org/goodgifts

or by sending a check to ELCA Good Gifts, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. Please indicate your gift in the memo line of your check.

www.ELCA.org/goodgifts

70th Anniversary Dinner



Thanks to all who helped make it a wonderful celebration!

Every other Tuesday at 5:45 p.m., as many as 150 volunteers gather to pack more than 4,300 bags. Our warehouse is located in Amarillo at [2406 SW 3rd Ave.](#)

2017

November 14th, 28th
December 12th

2018

January 9th, 23rd
February 6th, 20th
March 6th, 20th
April 3rd, 17th
May 1st, 15th



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Meditation and prayer **labyrinth walks** are scheduled for November 4 and November 18 at 6:00 pm. Come join us.

Altar Guild meeting is set for Sunday, November 12th at 9:45 am in sanctuary. If you are interested in the Altar Guild, please come to meeting

MARTHA CIRCLE will be meeting in the library Monday, 13 November @9:30 a.m.

Marian Cole will lead our study on the second article of the Apostles' Creed using the October issue of "gather" magazine found on page 26. Be sure to look for related information in that issue. Carolyn Kelly will bring refreshments. Come join us!

FYI: We are scheduled to pick-up surplus canned food from the Children's Home on Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 am. If you are able, make plans to lend a hand transporting the food. Thanks!



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will hold its November meeting at the Salvation Army Harrington Hope Center, 400 S. Harrison celebrating WORLD COMMUNITY DAY on November 3rd.



A brunch will be waiting all who attend at 9:00 a.m. with the presentation "Kindling New Fires for Peace" starting at 9:30. All are welcome in this place.



The First Sunday in Advent is December 3

In December we meet Wednesday nights at 6:15 pm for supper. Bring your favorite soup or sandwiches to share. We meet in the church fellowship hall at 6:15 pm for dinner.

The Holden Evening Prayer will follow at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 20

FYI: We will decorate the church and put up the Chrismon Tree on Saturday, December 2. Make plans to join in the fun.



*I pray you are protected by his
care and sheltered by his love.*

The All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus.

On All Saints Sunday, November 5, we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith.

If you would like to include someone, who has passed in the last year .to be named aloud during the service, please add their name on the listing sheet located in the church narthex.

Thanksgiving Project

In November, the Youth will be having their annual Thanksgiving project. Youth and their families will cook, plate, and deliver a Thanksgiving dinner for shut-ins and older members of our congregation who might not otherwise have a Thanksgiving dinner prepared for them.

If you have suggestions for someone that might enjoy a dinner, please contact Andrea Schmidt or call the church office.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN UPBRING-FOSTER IN TEXAS HOMES

Our congregation is participating in the Christmas Angel Tree Program this year, and we want to invite you and your family to be an “Angel” to one of nearly 700 children living in our Foster in Texas (FIT) homes. FIT is a ministry of Upbring, the new Lutheran Social Services of the South, and helps provide safe, loving homes for foster children—ranging in age from newborn—19 with histories of abuse and neglect.

Here are four easy steps to be an Angel to a foster child in need this Christmas:

- Select a child's name from the Angel Tree and buy a gift.
- Bring your gift to church by **Sunday, December 3.**
- Place the wrapped gift with attached label in the collection box in the narthex.
- Add the child to your prayer list and pray for him/her in the months to come.



To learn more about Up bring of Foster in Texas, and ways you can be involved throughout the year, please visit www.upbring.org.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	2	3	4 Group Labyrinth Walk 6:00 pm
5 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation	6 6:30 Sewing	7	8 10-12 pm Food Pantry	9	10	11 8:30 Ramp Builders 9:00 Pick up donated- canned food
12 Worship 8:30/11:00 9:45 AG Meets 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation	13 9:30 Martha's Circle 6:30 Sewing	14	15 10-12 pm Food Pantry	16	17	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast Group Labyrinth Walk 6:00 pm
19 Worship 8:30/11:00 12:15 Congre- gation Meets 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation	20 9:30 Book Club 6:30 Sewing 6:30 Council	21	22 10-12 pm Food Pantry	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25
26 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation	27 6:30 Sewing	28	29 10-12 pm Food Pantry	30		



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Sunday Summer Schedule - 9:30 am

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Church Council: Kevin Krallman, President; Joe Froeshle, VP; Tanya Berry, Education; Linda Allen, Evangelism; Richard Owen, Fellowship; Erich Drochner, Finance; David Roulston, Stewardship; Greg Hinders Social Concerns; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Andrea Schmidt, Youth; Laurie Dale, Worship; Susan O'Shaughnessy, Secretary

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