

GOOD NEWS

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our congregation
celebrates
communion at each
service.

Sunday Summer
Worship Schedule
9:30 AM WORSHIP

FROM THE PASTORS:

We are now in the middle of the season of Pentecost, the longest of the seasons in the church calendar. The color for the Pentecost season is green, symbolizing growth in faith and new life in Christ. The Gospel readings are all about Jesus teaching others. In the second half of summer, we primarily hear the parables of Jesus, with their emphasis on growing in faith.

It's also summertime, which means many of us are traveling. We will be taking some vacation ourselves, visiting Wendi's family, from July 3rd - 9th. As you travel, take the time to notice the beauty of God's creation in all of its wonderful diversity. If you can, visit an ELCA congregation during your vacation, and notice what they do that is similar to our service and what they do that is different. Read the announcements in their bulletin to see what kinds of programs they offer. You may come back with some great ideas for things that we can implement here.

Summer is also the time to begin planning for our fall program year. Do you have a child who is ready for confirmation class (7th and 8th graders or older)? If so, please talk to us now so we can order materials for them. We know we will have at least two students, and would love to have more! We'll have a planning meeting next month for parents and kids to work out all the details.

Sunday School will be resuming as well. Is God calling you to teach a class? If so, talk to us or to Tanya Berry, the Council member in charge of Education.

We will also be going back to two services in September. That means we will need twice as many assisting ministers, lectors, ushers, communion assistants, etc. We will hold a training meeting one Sunday in August right after worship to walk through exactly what each position entails, so if you are willing to help out in one of these ways, please plan to attend. If you can't make that meeting, talk to one of us and we'll work with you individually until you feel comfortable taking on one of these worship leadership roles.

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COUNCIL REPORT

The Congregational Council met on June 19, 2017.

Present: Pastor Steve, Pastor Wendi, Kevin Krallman, Richard Owen, Keith Rosenthal, Laurie Dale, Linda Allen, Erich Drochner, and Susan O'Shaughnessy, Andrea Schmidt and Cheryl Hall

New Business -

Pastors' Office- Pastors Wendi and Steve would like to purchase furniture for the office that is more accommodating for use by two pastors. This includes smaller tables, additional chairs and chair mats. A motion was made to enable the pastors to use Memorial funds to purchase office furniture up to \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Looking Ahead-

70th Anniversary- September 30 is the date scheduled for the celebration of this milestone.

Pastor's Report—We continue to get to know y'all and to make our visits and have our conversations as we share ministry in this place. We are planning a marriage service and a baptism.

The new expanded office hours are working well and allow us to have a pastoral presence at Beautiful Savior and to facilitate the office work with Cheryl in particular.

We had a wonderful celebration of Installation. It was a deeply meaningful experience and the luncheon was a great time of sharing. Thanks to all!

We are actively planning confirmation classes to begin in the Fall. We have worked with the men's group and the book club to revitalize those ministries and look forward to working with any other groups that want to look at doing ministry in a different way.

We are working to begin using the seasonal variations to enhance our Sunday worship, while keeping to much of what the congregation has used recently.

Fellowship— is busy making plans. In the works are meals for VBS July 17-21. A Church BBQ is set for July 22. Look out for the Corn Meal/Jello Deal in August. Participants are given cans of corn to use for a dish to bring and a Jello Contest.

Office Report—

The pastors and I have been working on a system to format and put together the weekly worship bulletins following more closely to the seasonal text changes following the liturgical seasons of the Christian church as described by 'Sunday & Seasons' and the ELW. A new bulletin style will be introduced soon.

I am working with Gene Reneau to create a weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual check list for cleaning the church for the janitor to follow.

The church office has put out a new sign up for congregational members to participate in the Prayer Chain by email or by phone. We are still looking for someone to start the process by phone.

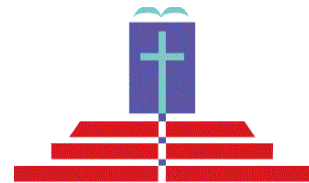
Property – A bid of \$2,200 to build a retaining wall at the southwest corner of the parcel of land where the storage building will be placed was submitted and approved.

The door to the storage space adjacent to the parsonage garage will soon be replaced.

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Wherever your travels may take you, please remember Beautiful Savior in your thoughts and prayers, and come back eager to use your gifts to help us all grow in faith.

In Christ,
Pastors Wendi and Steve



FINANCIAL NEWS

May 2017

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of May was \$137,385 (\$3,410 increase from the beginning of the year). \$81,669 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has increased \$3,969 for the year. \$55,717 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has decreased by \$559 for the year. The value of investments in our Endowment Fund is \$164,446, an increase of \$5,132 for the year.

May donations to our General Fund were \$18,486 compared to our anticipated amount of \$21,490 (\$3,004 less than anticipated). The budgeted receipts are based on historical giving.

Expenses for May were \$27,206 compared to a budgeted amount of \$24,604.

Year-to-date Expenditures from the General Fund were \$76,617 compared to a budget of \$103,823, resulting in a \$1,267 overspend (\$2,483 taking into consideration compensation differences).



Welcome
JULY

NOTES



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, call the church office at 359-9483.

KEENAGERS

**Wednesday
July 5 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. Hostesses will be Lucille Longhofer and Audrey Holman.

Happy Birthday!

07/02	JoAnn Drockner
07/07	Christine Johnson
07/10	Susan O'Shaughnessy
	Sally Werner
	Tim Woolsey
07/12	Susan Smith
07/13	Harold Habeger
07/14	Jon Edler
07/19	Naomi Harlow
	Deanna Rosenthal
07/22	David Roulston
	Melissa Sell
07/30	Paula Cole
07/31	Sonia Sanchez

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers.....

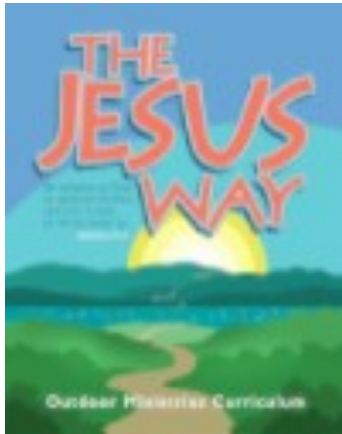
Bea Kirkeeng is healing up after a fall breaking her shoulder.

John Pristash is also on the mend after breaking 4 ribs.

Bob Wells was hospitalized for pneumonia and is recovering in rehab.

Thanks be to God on the baptism of Evelyn Ann, daughter of Matthew & Hayley Correll.

VBS 2017



The Jesus Way

Theme Verse: "Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children and live in love, as Christ loved us." – Ephesians 5:1-2

Monday: Feeding

Tuesday: Forgiving

Wednesday: Loving the Neighbor

Thursday: Serving Humbly

Friday: Prayer

**When: July 17 - July 21 Dinner 6:30, VBS
7:00-8:00**

July 22, 2017

4:00 pm start

6:00 pm meal time

8:00 end time



Join us for a church BBQ, including Trinity Methodist Church and the Amarillo Children's Home. We'll be having ribs, brisket, pork butt and chicken. Congregation brings sides and desserts. We'll have yard games such as bocce ball, horse shoes, etc.

Confirmation: If your child is in 7th grade or beyond and is not yet confirmed, please talk with Pastor Wendi or Pastor Steve as soon as possible.



Prayer Chain Update: We are in the process of updating our prayer chain so that we can live into Paul's urging in 1 Timothy 2:1 "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" (NRSV).

We would like to have an email list be our primary form of communication with a phone list as a secondary means of sharing. Please sign-up on the list on the table in the narthex with your name, email address, phone number, and preferred list (email or phone). Thanks for joining in this important ministry of prayer.



70th Anniversary

September 30th at 5:00 pm

To God Be the Glory for the Things He Has Done.

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July 2017

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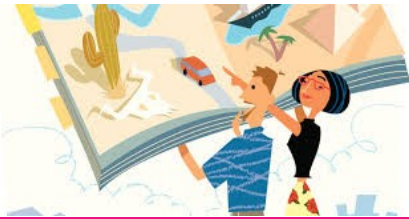
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Sat

 <p>Psalm 121:7-8 "The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever."</p>						1
2 9:30 Worship 11 am Fellow- ship Meeting	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	6	7	8 8:30 Ramp Builders
9 9:30 Worship	10 7 pm Property	11	12 10-12 pm Food Pantry	13	14	15
16 9:30 Worship	17 VBS _____ 6:30 Meal 7:00 VBS	18 VBS _____ 6:30 Meal 7:00 VBS	19 10-12 pm Food Pantry VBS _____ 6:30 Meal 7:00 VBS	20 VBS _____ 6:30 Meal 7:00 VBS	21 VBS _____ 6:30 Meal 7:00 VBS	22 Church BBQ 4-8 pm
23 9:30 Worship	24 6:30 Council	25	26 10-12 pm Food Pantry	27	28	29
30 9:30 Worship	31					



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Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

Sunday Summer Schedule - 9:30;

Staff: Steve Brauner, Wendi Gordon, Pastors; Cheryl Hall, Office Manager; Marsha Moller, Music Director;

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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