

Good News

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Combine Ride

by Pr. Leah R. Lawson

In the early days of my ministry in Nebraska, I found out that many pastors spend time with farmers during harvest by riding in combines. I was intrigued and frankly super excited to hear this news. I grew up on a farm in Southern Illinois and I have fond memories of the corn harvest. One of the highlights was “swimming” in the harvested corn kernels with my sister. The opportunity I had been waiting for finally arrived on a Thursday afternoon last year. I drove out to a corn field and rode in a combine. It was amazing!

Combines are amazing pieces of machinery. It doesn't take long for the corn head to take down the stalks and all that's left are those little kernels of Nebraska gold. Watching those beautiful kernels being transferred from the combine to the grain truck was mesmerizing. There is something very meditative about the harvesting process. Farmers spend a lot of time in those combines, slowly driving up and down the field, making sure every corn stalk is harvested. As you look out of the windshield, you see rows of corn, trees, deer, birds, and rabbits. Riding in a combine is an opportunity to slow down and experience the song of praise that God's creation sings every day.

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Worship

Sundays Mornings
9:30 AM with communion

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Thursday, 9:00AM-12:00PM,
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noon hour)**
Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

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Biff Flatt, VP

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Ingrid Owen, Fellowship

**Rita De Mar Evangelism/Social
Concerns**

D'Ann Berry, Treasurer

Johnny Reinschmidt, Property

Greg Rohloff, Stewardship

Linda Allen, Worship



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The church council met on July 19, 2021. Those in attendance: Johnny Reinschmidt, Greg Rohloff, Kendra Massey, Laurie Dale, Ingrid Owen, Linda Allen, Chuck Jacobson, D'Ann Berry, Rita DeMar, Pastor Leah Lawson. Those Absent: Biff Flatt, Guest: Cheryl Hall.

Old Business:

Insurance update-A new state law requires the deductible be 2% of the value of the property. Our deductible is \$50,000.00. We are able to 'buy' down our deductible to \$10,000.00 with a yearly upfront buy down. This year's buy down would be \$4,800.00. This could change as the value of the property changes. A motion to spend the \$4,800.00 to buy down our deductible was made and passed.

New Business:

Communion around the altar was discussed. The ushers would allow only 12-15 people at the altar at one time. All elements would be on altar. Marsha will start adding hymns for the distribution time. This will start August 1.

Installation will be August 7 at 10:00am. Communion will be served and there will be a full service. A catered luncheon will follow.

Evangelism/Social Concerns:

The home communion team met on June 25th in the church parlor. Six communions given. It is wonderful seeing so many of our former home communicants in church.

- The ramp building men anticipate that one ramp will be built on the 17th of June.
- The food pantry fed 57 people with 21 meals in May and 82 people with 35 meals in June.
- The sewing group continues their work for which we are most thankful.
- Meals on wheels dedicated men continue with this service to our community also.
- Get well cards, birthday cards, sympathy cards, and thinking of you cards were also sent this month.
- Endowment committee has offered to help pay for 1 water heater in the gym area. They have also offered to help with the pergola.

Property:

- Installed new tankless and traditional water heaters in the gym restrooms and kitchen.
- Installed new water heater in parsonage.
- Deep cleaned bathroom floors near fellowship and office.
- David Cole, Keith Rosenthal and Johnny Reinschmidt traveled to Beatrice Nebraska, rented a Penske truck and brought Pastor Leah Larson's household belongings back to BSLC, the week on July 5th. Many thanks to all the BSLC members who helped unload the truck.

Worship: We continue being blessed to see familiar faces returning to worship and activities resuming as we gradually return to a sense of normalcy, remembering that a year ago we were in the midst of a very difficult time. It's a wonderful feeling to come back together in worship and anticipate the future with a new Pastor.

Although continuous communion has gone well we're looking forward to gathering around the altar soon.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report June of Fiscal Year 2021

	Month	
INCOME	Actual	Budget
OFFERINGS		
GENERL FUND ENVELOPE	20,523.27	18,812.50
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	6.00	62.50
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	881.87	83.33
02-MISCELLANEOUS	30.00	20.83
Total Income	21,435.14	18,916.66
EXPENSE		
Total Expense	9,248.64	17,746.42
Income Less Expense	12,186.50	1,170.24

Treasurer's Summary June, 2021

For the month of June our income was \$21,435.14 on a budget of \$18,916.66, so we came in above budgeted income by \$2518.48. Our expenses for June were \$9,248.64 on a budget of \$17,746.42 which was \$8,497.78 below budgeted expenses. Our income for the month was \$12,186.50 more than expenses. With Pr. Leah starting beginning with us this month, there is much anticipation as we begin our ministry together with Pr. Leah. Thank you all for a strong June and I pray we all continue to support to our Church as we go forward in this new ministry time together. May God continue to keep his loving and guiding hand upon Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and our Members and all those we serve.

I am always open for questions or clarification if needed.

D'Ann Berry
Treasurer

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Psalm 96:11-12 states, “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.” My ride in the combine on that Thursday afternoon was a reminder that creation is constantly singing and rejoicing, offering praise and worship to the Creator. I get so caught up in worries, stress, and fear, that I forget to stop, pay attention, and listen to the song of creation and sing along. Riding in the combine gave me an opportunity to hit the pause button on the busyness of life, the stress of the pandemic, and the tension in our country. Once that pause button was pressed, all I had to do was sit back, enjoy the ride, and savor the beauty that surrounded me.

The power of listening

“The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen,” says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. “Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.”

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen” (verses 9 & 23, NRSV). One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word — not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they’re still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience.



We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or worldwide reach. But Remen says, “A loving silence often has ... power to heal and to connect.” Don’t underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christlike love.



You are cordially invited to a

Service of Installation

for

Rev. Leah R. Lawson
as Pastor at

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Saturday, August 7 at 10:00 am

Church Sanctuary
3500 S. Bowie
Amarillo, TX 79109

Luncheon to follow in the
Church Fellowship Hall
RSVP to 359-9483 ASAP



08/07 Kenneth Berry

08/12 Audrey Taylor

08/18 Marsha Moller

08/25 Keith Rosenthal

08/28 Carla Nuss

08/31 Noah Sanchez

Alex Sanchez

KEENAGERS

Wednesday, August 4 at
Noon

*Note: This will be a
salad potluck.*

*Hosts: No hosts this
month.*

HOW CAN
WE PRAY
FOR YOU?

Please keep in your prayers:

Under Hospice Care
Ruth Holman
Genevieve Miller

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

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 at beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com

REMINDER Balance Class

The class will be
10 am—11 am on Mondays
starting September 13 and run
thru October 25.





**Creatively and
courageously working
toward a just world
where all are fed**

Paul Jeffrey, ACT

Relief and Development

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

One billion of our neighbors — that's one in seven people in our world today — live in poverty. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Working through Lutheran connections in the United States and around the world, we start by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Then we partner with them to make their dreams and hopes a reality. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, food pantries to soup kitchens, we work together to support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

The ELCA has a long history of being present in communities, working to help and serve where the needs are greatest. Participating in this work that God calls us to in the world compels us to be attentive to complex and changing situations, as well as to the importance of both immediate relief and ongoing, long-term assistance for our sisters and brothers and the communities in which they live.

[ELCA World Hunger](#)

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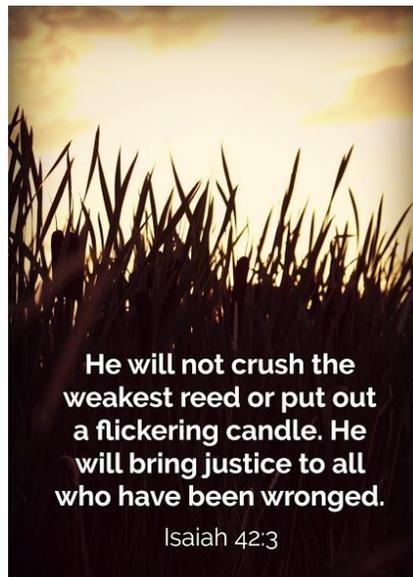
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1 <i>9:30 am Worship</i>	2	3	4 <i>10-12 pm Food Pantry</i> <i>12 PM KEENAGERS</i>	5	6	7 <i>10:00 am Pastor Leah Installation Service & Luncheon</i>
8 <i>9:30 am Worship</i>	9 <i>7 pm Property</i>	10	11 <i>10-12 pm Food Pantry</i>	12	13	14
15 <i>9:30 am Worship</i>	16 <i>7 pm Council</i>	17	18 <i>10-12 pm Food Pantry</i>	19	20	21
22 <i>9:30 am Worship</i>	23	24	25 <i>10-12 pm Food Pantry</i>	26	27	28
29 <i>9:30 am Worship</i>	30	31	<p>And the word of the Lord came again to Zechariah: This is what the Lord Almighty said: "Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other." — Zechariah 7:8-10</p>			



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