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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our congregation
celebrates
communion at
each
service.

Sunday Worship
9:30 AM



From the Pastors

Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Jesus said to her, "... Go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. -- John 20:17-18 NRSV

Each morning Pastor Steve uses a devotional called *The Daily Reader for Contemplative Living: Excerpts from the Works of Father Thomas Keating*. Recently it had this reflection on Easter:

The first resurrection scene is cast in a cosmic context. From the scriptural point of view, the garden in which the tomb of Jesus was situated reminds us of the garden of Eden. The two gardens are juxtaposed: in the first, the human family, in the persons of Adam and Eve, lost God's intimacy and friendship; in the second, Mary Magdalene (out of whom Jesus had cast seven devils) appears as the first recipient of the good news that intimacy and union with God are once again available. -- Thomas Keating, *The Mystery of Christ*, p. 71

Throughout this Lenten season we had the theme of *Perfect Love Casts Out Fear* for our midweek services. The Easter Story – Jesus' suffering, dying, and rising to new life – is God's perfect love for us and for all. As Thomas Keating reflected above, Jesus' resurrection restored intimacy and union with God. In our sinful humanity, we have lost our close relationship with God. In the death and resurrection of Christ, God has restored that close relationship.

Mary Magdalene proclaimed "I have seen the Lord." This encounter with the risen Jesus transformed her sorrow into joy – she had seen God's perfect love and it cast out her fear. It gave life to her and connected her to God for the rest of her life and for eternity. She had to share this love and life to the disciples (her friends), and to all.

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Congregational Council met on March 18, 2019.

Those in attendance: Pastor Wendi, Pastor Steve, Linda Allen, Jeff Worley, Phyllis Antle, Biff Flatt, D'Ann Berry, Keith Rosenthal, Chuck Jacobson, Kendra Massey, Ingrid Owen and Andrea Schmidt

Guests: Cheryl Hall

Old Business:

Evangelism sub-committee: Pastor Steve listed the 5 congregational members that agreed to serve on the sub-committee including; Carolyn Kelly, Susan O'Shaughnessy, Sonia Sanchez, Karen Herpich, and Jeff Antle. Hispanic Ministry Update:

Pastor Steve gave an update on his meeting with Belinda at the United Way regarding the community status and stated that she will serve as a community representative. The sub-committee will start working on issues with the Hispanic Ministry and will provide updates.

Pastors Report -Midweek Soup and Salad Suppers continue on Wednesdays throughout March and into April. Our theme for this year's Midweek Holden Evening Prayer Services is "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear."

Our Young Adult group continues to go well.

The Panhandle Conference that was held at Beautiful Savior on Saturday, March 2nd was a great success. Those gathered benefitted greatly from the topic of learning more about how to have spiritual conversations.

We are waiting for confirmation from Kris Totzke (Assistant to the Bishop of our synod) regarding our supervising and mentoring the two students preparing for ministry.

Education and Youth - Andrea stated that she and a volunteer group will be gathering goodies and sending them to our college students. Andrea is working on a 20 minute bible study and/or fun and games for the smaller children each month. A sign-up sheet will be made to collect candy for an Easter egg hunt.

Fellowship Activities—

Easter breakfast for Sunday, April 21 will be between the two services.

A 'Derby Day' get together is planned for May 4.

Property— Spring Cleaning is on schedule for April 13th. Specific tasks that we hope to accomplish include changing the nylon rope that suspends the Eternal Light with a plastic-coated steel cable, replace the cable at the bell tower and grease it, clean the pews and wood panels in the sanctuary and hallway from the sacristy to the Fellowship Hall, replace any burned out fluorescent light bulbs in the Fellowship Hall and elsewhere, remove mineral build-up on the shower heads in the locker rooms with a vinegar soaking.

The furnaces in the gym and the Fellowship Hall closet were repaired. Thanks goes to Chuck Jacobson's company for donating the cost of the repairs and working with Raeburn to donate the rental cost of the scissor lift.

Social Concerns— The Food Pantry served 213 families for a total of 318 people in January and February 2019.

We also plan to provide a box of food for Easter Dinner for needy families.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasure's Report February 2019

	February Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Percent of Budget Budget
Income—Offerings				
General fund Envelope	15,710.06	46,293.62	41,666.66	111.10%
General Fund Loose	142.00	262.00	383.34	68.35%
Total Income	<u>15,852.06</u>	<u>46,555.62</u>	<u>42,050.00</u>	<u>110.71%</u>

Expense

Total Expense	<u>17,978.59</u>	<u>40,064.47</u>	<u>42,337.55</u>	<u>94.63%</u>
Income Less Expense	-2,106.53	6,881.15	-220.89	

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As we approach Easter this year we have the opportunity to reflect on these things – that apart from God our lives are a mess and we are distant from God, but in the death and resurrection of Jesus our lives (still a mess most of the time) are restored and God is closer than we could ever dream (in us, if you can imagine that!). Perfect Love has not only cast out our fear, but Perfect Love has made us whole.

Like Mary, we get to proclaim to our friends (and to all) that we, too, have seen the Lord (in our hearts and in the world) and that means everything to us and to all.

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Together We Pray

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,
April 3
At 12:00 pm

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: Biff & Melinda
Flatt and Jeff & Phyliss
Antle



04-03	Sally Lehrmann
04/06	Judy Rohloff
04/07	Diane Thompson
04/08	Ethan Schmidt
04/15	Greg Hinders
04/16	Johnathan Hinders
04/19	Rita De Mar
04/21	Chuck Jacobson
04/23	Laurie Dale
04/24	Dane Nuss
	Evelyn Wells
04/26	Dorothy Bivens



The **Mary Hendley family**. Mary passed away on March 5.

The **Family of Bob Wells** who passed away on March 13.

Church Women United is a world-wide ecumenical group of Christian women.

The Amarillo Branch will have its annual fund raiser luncheon on Friday, April 12th at 11:45 a.m. at St. Stephen Methodist Church, 4600 Western. Tickets cost \$7.00 All profits from the luncheon are donated to local charities. Save the date!



Book Club will meet on Monday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Please bring a book review or article of interest to discuss with the group.

Martha's Circle meets the second Monday each month from September thru May.

Martha's Circle welcomes all women interested in sharing a Christian education study. We will meet Monday morning, April 8th at 9:30 in the church library or one of the rooms in the education wing.

Marilyn Waugh will lead us in a discussion of God's grace in prisons.



Wednesdays April 3 & 10 we will have Soup/Sandwich Dinners at 6:00 pm followed by the Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm.

Maundy Thursday service is on April 18 at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday service is April 19 at 7:00 Pm.



Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday services will be at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Easter breakfast will be served between the services. We are asking for volunteers to sign up to bring a breakfast casserole (ten are needed), coffee cakes or breads. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

Bethlehem Christian Families



On Sunday, May 5, 2019 we will have a special opportunity to view products and creations in wood created by the hands of Christian artisans in and around the Holy Land region. The Rishmawi Family has been designated as the representative for these wonderful Christian artisans and has been authorized to show their olive wood carvings.

The tradition of Olive wood carvings in the Holy Land has been handed down from father to son since the 12th century. Due to the difficulties the last few years in the Middle East, tourism has been dramatically reduced and these folks have suffered greatly. This is causing the Christian community to immigrate to different countries leaving the Christian population at 2% today from 25% fifteen years ago.

We invite you to visit their display tables and view some of the finest handcrafts available from the Holy Land. This Family strives to bring these fine carvings to our church.

You can view these beautiful items On-Line @ <http://www.bethlehem-art.com/>

"We call on our churches worldwide to recognize that the very presence of the Christian communities in the Holy Land is threatened by the severity of the present conflict and by the economic devastation the conflict has caused. When the Mother Church is endangered, the entire Churches must be involved "



Invite a Friend on Sunday, May 5th

Of course, we hope you invite a friend every Sunday, but we are having another Invite A Friend Sunday on May 5th. Look for invitations in the narthex on the two Sundays prior to that date (April 21st and 28th), and take some to hand out to anyone you know (or, if you're really brave, the person in line behind you at the store or bank).



This is a great Sunday to invite friends and family because in addition to a great worship experience, Bethlehem Christian Families will have handmade olive wood gifts from the Holy Land for sale in the fellowship hall after the service.

Mark your calendars now and let's have a friendly competition to see who can invite the most people!

Derby Day Gathering

May 4 at 4:00 pm

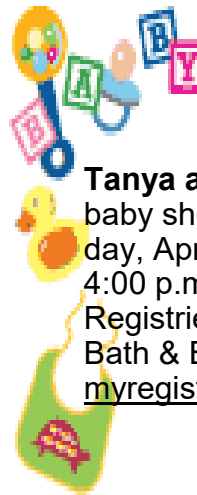
AT THE HOME OF

David & Paula Cole, 3606 Doris.

Bring snacks to share Standard drinks
will be provided or you are welcome to
bring your own beverage.

Wear a derby hat, either bought or
homemade. We will vote on the best
one. We will also have a silent auction.

See you there!



Tanya and Spencer Berry's
baby shower will be Satur-
day, April 6 from 2:00 to
4:00 p.m. Come and go.
Registries at Target, Bed
Bath & Beyond,
myregistry.com



Want to Explore Truth?

Continuing with our new Stewardship program "Holy Currencies," this month we will consider the Currency of Truth. We commit to discern the truth about ourselves and our families – e.g., why I or my family behave in a certain way, doing some family history work, or even just listening to the quiet members of the family. We commit to seeking and listening for truth in our church life. We commit to dialogue on important issues for our neighborhood, our country, and the earth as a whole. Below is a pledge card (just for your personal use this year) for you to consider various ways to seek truth during this year.

Pledge Card for the Currency of Truth

I commit to discover/discern the truth about _____ for myself and/or my family.

I commit to discern the truth about _____ in my church.

I commit to discern the truth about _____ in my neighborhood, city, or country.

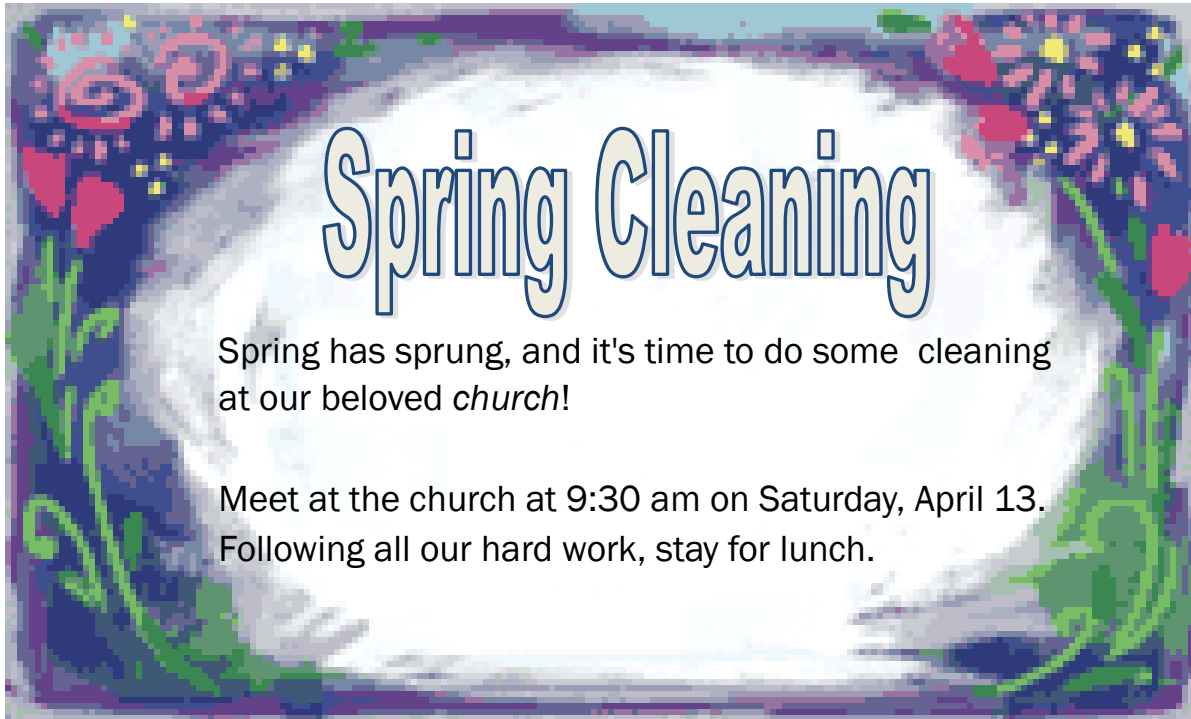
I commit to discern the truth about _____ about the earth..

My name: _____ My Accountable person: _____

Signature

Signature

Date: _____



Special Music On Easter Sunday

Please welcome trumpeters Sergio Almanza and Jason McClanahan. I am so excited to have these two talented musicians join us in celebration of Easter.
Marsha Moller



SERGIO ALMANZA:

Sergio is a Borger native and a second year honor student at Amarillo College. He is a trumpet player in the AC concert band and was nominated in March 2018 for the Tarpley Band Member Spotlight by AC band director Kellie Bartley. In April 2018, Mr. Almanza performed the first movement of the Hummel trumpet concerto as a soloist with the band at the AC music department honors recital. In May 2018, Sergio trumpeted in the initial raising of the flags at the Hagy Center for young children. Sergio was chosen to perform at the 2019 AC student honors and faculty recital which was held in February. In addition to his studies, orchestra practices and performances, Mr Almanza is the assistant produce manager at United Supermarkets.

JASON MCCLANAHAN:

Jason McClanahan is currently an Amarillo College student. He graduated from Caprock high school in 2016. He went to Southwestern Oklahoma University for a year as a music major, then went to the army for basic training. He is part of the Oklahoma national guard and plays in their band. In February, Jason was chosen to perform at the 2019 AC student honors and faculty recital.



APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4 4-6:30 Sewing	2	3 <i>Food Pantry</i> KEENAGERS 6pm Soup/Sand 7 Pm Holden Evening Prayer	4	5	6 Berry Baby Shower 2-4 pm 7 pm Spirituality Gathering
7 Worship/SS Fellowship	8 9:30 Martha's Circle 7 pm Property	9	10 <i>Food Pantry</i> 6pm Soup/ Sand 7 Pm Holden	11	12	13 8:30 Ramp Project 9:30 Spring Cleaning
14 Worship/SS Fellowship 7pm Young Adults	15 9:30 Book Club 4-6:30 Sewing 6:30 Council	16	17 Food Pantry	18 7 pm Maundy Thursday	19 7 pm Good Friday	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast 10 am Endowment 7 pm Spirituality Gathering
21 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Easter Break- fast B/S	22 4-6:30 Sewing	23	24 Food Pantry	25	26 Synod Assembly	27 Synod Assembly
28 Worship/SS Fellowship	29 4-6:30 Sewing	30	Forgiveness is the well from which we draw the water to wash others' feet." —D. Siler			



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