

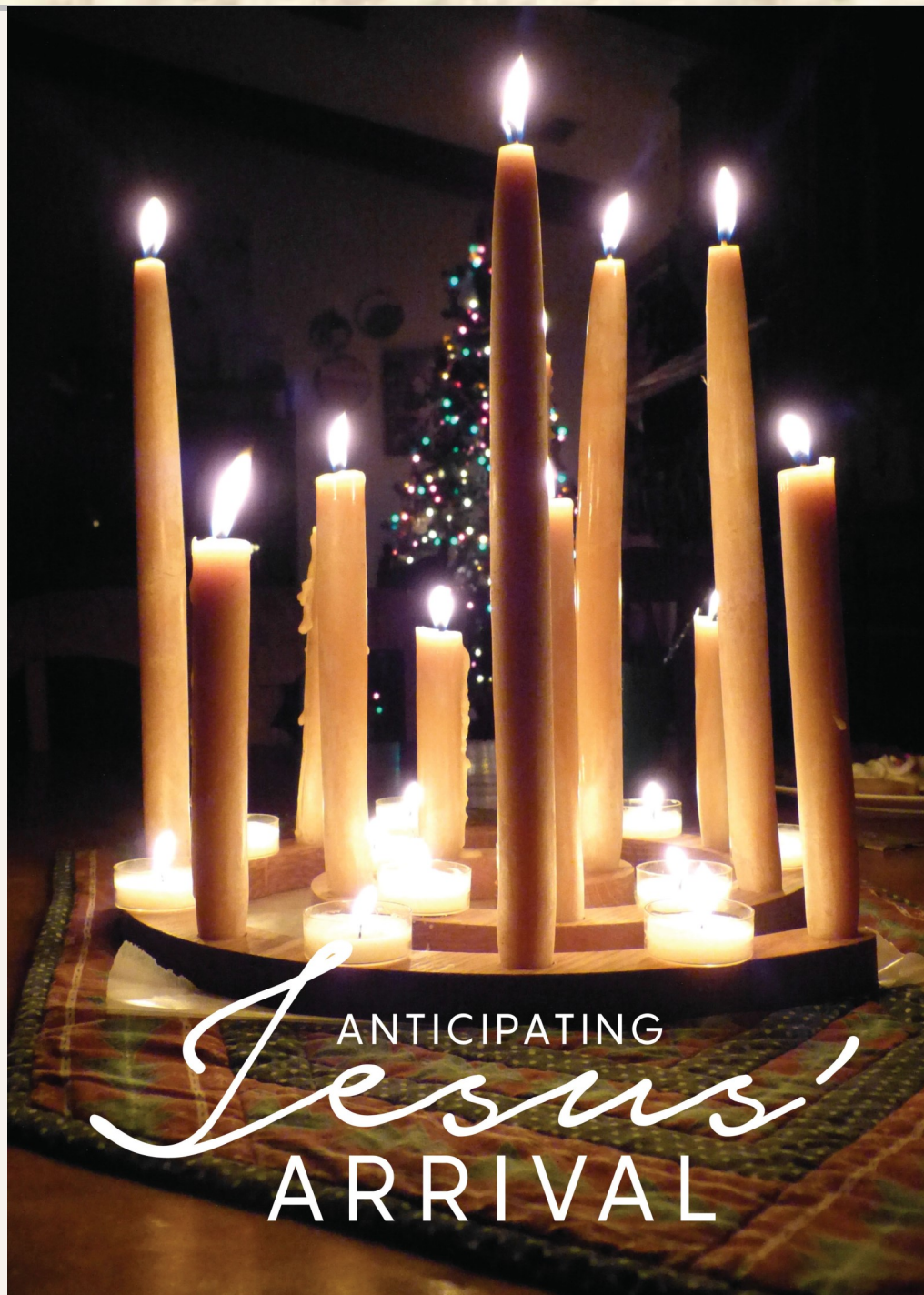
Good News

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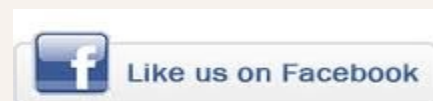
Sunday Worship

9:30 AM

Our congregation
celebrates communion at each
service.

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Here's a quick update about our Strategic Evangelical Mission Planning (SEMP):

The SEMP small groups are now complete. Thanks to all who participated and also those who led those groups. There was great involvement from about 50 of our members (that is over half of our active membership). The task force is summarizing the input.

The Task Force is still processing the Brainstorming Questions (a considerable amount of responses was obtained).

The Ten Missional Values exercise produced a consistent response for today – the top three were Caring For One Another, Service, and Stewards Of The Treasures (the rest were significantly lower). The exercise produced a wider response for the future – the top responses were Service, Caring For One Another, Nurture And Spiritual Formation, Witnessing, and Social Change And Advocacy (the rest were much lower).

Once the Task Force analyzes the rest of the data, we will share the results fully with the council and the congregation in December-January. After that we will work on choosing the community leaders who will speak to the congregation about area needs. Thanks again for the wonderful participation – God is working in us and the future is bright!

The Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us – To us a Savior is Born! This year I am reflecting on the familiar hymn: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry-where; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

This is an invitation for us to share the good news of this season, what it means to us and what it can mean for others, for those we encounter every week – family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Please invite and bring these loved ones to any of the services this season – Sunday worship, mid-week meal and Evening Prayer, or one of the Christmas Eve services. Go tell it to all that Jesus Christ is born!

This hymn is also a reminder of what we are working through in our SEMP process. We are praying and reflecting upon our “why” as a congregation and the witness and actions we will be taking in the next few years to go tell it – to go tell of the God who sent Jesus Christ as a baby, that this God loves all whom we encounter.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to you all!

The Congregational Council met on November 18.

Pastors—We welcomed into our church family Paul and Mary Jones on Reformation Sunday, October 27th

We held the funeral services for Rosemary Galub on October 31st. Thanks to all who stepped up to help and showed our love to the family.

Lifetouch was here to take directory photos, and that is now complete. Pastor Wendi is completing the submission process and the previewing of the directory. Thanks to all who helped make this happen and the members who participated.

The SEMP (Strategic Evangelical Mission Planning) small groups are now complete. We had great turn out with approximately 50 members attending (that is over half of our active membership). The Task Force is still processing the Brainstorming Questions (a considerable amount of responses was obtained).

Dan Lund, SAWL, shared the proclamation of the Good News and information with us about The Church of the Damascus Road ministry on November 10th. We had good support for the ministry during the free will offering (\$638 at the time of this report).

Evangelism—The Trunk or Treat ministry was a great success. We had parents and children from our greater church family, the Children's Home, and across the Amarillo area. Thank you to all who participated.

Property Committee: The committee met in November and discussed the budget and proposed projects for next year.

Social Concerns—The Food Pantry fed 291 individuals in September. The Helping Hand checking issued a \$70 check to Excel to assist a senior with an electric bill.

The food pantry assembled Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to give out to visitors to the food pantry on November 20. We hope to do this again in December; look for more information in your Sunday bulletins.

We will be participating with 'Upbring-Foster in Texas' in their annual Christmas Angel Tree program.

We are reminding the congregation that we are still collecting personal care items to give to Family Support Services of Amarillo.

Worship—The Advent wreath will be hung for the December 1st service, and the sanctuary decorated on Saturday December 7 followed by a potato bar lunch.

Office Hours - Monday thru Thursday, 9:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00-3:00PM (closed during the noon hour) Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

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

Church Council: Biff Flatt, President; Chuck Jacobson, VP; Andrea Schmidt, Education/Youth; Ingrid Owen, Fellowship; Kendra Massey, Evangelism; Lorryane Vogel, Social Concerns; D'Ann Berry, Treasurer; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Linda Allen, Worship; Jeff Worley, Secretary

Treasurer's Report September of Fiscal Year 2019

<u>OFFERINGS</u>	September Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget
Income			
00-Group 00 // 01-OFFERINGS			
01-GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	15,629.05	203,649.53	208,333.30
02-GENERAL FUND LOOSE	87.00	1,271.00	1,916.70
	15,716.05	204,920.53	210,250.00
00-Group 00 // 03-OTHER RECEIPTS			
01-BUILDING USE	682.95	2,990.90	0.00
02-MISCELLANEOUS	10.00	220.00	333.30
	692.95	3,210.90	333.30
Total Income	16,409.00	208,131.43	210,583.30
Expense			
Total Expense	20,912.49	200,630.91	208,550.00
Income Less Expense	-4,503.49	7,500.52	2,033.30

BSLC
Treasurer's Summary
November 13, 2019

For the month of October our income was \$16409.00 on a budget of \$21, 058.33. Our expenses were \$20912.49 on a budget of \$23156.43. Our expenses exceeded our income this month with a deficit of (\$4503.49). For the month of October, higher than anticipated expenses were well controlled in most areas with higher than anticipated expenditures for Staff Expenses were over for Janitor services by \$70.00 and Honorariums by \$200.00 (with Pr. Mike filling in for Pr Steve and Pr Wendi as we requested).

Other costs that ran over budget were administrative supplies by approx \$106.00, Fellowship expenses by approx \$80.00 (feeding families in crisis), Insurance cost was over by \$1159.00 and other property expenses were over by approx \$195.00. Our utility costs were significantly down this month which really helped offset some of the higher expenses for property.

I again appreciate everyone efforts to manage costs closely to be good stewards of our resources, you all continue to be diligent in managing our expenses. We will need to continue these great efforts going forward as we begin the budgeting process for 2020. Let us all pray for a healthy November and December giving to make up the losses we had this month!!

Togetherness in December

Come help decorate the church and put up the Chrismon Tree on Saturday, December 7 at 10 am.

Afterwards we will enjoy lunch with a baked potato bar. Bring your favorite topping to share.



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4TH

As usual we will have a soup and sandwich supper at 6 PM, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7 PM.

This year's theme is "Preparing in Christ's Presence." Each week will focus on a different theme that enables us to prepare for the coming Christ. The first week's focus is "Do less," the second week's is "Wonder," and the third week's is "Hope." Please join us for these special services!

December 4—Soup/Sandwich 6pm; Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm

December 7—Decorate the church 10 am

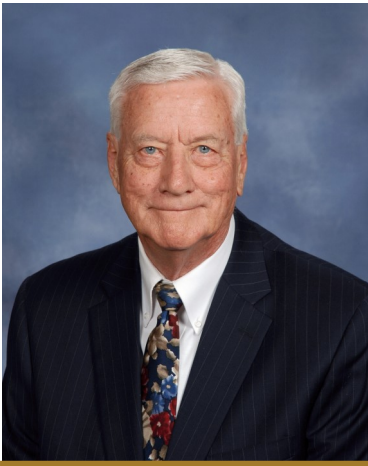
December 11—Soup/Sandwich 6pm; Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm

December 15—Choir Cantata "How Great Our Joy!" the Carols of Christmas

December 18—Soup/Sandwich 6pm; Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm

December 24—Christmas Eve Services 7 pm & 10 pm





Thumbs up for all the dedication and a job well done! After 30 years of delivering 'Meals On Wheels' as part of a team from Beautiful Savior, Bill Tietgens retired from this responsibility in November.

Thank you Bill for the difference you have made in the lives of many homebound in our community.

KEENAGERS Christmas Luncheon

**Wednesday,
December 4 at 12:00 pm**

Our catered meal includes:

Brisket and Sausage
Potato Salad
Coleslaw
Bread & Banana Puddings
\$12 per person

We are asking for volunteers for setting up and cleaning up afterwards.



"That the Creator himself comes to us and becomes our ransom — this is the reason for our rejoicing."
—Martin Luther



12/02	Linda Runkle
12/04	Linda Allen
	Bill Tietgens
12/05	Jessica Berg
12/08	Jeff Worley
12/09	Hal Wisker
12/11	Judith Hanson
12/12	Nichole Krallman
12/13	Bea Kirkeeng
12/15	Dustin Rosenthal
12/28	Melinda Flatt



Please keep in your prayers Rich, Eldon, and Jane.

We are grateful that several of our members are on the mend after recent illnesses.

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

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.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church's Sewing Group Ministry

has been working hard since 1998. The ladies use their sewing skills to make life a little bit better throughout the year and a lot more cheerful at Christmas for members of our Amarillo community and beyond.



This year the ladies stayed busy making children's shorts and dresses to benefit Child Outreach International a Christian organization that focuses on empowering remote communities in Nicaragua and Guatemala with obtaining the materials and opportunities to improve their lives and future.

The Sewing group also makes heart pillows and port protectors and delivers them to the Harrington Cancer Center throughout the year. They also make bibs for an area nursing home.

This Christmas the ladies will be delivering 600 treat filled sown Christmas Stockings to the Amarillo VA, Ussery Roan Center, Jan Werner's Adult Day Care, the Amarillo Domestic Violence Center, and the Children's Home.

They also host a Christmas party for the Children's Home each year.

Women of the Church

Martha's Circle and the Book Club invites you to join them for Christmas Coffee at the home of Karen Herpich, 5 Winsor Rd on December 9 at 9:30 am.

Bring a Christmas treat to share. Let's celebrate the joy of Christmas together!



Men's Fellowship Breakfast will sponsor the Sunday morning coffee hour on December 15 as a fundraiser for Marlon Cutzel, a Mayan teen from Guatemala, who needs surgery.

Greg Rohloff
Chair, Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Social Concerns Activities

- ★ The food pantry assembled Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to give out to families who visited the food pantry on November 20. Thank you all who donate items for the baskets. We hope to do this again for Christmas Dinner Baskets – look for more information in your Sunday bulletins.
- ★ We are once again participating in the 'Upbring-Foster in Texas' Christmas Angel Tree program. BSLC will have 15 angels to sponsor. If you would like to participate, pickup an Angel Tag in the narthex and return it and your gift back to the church by Sunday, December 8.
- ★ A collection box has been placed in the narthex for cola "pop tabs" to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo.
- ★ We are collecting box tops for 'Kids Education' at Alice Landergin Elementry.
- ★ The Social Concerns Committee collects (small size) personal care items to give to Family Support Services of Amarillo and other area agencies.
- ★ We are also collecting children's books to give to kids visiting our food pantry with their parents.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will have their December meeting Friday, December 6th at First Christian Church, 3001 Wolflin, 11:00 a.m.. A covered dish luncheon will accompany their Annual Business Meeting and the honoring of Amarillo Agencies supported financially by CWU...including Salvation Army, Heal the City, Turn Center, Another Chance, Faith City Mission, Snack Pack and Make-a-wish. Proceeds of \$4,000 from the spring luncheon are divided to help these local groups. Church Women United will not have a January meeting.

December 2019

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Fellowship—10:30 am

Adult SS—8:30 & 11:00

Choir: 10:45 am

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 8:30 SS 9:30 Worship 10:45 —Fellowship —Choir 11:00 am SS	2 Sewing 4-8 pm	3	4 Food Pantry KEENAGERS 12 pm 6pm Soup/ Sandwich 7pm Holden Evening Prayer	5 10:00 am Christian Study	6	7 10 am Decorate the church 4:00 pm Spirituality Gathering
8 8:30 SS 9:30 Worship 10:45 —Fellowship —Choir 11:00 am SS	9 9:30 Christmas Coffee Sewing 4-8 pm 7:00 pm Property	10	11 Food Pantry 6pm Soup/ Sandwich 7pm Holden Evening Prayer	12 10:00 am Christian Study	13	14 8:30 am Ramp
15 8:30 SS 9:30 Worship 10:45 —Fellowship —Choir 11:00 am SS	16 Sewing 4-8 pm 7:00 pm Council	17	18 Food Pantry 6pm Soup/ Sandwich 7pm Holden Evening Prayer	19 10:00 am Christian Study	20	21 4:00 pm Spirituality Gathering
22 8:30 SS 9:30 Worship 10:45 —Fellowship —Choir 11:00 am SS	23 Sewing 4-8 pm	24 7 & 10 pm Candlelight Services	25 	26 Office Closed	27	28
29 8:30 SS 9:30 Worship 10:45 —Fellowship —Choir 11:00 am SS	30 Sewing 4-8 pm	31	James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above....			



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