

Good News

FROM THE PASTORS

Well we are still worshipping virtually as we begin June and Summertime. We hope you all have been able to join in the worship online and have been fed by it. Just last week, as I am writing this, we expanded our worship to include special music. Thank you to Marsha and Kendra for adding to our worship experience. We plan on continuing to add these pieces to our worship experience.

In the first week of June, we will be sending out a survey to the members in order to get a sense of what the congregation wants in going back to in-person worship. The Council is keeping a close look at new case counts, how to safely gather again, and when we might be able to start all of this. All of this is still up in the air. Thanks to all council members for your diligent and faithful work in all of this for all of us.

Toward the end of May, we were able to take online continuing education. *The Festival of Homiletics* was hosted at Luther Seminary, streamed online, and was free. What a great opportunity! We gained some much-needed rejuvenation and learned many things that will bolster our ministry here.

Finally, we have just celebrated Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, as it is often called. In Acts 2 we heard the story of how the Holy Spirit blew into world and the church and started this whole 2000ish year ministry of the church and the sharing of the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection and the life it gives.

This year has been unprecedented. We all may even wonder where the Holy Spirit is and what she is up to in our physically distanced reality. The Holy Spirit is let loose in our world, in Beautiful Savior and the church at large, and in our lives. In each act of worship, devotion, and prayer the Holy Spirit is answering in her own way – do we hear her? In each act of love, connecting with people, meeting needs, giving thanks, keeping distance for the sake of the other, the Holy Spirit is at work – do we hear her? In the slowing down of life the earth and all people are finding rest and the Holy Spirit rejoices – do we hear her? The Holy Spirit is at work in all of this and so much more.

Come, Holy Spirit, and help us see you and hear your voice and loving presence. Amen.

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Sunday Worship **9:30 AM**

Our congregation celebrates communion at each service.

Cancelled until further notice due to the Covid 19 virus.

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Congregational Council met on
May 18, 2020 Via ZOOM.

Business:

- Council discussed the Church reopening. All were for keeping the Church Service and all activities suspended until further notice, per the recommendation of the Bishop who says there should be 14 consecutive days of declining cases of COVID-19 before we reopen. Several options of how to reopen safely were discussed but put on hold until next meeting.

- The loan for the Paycheck Protection Program has been deposited into a new account. This will pay all salaries as well as Pastors benefits and utilities for 8 weeks.

With the money we will be saving from payroll, we will be able to pay for the HVAC system without a loan and be able to add some to the dedicated funds account.

- HVAC System: The roof is complete and most everything for the HVAC is near completion with the gas piping left to complete the project. Final inspection will take place after the gas pipes are complete. Final payments will be made after that.

Pastor's report—

We are continuing to record worship services with Marsha each Saturday morning at 10:00 AM, so that the services can be posted online by Saturday evening. We have received positive feedback and are glad we have found a meaningful way to continue worshipping during this time. Recently, we added an assisting minister; thanks to Bob Roulston for volunteering.

Since the July event we had planned to attend for our continuing education this year was cancelled, we have found an online alternative.

We registered for the Festival of Homiletics, which will be held May 18-22, free of charge since it is online instead of the usual in-person event. There is bonus material available, along with the advantage of being able to listen to each session at any time instead of just when they are scheduled, for a cost of \$75. After we listen to the free content, we will determine if it is worth paying the \$75.

We had originally scheduled vacation for the first two weeks in June. Since travel is still not advised, we have rescheduled it for Monday, July 13th – Sunday, July 26th.

We set up a Zoom account and have begun hosting weekly congregational gatherings on Thursday nights at 7 PM. This could also be used for other gatherings like the Young Adults.

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; Kendra Massey, Education/Youth;
Ingrid Owen, Fellowship, Rita De Mar Evangelism; Lorryane Vogel, Social Concerns; D'Ann Berry,
Treasurer; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Linda Allen, Worship; Laurie Dale, Secretary

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report April of Fiscal Year 2020

	April Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget
Income			
OFFERINGS			
GENERAL FUND ENVELOPE	26,101.20	82,413.45	83,500.00
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	<u>0.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>583.32</u>
	26,101.20	82,863.45	84,083.32
OTHER RECEIPTS			
BUILDING USE	0.00	532.50	416.68
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	0.00	592.50	516.68
Total Income	26,101.20	83,455.95	84,600.00
Expense			
Total Expense	15,064.66	78,926.75	80,084.58
Income Less Expense	11,036.54	4,529.20	4,515.42

BSLC Treasurer's Summary May 12, 2020

For the month of April our income was \$26,101.20 on a budget of \$21,150.00. Income was \$4951.20 more than budget for the month. Our expenses were \$15,064.66 on a budget of \$18,713.78 which was \$3649.12 under budgeted expenses. Naturally, with the current status with no services and social distancing our expenses have decreased. This is temporary but it definitely helps us to gain more financial ground.

The income for April was \$11,036.54 more than expenses. This means that our Congregation has continued to be diligent and faithful to making sure our Church continues to be strong financially! We are BLESSED!!! The HVAC/Roofing repairs project is moving forward and Cheryl has paid that invoice this week and we were able to utilize funding from some of the dedicated accounts. The other half of the HVAC units cost \$20,062.50 will be due within 2 weeks of the work being completed and we should be in good shape to get that paid as well.

Luther's Small Catechism Review June 2020

This month we continue our review of Luther's Small Catechism with the first article of the Apostles' Creed.

The First Article: On Creation

I believe in God, the Father almighty, CREATOR of heaven and earth.

What is this? Answer:

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true. (Robert Kolb, Timothy J. Wengert, and Charles P. Arand, [The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church](#) (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2000), 354–355.)



On each Sunday we confess either the Nicene or Apostles' Creed. These creeds put into three articles (think paragraphs) a brief description of who God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is and what we need to understand and believe about each person of the Trinity.

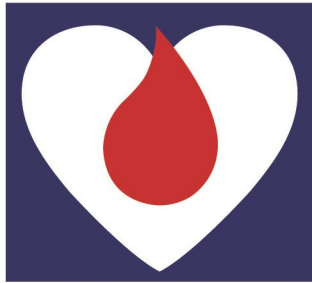
Martin Luther, in his *Small Catechism*, wanted to share what parents needed to teach their children about the faith. The *Small Catechism* is a handbook, a guide, to help us all understand more fully the faith.

Above is Luther's teaching of what is essential to learn about the first article of the Apostles' Creed, the article on God the Father. The creed itself states that the essential thing is that God the Father is the Creator of heaven and earth (in the words of the Nicene Creed of "all that is, seen and unseen"). This might seem to be far away from the nitty gritty of our everyday lives. Creation is often seen as the *big stuff* like oceans, rivers, mountains, canyons, etc.

What Luther focuses on is all of that, and also the *small stuff* of our everyday lives. Luther talks about creation in terms of our own bodies and souls (eyes, ears, limbs, reason and the functioning of our minds). With this, he adds the daily items we need to survive and thrive (clothing, food, drink, house, family, land, work). Next is all of the protection God the Father provides. And all of this is because God loves us all so dearly.

And our response? We are called to praise, thank, and serve out of the same love given in all of this and more.

God the Father is *personally* our Creator. God's act of creation is about all the *small and large stuff* of our lives. It is about everything we do and can have that makes for life. And because God provides this all out of love, we too are called to love back with all that we are.



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- 06/02 Sheryl Habeger
06/03 Sherrill Pohl
06/04 Connie Hawkings
06/05 Biff Flatt
06/09 Bob Roulston
Johnny Reinschmidt
06/12 Ellen Cole
Kevin Krallman
06/17 Tanya Berry
06/20 Rudene Jefferson
06/24 Royce Berry
06/29 Phyllis Antle

Congratulations to **Ross Krallman** who graduated in May. He has joined the Marine Corp and will start boot camp at Camp Pendleton in San Diego in June.

before I
called...
He
Answered.
while I was
speaking...
He Heard.

Isaiah 65:24

Please pray for:

Genevieve Miller was hospitalized in May and has since been transferred to rehab.

Our sympathies to **Lucille Longhofer & family** on the death of her son, Terry.

Others are in need of our continued prayers. For a complete list of those we are actively praying for see your Sunday bulletins and/or email or weekly mail.

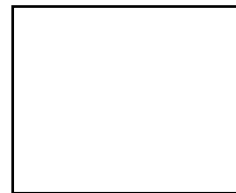
Together We Pray

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.



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Trust in the LORD
with all your heart,
and do not lean
on your own
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



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