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**Our congregation
celebrates
communion at
each
service.**

**Sunday Worship
9:30 AM**



From the Pastors

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone, but it has. Now it's time to get used to writing "2019" instead of "2018" and think about what you hope to accomplish this year.

Did you know that New Year's Resolutions date back to the Babylonians some 4,000 years ago?

According to Wikipedia, Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. The tradition continued with the Romans, who began each year by making promises to the god Janus, for whom the month of January is named.

We don't usually think of New Year's Resolutions as promises made to God, but what if we did? We'd probably give more thought to what we wanted our resolutions to be, and perhaps also be more likely to actually keep them!

So...what are your New Year's Resolutions? The most popular ones tend to focus on health issues, like losing weight or quitting smoking. Those are worthwhile goals, but maybe God wants us to look beyond ourselves and set goals like "This year I will tell one person each month how much they mean to me," or "This year I will donate ____ dollars or ____ hours to a charity that helps people who are homeless or hungry."

What kind of goals can we set as a congregation? Certainly, we will keep our food pantry going, and rejoice at how many hungry people we are able to serve each week. We will continue to explore the possibility of doing ministry with our Latino brothers and sisters in Christ. We will work with Family Promise to get other churches involved and raise funds so that ministry with homeless families can get up and running.

What else can we do?

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Congregational Council met on December 17, 2018.

Those in attendance: Biff Flatt, Greg Hinders, Erich Drochner, Kendra Massey, Keith Rosenthal, Laurie Dale

Those not able to attend: Jeff Worley, Andrea Schmidt, Joe Froeschle, Tanya Berry, David Roulston, Richard Owen

Guests: D'Ann Berry, Phyllis Antle, Chuck Jacobson, Linda Alan

New Business:

Year end reports are due to the office by December 31, 2018.

Irma Banales from the Synod office will meet with council (both outgoing and incoming) on January 5, 2019 at 4:00pm. There will also be a lay person from Advent Lutheran in Arlington present who will share their decision to develop their Hispanic Ministry. Pastor Banales will preach on Sunday and will meet with the congregation on January 6, 2019 for a listening session after worship.

Thrivent Choice Dollars of \$75.00 was requested to go to the sewing group. Council approved the request.

ELCA Campaign of \$1275.00 was discussed and decided to designate this to the Lutheran Disaster Response.

Pastors Report -

The online giving platform change from Vanco to Tithe.ly has been made on the church website and letters have been sent to those who give electronically explaining how to make the switch. The whole congregation will receive information about this change in the bulletins and the January newsletter.

We will be attending a boundaries training event at Briarwood on Thursday, January 17th (driving there on the 16th and staying overnight). This training is required for ELCA clergy to complete once every three years.

Pastor Steve will go on the Young Adult Group's Ski Trip, January 18th through the 21st (he will be back for the council meeting that night). Pastor Wendi will remain here and will attend to the pastoral duties and will preach and lead worship that Sunday.

We will be on vacation from January 28th – February 3rd.

Property—

Roof- Chuck Jacobson repaired the roof at the breezeway between the Fellowship Hall and gym. Thank you!

Newly keyed doors- A number of doors have been re-keyed at the church and we can now lock all doors leading into the courtyard.

Doors at the entry to the Fellowship Hall from the gymnasium breezeway, should be locked after worship.

Labyrinth- Bushes, trees and other plants were purchased to landscape this prayer area.

Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 27th at 11:00 AM

In addition to the usual business and receiving reports, we will be ratifying the constitution update that we approved at the November Congregational Meeting.

You have all received copies of the updates which were approved with the following typographical changes: the title has "CONTINUING" spelled correctly; at C23.03.07. the singular "s" was removed. Extra copies will be available at church. Ratification requires a two-thirds vote of those present.

In Christ,
BSLC Council

FINANCIAL NEWS OCTOBER 2018

Current liquid assets are in good shape. At current spending, we have 2+ months cushion in our General Fund.

Account	Balance	Chg from Jan 1
FBSW Checking	\$ 31,861.45	\$ (11,488.09)
FBSW MM	\$ 74,783.47	\$ 251.57
Total	\$ 106,644.92	\$ (11,236.52)
Available for:		
General Fund	\$ 45,283.07	\$ (1,669.28)
Dedicated	\$ 61,361.85	\$ (9,567.24)
Total	\$ 106,644.92	\$ (11,236.52)

Quarterly dividends of the Endowment Funds show gains/losses from investments. Results are due to general stock market performance.

	Balance	Chg from Jan 1
Endowment	\$ 186,531.77	\$ 10,544.04

November donations to our General Fund were less than anticipated. However, the congregation continues to be very generous.

Mo. Receipts	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
Offerings	\$ 18,897.83	\$ 16,333.96	\$ (2,563.87)
Other	\$ 416.67	\$ 20.00	\$ (396.67)
Total	\$ 19,314.50	\$ 16,353.96	\$ (2,960.54)
Dedicated		\$ 965.67	
YTD Receipts	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
Offerings	\$ 217,773.62	\$ 218,107.25	\$ 333.63
Other	\$ 4,583.37	\$ 3,315.01	\$ (1,268.36)
Total	\$ 222,356.99	\$ 221,422.26	\$ (934.73)
Dedicated		\$ 33,779.04	

All major categories are underspent for the year and the month with the exception of Social Concerns. Payments typically budgeted and spent in December were spent in November. Year end for Social Concerns will be on budget.

Monthly Exp	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
General Fund	\$ 19,780.94	\$ 16,657.76	\$ (3,123.18)
Dedicated		\$ 325.43	
YTD Exp	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
General Fund	\$ 239,022.84	\$ 218,885.39	\$ (20,137.45)
Dedicated		\$ 45,965.56	



NOTES

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.

January

01/03 Matthew Rosenthal
01/06 Lucille Longhofer
01/07 Eugene Spencer
01/08 Mysha Hawkings
01/15 Greg Johnson
01/25 Tim Longhofer
Neal O'Shaughnessy
01/28 Fred Snyder
01/31 Jeff Antle
Greg Rohloff



Count our blessings!

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers.....see Sunday Bulletin

KEENAGERS

Wednesday,
January 2
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: Wally & Karen Herpich, Carolyn Kelly, & Pete & Shirley Petersen

Joe Froeschle is recovering at home.

Congratulations to **Karl Edler and Leona Woods**, who were married on November 16. Karl is the son of Christine & Jon Edler.

Safe travels for the **Young Adults** on their ski trip Jan. 18-21.

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Pray about that and let us know your ideas. We are committed to our church's mission of "Following Christ: Loving, Growing, Serving." How can we best do that in the months and years ahead? We welcome your input as we all seek to discern what God is calling us to do. Together, we can work to make a difference here in Amarillo and around the globe.

Pastors Steve and Wendi

Want to Expand your Relationships?

Continuing with our new Stewardship program "Holy Currencies," this month we will consider the Currency of Relationship. This is not about "evangelism" – witnessing to people, this is about expanding our relationships inside and outside the church. Think about our church community: Who would you like to get to know better this year? Now, think about people you encounter outside the church, in your workplace, your neighborhood, or your friendship circle: With whom among them would you like to build a stronger relationship? Whether inside or outside the church we are simply inviting you to be a friend to listen to their stories and for them to know your story. Next month we will have a pledge card (for your own use and not turned in this year) on which you can mark your intent over the year.

All the staff of Beautiful Savior wish to express our **sincere thanks** for the Christmas Gifts given by members of the congregation. Thank you!



Church Women United

Meets Friday, January 5th at Saint Luke Presbyterian Church,
3001 Bell Avenue at 9:15 a.m. The program will be a Human Rights Celebration. All Christian women are invited.

A Big Thank you to all those who contributed to the Food Pantry's Christmas baskets.



Special Visitors on January 5th and 6th

As part of our ongoing effort to discern whether God is calling us to start a Latinx ministry, we will have special guests visiting us on January 5th and 6th. Pastor Irma Bañales, our synod's Director of Evangelical Mission, and Joan Martin from Advent Lutheran Church, which has successfully started a Latinx ministry, will share their knowledge and experience with us. They will meet with Council at 4 pm on Saturday, January 5th, and with the entire congregation on Sunday, January 6th, following worship. In addition, Pastor Bañales will preach that morning. We thank them for their willingness to travel to the Panhandle and look forward to welcoming them

First Weekend in January



Saturday, January 5 at 10:00 am, come help take **down the Christmas decorations**. Thanks!



Current council members and newly elected council members are asked to join the Pastors, Pr. Irma Banales and Joan Martin on Saturday, January 5 at 4:00 pm in the church fellowship hall for a conversation about Hispanic Ministry.



Epiphany Dinner with a Scandinavian Theme
Saturday, January 5 at 6:00 pm

The Freewill offering profits will go towards funding future Fellowship activities.



Sunday, January 6, we welcome Pr. Irma Banales, who will deliver our sermon for the day. Following worship, she and Joan Martin will be lead us in a "Conversation on Hispanic Ministry". Afterwards, please join us for a **potluck lunch** in the fellowship hall. Be sure to bring a dish to share.

Become an online giver!

The church office (with approval from Council) is switching our online giving provider to Tithe.ly. We are making this switch because we are able to get better rates with Tithe.ly. Tithe.ly is the current recommended online giving service supported by the ELCA. We are also confident with their integrity after looking into it ourselves.



To become an online giver we ask you to do the following:

Please sign up with tithe.ly at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=512986> and click the sign-up link.

You can start giving through Tithe.ly in the following ways (including setting up recurring payments):

Use the Tithe.ly link above.

Use the ELCA app. In your phone's app store search for "ELCA Giving Tool by Tithe.ly." In the app's search tool type "Beautiful Savior."

You can go to our website, <https://beautifulsavioramarillo.org>, and click the "give" link on the menu.

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“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” <u>Isaiah 60:1</u>		1	10-12 Food Pantry KEENAGERS 12 pm	3	4	5 10 am Take down Decorations 4:00 Council 6:00 pm Epiphany Dinner
6 Worship/SS Fellowship 11:00 Hispanic Ministry Talk 12:00 Potluck Lunch 5:30 Confir.	7	8	9 10-12 Food Panty	10	11	12 10 am Endowment
13 Worship/SS Fellowship 5:30 Confirmation	14 9:30 Martha's Circle 7 pm Property	15	16 10-12 Food Panty Pastors Boundaries Training	17 Pastors Boundaries Training	18 Young Adults Ski Trip	19 Young Adults Ski Trip
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