

GOOD NEWS

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our congregation celebrates communion at each service.

Worship Schedule 9:30 AM WORSHIP

Summer schedule

FROM THE PASTORS

Summertime is here! It's that time of year when many of us will do some traveling. We will be taking July 2 - 15 off to visit Wendi's family, go to Kitty Hawk, and visit the Great Smoky Mountains. As you travel, there are at least three ways you can stay connected with your church family and help out our congregation.

First, PRAY for our church. Wherever you go, take the time to appreciate the natural beauty and thank God for it, and also to thank God for our church. Ask God to grant safe travels to your family and all who are traveling. Ask God to give our Church Council wisdom as they make the decision about potentially going to one service year-round. Pray for Family Promise, the newly forming program to help homeless families with children, and for our congregation to be a welcoming host congregation when the time comes. Pray for the Latin@ ministry we are trying to develop at Beautiful Savior, and for your pastors as we travel to Austin June $10-15^{th}$ to attend an intensive training course on that topic. Pray that our congregation will find new ways to invite and welcome visitors and reach out to the Amarillo community. Pray for our synodical and national church leaders.

Second, WORSHIP wherever you find yourself. Pay attention to what that congregation does differently than we do. Is there a song you especially like? Write down the information and bring it back with you. Look at their bulletin boards and read their bulletin and newsletter to see what kind of upcoming events they are hosting. They may be doing something that we might want to try at Beautiful Savior. Be an interested observer and report back on what you see and hear.

Finally, GIVE financially to our church even when you are away. Our website, www.beautifulsavioramarillo.org, has a "give" tab that enables you to give online, so your offering can make it to church even when you can't!

Thank you for all that you do to remain connected to our church family even when you are away. We look forward to hearing about all of your adventures upon your return!

Pastors Wendi and Steve

COUNCIL NEWS

The Congregational Council met on May 15, 2018.

Those in attendance: Joe Froeschle, Laurie Dale, Biff Flatt, Pastor Steve, Pastor Wendi, Keith Rosenthal, Kendra Berry, Tanya Berry, Greg Hinders, Richard Owen, Andrea Schmidt I

Those not able to attend:
Jeff Worley, Erich Drochner,
Cheryl Hall and David
Roulston

<u>Guests:</u> Ingrid Owen, Bill Tietgens and Jerry Moller

New Business— Listening Session Topic: Whether or not this congregation will go to one service permanently on September 9th.

Three members of the Church spoke to the Council regarding the topic.

Ten members of the Council gave their opinions on the topic.

Pastors Report—The pastors attended the Synod Assembly in Temple with our voting members Bob and Jane Roulston at the end of April.

The pastors have now completed our Conversational Spanish for Beginners course at Amarillo College. This month they will attend "

Building Congregational Capacity for Hispanic Ministry" in Austin from June 10th – 15th to continue preparing for this new ministry.

Our Panhandle Conference will have its Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 29th, at St. John's in Wilson, and the program will be "The Generosity Project."

Our Mutual Ministry Committee will also have its first meeting soon.

The Family Promise core team continues to meet monthly as well, and details about this potential new ministry were shared with the members of Beautiful Savior at both services on May 6.

President's Report-

- Joe F. reported that he and Keith R. met with the owners of Amarillo Elite Sports. The owners were informed that they can continue through July at their current rate and then the Council would consider if the church would like to continue the relationship.
- Joe F. made a resolution that Beautiful Savior commit to become a host congregation for Family Promise of Amarillo and Canyon. The resolution passed.

Vice President's Report:Biff F. announced that there will be a reception on June 3rd for the Pastors' anniversary.

Fellowship—Richard O. reported that the Mother's Day get-together went well and discussed the preparations for the confirmation and graduation day celebration. A mid-summer BBQ is in the works.

Property—Thanks to all who helped out at the annual spring cleanup around the church.

- ⇒ Labyrinth- A herbicide will be sprayed on the labyrinth parcel to help control the weeds. On the long term, after concrete is poured around the new storage building and electrical system is completed, the existing sprinkler system will be repaired and sod can be placed in this area. The large stones near the entry path will be moved to the foot of the cross.
- ⇒ We need more members to join a mowing team.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Current liquid assets are in good shape. At current spending, we have 3+ months cushion in our General Fund.

Account	Balance		(Chg from Jan 1
FBSW Checking	\$	50,314.93	\$	6,965.39
FBSW MM	\$	74,588.47	\$	56.57
Total	\$	124,903.40	\$	7,021.96
Available for:				
General Fund	\$	66,700.15	\$	19,747.80
Dedicated	\$	58,203.25	\$	(12,725.84)
Total	\$	124,903.40	\$	7,021.96

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

	Balance	Ch	g from Jan 1
Endowment	\$ 173,143.45	\$	(2,844.28)

April donations to our General Fund were less than anticipated, which was predicated on Easter and 5 Sundays. The anticipated amount was overestimated. However, the congregation is very generous, exceeding YTD expectations.

Mo. Receipts	Antici	pated	Actual		Varia	nce
Offerings	\$	28,935.71	\$	19,802.17	\$	(9,133.54)
Other	\$	416.67	\$	20.00	\$	(396.67)
Total	\$	29,352.38	\$	19,822.17	\$	(9,530.21)
Dedicated			\$	2,734.10		
YTD Receipts	Antici	pated	Actual		Varia	ince
Offerings	\$	86,395.36	\$	96,017.91	\$	9,622.55
Other	\$	1,666.68	\$	820.00	\$	(846.68)
Total	\$	88,062.04	\$	96,837.91	\$	8,775.87
Dedicated			\$	11.251.44		

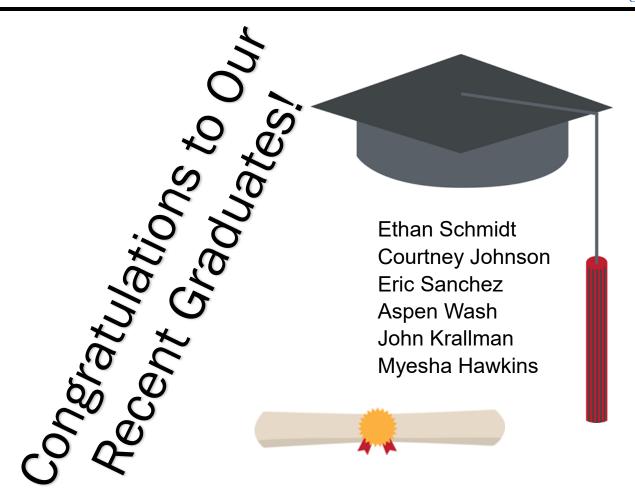
Expenses for April are below budget.

Monthly Exp	Budg	eted	Actual		Varia	ance
General Fund	\$	19,676.60	\$	16,439.15	\$	(3,237.45)
Dedicated			\$	998.69		
YTD Exp	Budg	eted	Actual		Varia	ance
General Fund	\$	84,692.25	\$	74,320.18	\$	(10,372.07)
Dedicated			\$	27,523.06		

This shows good cost control, as can be seen by the variances both for the month and YTD. All areas are underspent with the exception of Staff Expenses. Our pastors went to a stewardship seminar, which exceeded monthly, but not annual, budget. Honorariums exceeded budget as a result of our pastors' vacation. And a payroll check was reissued because a March check had been lost. Everyone is keeping an eye on expenses.

It is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out-give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to him, he will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

—Charles Spurgeon



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Surveillance camera- a fourth security camera was installed near the south entry door to the Fellowship Hall. It points across the parking lot and has a view of the new storage building.

Storage Building- Walls are insulated and ready to hang tools on, if desired. Shelving will be put in the interior of the building along with electrical outlets and lighting.

Worship— Thanks to Pastor Scott Willis, for presiding over services on April 29th. We are needing worship leaders for each Sunday. Thank you to those who sign up early. Three flower carrier positions are open to deliver flowers to shut ins or those who are in the hospital. Contact Laure Dale if you are interested.

NOTE: The listening sessions regarding going to one service have now ended. If you did not get the chance to make your views known, please talk to a council member before the June 19 council meeting.



NOTES



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 June 6 at noon

Enjoy a "picnic" (rolls, cold cuts, sliced cheese, tea, coffee provided) bring salads, chips, deserts if you like. But come, enjoy fellowship.

P.S. Food Pantry can always use toilet paper.

Hosts: Audrey Taylor and Diane Hinders

06/02	Sheryl Habeger
06/03	Sherrill Pohl
06/04	Connie Hawkings
06/05	Biff Flatt
06/07	Luann Heuton
06/09	Johnnie Reinschmidt
06/12	Bob Roulston
	Ellen Cole
06/17	Kevin Krallman
06/18	Tanya Berry
06/20	Rudene Jefferson
6/28	Rosemary Galub
6/29	Phyllis Antle BIRTHDAYS

Count our blessings!

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

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

Genevieve Miller has moved to Hudson House in Canyon. **Carl Galub** has been hospitalized

Our sympathies to **Kevin Krallman** on the death of his father. Congratulations to **Aspen Wash** on her confirmation May 20th.

On the cusp of summer, Creator God, I praise you for warmer weather, nature's wonders and this season of both rest and growth.

Here at the top of Texas, we might not think of this very often:

80% of all marine debris found in the ocean is land based, and 80-90% of the marine debris is made from plastic.

In the U.S., we use 500 million straws a day! That is enough straw waste to wrap the circumference of the earth 2.5 times or to fill Yankee Stadium over 9 times in a year! Now imagine that magnified by global consumption!

What ways can we as individuals work in a positive, impactful, and tangible way towards a solution to the plastic pollution problem?

Reception on Sunday, June 3

We will have a reception after the worship service. It will be to celebrate Pastor Steve and Pastor Wendi's first year at BSLC and to recognize their 20 years of ordination.

Meet in the fellowship hall following the service.



Young Adults to Meet

Sunday, June 24 at 8:00 pm at the home of Kendra Berry, 4517 S. Aldredge

Amarillo Family Promise Meetings

Where: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

When: June 21, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Our mission is to help homeless and lowincome families achieve sustainable independence.



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God has searched for and found us, as he did 1 Adam and Eve, hiding in the Garden of Eden. Our Maker loves us and offers us lavish forgiveness. 7 pm Spirituality Gathering 7 3 4 5 8 Worship 10-12 pm Food Ramp **Pantry Project** 9:30 12 pm 9:30 Emergen-10:30 cy Prepardness **KEENAGERS Reception for Pastors** 12 10 11 13 14 15 16 Worship 10-12 pm Food **Pantry** 9:30 10:30 Pastors attend-Pastors attend-Pastors attend-**Fellowship** ing Latino ing Latino ing Latino Pastors attend-Pastors attend-7 pm Spiritual-ity Gathering **Ministries** Ministries Ministries ing Latino ing Latino **Ministries Ministries** 17 18 20 21 22 23 19 Worship 10-12 pm Food **Pantry** 9:30 7pm Family 10:30 Promise @ **BSLC Fellowship** 7pm Property 6:30 Council 26 27 29 24 25 28 30 Worship 10-12 pm Food **Pantry** 9:30 10:30 **Fellowship 8pm Young** Adults



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Sunday Summer Schedule - 9:30 am

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<u>Church Council:</u> Joe Froeshle, President; Biff Flatt, VP; Tanya Berry, Education; Kendra Berry, Evangelism; Richard Owen, Fellowship; Erich Drochner, Finance; David Roulston, Stewardship; Greg Hinders Social Concerns; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Andrea Schmidt, Youth; Laurie Dale, Worship; Jeff Worley, Secretary

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