



GOOD NEWS!

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God's beloved people at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church:

Happy New Year!! I hope your holidays were full of blessing, joy, celebration, surprise. We celebrated and rejoice at the birth of our Savior and welcome in a new year... a new year once again full of promise, opportunity, growth, challenge, surprise, and joy.

As we enter into a full year of this season of discernment prayer and planning, I know that God will have so much surprise, so much challenge, so much opportunity for us to partner with Him in the next chapter of ministry. It is my hope and my prayer that the people of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church will pray, be open, discern, and embrace what God has in store for us into this new year and into this new chapter of ministry together.

Please take note of a couple of exciting things beginning in January:

The Divine Drama: a 30 week excursion through the biblical narrative and the biblical basis for core Christian teaching. Beginning January 12th through mid-May, we will focus on a survey of the biblical narrative and the exciting ways how the Old and New Testaments fit together into one grand story, God story, of God's rescue mission found them fully through Jesus Christ. We will meet *Tuesday morning 9:30 to 11 a.m. or Tuesday evening 7:30 to 9 p.m.* Cost of the materials for the entire course is \$30. Please RSVP your intention to attend as well as your check to the church office *by January 5th* so materials can be ordered in good time.

Confirmation: Confirmation for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be held between services Sunday mornings beginning Sunday January 17. This will be an interactive experience using teaching videos, Bible exploration, Bible memory, and family worship notes. Parents of students are more than welcome to attend as I fully believe that the Christian faith is taught and caught within the family. The family needs to learn worship, fellowship, pray and witness together

Congregation Conversations: I hope to launch the car engage in conversations for February and March. These will be opportunities for the people of beautiful Savior Lutheran Church to gather into small groups to share and respond to questions that I'll have prepared for you. These groups will not be making decisions, debating costs, or for planning but for brainstorming, dreaming, and listening to what God may have for Beautiful Savior's next chapter of ministry.

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

**Sunday
Worship Schedule
8:30 AM WORSHIP
11:00 AM WORSHIP**



COUNCIL REPORT

THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MET ON DECEMBER 14, 2015.

Members Present: D'Ann Berry, , Spencer Berry, Laurie Dale, Carol Froeschle, Karen Herpich, Greg Hinders, Greg Rohloff, and Shirley Petersen, Tanya Rosenthal, and Office Manager Cheryl Hall.

Erich Drochner, Christine Johnson and Kevin Krallman were unable to attend.

The Congregational Meeting was set for January 24, 2015 after the 11:00 Worship Service.

In regard to the Call Committee, Pastor asked the Council members to come to the January meeting with possible candidates.

He recommended that the Council think of people from different age groups and visit with people to ascertain if they would be willing to serve.

One member of the Council needs to be an ex officio member of the Call Committee.

Pastor further asked The Transition Committee and the Council to think of those who would be willing to facilitate the small group sessions that will be meeting in February and March. At least 10 people will be needed as facilitators. These names should be given to Pastor as soon as possible so the groups can be scheduled either in homes or at the church as decided.

In regard to Columbarium Policies and Procedures, Dorothy Bivens and Gene Reneau are presently on the committee. One more congregational member at large needs to be appointed to serve on the committee.

Safeguarding God's Kids Policy is being updated and finalized by Christine Johnson. Hopefully this can be completed in January.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Confirmation 2016

I will meet with students and parents 12/16/2015 after Holden to go over the upcoming program.

Classes will be Sunday mornings during the Education Hour January 10- April 24, 2016 (16 sessions)

Using the Re:form curriculum (one I've used in previous settings)

Suggested dates for Rite of Affirmation of Baptism: Pentecost Sunday 06/04/2016 or Reformation Sunday 10/30/2016 (to be discussed and decided together with students and parents)

The Divine Drama

A 30-week immersion into the biblical narrative (16 sessions) and the biblical basis for core Christian teaching (14 sessions)

The Divine Drama The Biblical Narrative: Tuesday morning (9:30-11:00 am) or Tuesday eve 7:30-9:00 pm., January 12, 2016-May 10, 2016

Participants come to either morning or evening session each week, per their schedule

Purpose is to see the "big picture" of the biblical narrative in its unity, and to be immersed into God's Story, to help inform Our Story, to help give BSLC some Big Picture Mission directives to inform your next Mission Goals

To model an example of a good Adult Faith Formation offering, as Adult Faith Formation has been identified as a key area of growth.

COUNCIL REPORT CONTINUED

EVANGELISM—

Events since last month:

- Introduce Pastor Mark to our shut-ins and take communion to them if they want it.
- Had a dinner meeting with newly-formed home communion team. Pastor Mark attended to meet the group and share his ideas on giving communion to shut-ins.
- Made 2 visitations to shut ins:
- Sent Christmas cards to shut-ins and members who have moved away
- “Operation Joe”: Members wrote notes and memories to Joe Freshnock. These were delivered to Joe when Pastor Mark visited him in Lewisville in Dec.

Projected Goals/Progress for next month:

- Work with Linda Allen to help her transition into council as evangelism chairperson.
- Talk to Pastor Mark about bringing in new members during January or February.
- Work with Carolyn Kelly to schedule visits to all of our shut-ins.
- Promote MOPS on Facebook

PROPERTY— The parsonage painting is continuing with the garage as weather permits.

SOCIAL CONCERNS— 236 people fed through the food pantry, 2 ramps built, continued delivery of Meals on Wheels, packed for Snak Pack for Kids, the sewing group continues making winter hats and working on 800 Christmas Stockings for the VA Hospital, the Texas VA center, Jan Werner adult day care, ADCS, Country Club Manor, Another Chance House, the Domestic Violence Center, church shut-ins, Meals on Wheels recipients and the Children’s Home. The Sewing group will host a party for the Children’s Home on December 21st.

WORSHIP— Worship leaders are still needed. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board by sacristy.

YOUTH—

There potentially could be 8 kids in Confirmation classes if all decide to participate: Classes are expected to start on January 10th, 2016.

A work group is being set up to review the Safeguarding God’s Children (abuse) policy for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. The edits were completed and presented to the church council at their November 2015 meeting.

We have not had a chance to meet yet due holidays and the earlier council meeting this month. Hopefully the group will be able to meet before the January 2016 council meeting and make their recommendations for any modifications to the current policy, including required ongoing education.

Members of the work group are Andrea Schmidt, Tanya Rosenthal, and Laurie Dale on this work group.

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Once again I thank you so much for the warm welcomes, the hospitality, the meals out or to your homes, and the warm gracious way you have embraced me into your community. It has meant a lot to me and Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is one of the most hospitable welcoming gracious serving churches I've ever been a part of!

Let's make this an exciting year as God has so much excitement planned for all of us!

In partnership,

Pastor Mark Galbraith
Interim pastor

FINANCIAL NEWS

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of November is \$151,800 (\$44,580 increase for the year). Investments in our Endowment Fund is \$112,900 (\$2,710 decrease for the year which includes \$1,000 provided for the National Youth Gathering).

November giving to our General Budget was \$23,185 compared to our anticipated amount of \$19,815. Year-to-Date giving is \$255,120 compared to our anticipated amount of \$248,600. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$2,200 (YTD \$49,240). Total giving for November is \$25,385 (YTD \$304,360)

Expenses for November were \$14,450 (YTD \$216,780) compared to a budgeted amount of \$26,940 (YTD \$301,920). Since we do not have a Family & Youth Minister, the comparison should exclude the budgeted amount for that position. In this case, the budget for November would be \$23,725. Property (\$7,610 Budget, \$1,440 Actual) is the primary reason for lower expenses, resulting from payments being delayed into December.

Donations for November exceeded expenditures by \$8,735 (YTD donations greater than expenditures by \$38,345).

The budget for 2016 was approved at the November 22, 2015 Congregational Meeting.



Notes:

Prayer Chain

To start the prayer chain: Call Marilyn Waugh at 342-0662.

If you would like to put your prayer request into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin, call the church office.

Meetings this Month.....

Sewing Group meets Monday nights at 6:30 pm

Ramp Project meets on Saturday, 9 at 8:30 am

MOPS meets 9—11 am on Saturdays, January 9 and 23

Martha Circle meets Monday, January 11 at 9:30 am

Property meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 7:00 pm.

Men's Breakfast meets Saturday, January 16 at 8:30 am

Book Club meets on Monday, January 18 at 9:30 am

Council meets Monday, January 18 at 7:00 pm

Congregational Meeting is at 12:15 pm Sunday, January 24

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers.....

KEENAGERS

**Meets Wednesday,
January 6 at 12:00 pm.**

KEENAGERS is a fun group of 55 and older who meet the first Wednesday of every month for a pot-luck lunch and fellowship. Anyone 55 or older that wishes to join us, please do so.

*Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love. Psalms 31:16 NIV.*

JoAnn Kahn who was hospitalized in December

Joe Freshnock

See a complete list of those we are praying for in your Sunday bulletin.)

Epiphany

An Epiphany dinner is being planned for Saturday, January 9. We will gather at 5:30 pm for some entertainment. The meal will be served at 6:00 pm.

The meat (ham, prime rib) as well as the drinks (wine, tea, water or coffee) is provided. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Sponsor Flowers or the Sunday Bulletin

Look for **2016 bulletin and flower calendars** for sponsorship in the hallway leading to the fellowship hall. Be sure to reserve your special dates.



THANKS to all those who put together the spectacular **Scandinavian Holiday Festival!** We all enjoyed the Scandinavian holiday delicacies that were served. And a special “tusen takk” to Plains Dairy for the donation of eggnog for the festival.

NOTE:

We plan to take down & put up the Christmas decorations and tree on Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 am. We could use your help. Thanks!



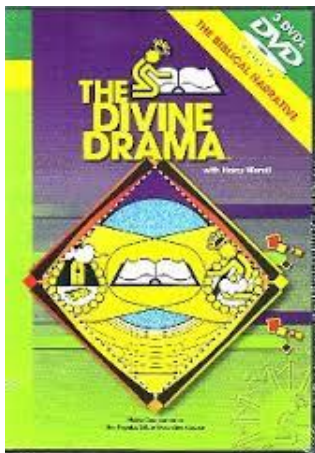
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED is an ecumenical Christian Women's group representing 22 active local churches. Their January meeting will be on Friday the 8th, 9:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3402 S. Jackson for a World Day of Prayer Celebration. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Congratulations: Freda Jones and Betty Ann Hopper were both honored at SP4K recently for being present at every packing date since it started in Amarillo. Way to Go Ladies!

Birthdays

01/06	Lucille Longhofer
01/07	Eugene Spencer
01/08	Mysha Hawkins
01/08	Ada Oltman
	Andrea Winkleman
01/14	Kayne Luikart
01/15	Gregg Johnson
01/21	Pete Solbrig
01/25	Tim Longhofer
	Neal O'Shaughnessy
01/28	Fred Snyder
01/30	Dalton Berry
	Ellaine Calcote
01/31	Jeff Antle
	Greg Rohloff

Sign up today!



Pastor's Bible Study Class Starts January 12

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:00 am
Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

This 30-unit Bible overview leads you through the Biblical narrative. Understanding the events of the Old Testament enriches and sheds profound light on the life and ministry of Jesus.

Serving the Congregation in January

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Acolyte	8:30— 11:00—	8:30— 11:00—	8:30— 11:00—	7:00- 10:00—	8:30- 11:00—
Assistant Minister	8:30— 11:00 —	8:30 — 11:00 —	8:30 — 11:00 —	7:00— H. 11:00 —	8:30— 11:00 —.
Communion Assistant	8:30 — 11:00 —	8:30 — 11:00—	8:30 — 11:00—	7:00 — 10:00—	8:30— 11:00 —.
Lector	8:30 — 11:00 —	8:30 —	8:30 — 11:00—	7:00- 10:00—	8:30 — 11:00—
Gift Bearer	8:30— 11:00—	8:30 — 11:00—	8:30— 11:00—	7:00— 10:00—	8:30 — 11:00—
Greeter	8:30— 11:00—	8:30— 11:00—	8:30— 11:00—	7:00- 10:00—	8:30— 11:00—
Usher	8:30— 11:00 —	8:30 — 11:00 —	8:30— 11:00 —	7:00- 10:00—	8:30— 11:00—
Teller	8:30 — 11:00 —	8:30 — 11:00 —	8:30 — 11:00 —	7:00— 10:00—	8:30 — 11:00 —
Altar Care					
Food Pantry	<u>1st Wednesday</u> Sherrill Pohl, Jo Ann Drockner, Dale Thompson	<u>2nd Wednesday</u> Jeane Nordine, Lucille Longhofer, Marjorie Spencer	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> Freda Jones; Joann Kahn, Betty Ann Hopper	<u>4th Wednesday</u> Dorothy Bivens, Audrey Taylor, Diane Hinders	
Flower Carrier	Lucille Longhofer		Audrey Taylor		Dorothy Bivens

Let's Get These Dates Filled. Thanks!

The sign up sheet is posted next to the sacristy.

SUNDAYS

8:30 AM WORSHIP

9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM WORSHIP

January 2016

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Fri

Sat



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3 Worship 8:30/11:00	4 6:30 Sewing	5 9:30 Divine Drama Class 7:00 Choir 7:30 Divine Drama Class	6 10-12 pm Food Pantry KEENAGRS	7	8	9 9-11 MOPS 10:00 Take down decorations 5:30 Epiphany Dinner
10 Worship 8:30/11:00	11 9:30 Martha's Circle 6:30 Sewing 7:00 Property	12 9:30 Divine Drama Class 5:45 SP4K 7:00 Choir 7:30 Divine Drama	13 10-12 pm Food Pantry	14	15	16 8:30 Men's Breakfast
17 Worship 8:30/11:00	18 9:30 Book Club 6:30 Sewing 7:00 Council	19 9:30 Divine Drama Class 7:00 Choir 7:30 Divine Drama Class	20 10-12 pm Food Pantry	21	22	23 9-11 MOPS
24 Worship 8:30/11:00 12:15 Congregational Meeting	25 6:30 Sewing	26 9:30 Divine Drama Class 5:45 SP4K 7:00 Choir 7:30 Divine Drama	27 10-12 pm Food Pantry	28	29	30 9-12 Council Retreat
31 Worship 8:30/11:00	"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17					



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Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

Sunday Schedule - 8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Services with Holy Communion
9:45 Sunday School for all ages

Staff, Mark Galbraith, Interim Pastor, Cheryl Hall, Office Manager; Marsha Moller, Music Director;

Church Council: D'Ann Berry, President; Kevin Krallman, VP; Tanya Rosenthal, Education; Karen Herpich, Evangelism; Spencer Berry, Fellowship; Erich Drochner, Finance; Greg Rohloff, Stewardship; Greg Hinders Social Concerns; Carol Stovall, Property; Christine Johnson, Youth; Laurie Dale, Worship; Shirley Petersen, Secretary

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