

# Good News

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FROM PASTOR LEAH

## Beginnings and Endings

It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. Soon, it will be time to buy the perfect Thanksgiving turkey and all the trimmings. Before you know it, Christmas music will return to the radio, people will start decorating their homes, and shopping for presents will bring dread instead of joy. As the calendar year draws to a close, so does the church year. Pentecost will be coming to an end and Advent will begin.

As I look back on 2021, the theme of beginnings and endings rises to the surface. In June, I was saying goodbye to the people of St. John Lutheran Church in Beatrice, Nebraska. I was saying goodbye to four years of ministry. I was saying goodbye to dear friends and colleagues. I hate goodbyes, but they are part of life. In July, I was saying hello to new people and a new place. I was beginning a new ministry. I was transitioning from an associate pastor of a large congregation to the solo pastor of a small congregation. So far, the transition has been quite smooth and for that, I'm very thankful!

Beautiful Savior is also undergoing a time of transition. You have a pastor once again. The church council is going through some changes. Opportunities for fellowship and learning are slowly returning.

Transitions can be exciting and scary all at the same time. The good news is that even though transitions from endings to beginnings can be difficult, God is there in midst of it all. As I reflect on beginnings and endings, I'm reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 which states:

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## Worship

**Sundays Mornings**  
**9:30 AM with communion**

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

## Staff:

**Leah Lawson, Pastor**  
**Cheryl Hall, Office Manager**  
**Marsha Moller, Music Director**

## The Church Council met on October 18, 2021.

Those in attendance: Johnny Reinschmidt, Biff Flatt, Greg Rohloff, Kendra Massey, Laurie Dale, Ingrid Owen, Linda Allen, Chuck Jacobson, D'Ann Berry, Kendra Massey, Rita DeMar

Those Absent: Pastor Leah Lawson

### Old Business:

The 2021 The budget draft has been completed by council to present to the congregation at our annual November meeting.

### New Business:

It was decided on one Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 pm.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Charles & Corinne Wright as members.

### Pastor's Report:

Attended the NT-NL Synod Leadership Convocation will be October 18-20 at Briarwood Leadership Center in Argyle, Texas.

I will be taking vacation time on Monday, November 22 and returning Sunday, December 6.

### Fellowship:

Fellowship will have a meeting on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss Advent and other activities.

### Evangelism/Social Concerns:

In September, the food pantry provided 338 which fed 89 people

### Property:

- A New HVAC for sanctuary floor vents was installed for heating.
- A roof condenser for cooling will be installed in January when equipment arrives. Partial payment was made to Air Masters. Remainder will be paid to Air Masters when project is completed.
- The endowment committee has pledged \$4,000.00 for the A/C in the sanctuary
- Church lawn mowing will end in November.

### Worship:

The Advent Wreath will go up the Saturday after Thanksgiving and the Chrismon Tree & decorating is scheduled for Saturday, December 4.

*A big thank you to Chuck  
Jacobson for his time,  
leadership, and work serving on  
our church council.*

### Church Council:

**Biff Flatt**,; VP, **Laurie Dale**, Secretary; **Kendra Massey**, Education/Youth; **Ingrid Owen**, Fellowship; **Rita De Mar** Evangelism/Social Concerns' **D'Ann Berry**, Treasurer;  
**Johnny Reinschmidt**, Property; **Greg Rohloff**, Stewardship' **Linda Allen**, Worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

## Treasurer's Report September of Fiscal Year 2021

	Month	
INCOME	Actual	Budget
<b>OFFERINGS</b>		
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	14,351.05	18,750.00
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	50.00	62.50
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>		
BUILDING USE	0.00	83.33
02 MISCELLANEOUS	30.00	20.83
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,431.05</b>	<b>18,916.66</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>20,316.18</b>	

BSLC  
Treasurer's Summary  
October 13, 2021

For the month of September, our income was \$14,431.05 on a budget of \$18,916.66, so we came in below budgeted income by \$4,485.61. Our expenses for September were \$20,316.18 on a budget of \$17,785.52 which was \$2,530.66 above budgeted expenses. Our income for the month was \$5,885.13 less than expenses.

Our goal as always is to continue to serve and grow in our ministries. May God continue to guide and lead us to serve and grow faithfully.

I am always open for questions or clarification if needed.

D'Ann Berry  
Treasurer

Annual November  
Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, November 21, 2021  
Following the Worship Service



11/06 Pr. Leah Lawson  
11/12 Marilyn Schleh  
11/20 Barbara Studtmann  
11/22 Beverly Roush  
11/23 D'Ann Berry  
11/24 Jerry Moller  
11/27 Gene Reneau

KEENAGERS

Wednesday,  
November 3 at Noon

*Fellowship Hall*

*Hosts:*  
*Gene Reneau*  
*&*  
*Sheryl Habeger*

Meetings in  
November

Nov. 7—Fellowship  
Following Worship

Nov 8—Property  
7 pm Fellowship Hall

Nov. 14—Worship  
Following Worship

Nov. 15—Council  
7 pm Fellowship Hall

Nov. 21—Congregation  
Meeting  
Following Worship

Nov. 30—Home  
Communion Team  
11 am Fellowship Hall



Please keep in your prayers:

Under Hospice Care  
Ruth Holman  
Genevieve Miller

Our Sympathies  
to Pr. Leah on the death of her  
grandmother and to Greg  
Rohloff on the death of his sister.

If you need pastoral care of a visit or phone call, contact the church office. Call the church office at 359-9483 (Pastor Leah's office hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday –Thursday) . To add prayer requests into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin and/or the prayer chain. To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office at [beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com](mailto:beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com)



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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

It is my prayer that during times of transition that this passage will give you hope, comfort, and peace.

Pastor Leah

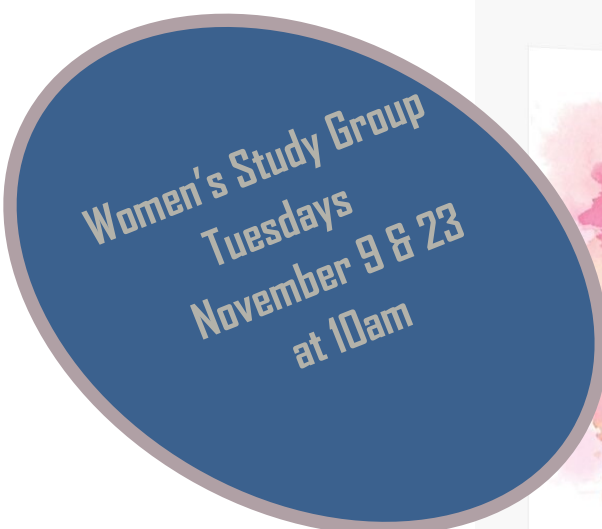
### Solitude as soul care

Richard J. Foster (*Celebration of Discipline*) says solitude is “more a state of mind and heart” than a place: “There is a solitude of the heart that can be maintained at all times. Crowds, or the lack of them, have little to do with this inward attentiveness.”

Although Jesus preferred crowd-free alone times, that's not always feasible. But no matter your surroundings and responsibilities, you can carve out intentional time to “be still” (Psalm 46:10). Try these tips for adding solitude to life's rhythms:

- Take a day. Every month or two, enjoy a day of solitude. Turn off your phone and spend the day with God.
- Take an hour. Treat this time as an important calendar appointment. Keep it free to protect your solitude.
- Take a minute. Before a big meeting or as you're answering the phone, breathe deeply and invite God into the moment.

—Janna Firestone



## The subversive table

“The Lord’s Supper [is] a profoundly subversive political event in the lives of the participants,” writes Richard Beck in *Unclean*. “The sacrament brings real people — divided in the larger world — into a sweaty, intimate, flesh-and-blood embrace where ‘there shall be no difference between them and the rest.’” Beck is quoting Walt Whitman, for whom “them” refers to “the wicked and the righteous.”



In our day, I think of political conservatives and liberals who receive equally the grace of God through Christ’s body and blood. I think of the man in a church I pastored, who took pride in stirring up controversy. I didn’t like him. But at the Lord’s table, though “divided in the larger world,” we shared a sacrament with no difference between us.

I think of my former parish near an Air Force base. Many members were military personnel and surely knew one another’s rank. But in church — at the conference table, the dinner table and especially the communion table — no difference existed between a colonel and a captain, a commissioned officer and an NCO. It was a beautiful example of God’s kingdom subverting the world’s tendency to divide.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



REMINDER

## Collecting Memories

September 2022 we will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary. Preparations are being discussed. For the 75th booklet we are asking members to share special memories, antidotes, interesting pictures, etc., from the life and the people connected to the church these past seventy-five years. Collect them, write them down and bring them to the church office. The office will then pass them along to the Anniversary Committee.

Also, we need the names and addresses of former members and friends so we can add them to our growing invitation list.

# November 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 PM KEENAGERS	4	5	6
7  9:30 am Worship 10.45 Choir Fellowship Meeting	8  7 pm Property	9  10 am Women's Study	10  10-12 pm Food Pantry	11	12	13
14  9:30 am Worship 10.45 Choir Worship Meeting	15  7 pm Council	16	17  10-12 pm Food Pantry	18	19 	20
21 9:30 am Worship 10.45 Choir Congregation Meeting	22	23  10 am Women's Study	24  10-12 pm Food Pantry	25	26	27
28  9:30 am Worship 10.45 Choir	29	30  11 am Home Communion Team Meeting				



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