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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our congregation celebrates communion at each service.

Sunday Summer Worship Schedule 9:30 AM WORSHIP

GREETINGS

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The Easter season is one of great joy, as we celebrate anew the fact that our Lord and Savior loves us enough to give his life for us, and his resurrection makes new life possible for each of us. This is an especially exciting time at Beautiful Savior, as we begin our ministry together. We look forward to getting to know you better in the months and years to come, and working together to share the good news in Amarillo and beyond.

We want to say a very heart-felt thank you to everyone who helped provide furniture and other goods for the parsonage. As we write this, we are still in Hawaii, so we have not yet discovered all of the wonderful surprises awaiting us, but we do know that you have been busy collecting items and we deeply appreciate it.

Monday, May 1st will be our first day in the church office. Our regular office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9 AM – noon. However, on Thursdays, instead of being at the church for our office hours we will be at the Palace Coffee located at 7304 SW 34th St. We feel it is important to build relationships with the wider community and getting known at the local coffee house seems like a good way to do that. We hope that you will stop in to say hello, whether it's at the church office or at Palace. There is no need to make an appointment, unless you want to be assured of uninterrupted time to talk privately with one or both of us. Except in case of emergency, one of us will always be in the office or at the coffee house during these times.

We are planning on taking Friday and Saturday as days off. One of us will be on call for emergencies during those days, and occasionally church events will prevent us from taking those days off, but in general if something can wait please get in touch with us on Monday. Also, if you tell us something on Sunday morning, PLEASE put it in writing if you want us to remember it! There is so much going on each Sunday that it is very difficult for us to keep track of everything we are told.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound and would like us to visit, please let us know. Especially with hospitalizations, please call the church office right away; the hospital does not notify the church and by the time the grapevine reaches us the person has often been discharged.

COUNCIL REPORT

The Congregational Council met on April 17, 2017.

Present: Present: Kevin Krallman, David Roulston, Richard Owen, Keith Rosenthal, Tanya Berry, Laurie Dale, Linda Allen, Andrea Schmidt, Greg Hinders, Erich Drochner, Susan O'Shaughnessy and Cheryl Hall

New Business -

- Sunday, May 7th- this will be the first service celebrated with our new pastors. A motion was made seconded and passed to hold one service, beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- Summer Service
 Schedule— Starting on May
 7 we begin our summer
 schedule with a single service Sunday that continues
 through May and during the
 summer months (until approximately the end of Auqust).
- Old Business- Policy to Reduce the Risk to Children-policy was initiated to help ensure the safety of children at the church. Currently the policy requires that all council members, all adults working with children and all persons who have signed out a key to the church comply with the

Major components of compliance include, background check and attending training,.

We don't have a specific training program in place, but Cheryl Hall has reviewed a possible product.

A discussion ensued regarding whether parts of the policy need revision. A motion was made to table this discussion until the volunteer committee of Andrea Schmidt, Tanya Berry and Cheryl Hall review the current policy and make recommendations to the council on which parts, if any, should be revised.

Fellowship-

- Thank you to all who brought the wonderful breakfast casseroles on Easter morning.
- A Derby Day Party and Silent Auction is planned for Saturday, May 6.

Property-

- A calendar has been posted for assigning the mowing teams weekly.
- The master bathroom remodel at the parsonage is complete.
- An open-house at the parsonage took place on the Saturday, April 22 from 2-4 pm and on Sunday, April 23 between services.

 Funds for a new storage building have been donated.
 The building will be placed in the northwest corner of the lot containing the labyrinth.

Social Concerns—God fed 202 people through the food pantry, the sewing group is busy sewing on Monday nights, continued delivery of Meals on Wheels. A committed group continues to provide support to Snack Pack 4 Kids. One ramp was built.

Worship— Worship leaders are needed. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the sacristy.

Youth—The youth had a nice turn out for the Easter Egg Hunt starting with the reading of the Resurrection Egg Story of Jesus.

Discussions are ongoing regarding a trip to Camp Briarwood and possibly going white water rafting in New Mexico.

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By the time you read this, we will have started our ministry with you. We hope you are as excited as we are! Please be patient with us and help us to learn your names by repeating them until we get them right. See you soon!

In Christ's love,
Pastors Wendi and Steve

FINANCIAL NEWS

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of March is \$134,753 (\$778 increase from the beginning of the year). \$79,365 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has increased \$1,657 for the year. \$55,397 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has decreased by \$879 for the year. The value of investments in our Endowment Fund is \$159,314.

March donations to our General Fund were \$16,052.

Total Year-to-Date income is \$56,026, \$22,705 less than our anticipated amount of \$78,731. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$3,949. Total receipts for March were \$20,491.

Expenses for March were \$12,532

Year-to-date Expenditures from the General Fund are \$57,619 compared to a budget of \$67,838.

Dedicated Accounts expenditures were \$7,517. Major expenditures were for parsonage capital improvements (\$5,725), new computer system for the office (\$1,200) and Helping Hand Fund (\$383).



NOTES



If you would like the pastor to visit or call you or to put your prayer request into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin, call the church office at 359-9483.

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KEENAGERS Wednesday May 3 at noon

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.

Meetings this Month.....

Sewing Group meets Mondays between 4:00-8:00 pm.

Martha Circle meets Monday, May 8 at 9:30 am.

Property meets Monday, May 8 at 7:00 pm

Ramp Project meets on Saturday, May 13 at 8:30 am.

Book Club meets Monday, May 15 at 9:30 am.

Council meets Monday, May 15 at 6:30 pm.

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, May 20 at 8:30 am

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers......

Pastors Wendi & Steve and the congregation of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church as we start our new ministry together.



Church Women United

Meets Friday May 5th, 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist, 4713 I40 West for a celebration of May Friendship Day and a covered dish luncheon. For further information contact Audrey Taylor 655-2387.

MARTHA CIRCLE

Meets Monday 8 May, 9:30 in the library. Our topic for study this month will be taken from the May issue of the GATHER magazine. We will be examining the needs and hopes of the different generations. All women (men, too) of the congregation are invited.





Derby Day will be Saturday, May 6 in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please bring a finger food to share. Ladies, are invited to join in the hat contest.





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Note: Starting May 7, worship will be one service on Sundays at 9:30 and we will continue this schedule throughout the summer until late August.

Installation of our new ministers will be held on June 4 at 3:00 pm.

Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power; Let 0ur time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart; Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.



Thus with quickened footsteps we pursue our way, watching for the dawning of eternal day.

—William Pennefather

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	4-8pm Sewing	7 pm Choir	<i>10</i> -12 pm Food Pantry KEENAGERS			4-7 pm Derby Day/Silent Auction
7 8 Worship 9:30 SS 9:45 12 pm Potluck	8 9:30 Martha's Circle 4-8pm Sewing	9 7 pm Choir	10 10-12 pm Food Pantry	11	12	13 8:30 Ramp Builders
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28 Worship 9:30 SS 9:45	29 4-8pm Sewing	30 7 pm Choir	31 10-12 pm Food Pantry	"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33		



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Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

Sunday Summer Schedule - 9:30:

Staff: Steve Brauner, Wendi Gordon, Pastors; Cheryl Hall, Office Manager; Marsha Moller, Music Director:

Church Council: Kevin Krallman, President; Joe Froeshle, VP; Tanya Berry, Education; Linda Allen, Evangelism; Richard Owen, Fellowship; Erich Drochner, Finance; David Roulston, Stewardship; Greg Hinders Social Concerns; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Andrea Schmidt, Youth; Laurie Dale, Worship; Susan O'Shaughnessy, Secretary

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