

Good News

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FROM PASTOR LEAH

“How Long Must I Wait?”

As humans, we find ourselves having to wait... A LOT. Before we are born, we have to grow and wait before we make our grand entrance into the world. As we grow, we anticipate Christmas presents, learning how to drive, and graduating from high school. As we enter adulthood, we find ourselves waiting...waiting to get married, waiting to have children...waiting for our dream career...waiting to take our dream vacation...waiting to build a dream home. We wait in the midst of the everyday, ordinary stuff and then there are those times we wait during a crisis.

In Psalm 13, the Psalmist is also waiting. He is waiting for a solution to his situation. He is waiting for God. He longs for God to intervene. We are not given the exact details of his situation, but we know that the Psalmist bears pain in his soul and has sorrow in his heart. He may be facing illness or even death. Whatever the situation may be, he feels that God has deserted him in this time of need.

When we face pain...sorrow...or uncertainty, we, like the Psalmist, may find ourselves wondering where God is. Why is God hiding from us? Why isn't God with us in the midst of our crisis? We cry out to God, “How long must I wait?” How long will I need to suffer before you fix everything? Where are you while I lie here, in this hospital bed? Why are my test results taking so long to be read? When will this disease kill me? How long will you hide your face from me?”

In the midst of our suffering...our pain...our sorrow...our worries... God, our heavenly father is with us. It may not feel like God is there, but God has not abandoned us to suffer on our own.

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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 August 16.

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

Guest: Cheryl Hall

Old Business: Pergola – We are waiting for the price of cedar to come down.

New Business:

Wireless Mic for Pastor Leah was discussed.

Wifi equipment- we will explore all possibilities of a hard drive or a router. Will get several quotes for service. Will get quotes on phone service as well. Biff will get those quotes.

A/C units that feeds the sanctuary & office areas are both in need of replacement.

Evangelism/Social Concerns:

Cards to members continue to be sent to make sure our community knows we are aware of their special needs and events. At this time we are not doing many outreach programs.

Home communion cups/ wafers have been given to 10 people this month.

Social concerns: The food pantry remains faithful to feeding those in the community that need this service. In the month of July, 22 meals fed 51 people.

Meals on wheels continue.

A ramp was built in July.

The sewing committee is on vacation until after Labor Day.

Property:

- Amarillo Air Masters replaced the compressor on the new AC unit for the hall going from the kitchen to the sanctuary. Compressor under warranty.
- Scheduling painting the overhead door and entry door frames on Storage building.
- Discussed security systems for the parsonage.
- Discussed repair or replacement of wireless microphone for Pastor Leah.
- Will Spray parking lot for weeds.
- Will get bids for cut/trim several trees on property.
- Submitted letter to Endowment Committee for assistance to pay remaining balance of \$1,050.00 of the \$5,050.00 for the purchase and installation of water heaters not covered by previous donations. Invoice was paid via property savings.

Church Council:

Chuck Jacobson, President; **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 July of Fiscal Year 2021

	Month	
INCOME	Actual	Budget
OFFERINGS		
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	17,276.50	18,750.00
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	0.00	62.50
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	49.11	83.33
02-MISCELLANEOUS	20.00	20.83
	69.11	104.16
Total Income	17,943.37	18,916.66
EXPENSE		
Total Expense	23,156.40	

BSLC
Treasurer's Summary
August 11, 2021

For the month of July our income was \$17,487.50 on a budget of \$18,916.66, so we came in below budgeted income by \$1429.16. Our expenses for July were \$23,156.40 on a budget of \$23,444.00 which was \$287.60 below budgeted expenses. Our income for the month was \$5,668.90 less than expenses. There were new water heaters purchased and installed in the Gym bathrooms and Kitchen area which accounts for added expense for the month. There were donations made for the part of the cost and the remainder was covered by the money in property savings dedicated account. Property is asking the Endowment committee for consideration to cover the cost of the water heater cost that wasn't covered by donations.

Now that Pr. Leah has begun, we all enter into a new time of ministry together. I look forward to seeing how we grow as a Church together with Pr. Leah! May God continue to keep his loving and guiding hand upon Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and our Members and all those we serve.

I am always open for questions or clarification if needed.

D'Ann Berry
Treasurer

Choir
starts back on Sunday,
September 12 at 10:45 am.



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

09/01 Rochelle Berg
09/03 Brian Harlow
Blair Berg
09/27 Marian Cole

Supplies needed for Child Outreach International

We need things for hygiene kits, and diapers for babies. Hygiene kit supplies needed Include regular size bars of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, smaller hair brush, razors, used or new face cloths, hand towels or thinner bath towels.

A container marked Child Outreach will be placed for much appreciated donations. We will assemble the kits at a later date.

Call Wanda Garcia at 676-0643 if you have questions. Thank you for walking with us in missions.

KEENAGERS

Wednesday,
Sept 1 at Noon

Fellowship Hall

Hosts:

*Marjorie Spencer,
Evelyn Wells,
Marilyn Schleh*

REMINDER Balance Class

The class will be
10 am—11 am on Mondays
starting September 13 and run
thru October 25.



Please keep in your
prayers:

Under Hospice Care
Ruth Holman
Genevieve Miller

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

God languishes with us

A headline from last spring teased, “There’s a Name for the Blah You’re Feeling.” The writer decided what he and others felt as the pandemic wore on wasn’t burnout or depression but *languishing* — decreasing vitality; feeling dispirited. People of ancient times experienced this too: “The land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine” (Genesis 47:13). “The wine dries up, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh” (Isaiah 24:7). But there’s more.



If you used to be “merry-hearted” but now sigh a lot, hear this: “The heavens languish together with the earth” (Isaiah 24:4). Isaiah uses “the heavens” to refer to God, who languishes with us. Like an empathizing friend, God sits *with* us in our struggle. Sure, we pray for rescue *now*: “I am languishing; O Lord, heal me” (Psalm 6:2). But when our timing isn’t God’s, we trust his promise of restoration: “[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes ... mourning and crying and pain will be no more” (Revelation 21:4).

With the psalmist we hold two truths at once: “My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word” (119:81).

Hope
Hope

Martha’s Circle Returns

Women’s Study Group

Several ladies of the church met after worship on Sunday, August 15. The topic of discussion was the return of the women’s study group. It was decided to meet Tuesday, September 14 at 10:00 am in the church fellowship hall. First order of business will be to decide what topics of study and what resources to use. Pastor Leah will attend and bring some suggestions.

All ladies of the church are invited. Hope to see you then.

Tuesday,
September 14 at
10am

I meditate on your
precepts and
consider your
ways.

Psalms 119:15, NIV



God is with us! God is with us when we receive a devastating diagnosis. God is with us when a loved one has died. God is with us as we help others who need food, water, clothing, and shelter.

As Psalm 13 continues, the Psalmist says, "But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me." This is an ah-ha moment for the Psalmist. He realizes that God was with him during his time of sorrow and pain. God never deserted him, God never hid his face, and God never stopped loving him. Sometimes we don't realize that God is with us in the midst of the storm. We are often consumed by fear, anxiety, and worry. These things that consume us give us the illusion that God has disappeared. Eventually, we have that ah-ha moment and realize that God is with us. Sometimes, that ah-ha moment doesn't happen until after the storms of life have passed and that's okay. God understands and God is there with us, through it all.



When I am afraid

*I put my
trust in you.*

Psalm 56:3

Renewing Men's Fellowship: What is the Mission?

When the COVID restrictions were put into place in March 2020, it did not seem unusual that the monthly men's fellowship breakfast group would not meet until further notice. That status applied to nearly every function of the congregation.

Yet, the closure was timely in that the long-standing practice of volunteers signing up as meeting hosts had failed to gather anyone beyond the February meeting. The easiest judgment to make is to simply say that the Saturday morning breakfast meeting had run its course, and be done with it. But that runs counter to a vigorous church. How do we revive something that had been declining over the course of many years?

First, we must consider a mission for men's fellowship. Simply getting together to eat breakfast once a month no longer had appeal. In the past the breakfast has been tied to doing simple church building repairs and maintenance, and moving surplus canned goods from the neighboring children's home from its storeroom to our food bank. In recent years, we have had a Bible study using the Men in Mission edition of the Bible. Those activities can be a part of what the fellowship can be. But to simply call the monthly meetings and expect the fellowship to flourish would be misguided. We need prayer and deep consideration of what the mission will be; this is where revival starts. When any group accomplishes goals for the good of the congregation and the neighboring community, it adds to the vitality of the congregation. And that vitality brings new people and inactive members into worship and into service to God and the community.

Greg Rohloff
Men's Fellowship Breakfast chair





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God's work. Our hands.

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August 8, 2021

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
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Dear Beautiful Savior Lutheran Community:

What a joyful day it is today as you install your new pastor, the Rev. Leah Lawson. While I regret I am unable to be with you this day know that you are in my prayers as well as the prayers of the congregations and people who make up the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod. It is with gratitude that my associate, the Rev. Kris Totzke, represents my office today.

The search for a new pastor is an effort that involves the congregation and synod working prayerfully with God's Holy Spirit to discern who is called to be the next pastoral leader for a community. This process takes time and intentionality, and you engaged it faithfully. In the same way Pastor Lawson was discerning where she believed God was calling her to serve in this next season of her ministry life. We rejoice that through this work God has brought you together.

Your new pastor has been called to lead you in this season of the life of your congregation. Beautiful Savior has a strong history of mission and ministry as our ELCA presence in Amarillo. In taking this step of calling Pastor Lawson you are stating your intention of continuing this work in this vital part of our mission field.

Our prayers are with you this day as you begin this new venture. May God continue to bless you and know we are...

#InMissionTogether,

Rev. Erik K.J. Gronberg, PhD, Bishop, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, ELCA

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September

2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Restore us to yourself, LORD, that
we may return;
renew our days as of old.
-Laminations 5:21

1

10-12 pm
Food Pantry

12 PM
KEENAGERS

2

3

4

5

9:30 am
Worship

6

7

8

10-12 pm
Food Pantry

9

10

11

12

9:30 am
Worship

10:45 Choir

13

10 am Balance
Class

7 pm Property

14

10 am
Martha's
Circle

15

10-12 pm
Food Pantry

16

17

18

Panhandle
Conference
Oslo
Lutheran

19

9:30 am
Worship

10:45 Choir

20

10 am Balance
Class

7 pm Council

21

22

10-12 pm
Food Pantry

23

24

25

26

9:30 am
Worship

10:45 Choir

27

10 am Balance
Class

28

29

10-12 pm
Food Pantry

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