



# GOOD NEWS

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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

### The Holy Spirit is at Work

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, is the Day of Pentecost this year. It is the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season. It is a day on which we especially celebrate the Holy Spirit at work in the church and in each of our lives. Beautiful Savior is filled by the Holy Spirit in our various ministries and our worship.

This year, it is also the day on which we will celebrate our installation as co-pastors of Beautiful Savior. (Another work of the Spirit in our lives.) There will be a special worship service at 3 PM. Other pastors from our conference will be present, and Pastor Kris Totzke from the synod office will be preaching. A light luncheon will follow the service. We hope to see you there!

Our first few weeks with you have been busy! The Spirit is active indeed! We have already made several hospital and home visits, met with a member who is planning a July wedding, and done a house blessing.

We have also expanded our office hours so that one of us is in the church office Monday through Thursday from 9 AM - noon and 1 – 3 PM, and one of us is at Palace Coffee on 34<sup>th</sup> St. on Thursdays from 9 AM – noon (except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, when we are both at church for the deanery meeting). Please stop by and say hello! We look forward to getting to know you better, and hearing more about your hopes and dreams for Beautiful Savior.

In Christ,

Pastors Steve & Wendi

## COUNCIL REPORT

### **The Congregational Council met on May 15, 2017.**

**Present:** Joe Froeschle, Pastor Steve, Pastor Wendi, David Roulston, Richard Owen, Keith Rosenthal, Tanya Berry, Laurie Dale, Linda Allen, Greg Hinders, Erich Drochner, and Susan O'Shaughnessy and Cheryl Hall

### **New Business -**

- Kevin Krallman was not able to attend but wanted to thank everyone for the work on the parsonage, especially Property.
- Circle of Friends Childcare, the preschool just south of our church, wants to list BSLC as an evacuation site if they need to leave their building for an emergency. A motion was made that a Memorandum of Understanding with Circle of Friends Childcare be written to make our church one of their evacuation sites. The motion was seconded and passed. Cheryl will draw up the memorandum.
- Our constitution needs to be updated; a committee will review the appropriate documents and provide recommendations.

- MOPS- had their last meeting at BSLC on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business-** A motion was made to adopt the policy booklet with the table of contents identifying the current policies, any new policy will be added to the booklet and table of contents, which will be kept in the church office and electronically stored if necessary. The motion was seconded and passed. It should be noted that the Child Abuse policy is currently under revision

**Evangelism**—We learned that the lead person on the prayer chain would no longer be available to facilitate the prayer chain phone tree. It was suggested to revamp the entire process.

**Consent Agenda-** A motion was made to accept the Minutes with revisions, with the addition that the Pastors will be extending their office hours; hours will now be from 9 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 3 pm Monday through Thursday. One of the Pastors will continue to be at the Palace Coffee House on Thursdays from 9 am – 12 pm. They will also be taking vacation, July 3- July 9, 2017 and have secured Pastor Mike Holmes to officiate the service on July 9th. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Pastor's Report**—We are just entering our second week of ministry with you, but we are off to a running start!

We have done several hospital visits already, had a premarital conversation with a member planning a July wedding, have a homebound visit and a house blessing scheduled for tomorrow, and continue to get acclimated to the area in general and Beautiful Savior in particular. We also participated in Derby Day, which was a lot of fun, and led our first worship service here.

We want to say thank you to everyone who helped clean and furnish the parsonage in preparation for our arrival.

**Education-** is working on VBS for July 17-21.

**Fellowship-** Extremely active—Derby Day was a success- donations raised reached more than \$3,000. The Committee hosted a farewell reception for Pastor Holmes and Sharon, a welcome reception for Pastors Steve and Wendi and a Mother's Day reception. They are planning for Father's Day and a Game Night in June.

**Property-** A motion was made to begin construction on the storage building to be located on the south west corner of the parcel of land that is south of the church's south parking lot at a cost not to exceed \$9,900. Seconded and passed.

**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.

**Stewardship-** working with Youth Committee on planning for the 2018 National Youth Gathering.

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

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

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of April was \$143,729 (\$9,754 increase from the beginning of the year). \$79,914 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has increased \$2,214 for the year. \$63,816 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has increased by \$7,540 for the year. The value of investments in our Endowment Fund is \$164,446, an increase of \$5,132 for the year.

April donations to our General Fund were \$27,703 compared to our anticipated amount of \$18,076. The budgeted receipts are based on historical giving. Other receipts were \$420 compared to an anticipated amount of \$417. Total Year-to-Date income is \$84,150, (\$13,074 less than our anticipated amount of \$97,224). Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$2,630. Total receipts for April were \$30,754.

Expenses for April were \$19,000 compared to a budgeted amount of \$22,483. Year-to-date Expenditures from the General Fund are \$76,617 compared to a budget of \$90,321, resulting in a \$13,704 underspend.

Dedicated Accounts expenditures were \$2,073. Major expenditures were for parsonage capital improvements (\$760), Helping Hand Fund (\$156), Fellowship activities (\$364) and Flowers (\$502).



## 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, call the church office at 359-9483.

### KEENAGERS

**Wednesday  
June 7 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.

No hosts this month.

### Happy Birthday!

06/02	Sheryl Habeger
06/02	Myrtle Merideth
06/03	Sherrill Pohl
06/05	Biff Flatt
06/09	Johnny Reinschmidt
	Bob Roulston
06/12	Ellen Cole
	Kevin Krallman
06/17	Tanya Berry
06/18	Taylor Jenkins
06/20	Rudene Jefferson
06/24	Chancie Coberley
06/28	Rosemary Galub
06/29	Phyllis Antle

### PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

*We keep in our prayers.....*

**Congratulations:** Matthew & Halley Correll on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Ann.

Also **congratulations** to the Hinders and the Froch-eles' on the birth of granddaughter, Elenore Wren Stovall to parents, Josh & Jessica Stovall.

**Carl Galub** was hospitalized and now is recovering in rehab.

**Biff Flatt** is doing well after unexpected surgery.

*For a complete list of those we are praying for, please see your Sunday bulletin.*



## JOIN US

It is with great joy that we at Beautiful Savior announce that we have called a clergy couple, the Rev. Wendi Gordon and the Rev. Steve Brauner, to serve as our co-pastors. They began their work with us on May 1st.

This is an invitation to request your presence at their installation service, which will be held on Sunday, June 4th, at 3 PM. A light luncheon will follow the worship service. Clergy are encouraged to vest and join the procession; the color of the day is red.

Pastor Wendi and Pastor Steve are graduates of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA, and have previously served congregations in Pennsylvania and Hawaii. We are excited to welcome them and hope that you will be able to join us for their installation service.

If you are not able to attend the service, please feel free to stop by the church office and say hello at your convenience during their normal office hours Monday through Thursday from 9 AM – noon and 1 – 3 PM.

In Christ,

The Congregation of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

## 2017 Synod Assembly Report

This year's focus was on what 500 years of Lutheran heritage mean today. There was also an emphasis on Ecumenical relationships and fostering diversity and inclusiveness in the ELCA. Ecumenical speakers were Rev. George Mason (Wilshire Baptist, N. Dallas); Fr. Robert Williams (Roman Catholic Diocese); Rev. George Sumner (Episcopal) and Rev. Mike Thompson (Dallas Presbyterian). All were Excellent speakers who emphasized that unity among churches is increasingly relevant as people move away from denominational designations and organized religion in general.

Rev. Sumner encouraged us to remain "full-bore Lutherans" moving forward. Bishop Gronberg will be attending a conference in Ft. Worth on June 17th to further the discussion.

Bishop Eric Gronberg's report coming 9 months after his election as Bishop cemented my impression that he's the right person for the demanding role. He did a wonderful job on all fronts and we are fortunate to have him. ELCA church-wide Vice President Bill Horne provided a state of the church overview as well as facts and figures of note about the populations we reach, areas of ministry and importance of our mission services around the world.

Minor changes to the constitution and election of suggested nominees to Synod positions were affirmed. Resolutions passed on supporting undocumented persons and the efforts of refugee resettlement organizations and global care for creation and awareness of science's role in studying climate change.

I attended workshops on the history of production of the Bible which included a demo of a replica Gutenberg press; and about what's next for the church moving forward and enlisting upcoming leaders as there are twice as many pastors retiring as there are seminary students preparing to replace them. I also received an interesting lesson on the History of Lutheran settlement in Texas.

The worship services were inspiring and uplifting with wonderful liturgies and live music. It was lovely to be in the presence of such a diverse group of attendees and visit with others seated nearby.

Attending was time well spent and I appreciate the opportunity to have served as a \*BSLC voting member.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Allen

*\*Carolyn Kelly also attended as a voting member.*



# June 2017



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

**<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.  
 Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV**

				1	2	3  2 pm VBS Planning
4 9:30 Worship  3 pm Pastors Instalation	5	6	7 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	8	9	10 8:30 Ramp Builders
11 9:30 Worship	12  7 pm Property	13	14 10-12 pm Food Pantry	15	16	17
18 9:30 Worship	19  6:30 Council	20	21 10-12 pm Food Pantry	22	23	24
25 9:30 Worship	26	27	28 10-12 pm Food Pantry	29	30	



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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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