



GOOD NEWS

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Worship Schedule

8:30 AM WORSHIP

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Summer schedule begins on May 20 with one service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

FROM THE PASTORS

Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

We are in the middle of the Easter season and we are transformed by Love and Life given in the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. God is truly with us, today, always, and forever.

We want to catch y'all up on some of the things that are on Beautiful Savior's plate as we have discussions and ultimately some decisions in the next few months. Keeping Easter Love and Life before us is a beautiful way to ponder and pray about these things.

First, we have been having our listening sessions about the possibility of moving to one service year-round. We have had two of the three sessions so far, at our April council meeting and between services on April 22nd. These sessions have been wonderful, and we want to thank all who shared their thoughts – they have deep meaning for us and will help form our decision-making (we believe that the whole council feels the same way). Our last listening session will be at the May council meeting on May 15th at 6:30PM. If you have not expressed your thoughts yet please attend this session so you may be heard.

Second, we will have Family Promise representatives speak at both services on May 6th to share the program with our community. On May 13th, between services we will have an open discussion about the possibility of being a host congregation for Family Promise (or whatever role we might want to play). Please attend these, learn about this, and ask whatever questions are on your hearts.

Third, Pastor Wendi and I are working with the Evangelism Committee to explore a Latin@ Ministry of Beautiful Savior. We all are gathering some local demographic info that the synod requested. Pastor Wendi and I are taking a conversational Spanish class at Amarillo College to get more comfortable with Spanish. We will also attend an Intensive Class called Building Congregational Capacity for Hispanic Ministry June 10th – 15th in Austin (this was highly recommended by the synod).

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Congregational Council met on April 17, 2018.

Those in attendance: Joe Froeschle, Laurie Dale, Biff Flatt, Pastor Steve, Pastor Wendi, Keith Rosenthal, Kendra Berry, Erich Drochner, Tanya Berry, Jeff Worley, Greg Hinders, David Roulston and Cheryl Hall

Those not able to attend: Richard Owen and Andrea Schmidt

Guests: Fifteen members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

New Business—

- Listening Session: Topic: Whether or not this congregation will go to one service permanently on September 9th. Eleven members of the Church spoke to the council regarding the topic.

- Presentation from Rochelle Berg: Rochelle discussed an upcoming seminar that she is putting together by using funds from Thrivent Financial for a Community Project. An emergency preparedness seminar will be held on June 9th at 9:30 am at Beautiful Savior.

Pastors Report—Pastor Steve reported on his and Pastor Wendi's attendance at the Stewardship Conference.

The pastors have identified four goals for this year:

- ⇒ Develop and continue to grow a group for our young adults, ages 18 – 34.
- ⇒ Work to get a Family Promise affiliate started in Amarillo, with Beautiful Savior potentially becoming a host congregation.
- ⇒ Explore the possibility of beginning a Latino ministry at Beautiful Savior.
- ⇒ Strengthen our stewardship.

President's Report- Joe Froeschle reported that the Mutual Ministry Committee has been organized.

Joe also stated that the Pastors have an opportunity to attend a Level II Intensive Hispanic Ministry conference with conference expenses covered except for a \$200 registration fee, meals and travel. A motion was made and passed to support the pastors attending.

Evangelism—Met with pastors regarding Latino Ministry—currently researching demographic information .

Education—Gathering time is set for May 6 between services for members ages 35-55 to discuss adult bible study group.

Property—

- Mowing Teams- we really need to recruit more people to join a mowing team so that each team has at least 4-5 committed members.
- A fourth camera (with dusk to dawn LEDs) for our security system. The camera will be located near the south entry door to the Fellowship Hall and point southwards across the parking lot with view of the new shed.

Social Concerns—God fed 216 people through the food pantry, the sewing group is sewing regularly, continued delivery of Meals on Wheels. Snack Pack 4 kids is packing every other Tuesday. We built one ramp in March and installed an aluminum ramp. Jane and Judy continue their support at Alice Landergin Elementary.

Worship— We still need worship leaders to sign up ahead of time.

We need 3 flower carriers. If anyone is interested please contact Laurie Dale.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Finance Report
March 2018

Current liquid assets are in good shape. At current spending, we have 3+ months cushion in our General Fund.

Account	Balance	Chg from Jan 1
FBSW Checking	\$ 44,272.90	\$ 923.36
FBSW MM	\$ 74,570.07	\$ 38.17
Total	\$ 118,842.97	\$ 961.53
Available for:		
General Fund	\$ 62,628.11	\$ 15,675.76
Dedicated	\$ 56,214.86	\$ (14,714.23)
Total	\$ 118,842.97	\$ 961.53

Quarterly dividends of the Endowment Funds have been received, but will not be included until next month.

	Balance	Chg from Jan 1
Endowment	\$ 175,987.73	\$ (1,111.11) 2

March donations to our General Fund were greater than anticipated, a good sign.

Mo. Receipts	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
Offerings	\$ 16,992.32	\$ 20,981.66	\$ 3,989.34
Other	\$ 416.67	\$ 55.00	\$ (361.67)
Total	\$ 17,408.99	\$ 21,036.66	\$ 3,627.67
Dedicated		\$ 2,734.10	
YTD Receipts	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
Offerings	\$ 57,459.65	\$ 76,215.74	\$ 18,756.09
Other	\$ 1,250.01	\$ 800.00	\$ (450.01)
Total	\$ 58,709.66	\$ 77,015.74	\$ 18,306.08
Dedicated		\$ 8,264.36	

Expenses for March are below budget.

Monthly Exp	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
General Fund	\$ 19,916.40	\$ 17,471.21	\$ (2,445.19)
Dedicated		\$ 8,753.56	
YTD Exp	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
General Fund	\$ 65,015.65	\$ 57,881.03	\$ (7,134.62)
Dedicated		\$ 26,524.37	

This shows good cost control, as can be seen by the variances both for the month and YTD. Dedicated Account expenditures were higher than typical because of the final payment for purchasing the dishwasher (\$2,119) and continuing payments for construction of the storage building (\$5,272). Dishwasher expenses were reported incorrectly last month. It should have been \$1,396 instead of \$3,396.

It is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out-give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to him, he will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

—Charles Spurgeon

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On top of these things, we are preparing for the confirmation of Aspen and Sage Wash on May 20th, the Day of Pentecost. It will be a great celebration! Come to worship that day at 9:30AM (the start of our Summer Schedule).

God Is Good, All the Time! All the Time, God Is Good! We are in the midst of wonderful things in the life and ministry of Beautiful Savior. Christ Is Indeed Risen! – in this place and in our lives.

Pastors Wendi and Steve



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 3rd, 2018

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Potter County Courthouse Lawn

500 S. Fillmore

PRAY for AMERICA

EPHESIANS 4:3 Make every effort to keep unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.



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 or on the prayer chain, call the church office at 359-9483.

To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office.

May Birthdays

05/01 Chancie Coberly
 Marian Snyder
 Kyndra Worley
 05/04 Genevieve Miller
 05/07 Michelle Nava
 05/25 Karen Herpich
 Tammie Woolsey
 Kelsey Worley
 05/28 Betsy Swenson
 05/29 Eldon Kirkeeng



Count our blessings!

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers.....see Sunday Bulletin

KEENAGERS

**Wednesday
 May 2 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.

Hosts: Bea & Eldon Kirkeeng

- * Bob Wells is back at home now after a recent hospitalization
- * Genevieve Miller was hospitalized briefly and has been transferred to a local rehab.
- * Ruth Holman was hospitalized briefly

Newness is springing to life all around us! Thank you, God, that your divine resurrection is revealed here on earth.

Two millennia ago, your Spirit sounded like a mighty wind and looked like dancing fire. Show us, Holy One, how you're revealing yourself today — what you sound like and where you're dancing.

MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha's Circle will meet on Monday, May 14th in the church library at 9:30 am. We will discuss the article "Reading the Bible for love : how and why we read scripture matters" found in the April 2018 issue of Gather magazine. Deanna Rosenthal will lead the study. Judy Rohloff will be hostess. All women of the church are welcome.

Meeting Announcement

There will be an Adult Meeting for those 35-55 about starting a **Bible study group** on Sunday, **May 6th, during fellowship time** between services. This is a meeting to go over opinions about what, where, when, and topics for starting up a Bible study group.

BOOK CLUB

The BSLC church library has added two new books this month. "Letters from a Skeptic: a son wrestles with his father's questions about Christianity" by Gregory Boyd is shelved in the Spirituality section with the call number SPI BOY. We are also pleased to add Pastor Wendi Gordon's book of devotions titled "Timeless Truths for Troubled Times" (call number DEV GOR). This title is shelved in the special location for our local church authors on top of the bookcase under the west windows. You will find other titles by Ann Coberley, Sue Duckett, Pastor Darrell Gilbertson, and Pete Petersen there as well.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 4th at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4713 I-40 West for a "Friendship Day Celebration" led by Margaret Hyde. A covered dish luncheon will follow about 11:30.

Amarillo Family Promise Meetings

Where: First Nazarene Church,
5201 S Soncy Rd

When: May 17, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Our mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence.



Young Adults to Meet

Sunday, May 20th at 8 pm
Blair and Jessica Berg's,
2310 Victoria, Amarillo

Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Seminar

A fire, flood or tornado can cause extreme devastation to our **home and lives**.



Are you prepared at **home** for such an **emergency**? While some may be, most are not. After a major **emergency** it can be a tremendous struggle to get your life back in order. Everyone Should Be Prepared –

Partially Sponsored by Thrivent, BSLC will be hosting an emergency & disaster preparedness Seminar.

Saturday, June 9 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

(Look for sign-up in the narthex coming soon)

- ⇒ Brunch will be served
- ⇒ Speakers
- ⇒ Door prizes
- ⇒ Learn How to Create An Emergency Plan Checklist

Do you Know?

- Know your area and what disasters are possible
- How to create a basic emergency supply kit
- How to plan for special items needed by your family
- How to make a to-go bag (everything you need for 3 days away from home)
- Know your evacuation routes
- Designated family meeting spots
- How to safeguard important phone numbers/ information
- Know the emergency procedures for your kids schools.
- How to plan ahead for your pet



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GORUCK

This is a unique GORUCK Challenge where we honor those who've made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our freedoms while rucking the nation's capital.

I am asking for prayers of encouragement for my son Jon Dale. Jon along with Joel, Michael, & Forrest (and about 500 others) will be competing in the GoRuck 50 Mile Star Course (a Kennedy Fitness Challenge) that will be held in Washington, DC on May 18-19. They will start at 9PM on Friday May 18th carrying 20 lb rucksack and finish sometime in the afternoon on Saturday May 19th in less than 20 hours. Think about walking 50 miles, and then add 20 pound backpack and you have to do the entire walk in less than 20 hours through Washington DC. The training is grueling; each person has to work up to the 50 miles. There will be blisters and all will be exhausted when they finish. Keep these young men in your prayers. Pray that they keep their strength to finish the course in less than 20 hours.

During the course the team has to take pictures of themselves and post them on Instagram.

Team Name: Virginia Ground Pounders

Instagram handle: viriniagroundpounders

Check it out:

Link to the event: <https://www.goruck.com/event-13887/>

Any money the team raises will go to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, a top-rated nonprofit organization that provides college education for surviving children of America's elite Special Operations Forces who lost their lives in the line of duty. Jon was in the Special Forces while he was an Army Ranger.

Link to the donation page for SOWF,
<https://special-operations-warrior-foundation.networkforgood.com/projects/48364-joel-angle-s-50-mile-kennedy-fitness-challenge-fund-raiser>

Thank you for your prayers.

A proud Momma
Laurie Dale

May 2018

Sun

Mon

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¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11		<i>1</i> 6:30 Sewing	<i>2</i> 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 7 pm Spirituality Gathering
<i>6</i> Worship 8:30/11:00 945: 35-55 Adult Meeting 6:30 Confirmation	<i>7</i> 6:30 Sewing	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 10-12 pm Food Pantry	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
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<i>20</i> Worship 9:30 8 pm Young Adults	<i>21</i> 9:30 Book Club 6:30 Sewing	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 10-12 pm Food Pantry	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
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Sunday Summer Schedule - 9:30 am

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

Church Council: Joe Froeshle, President; Biff Flatt, VP; Tanya Berry, Education; Kendra Berry, Evangelism; Richard Owen, Fellowship; Erich Drochner, Finance; David Roulston, Stewardship; Greg Hinders Social Concerns; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Andrea Schmidt, Youth; Laurie Dale, Worship; Jeff Worley, Secretary

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