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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

FROM THE PASTORS

Lent begins this year on February 14th as we have our Ash Wednesday service and begin our Lenten discipline and prepare for the promise of resurrection life at Easter. This year we will have as our Lenten mid-week theme the series *Open my life, Lord*.

Being open to God's presence in us is a time honored way to describe the journey of faith. Being open is to seek, to see, to act, to hear, and to feel God's loving presence in the world. This is a life open to God. We will travel through the following openings:



Open My Eyes, Lord — Paul was blinded for a time on the road to Damascus. Paul's eyes were opened both physically and spiritually. What do we have trouble seeing in our life with God?

Open My Hands, Lord — Jesus used his hands to heal, and to do deeds of power. God holds us in his hands, like we hold children in our hands.

Open My Ears, Lord — Jesus reminds us that we don't always listen well, don't understand very well at times. Having open ears is hard at times for us.

Open My Heart, Lord — In Acts Lydia opened her heart to God and she was baptized and led a church in her house. We open our hearts just as Lydia did and become witnesses too.

Open My Life, Lord — Paul tells the Galatians that Christians die to the law in order to be alive to God. God invites us to be alive in Christ that our whole lives are open to God.

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Congregational Council met on January 15, 2018.

Those in attendance: Greg Hinders, Erich Drochner, Linda Allen, Laurie Dale, Tanya Berry, Joe Froeschle, Keith Rosenthal, David Roulston, Richard Owen, Pastor Wendi, Pastor Steve, Susan O'Shaughnessy, Kendra Berry and Biff Flatt.

Those not able to attend:

Andrea Schmidt and Kevin Krallman

New Business—

- Richard Owen provided bids for a new dishwasher for the Fellowship Hall. The bids are for two different models at prices of \$3,846.91 and \$3,944.28. He requested and secured funding from the Endowment Committee in the amount of \$2,000. A motion was made to authorize the purchase and installation of the dishwasher up to the amount of \$4,600.00; it was seconded and passed.

- Communications with the Endowment Committee- Erich Drochner reported that there is a critical need to develop policies and a structure for communication between the Endowment Committee and the Church Council. He will establish a Finance Committee of persons of his choosing to help with this task.

Pastors Report—We have started 2018 at a fast pace. We are meeting with the Young Adults monthly for bible/topical study. We, along with Carol Froeschle, are continuing to participate in the formation of Family Promise of Amarillo. Beautiful Savior still gets to prayerfully consider what role we will play in this wonderful ministry.

In February we will hold our council retreat at which we will hear from the Rev. Jesus Escamilla, Dean of the Latino Conference, about starting a Latino ministry/manifestation of Beautiful Savior. Also in February we will enter into Lent as we prepare for the joy of Easter resurrection life. February 1-9th Pastors Wendi and Steve will take vacation to visit Maui. We look forward to seeing our former island home and our friends and returning to continue our lives/ministry with y'all

Fellowship— The ice machine has been repaired and is up and running.

There will be a game night on March 17th; March 21st is the last Lenten soup and supper and it will be a Hawaiian pile-on.

Property—American Electric will tentatively begin replacing lamps in the sanctuary during the week of January 15th.

Keith will start setting up mowing teams. He expects to have at least 4 teams in addition to a labyrinth team.

The slabs for the shed and dumpsters were poured and the shed should arrive soon.

Stewardship- God stories continue, a bulletin board will be posted soon

Worship—

We still have openings for worship leaders. Thanks to those who have signed up and also who are willing to help on a moments notice.

Laurie thanked all who took down the Chrismon Tree

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Being open is just the attitude that might transform this season for us and make the Easter resurrection celebration come alive and transform our opened eyes, hands, ears, and hearts — our whole lives to be open to our loving God.

Please join us in our Lenten season and enter into being open to God in all these ways. It will be a fruitful time as we join in *Holden Evening Prayer* in this year's theme.

Pastors Steve and Wendi

FINANCIAL NEWS

December 2018

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of December was \$117,881 (\$16,094 decrease from the beginning of the year). \$74,475 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has decreased \$3,225 for the year. \$43,407 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has decreased by \$12,869 for the year. The value of investments in our Endowment Fund is \$175,988, an increase of \$16,674 for the year.

December donations to our General Fund were \$18,856 compared to our anticipated amount of \$23,347 (\$4,491 less than anticipated). Other receipts were \$365 compared to an anticipated amount of \$417. Total Year-to-Date income is \$230,322, \$24,678 less than our anticipated amount of \$255,000. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$4,514. Total receipts for December were \$23,736.

Expenses for December were \$23,433 compared to a budgeted amount of \$24,316. Spending was much as budgeted. Overspend in Administration (\$380), Fellowship (\$96) and Worship (\$374) was offset by underspend in Education (\$175), Evangelism (\$119), Property (\$640), Stewardship (\$53) and Youth (\$182). Year-to-date Expenditures from the General Fund were \$243,038 compared to a budget of \$275,000, resulting in a \$31,762 underspend.

Cumulative YTD contributions to the General Fund are approximately \$21,200 (8.5%) below the 2011-16 average (see chart)





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.

KEENAGERS

**Wednesday
February 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.
Hosts: B. Tietgens,
D. Bivens and
J. & D. Reinschmidt

February Birthdays

02/06 Ross Krallman
02/07 Pete Petersen
02/10 Dale Thompson
02/13 Carl Galub
02/14 Jennifer Houchins
02/17 Jenna Cole
Diane Wisker
02/18 Ann Coberley
02/20 Joe Froeschle
Carl Hawkins
02/21 Wally Herpich
Regina Kahn
02/22 Ingrid Owen
02/23 Jane Roulston
02/24 Donna Nuss

Count our blessings!

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

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

Beautiful Savior's founding pastor, Daniel F. Schorlemer, passed away on January, 18 2018 at the age of 93. Our church was blessed to have Pr. Scholemer here on our 70th anniversary in September 2017.

We keep the Scholemer family in our prayers.



Ash Wednesday – February 14
Imposition of Ashes 7 pm Service

Wednesday Evenings: Soup & Sandwich Dinner at 6:15 pm
Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm
February 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21



HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday – Sunday, March 25
Maundy Thursday – Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 pm
Good Friday- Friday, March 30 at 7:00 pm
Easter– Sunday, April 1



Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13
Serving from 5:30—7:30 pm

Show up hungry!



MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha's Circle will meet on Monday, February 12 in the church library at 9:30 am. Our study topic led by Carolyn Kelley comes from the January 2018 issue of LIVING LUTHERAN, "Form a Faithful Foundation." All women of the church are welcome.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet for a covered dish luncheon at St. Mary's Cathedral, [1200 S. Washington](#), @ 10:00 am Friday, 2 February for a business meeting, devotional, and a Program titled "Mission 2440" presented by Brook Boyett. Society presidents will be honored. All are welcome!.

Altar Guild Meeting to coordinate our lent schedule will be on February 11 at 9:45 am in the sanctuary.

All **food pantry volunteers** and anyone else interested in this ministry, are asked to come to a meeting on Tuesday, February 13 in the church fellowship hall at 10:00 am.

Young Adults to Meet
February 11 at 7:00 pm at
Kendra Berry's home,
815 S. Fairmont.



Bring a snack and our own beverage of choice and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you!

Amarillo Family Promise Meeting

Where: Covenant Presbyterian
1400 Wolflin

When: February , 15, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

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

February 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>Zephaniah 3:17. "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love."</p>				1	2	3
<p>4 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>5 6:30 Sewing</p>	6	<p>7 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS</p>	8	9	<p>10 8:30 Ramp Builders</p>
<p>11 Worship 8:30/11:00 9:45 Altar 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confirmation 8 YA</p>	<p>12 9:30 Martha's Circle 6:30 Sewing 7pm Property</p>	<p>13 10:00 Food Pantry Volun- teer Meeting 5:30-7:30 Pan- cake Supper</p>	<p>14 10-12 pm Food Pantry 7PM Ash Wed. Service</p>	<p>15 7:00 Family Promise @ Covenant Presbyterian</p>	16	<p>17 8:30 Men's Breakfast Council 9:30 Retreat 4:30 Spiritual- ity Gathering</p>
<p>18 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation</p>	<p>19 9:30 Book Club 6:30 Sewing</p>	20	<p>21 10-12 pm Food Pantry 6pm Soup/ Sand 7pm Holden Evening Pray- er</p>	22	23	24 <i>Spring Conference</i>
<p>25 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation</p>	<p>26 6:30 Sewing</p>	27	<p>28 10-12 pm Food Pantry 6pm Soup/ Sand 7pm Holden Evening Pray- er</p>	<p>PSALM 73:26 "Though my flesh and my heart fail, God is the rock of my heart, my portion forever."</p>		



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Sunday Summer Schedule - 9:30 am

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