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

**Sunday Worship
9:30 AM**



From the Pastors

Back in June, we attended a Stewardship Conference in Dallas. One of the sessions was from the Rev. Eric Law about his "Holy Currencies" program. What we love about his take on stewardship is the expansion of the normal stewardship of talking about money (along with talents and time). We want to introduce this program to you.

In Holy Currencies there are six blessings of currencies – Time and Place, Gracious Leadership, Relationship, Truth, Wellness, and Money. As these currencies feed into each other you form a Cycle of Blessings. As this cycle of blessings flows and grows, a Sustainable Missional Ministry is formed or reformed. That is what we pray for at Beautiful Savior!

First, a thought about currencies. Money is the most used currency. It really doesn't have value until it is exchanged for something – like food, clothing, shelter, a car, You get the idea. Money that sits and never gets used (circulated) gets stagnant and fouls up people, industries, or nations. Even retirement investing is of value when it gets used or given to others. Currencies are designed to flow!

In Holy Currencies we expand this idea of what is a currency as it applies to our church life:

The Currency of Time and Place is the events (like worship and fellowship) and a place (like the sanctuary, fellowship hall, gym)

The Currency of Gracious Leadership is leaders (pastor, council members, event leaders) that express in word and actions God's grace and love

The Currency of Relationship is the growing of deep relationships showing God's love

The Currency of Truth is the expressing and sharing of the truth, even when it is painful

The Currency of Wellness is the growing of health and wholeness

The Currency of Money -- well, this one is kind of obvious -- is the use of money for God's work

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Congregational Council met on September 18, 2018.

Those in attendance: Laurie Dale, Biff Flatt, Keith Rosenthal, Joe Froeschle, Kendra Berry, Greg Hinders, Erich Drochner, Pastor Steve, Pastor Wendi, Andrea Schmidt, Richard Owen

Those not able to attend: David Roulston, Jeff Worley, Tanya Berry

Guests: Cheryl Hall

New Business—

Executive Committee Recommendations: The executive committee has reviewed and presented the following recommendations to the council.

- Balanced budget
- Benevolence to synod 10% of giving, not a set dollar amount
- Freeze all capital improvements for 2019

After a through discussion on each point, a motion for a council resolution to support the three ideas presented was passed with all in favor.

Reducing Council: The Executive Committee recommended to the council that it be reduced to 9 members plus the two Pastors.

A motion to task the nominating committee with securing five council member replacements for 2019-2020 was approved.

Pastors Report—

Both of us, along with Carolyn Kelly, attended the Congregational Development training in Seattle. Pastor Wendi and Carolyn attended the Latinx ministry track, and Pastor Steve attended the “Churches starting Churches” track. We developed a 90 day plan focused on educating the congregation about Latinx ministry.

Our fall schedule is now underway, with the resumption of confirmation and Sunday School. Currently, there are two Sunday School classes, one before worship taught by Jan Werner and one after worship taught by Pastor Steve.

Our Young Adult Group continues to meet monthly and is going very well.

We will take our final week of vacation for this year October 8 – 14.

Evangelism —

- * Jesus Escamilla visited BSLC with a Q & A Latino Ministry Presentation on September 1st

- * Invite a friend Sunday on September 9th

Property—There was much discussion on **building security** due to a recent incident, whereby Juanita Ruiz noticed a young man on top of our Fellowship Hall roof. Keith will contact Amarillo Safe & Key about additional securing of doors leading to our interior space from the courtyard and gymnasium.

The **old shed** will soon be advertised for sale, as no congregational members have expressed interest in purchasing the shed.

Social Concerns—God fed 298 people through the food pantry, the sewing group is getting started again. Continued delivery of Meals on Wheels. Snack Pack 4 kids is packing again, BSLC attendance is very light. We did not build a ramp in August because Greg was out of town and TRP is out of funds..

Cheryl Hall and Pastor Wendi presented guidelines for giving helping hand funds to individuals in need. The guidelines were accepted by the committee with minor changes.

FINANCIAL NEWS AUGUST 2018

Current liquid assets are in good shape. At current spending, we have 2+ months cushion in our General Fund.

Account	Balance	Chg from Jan 1
FBSW Checking	\$ 33,998.01	\$ (9,351.53)
FBSW MM	\$ 74,699.57	\$ 167.67
Total	\$ 108,697.58	\$ (9,183.86)
Available for:		
General Fund	\$ 49,836.78	\$ 2,884.43
Dedicated	\$ 58,860.80	\$ (12,068.29)
Total	\$ 108,697.58	\$ (9,183.86)

Quarterly dividends of the Endowment Funds show gains/losses from investments. Results are due to general stock market performance.

	Balance	Chg from Jan 1
Endowment	\$ 173,143.45	\$ (2,844.28)

August donations to our General Fund were less than anticipated. The congregation is very generous, exceeding YTD expectations.

Mo. Receipts	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
Offerings	\$ 18,991.49	\$ 16,304.59	\$ (2,686.90)
Other	\$ 416.67	\$ -	\$ (416.67)
Total	\$ 19,408.16	\$ 16,304.59	\$ (3,103.57)
Dedicated		\$ 756.97	
YTD Receipts	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
Offerings	\$ 162,769.88	\$ 166,976.70	\$ 4,206.82
Other	\$ 3,333.36	\$ 3,235.00	\$ (98.36)
Total	\$ 166,103.24	\$ 170,211.70	\$ 4,108.46
Dedicated		\$ 29,567.03	

Expenditures are on plan.

Monthly Exp	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
General Fund	\$ 20,029.24	\$ 19,631.46	\$ (397.78)
Dedicated		\$ 1,075.85	
YTD Exp	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
General Fund	\$ 174,805.28	\$ 164,396.67	\$ (10,408.61)
Dedicated		\$ 44,508.15	

All categories were underspent for the month, and all categories are still underspent for the year.



NOTES

Together We Pray

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,
October 3
At 12:00 pm

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: Biff & Melinda
Flatt, Jane Roulston,
Judy Rohloff

Happy Birthday!

- 10/03 Mark Newman
- 10/06 Steve Brauner
Ruth Holman
- 10/08 Dainay Hawkins
- 10/09 Kendra Berry
- 10/10 Richard Owen
- 10/14 George Sell
- 10/15 Audrey Holman
Jana Kidd
Jana Werner
- 10/18 Keith Johnson
- 10/22 David Cole
- 10/22 Diane Reinschmidt
- 10/24 Erich Drochner
- 10/28 Christine Edler
Marjorie Spencer



Count our blessings!

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

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

Check your Sunday bulletin for a list of others we are actively praying for.

**Young Adults
meet on
October 21 at
7:00 pm at the
home of Blair
& Jessica Berg**

Amarillo Family Promise Meetings

Check your Sunday Bulletin for October's date and time.

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



Open Congregational Conversation on Latino Ministry

**Sunday, October 7 following the
worship service.**



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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

COME ONE, COME ALL Mission tour
sponsored by Church Women United will
begin 10:a.m. @ HEAL THE CITY,

Friday, October 5



"MARTHA'S CIRCLE welcomes all
women interested in sharing a Christian
education study. Meetings are the sec-
ond Monday each month @ 9:30 a.m.

We will continue with ouR examination
of C.S. Lewis'

"THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS" picking
up at Chapter 3.

Out hostess will be Marilyn Waugh.
JOIN US !!

9:30 a.m. Monday October 8th in the
church library (or one of the rooms in the
education wing). for interesting discus-
sion.



Sunday, November 11 following
the worship service.

September was a busy month here at Beautiful Savior

A Big Thanks!

To those who participated in:

God's Work, Our Hands Blood Drive

Bring A Friend Sunday

Day of Spirituality.

From the pastors, continued from page 1

The Rev. Law used as an example a church that was receiving rent (Money) for the use of their fellowship hall (Time and Place) for a yoga group. The church decided (Gracious Leadership) to get to know the yoga group participants (Wellness and Relationship). As that relationship grew, the yoga group noticed that the fellowship hall needed a new floor (Truth). The group found a donor for a new floor and someone to install it (Money) and they weren't even members of the church. As time went on the yoga group members began to see this as their church and some even joined the church. The church went from exchanging money for time and place and expanded the flow of all of the other currencies and are now riding the cycle of blessings into a sustainable missional ministry. They grew in stewardship and Health!

We hope this helps in understanding this way of looking at stewardship! We will be sharing more of this in the months and years to come.

Pastors Wendi and Steve

October 2018

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Fellowship—10:30 am

Adult SS—8:30 & 10:45
starting September 9

Choir: 10:45 am

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	4	5	6
7 Worship/SS Fellowship 10:45 Hispanic Ministry Conversation 5:30 Confirma- tion	8 9:30 Martha's Circle 7 pm Property	9	10 10-12 pm Food Pantry	11	12	13
14 Worship/SS Fellowship	15 9:30 Book Club 6:30 Council	16	17 10-12 pm Food Pantry	18	19	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast 10 am Endowment 7 pm Spiritual- ity Gathering
21 Worship/SS Fellowship 5:30 Confirmation 7pm Young Adults	22	23	24 10-12 pm Food Pantry	25	26	27
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