



# 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

### FROM THE PASTORS

As you have probably heard, Council is considering moving to one service year-round. At this point, the only talk has been to move to 9:30 AM or maybe a little earlier. ***Please know that we are simply considering this option at this stage, and no decisions have been made.***

There are reasons for and against this move.

In favor of this move are the following reasons:

The need for our two services to come together and form one united community.

The total Sunday attendance at both services fits comfortably in one service with room to grow.

The 11:00 AM service is so lightly attended that any visitors might conclude that we are a dying congregation and choose not to return, even though we are alive and vibrant.

It is also a real struggle to find worship assistants for each of the two services.

Against this move are the following reasons (from input we have received):

Congregational members have needs (for instance, Terry can only come to the early service) or personal preferences to keep the two services.

This move would change the time of our coffee hour and Sunday School.

It feels like we are giving up on getting our families to come back.

The congregation might continue to get smaller as some members might stop coming if we make this change.

***We want to have input from as many people as possible before the Council makes this decision, so we are encouraging congregational members to come to one of the three listening sessions that will be held during April and May.***

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## COUNCIL NEWS

### The Congregational Council met on March 20, 2018.

**Those in attendance:** Joe Froeschle, Laurie Dale, Richard Owen, Biff Flatt, Pastor Steve, Pastor Wendi, Keith Rosenthal, Kendra Berry, Erich Drochner, Tanya Berry, Jeff Worley and David Roulston

**Those not able to attend:** Greg Hinders, Andrea Schmidt, Cheryl Hall

**Guests:** Carole Froeschle, Stacy Yates and Erin Waters of Family Promise, and Rochelle Berg.

### New Business—

- Stacy Yates gave a presentation on Family Promise of Amarillo and Canyon. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

### Unfinished Business—

- Latino Ministry: Kendra is working with the Pastors to provide current demographics.
- Finish of the concrete in the columbarium: Keith is looking into what can be done without any additional expense.

**Pastors Report—**At the February Council Retreat, we 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.
- Our young adult group is going strong; at February's meeting there were 11 young adults present.
- Family Promise planning meetings continue. BSLC church council received a presentation about the program at the March meeting.
- Rev. Jesus Escamilla's presentation about starting a Latino ministry here was well received. We are working with Kendra Berry, our Evangelism chairperson, to further explore this possibility with synod staff.

Our synod assembly voting members, Bob and Jane Roulston, will attend a lunch meeting about Latino ministry at the assembly.

We have registered for the stewardship conference "Pathways to Generosity: Signs of Hope" to be held in Dallas April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Committee—** met and discussed our plan for the year which includes consolidating and formalizing BSLC personnel policies.

### Property—

- Completion of the new shed is approximately 4 weeks out.
- Repair of the sprinkler system in the labyrinth area will be done after the storage shed is completed.
- The ice machine will be removed because of multiple failures and the high cost to repair.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> will be Spring Cleaning Day and will start at 10:00 am

**Social Concerns—**God fed 197 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 February with the Downtown Lions Club. Jane Roulston and Judy Rohloff continue their support at Alice Landergin Elementary

## FINANCIAL NEWS

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	\$ 48,071.79	\$ 4,722.25
FBSW MM	\$ 74,568.06	\$ 36.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 122,639.85</b>	<b>\$ 4,758.41</b>
Available for:		
General Fund	\$ 59,716.36	\$ 12,764.01
Dedicated	\$ 62,923.49	\$ (8,005.60)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 122,639.85</b>	<b>\$ 4,758.41</b>

Dividends are posted quarterly to the Endowment Funds, so no change.

	Balance	Chg from Jan 1
Endowment	\$ 175,987.73	\$ -

February donations to our General Fund were up, a good sign.

Mo. Receipts	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
Offerings	\$ 18,849.73	\$ 21,800.15	\$ 2,950.42
Other	\$ 416.67	\$ 365.00	\$ (51.67)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,266.40</b>	<b>\$ 22,165.15</b>	<b>\$ 2,898.75</b>
<b>Dedicated</b>		<b>\$ 2,734.10</b>	
YTD Receipts	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
Offerings	\$ 40,467.33	\$ 55,234.08	\$ 14,766.75
Other	\$ 833.34	\$ 745.00	\$ (88.34)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 41,300.67</b>	<b>\$ 55,979.08</b>	<b>\$ 14,678.41</b>
<b>Dedicated</b>		<b>\$ 6,219.43</b>	

Expenses for February are below budget.

Monthly Exp	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
General Fund	\$ 21,054.65	\$ 18,863.52	\$ (2,191.13)
Dedicated		\$ 12,807.82	
YTD Exp	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
General Fund	\$ 45,099.25	\$ 40,409.82	\$ (4,689.43)
Dedicated		\$ 17,770.81	



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The first session will be at the April Council meeting, which is Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The second will be Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the fellowship hall at 9:45 AM (between services). The third and final session will be at the May Council meeting, Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. We have planned for these listening sessions because we genuinely want to hear all points of view as we consider this change. Please take the time to attend one of these sessions and let your voice be heard.

We are aware that there is a wide range of feelings on this issue. Our hope is that we can all listen respectfully to the variety of opinions and then Council can decide at its June meeting what will best serve the congregation as a whole as we move forward into the future – a future filled with hope because God goes with us and loves us.

In the meantime, ***please pray for our congregation and Council.*** Whatever decision is made is likely to leave some people unhappy, but with God's help we can come together and move forward in faith.

Pastors Wendi & Steve

### KEENAGERS

**Wednesday  
April 4 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: Potluck

### April Birthdays

04/03 Sally Lehrmann  
04/06 Judy Rohloff  
04/07 Diane Thompson  
04/08 Ethan Schmidt  
04/15 Greg Hinders  
04/16 Johnathan Hinders  
04/19 Rita DeMar  
04/21 Chuck Jacobson  
04/23 Laurie Dale  
04/24 Dane Nuss  
04/24 Evelyn Wells  
04/29 Dorothy Bivens  
04-30 Shirley Petersen



## Our Church's Food Pantry Ministry

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church's food pantry has been serving Amarillo for over 30 years.

### Stats and Facts for Fiscal Year 2017 (January – December)

- The BSLC Food Pantry provided food to 3400 ++ plus individuals in 2017 and over 500 people used the pantry in January and February of 2018.

### Who utilizes the Beautiful Savior's Food Pantry?

- Seniors
- The disabled
- Those with mental illness
- Those with chronic or terminal illness
- Those who have lost their job or had their work hours reduced
- Single parents
- Parents with special needs children
- Those who have suffered from an injury
- Veterans
- The homeless
- Recovering addicts
- People who need a little temporary help to get them by



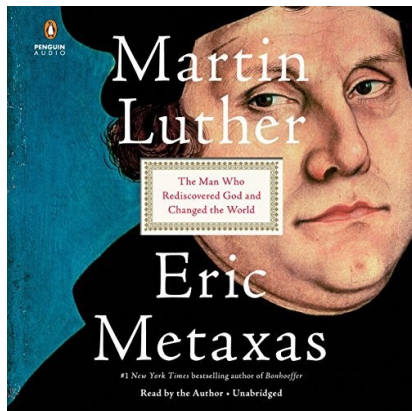
### Reasons for needing food assistance vary. Here are the most common:

- Some people are working at low paying jobs, going from welfare to work, are involved in job training, or going to school to better themselves and become self-reliant.
- Seniors on very small fixed incomes as low as \$400-600 per month. They need emergency food assistance because of the purchase of medications or higher winter/summer utility bills.
- Mentally or physically disabled people living on fixed incomes as low as \$350-600 per month.
- Individuals who have suffered a temporary crisis such as illness or injury. Some are unemployed, temporarily unemployed or facing a financial crisis.
- Terminally ill people and cancer treatment patients access the food pantry. With our help, those suffering from a life-altering illness can concentrate on their quality of life, themselves and their loved ones—not about choosing between paying for their medical prescriptions, living expenses and food.

If a family can access a little help in an emergency, they can concentrate on their temporary financial crisis and getting through it. If seniors or people with disabilities can access emergency food assistance, it frees up their small fixed income to cover higher utility costs, prescriptions, etc.



The church library has added the book "Martin Luther: The Man Who re-discovered God and Changed the World" by Eric Metaxas. It is shelved in the biography section with the call number BIO LUT.



### MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha's Circle will meet on Monday, April 9 in the church library at 9:30 am. We will discuss the article "Called and chosen" found in the March 2018 issue of Living Lutheran magazine. Pastor Wendi will lead the study. Shirley Petersen will be hostess.

All women of the church are welcome.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** will hold its Spring Luncheon FUND RAISER, Friday April 13th starting at 11:45 a.m. Location is Saint Stephen United Methodist Church, [4600 S. Western](#). Audrey Taylor has tickets @ \$7. For the last few years funds of about \$4,000 have been divided and sent to several local charities

### Young Adults to Meet

March 18 at 8:00 pm at Johnathan and Brittani Hinder's home, 3617 Fountain Terrace. Bring a snack and our own beverage of choice and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you!

To My Church Family,

Thanks to all for the beautiful reception in honor of my 20 years with all of you at Beautiful Savior. I was beyond surprised as I couldn't figure out why Pastor Steve needed me in the Fellowship Hall! I so appreciate the stunning plaque which I will cherish, the monetary gifts, the spa gift card, the kind words, the cards, and the cake. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and your expressions of love and appreciation. May God continue to bless all of us here at Beautiful Savior with many more years of music together.

Love,

Marsha



### Amarillo Family Promise Meetings

**Saturday, April 14**

Southwest Branch Library  
6801 SW 45th Ave

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Thursday, April 19**

St Luke Presbyterian Church  
3001 Bell St.

The Family Promise mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence.

# April 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

<b>1 EASTER</b> Worship 8:30/11:00 9:45 am Choir  6:30 Confirma-	<b>2</b>   6:30 Sewing	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>   4:30 Spirituali- ty Gathering
<b>8</b> Worship 8:30/11:00 9:45 am Choir  6:30 Confirma- tion	<b>9</b> 9:30 Martha's Circle  6:30 Sewing 7pm Property	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10-12 pm Food Pantry	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>29</b> Worship 8:30/11:00 9:45 am Choir  6:30 Confirma- tion	<b>30</b>   6:30 Sewing	"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplica- tion, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7				



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**Sunday Summer Schedule - 9:30 am**

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