



# GOOD NEWS!

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## God's Beloved People:

One thing I find as we are getting into the thick of this interim season of discernment, prayer, and listening to God's direction, is that there is an ongoing need of interpretation of what the interim season is all about. I'm happy to continue that interpretation, simply because the interim season is simply something that churches do not do very often.

So why do I do what I do and what they were really focusing on here? To be sure during the interim season, we do in many of the things that are done during the season of a settled or long-term pastor: we do all the ministries of worship, evangelism, learning, fellowship and service, as Pastor, as staff and as congregation together. Your Settled Pastors do all these ministries as well. In addition, he or she will suggest, layout and work with leadership, to actually launch long-term programming, directions, focus, priorities, and changes.

The focus of an interim pastor leadership is largely different.

It is my job to offer, suggest, challenge, bring before you a whole constellation, a plethora of considerations, whether it's changing the carpet in the sanctuary, exposing you to various worship recourses, or some big picture ministry directions, changes, challenges, and goals that may even be very different than what you think a church's ministry is all about.

It's like making the best Texas chili that you can think of! (I know that Texas chili is fabled throughout our country, there are all kinds of ways to make a great Texas chili and I can't wait to try some while I'm here !). In order to make the best chili, you combine all kinds of requisite ingredients and you allow them to simmer and steep, so that the flavors really blend in. This is what I am doing as a Consultant and Catalyst: It is giving you all kinds of things to put into the pot to stir, to simmer, to stew, to mix, and blend, and see what the best flavored chili can come out, seasoned of course with God's Word, prayer, God's Spirit, our patience, our courage, and our excitement. It may seem like a lot that I'm loading onto you. That is because, dear friends in Christ, we have a **lot** to consider, as across the nation, cross-denominationally, we are at a crossroads.

To illustrate I remember when the Bishop of the Central States Synod-ELCA addressed a group of us clergy assembled in Kansas. He told the story about his time spent with a congregation, who was in a season of interim like BSLC. The bishop asked, "*What are the greatest challenges facing the church today?*"

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

### Sunday

### Worship Schedule

**8:30 AM WORSHIP**

**11:00 AM WORSHIP**



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## COUNCIL REPORT

### THE CONGREGATION- AL COUNCIL MET ON FEBRUARY 15, 2016.

Members Present: Spencer Berry, Laurie Dale, Carol Froeschle, Karen Herpich, Greg Hinders, Greg Rohloff, and Shirley Petersen, Tanya Rosenthal, Erich Drochner, Christine Johnson, Carole Froeshle and Kevin Krallman

D'Ann Berry and Office Manager Cheryl Hall were unable to attend.

Devotions and prayers by Pastor Mark (Matthew 28:19)- Are we willing to be a disciple making church? Jesus gives us this command with the promise that he will be with us always.

- The Responsibility list was tabled until the March meeting.
- A motion was made to vote in the Executive Officers of the Council. Motion was seconded and passed.
- The Panhandle Conference is March 12, 2016 at BSLC. Pastor Mark will take care of worship. Council is responsible for the remainder. Joe and Carol Froeschle are the conference delegates. Spencer Berry, Fellowship Chair, was notified of the date.

- On behalf of the Property Committee (Joe Froeschle) addressed the council regarding the committee's recommendation for notifying the public of BSLC's "Open Carry" policy. Post signage at each door to prohibit Open Carrying of handguns in the physical facilities of (Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church), and any concealed handguns must be secured at all times

- The Property Committee will also consider drawing up a written contract for groups that use the church facilities. The contract may include "Open Carry" verbiage.

- On the committee securing a contractor to repair and re-seal the parking lot. Work is not likely to start until late April or May. Removing the trees will be part of the work.

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### FINANCIAL NEWS

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of January is \$145,330 (\$1,730 increase for the year). Investments balance in our Endowment Fund is \$114,660 (\$930 decrease for the year).

January giving to our General Budget was \$15,810 compared to our anticipated amount of \$20,605. Year-to-Date giving is \$16,375 compared to our anticipated amount of \$24,030. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$2520.00. Total giving for January is \$18,900.

Expenses for January were \$20,450 (compared to a budgeted amount of \$27,360.

Expenditures for December exceeded donations by \$4,075.

Respectfully submitted,

Erich Drochner  
Finance Chair

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*Pastor's article continued from page 1*

The responses he got were all the usual suspects: declining membership. people are leaving the church, we are aging, our resources are diminishing, we need to get the young people and the young families back in here, we need to get that flashy youth director and fast!!

The Bishop listened carefully then responded, in essence: *"The greatest challenge facing the church today is that the world all around us has changed, has been changing for quite some time, and we are in **denial**. We are in denial of this, and as a result, we hang on for dear life the structures, the traditions, and the ways we have always done church, refusing to face up to this reality, and to make some difficult but important changes in order how you do ministry in order to speak the gospel to today's world. This is what has hurt us the most, and is our biggest challenge to overcome".*

We Pastors were stunned when we heard this. But I will commend to you that I think the good Bishop was on to something, and he is right. Because the Church of Jesus Christ, in all her expressions, is facing this very cross roads, for better or worse. My leadership as a pastor is to be a resource, catalyst. Sometimes an unsettling one!... to get BSLC to think creatively, imaginatively, daringly, and in boldness think even sometimes outside the box!..... because I so much believe in your potential, possibilities, and opportunities. Of all the congregations I have been in, you are one of two that are in an incredible position, because you already have so many strengths, resources, and an engaged critical mass, to boot!... to do some truly amazing things. I believe in you that much and that's why I want you to be thinking about prayerfully with boldness, with excitement, with daring, all the things that for my part that I can put in front of you to consider for your next directions in ministry.

It's called stirring the pot! In this season of March Madness, let's stir the pot together. Guided by God's Word and God's Ever-Active Presence, let's make best tasting ministry plans and mission goals that will win any kind of a chili contest nationwide!!

In Partnership

Mark P Galbraith, Interim Pastor



## March Notes:

### Prayer Chain

To start the prayer chain: Call Marilyn Waugh at 342-0662.

If you would like to put your prayer request into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin, call the church office.

### KEENAGERS

Meets Wednesday,  
March 2 at 12:00 pm.

Hosting: Biff & Melinda  
Flatt, Judy Rohloff &  
Cheryl Hall

KEENAGERS is a fun group of 55 and older who meet the first Wednesday of every month for a pot-luck lunch and fellowship. Anyone 55 or older that wishes to join us, please do so.

### Meetings this Month.....

Sewing Group meets Monday nights at 6:30 pm

Ramp Project meets on Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 am

MOPS meets 9—11 am on Saturdays, March 5 & 26

Martha Circle meets Monday, March 14 at 9:30 am

Men's Breakfast meets Saturday, March 19 at 8:30 am

Book Club meets on Monday, March 21 15 at 9:30 am

Council meets Monday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

### PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

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

*Let your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your unfailing love. Psalms 31:16 NIV.*

#### Joe Freshnock

Condolences and prayers to **Jerry & Marsha Moller & family** on the death of Jerry's mother.

Condolences also to **Cheryl Hall** on the deaths of her father and mother in law.

**Dale Thompson** is doing well after surgery.

See a complete list of those we are praying for in your Sunday bulletin.)

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## We are called to worship

As stewards of our time, talent and treasure, our primary duty that prepares us for effective stewardship is regular and faithful worship. This duty requires more action than plopping down in a seat, though, just like carrying a hammer does not make one a carpenter.

Worship includes reaching out to others in warm greeting to make all feel welcome to attend and participate. We are stewards of each other's faith, as well as our own. Faithfulness in worship includes joyful singing, and seeking out understanding with active listening. Plant a question in the back of your mind: How is God's Word feeding me today? And with the benediction, where is God's Word leading me this week?

Consider the words in John 4: "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (23-24).

Truth can be painful at times, and it can be exhilarating at times. At all times, though, it is faith-building, drawing our roots of faith deeper into the truth of God's Word, promises and love. And as that root of faith goes deeper, it is able to sustain us through difficult times, whether we encounter a personal difficulty, or a difficulty as we go through the call process.

We cannot be stewards if we do not nourish our faith on a regular basis. Faith may be drought-tolerant but beauty in faith blooms when we worship on a regular basis.

Being rooted deeply in faith enables us to consider questions beyond how we shall be spiritually fed today. Deep faith draws us to look at the mission of our congregation and weigh out the specific means of reaching out in our community to meet both temporal and spiritual needs by sharing God's love.

### NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION OF BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

John 13:35 *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."*

A very special word of thanks to each of you for your prayers, calls, cards and kind words following the death of my father, Bill, and the death of my mother-in-law, Doris. Cheryl Hall

I want to thank you all very much from the bottom of my heart for the outpouring of love, support and prayer while I was in the hospital and continuing during my recovery following surgery. Dale Thompson

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# Lent

## Soup and Sandwich Suppers

At 6:15 on Wednesdays,

February 17 & 24

March 2, 9, 16



## Holden Evening Prayer &

## Reader's Theater: Temptations of Christ

At 7:00 pm on Wednesdays, February 24; March 2, 9, 16

Reader's Theater Presentation Series "The Temptations of Christ" was written by former pastor, Curtis Joseph from Iowa. Join us as Bob Roulston and Spencer Berry present riveting, thought provoking conversations that take you into the depth and passion in what Jesus wrestled with in order to faithfully carry out his mission. These Reader's Theater dramas will be presented during the Wednesday night Vespers Services and conclude on the Maundy Thursday Service.

March 2, 9, 16

# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday** – March 20

**Maundy Thursday Worship**

March 24 at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday**

March 25 at 7:00 pm

# Easter

Sunday, March 27

Breakfast

Easter Egg Hunt







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## CONGRATULATIONS BSLC!

Thrivent Choice® participants have thousands of options ... but they chose you.

**Based on their recommendations, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church received \$2,242 in 2015.** The Thrivent Choice program helps Thrivent members make a positive impact in their communities.

The Thrivent Choice® charitable grant program engages Thrivent Financial members and chapters in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law. All grants are made at the sole discretion of Thrivent. Directing Choice Dollars® is subject to the program's terms and conditions available at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

A big thank you to those participants from our congregation who recommend BSLC as a recipient of choice dollars:



**Church Women United** is a nation-wide ecumenical movement which supports various agencies in Amarillo and the world.

The Amarillo group will meet Friday, March 4 at 9:00 am, for a **Human Rights Celebration** at Polk Street Methodist Church 1401 S. Polk.

All are welcome.

## Birthdays

03-03	Wanda Garcia
03-05	Andrea Schmidt
03-07	Christopher Hawkins
03-10	Terry Alexander
03-18	Spencer Berry
03-21	Marilyn Waugh
03-26	Fred Garcia
03/27	Eric Sanchez
03/28	Diane Hinders
03-29	Keagan Rohloff
03/29	Butch Berg
03/30	Freda Jones
	Brielle Worley

## Memorial

We give thanks to God and in memory of

### William 'Bill' Vance Stratton

Gregg & Christine Johnson

Wally & Karen Herpich

Erich & JoAnn Drochner

Marilyn Waugh

Johnny & Diane Reinschmidt

Genevieve Miller

Lucille Longhofer

### Doris Hall

Lucille Longhofer

### Velva Moller

Johnny & Diane Reinschmidt

# Serving the Congregation in March

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	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:30— 11:00—Kaiya Winkleman	8:30— 11:00— Kayne Luikart	8:30— 11:00— Kaiya Winkleman	8:30— Brielle Worley 11:00— Kaiya Winkleman
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	8:30— Spencer Berry 11:00 – Ashley Jenkins	8:30 – 11:00 – Bob Roulston	8:30— 11:00 – Spencer Berry	8:30— Linda Allen 11:00—Bob Roulston
<b>Lector</b>	8:30 – Keith Rosenthal 11:00 – Michele Jenkins	8:30 – Keith Rosenthal 11:00—John Pristash	8:30 – 11:00— Michele Jenkins	8:30— Keith Rosenthal 11:00— Michele Jenkins
<b>Gift Bearer</b>	8:30 – Tim & Tammy Woolsey 11:00— Kayne & Anthony	8:30 – 11:00— Anthony T.	8:30 –Tim & Tammy Woolsey 11:00—C & C Johnson	8:30— Sherrill Pohl 11:00— Drochners
<b>Greeter</b>	8:30—Tim & Tammy Woolsey 11:00—	8:30 11:00—	8:30— Tim & Tammy Woolsey 11:00— J Roulston & J Rohloff	8:30 11:00—K & D Berry
<b>Usher</b>	8:30— <i>M. Newman J. Reinschmidt</i> 11:00 –G Rohloff G Hinders	8:30— <i>M. Newman J. Reinschmidt</i> 11:00 –G Rohloff G Hinders	8:30 – Biff Flatt 11:00 – Greg Hinders Anthony Tuttle	8:30 – B Flatt W Herpich 11:00 –
<b>Teller</b>	8:30- Spencer Berry 11:00 – Greg Rohloff	8:30- Spencer Berry 11:00 – Greg Rohloff –	8:30- Spencer Berry 11:00 – Greg Rohloff	8:30- Spencer Berry 11:00 – Greg Rohloff
<b>Altar Care</b>	Christine Johnson Marian Cole	Jane Roulston Judy Rohloff	Linda Allen Melinda Flatt	D.Wisker, K. Meyer, N. Krallman, P.Antle, L. Luikart, A. Winkleman
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<u>1st Wednesday</u> Sherrill Pohl, Jo Ann Drockner, Dale Thompson	<u>2nd Wednesday</u> Jeane Nordine, Lucille Longhofer, Marjorie Spencer	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> Freda Jones; Joann Kahn, Betty Ann Hopper	<u>4th Wednesday</u> Dorothy Bivens, Audrey Taylor, Diane Hinders
<b>Flower Carrier</b>	Lucille Longhofer		Audrey Taylor	Dorothy Bivens



See an opportunity to serve? Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the sacristy.







# March 2016

SUNDAYS

8:30 AM WORSHIP

9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		<b>1</b> 9:30 Divine Drama Class  7:30 Divine Drama Class	<b>2</b> 10-12 pm Food Pantry <b>KEENAGERS</b> 6:15 Soup/Sand 7pm Holden Evening Prayer 8:15 Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Worship 8:30/11:00  9:45 Confirma- tion Class	<b>7</b>  6:30 Sewing	<b>8</b> 9:30 Divine Drama Class 5:45 SP4K 7:30 Divine Drama Class	<b>9</b> 10-12 pm Food Pantry  6:15 Soup/Sand 7pm Holden Evening Prayer 8:15 Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Panhandle Conference  9:00 MOPS
<b>13</b> Worship 8:30/11:00  9:45 Confirma- tion Class	<b>14</b> 9:30 Martha's Circle  6:30 Sewing 7:00 Property	<b>15</b> 9:30 Divine Drama Class  7:30 Divine Drama Class	<b>16</b> 10-12 pm Food Pantry  6:15 Soup/Sand 7pm Holden Evening Prayer 8:15 Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast
<b>20 Palm            Sunday</b> Worship 8:30/11:00 9:45 Confirma- tion Class	<b>21</b> 9:30 Book Club 6:30 Sewing 7:00 Council	<b>22</b> 9:30 Divine Drama Class 5:45 SP4K  7:30 Divine Drama Class	<b>23</b> 10-12 pm Food Pantry	<b>24</b>  7:00 pm Maundy Thurs- day Service  8:15 Choir	<b>25</b>  7:00 pm Good Friday Service	<b>26</b>  9:00 MOPS
<b>27 Easter            Sunday</b> Worship 8:30/11:00 Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt	<b>28</b>  6:30 Sewing	<b>29</b> 9:30 Divine Drama Class  7:30 Divine Drama Class	<b>30</b> 10-12 pm Food Pantry	<b>31</b>		



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**Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM**

**Sunday Schedule - 8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Services with Holy Communion**  
**9:45 Sunday School for all ages**

**Staff, Mark Galbraith, Interim Pastor, Cheryl Hall, Office Manager; Marsha Moller, Music Director;**

**Church Council: Kevin Krallman, President; D'Ann Berry, VP; Tanya Rosenthal, Education; Linda Allen, Evangelism; Spencer Berry, Fellowship; Erich Drochner, Finance; Greg Rohloff, Stewardship; Greg Hinders Social Concerns; Carol Stovall, Property; Andrea Schmidt, Youth; Laurie Dale, Worship; Susan O'Shaugnessy, Secretary**

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