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Good News

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTORS

As you may have heard, at the Churchwide Assembly in August, the ELCA passed a resolution declaring us to be a “sanctuary church.” We know that some of you have concerns as to exactly what this means, so we wanted to share some information with you.

As the ELCA website states, “In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith...Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work. It will look different for everyone, but welcoming people is not a political issue for us – it is a matter of faith.” Among the talking points on the ELCA’s website on this issue is the clear statement that, **“Being a sanctuary denomination does not call for any person, congregation, or synod to engage in any illegal actions.”**

So what does it mean? Our synod’s Bishop, Erik Gronberg, has written a blog [VISIT US ONLINE
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further explaining it which we have posted in the church narthex (along with the ELCA talking points on the issue) and from which we will quote here:

+The majority of members of ELCA congregations, with the notable exceptions of first nations peoples and those whose ancestors were brought here as slaves or other means against their will, can trace their roots to immigrants. Our work with immigrants and refugees is a way in which we practice our faith in the world. In the wake of WWII, when 1 in 6 refugees in the world were Lutherans, Lutherans in the United States started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) www.lirs.org.

+We do not yet know every way this declaration will impact our church. **However, the Churchwide action in no way obligates the property or resources of any congregation or church institution.**

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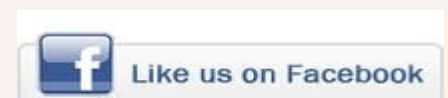


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Sunday Worship
9:30 AM

Our congregation celebrates communion at each service.



The Congregational Council met on September 16.

New Business—

The council reviewed constitution updates that will be presented to the congregation for approval vote during the November annual meeting.

Andrea Schmidt was appointed to join Johnny Reinshmidt and Nancy Conley on this year's nominating committee.

Pastors—Family Promise (FP) has started back up again. They are trying to reinvigorate interest in the program, especially with the congregations that have signed on to be hosts (that includes BSLC).

SEMP Task Force Small Group gatherings are scheduled for late September through early November.

Council voted to accept Paul and Mary Jones membership transfer. The couple will join Beautiful Savior at the October 27 worship service.

Evangelism—is planning a 'Trunk or Treat' event for Saturday, October 26.

Property –The floors in the gymnasium, connecting rooms (kitchen, Youth room), the gym locker rooms, the Fellowship Hall and kitchen will be waxed soon.

To keep everyone as comfortable as possible in the sanctuary, the cooling temperature will be set to 71°F during the spring and summer months and the heating temperature to 70°F during the fall and winter months. With this in mind, everyone needs to dress according to their personal comfort.

Social Concerns—The Food Pantry provided food for 211 people (73 families) in July.

Office Hours - Monday thru Thursday, 9:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00-3:00PM (closed during the noon hour) Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

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

Church Council: Biff Flatt, President; Chuck Jacobson, VP; Andrea Schmidt, Education/Youth; Ingrid Owen, Fellowship, Kendra Massey, Evangelism; Lorryane Vogel, Social Concerns; D'Ann Berry, Treasurer; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Linda Allen, Worship; Jeff Worley, Secretary

Treasurer's Report August of Fiscal Year 2019

<u>OFFERINGS</u>	August Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget
Income			
OFFERINGS			
01-GENEERL FUND ENVELOPE	16,191.46	163,584.12	166,666.64
02-GENERAL FUND LOOSE	134.00	1,136.00	1,533.36
	16,325.46	164,720.12	168,200.00
OTHER RECEIPTS			
01-BUILDING USE	250.00	2,307.95	0.00
02-MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	190.00	266.64
	250.00	2,497.95	266.64
Total Income	16,575.46	167,218.07	168,466.64
Expense			
Total Expense	17,413.86	160,873.45	166,524.34
Income Less Expense	-838.40	6,344.62	1,942.30

For the month of August, our income was \$ 16,575 on a budget of 21,058 which is a difference of (\$4,483). Our expenses for August were \$17,414 on budget of \$18,262 which is \$1,534 under anticipated spending. This puts us at (\$838) less income than expense for the month. Other than Janitor cost being approx \$80 and BSLC FICA cost being approx \$67.50 over for the month, all other expenses were under budget, meaning all Council members did a GREAT JOB keeping their respective area costs well managed. As we go into budgeting for 2020, may God watch over and guide all Council members and officers to keep this same dedication to being good and wise stewards of the resources we have been entrusted to manage.

D'Ann Berry
BSLC Treasurer

October Notes

Martha's Circle

Monday, October 14
at 9:30. All women
of the church are in-
vited to this Christian
study group.

All Men of the church are invited to join
us at **Men's Breakfast** for food, fellow-
ship and study. We meet September—
May on the third Saturday each month at
8:30 am.

Next Meeting: October 21

Thank You!

Fred & Wanda Garcia & Child Outreach In-
ternational want to thank all of you who
donated to help bring Marlon Cutzel from
Guatemala to New York for his badly need-
ed surgery.

Total donated by BSLC congregation
members was \$1353.

Thank you so much for being part of Mar-
lon's miracle!



Another Christian Education Opportunity

A weekly study on "The Lives of Great Christians" will begin on Thursday October 3
To be led by Judy Rohloff with assistance from the pastors. The study will include a vid-
eo from the Great Courses series prepared and narrated by Professor William R. Cook, an
expert in medieval history, the Renaissance and the Reformation, and the Distinguished Pro-
fessor of History at the State University of New York at Geneseo. Each week, we will watch
two 30-minute segments and discuss them. Sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude
by noon. All who are interested are welcome to attend.



A 'Trunk or Treat' is planned at Beautiful Savior for Saturday, October 26. The event will be publicized and open to the community. We need volunteers to dress up and participate. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

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 2 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: Judy Rohloff
Jane Roulston



10/03 Mark Newman

10/06 Steve Brauner

Ruth Holman

10/08 Dainay Hawkins

10/09 Kendra Massey

10/10 Richard Owen

10/14 George Sell

10/15 Audrey Holman

Jana Kidd

Jan Werner

10/17 Whitney Mueller

10/18 Keith Johnson

10/22 David Cole

Dianne Reinschmidt

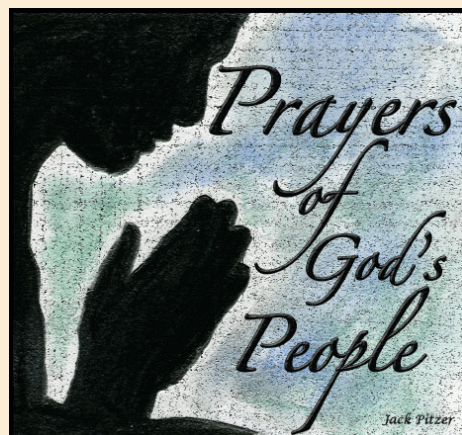
10/24 Erich Drochner

10/27 Randy Heuton

Cheryl Hall

10/28 Christine Edler

Marjorie Spencer



Our sympathies to the family of Diane Thompson who died on September 14.

Eldon Kirkeeng is recovering at home after a recent surgery.

Dorothy Bivens was hospitalized in September and continues recovery.

For a complete list of those we are actively praying for see your Sunday bulletins.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our supply of prayer shawls is dwindling. If you would like to help with knitting, please contact Audrey Holman or Sherrill Pohl.

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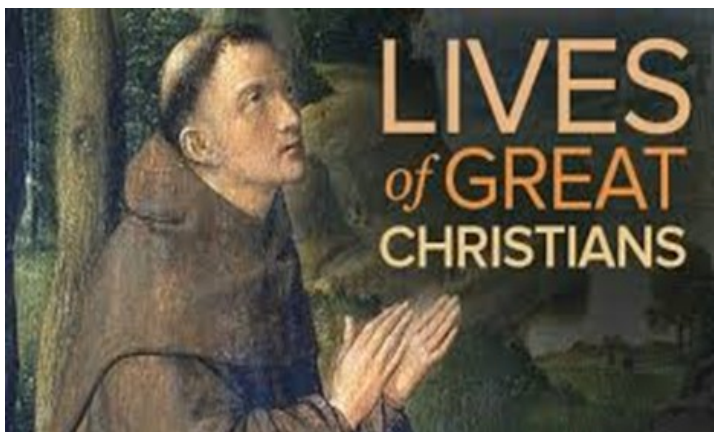
Each entity, including the NT-NL Synod, must discern what being a sanctuary church means for them.

+Sanctuary work can take a number of forms, many our congregations are already doing. The most important is that we be willing to have the challenging conversations about immigration policy in a way that leads to advocacy for bi-partisan action by our leadership to resolve the crisis. This could be hosting English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, partnering with one of our Latinx or immigrant congregations, witnessing and speaking as people of faith to end the detention and separation of children and families. In some congregations this means providing housing for a community member facing deportation. All of these are a step closer to sanctuary in our faith communities and sanctuary in our world for people who have to leave their homes. (end quote)

All sides on the immigration issue agree that our current system is broken and in need of reform. The ELCA is simply stating that we stand with those who are caught in the middle, unable to return safely to their homelands yet unable to legally enter the U.S. As the ELCA talking points state, “While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbors is central to our faith.”

Hopefully this allays any concerns you may have. Rest assured that we have no intention of asking the members of Beautiful Savior to engage in any illegal activities! If you have additional questions, please talk to one of us. You may also want to learn more about these issues by reading Pastor Totzke’s blog posts on our synod’s website, <https://www.ntnl.org/courts-ports-the-issues/> and <https://www.ntnl.org/courts-ports-the-stories/>.

One of the things we appreciate about the ELCA is that no one from “on high” dictates what we all must think about a given issue. The ELCA’s statements are not binding on individual consciences and you are free to disagree with them. At the same time, please know that there are good reasons why the voting members from all over the country have chosen to speak out in this way about this issue. Take the time to learn more about what the actual laws are and the impact those laws are having on God’s children. Pray that our leaders may work together to come up with just policies supported by the majority of people. Pray for the welfare of those who are fleeing their homelands and hoping to find safety in the United States. Pray for our congregation and the ELCA as a whole, that in these divisive times we may find ways to come together and be united as the body of Christ. With God all things are possible!



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The study will include a video from the Great Courses series prepared and narrated by Professor William R. Cook, an expert in medieval history, the Renaissance and the Reformation, and the Distinguished Professor of History at the State University of New York at Geneseo.

Each week, we will watch two 30-minute segments and discuss them.

We all are Called to be Gracious Leaders

Continuing with our new Stewardship program “Holy Currencies,” this month we will consider the Currency of Gracious Leadership. Gracious Leaders help create gracious environments that foster trust and help people speak truthfully, assist conversations in the church and community around issues and concerns to bring greater wellness. Gracious Leadership is the key to increasing the flow of all the other blessings in the Holy Currencies. We ask all to consider – first, to offer your own leadership skills to the work of ministry; second, to commit to growing your leadership skills. As we grow in this gracious leadership currency we will all be invited to mentor others for ministry in the church, and invited to mentor others for ministries beyond the church. Below is a pledge card for the Currency of Gracious Leaders.

Pledge Card for the Currency of Gracious Leaders

I commit to offering my ability to _____ (leadership skills) in support of _____ (name of existing or new ministry in the church).

I commit to participating in _____ (leadership training program) in order to become a more gracious leader.

I commit to mentoring and/or training ____ new leaders in my church to do/be _____ (check with pastors).

My name: _____ My Accountable person: _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date: _____



“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,” Martin Luther reportedly said, “I would still plant my apple tree.” Instead of constantly despairing about this broken-down world, we can remain determined to serve God and our neighbors, planting seeds of life and hope in the process.

Have You Scheduled Your Appointment for the New Pictorial Directory ?

Picture taking days are October 11 and October 12.

There is no cost to you, and each household will receive a free 8 x 10 photo for participating. .

In addition, Lifetouch is now owned by Shutterfly, which means that you can use your church photos (or any other photos you wish to upload) to purchase Christmas cards, mugs, photo books, and all kinds of other gifts. Beautiful Savior now has a Shutterfly Store online; just go to www.beautifulsavioramarillo.shutterflystorefront.com to make your Shutterfly purchases and the church will get a commission from every purchase! If you have any questions, talk with Pastor Wendi.



To schedule your appointment use the link below.

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b16lqnme/>

Or call the church office (359-9483) and Cheryl can help you book an appointment.

Book Club meets every third Monday, at 9:30 am September thru May. Our next meeting is October 21 in the church library.

All who enjoy reading are invited to join our discussions and engage with shared reading experiences.



Church Women United Mission Tour

is October 4. Pick up a flyer in the church narthex.



October 2019

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

Adult SS—8:30 & 11:00

Choir: 10:45 am

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



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Food Pantry
KEENAGERS
12 pm

3

10:00 am
Christian
Study

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8:30 SS
9:30 Worship
10:45
—Fellowship
—Choir
11:00 am SS

7

Sewing
4-8 pm

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Food Pantry

10

10:00 am
Christian
Study

11

Life Touch
Pictures

12

Life Touch
Pictures
8:30 am Ramp
Project
10 am
Endowment

13

8:30 SS
9:30 Worship
10:45
—Fellowship
—Choir
11:00 am SS

14 9:30 Mar-
tha's Circle

Sewing
4-8 pm
7:00 pm
Property

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Food Pantry

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10:00 am
Christian
Study

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8:30 Men's
Breakfast

7:00 pm
Spirituality

20

8:30 SS
9:30 Worship
10:45
—Fellowship
—Choir
11:00 am SS

21

9:30 Book
Club
Sewing
4-8 pm
7:00 pm
Council

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Food Pantry

24

10:00 am
Christian
Study

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8:30 SS
9:30 Worship
10:45
—Fellowship
—Choir
11:00 am SS

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Sewing
4-8 pm

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Food Pantry

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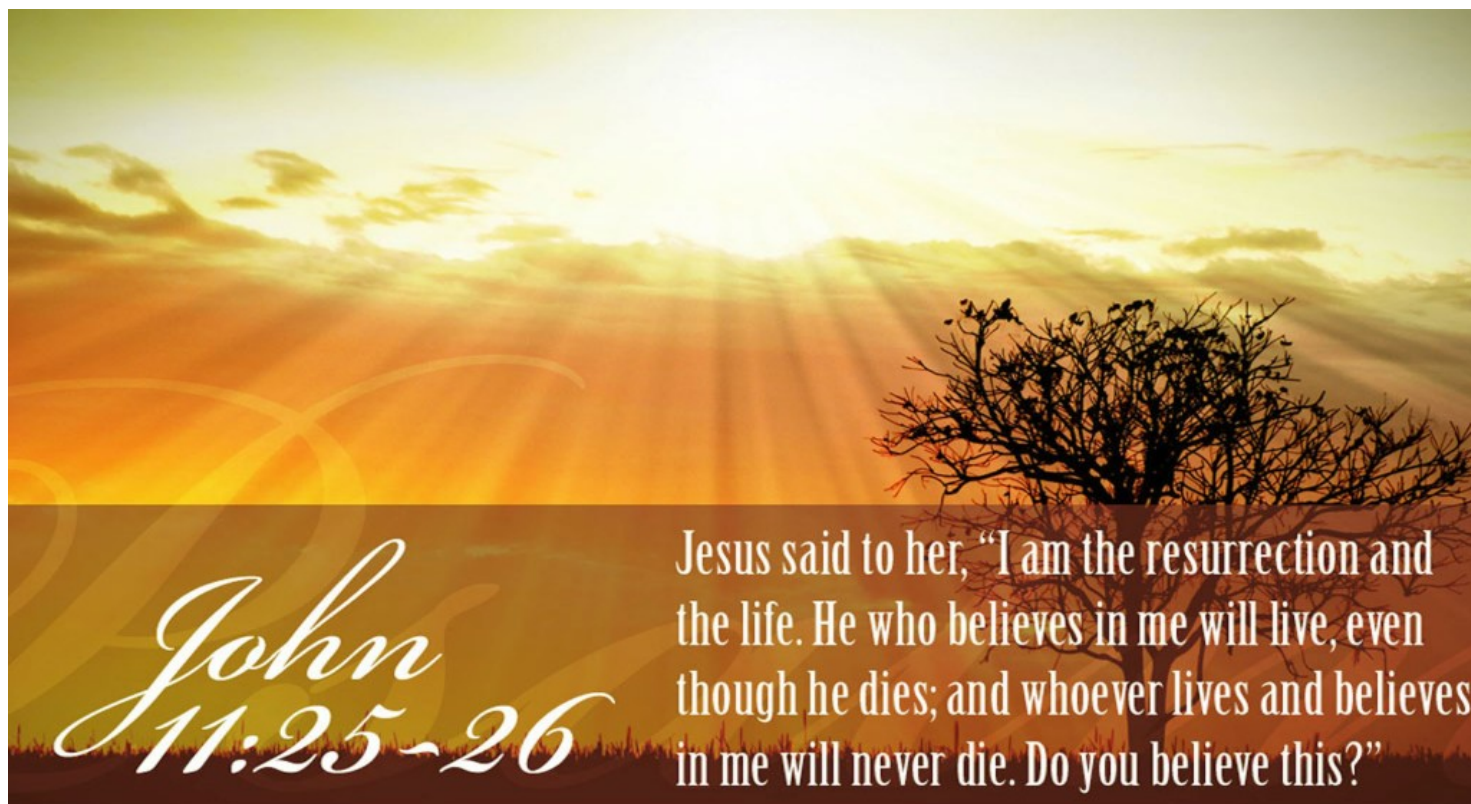
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