

# 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:

In the book Ask, Thank, Tell by Charles Lane, the following mission statement for a stewardship ministry is suggested: "The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them." Notice that this is very different from having a goal of raising enough money to pay our bills. Giving is an important part of the life of a disciple, and the Bible states that it is to be done "as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

Did you know that Jesus talks about money and possessions more than he talks about prayer, forgiveness, or his own death? Clearly it is an important topic, and yet in the church we often avoid talking about money. The fact is that our financial lives are deeply intertwined with our spiritual lives, because as Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). God gives us all that we have, and what we choose to spend our money on reflects our priorities in life. Of course, Jesus wants our hearts turned toward him, not toward wealth or possessions.

To emphasize the importance of thinking about how much you will give, and making a plan to put giving back to God first among your priorities, we are including in this newsletter and in a bulletin insert an estimate of giving card. *Please note that we are NOT asking you to turn this card in at church.* This card is strictly for your own personal use, to set a goal in your giving and see over time how closely you stick to your goal. We encourage you to put it on your refrigerator, your mirror, or anyplace that will enable you to see it regularly and be reminded of the estimate you made.

We hope you will take the time to pray about your giving, talk about it with your loved ones, and fill in the card with an amount that will challenge you to grow in faith. Trust God to provide, and watch what happens!

In Christ,

Pastors Wendi and Steve

## COUNCIL REPORT

### The Congregational Council met on August 21, 2017.

Present: Tanya Berry, Andrea Schmidt, Laurie Dale, Linda Allen, Erich Drochner, Pastors Wendi Gordon and Steve Brauner, David Roulston, Greg Hinders, Joe Froeschle and Cheryl Hall  
Absent: Kevin Krallman, Susan O'Shaughnessy, Richard Owen, Keith Rosenthal

### New Business—

- Carol Froeschle spoke to the council about the forming of an Amarillo chapter of the National Program Family Promise, a program to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. An initial community meeting is being planned at BSLC in October.

- Both Pastor Wendi and Pastor Steve will join with St. George Episcopal in establishing a joint campus ministry for WTA&M called "The Table". They plan to have a regular Thursday evening meal at St George's Episcopal at 5:30 pm and will be looking for volunteers to prepare the dinners.

**Education-** It was noted that Rally Day will be on September 3 and Sunday school will begin on September 10.

**Evangelism** will see about the publicity for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and obtain resources for the 500 anniversary of the Reformation.

### Fellowship—

Saturday, September 30:  
BSLC's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Contact David Roulston if you can help with the following tasks: Decorations, Set-up, Clean-up

Sunday, October 1:  
BSLC's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception: Worship Service 9:30 am (One service only). Reception to be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

**Property** – A claim for a sink-hole in the courtyard has been submitted with the church's insurance company. The collapse of the concrete tiles in the courtyard has worsened and more voids are present near the drain pipe that runs in the middle of the courtyard. Alternatives to the current proposal by Legacy Support works are being considered. Bids are being obtained

**Social Concerns**—Child Outreach International is collecting shoes and small mechanics tools. These items can be new or just in good shape.

We are collecting money for school supplies for Alice Landergerin School (they will purchase the items they actually need).

Please consider volunteering as a Lunch Buddy at Alice Landergerin; contact Judy Rohloff or Jane Roulston.

**Stewardship**—We are focusing on stewardship as discipleship rather than as only about supporting the budget. We are starting a year around program and will have giving cards for personal use (not turned back in). We are excited about this focus and it should serve us well in the years to come.

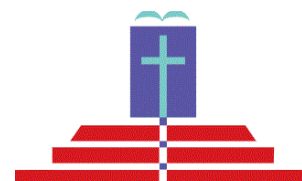
**Worship**—Worship leaders Training class was held Sunday 8/20/17.

We need people to sign up for worship leaders positions

## PANHANDLE CONFERENCE FALL GATHERING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, congregations from the Panhandle Conference will gather at Trinity Lutheran Church, Clovis, NM, for our Fall Gathering. It will be a Reformation Festival with worship led by Pastors Wendi and Steve and fun, unique, and interactive presentations about some aspect of the Reformation from each congregation. Beautiful Savior will lead a game of "Pin the Theses on the Door."

It would be great to have at least two representatives from the congregation attend; speak to Pastor Wendi or Pastor Steve if you are interested in going.



## FINANCIAL NEWS

### July 2017

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of July was \$130,904 (\$3,072 decrease from the beginning of the year). \$80,534 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has increased \$2,834 for the year. \$50,370 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has decreased by \$5,906 for the year. The value of investments in our Endowment Fund is \$168,011, an increase of \$8,698 for the year.

July donations to our General Fund were \$20,240 compared to our anticipated amount of \$15,713 (\$4,527 greater than anticipated). Other receipts were \$1,415 compared to an anticipated amount of \$417. Total Year-to-Date income is \$140,283, \$15,773 less than our anticipated amount of \$156,056. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$2,402. Total receipts for July were \$24,057.

Expenses for July were \$23,643 compared to a budgeted amount of \$22,233. All areas were underspent except Property. Insurance was \$2,281 overspent because premiums are paid quarterly but were budgeted monthly. Repairs & Improvements were \$1,106 over budget for the month but still underspent by \$1,017 for the year. Total monthly expenditures were overspent by \$1,410. Year-to-date Expenditures from the General Fund were \$147,539 compared to a budget of \$159,939, resulting in a \$12,400 underspend.

General Fund expenditures for July exceeded income by \$1,988 (loss).

Cumulative YTD contributions to the General Fund are approximately \$10,500 below the 2011-16 average.



## BSLC ENDOWMENT FUND

An Endowment Fund was established in December 1992, as a tax-exempt entity separate from Church general funds, with an initial investment of \$33,800 and a charter which provided the framework for the establishment of the Endowment Committee to oversee the investments. Twenty-five years later, the overall fund balance (as of June 30, 2017) is \$169,506. This is the result of both strategic growth investments and individual gifts from Church members.

The Endowment Fund “shall enhance the mission of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation.” The current By-Laws governing the Endowment Committee provides for both designated as well as undesignated funds comprising the overall general Endowment fund. The income from these funds (interest and dividends) may be used to finance various projects which are not provided for within the general Church operating budget. Designated named funds may be restricted for specific use. The funds’ principal is protected from use to fund projects operations.

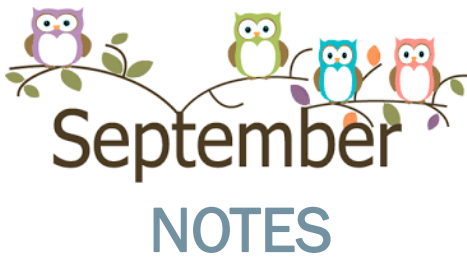


The Endowment Committee receives requests to finance projects from Church Council and also from individual Church members. Such requests should be accompanied with a specific budget and must be approved by both the Committee and Church Council before expenditure is authorized. Various requests for funding have been recommended to Church Council and have been approved.

This is a brief description of the purpose and administration of the BSLC Endowment Fund and Committee. The Committee meets quarterly; the Minutes and Financial Statement are posted on the bulletin board across from the Altar Care workroom.

A recent gift to the Endowment Fund came from Joe Freshnoch’s estate, which established a named and designated fund for which income may be used only for maintenance and upkeep of the Columbaria and Courtyard.

Individual Church members are encouraged to consider gifts to the Endowment Fund through Church offering envelopes, as memorials or within their estates. For more information about the Endowment Fund, or if you would be interested in serving on the Endowment Committee, please contact any of the current committee members: Dorothy Bivens, Biff Flatt, Butch Habeger, Mark Newman, and Diane Reinschmidt.



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  
September 6 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 this month. Bob and Evelyn Wells, Marjorie and Eugene Spencer, and Marilyn Schleh

## Happy Birthday!

09/01	Rochelle Berg
09/03	Blair Berg
	Brian Harlow
09/04	Lori Luikart
09/06	Ashley Jenkins
	Anthony Tuttle
09/09	Konni Murphy
09/20	Courtney Johnson
09/27	Marian Cole

## PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

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

A Committal Service was held for **Sandra Jacobson** on August 19.



"As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his people"  
(Psalm 125:2, ESV).

Thanks, God, for surrounding me always  
with your love and mercy.



There is progress in a Christian's life when he may not seem to be going ahead — like a canal boat in a lock, when it stands still but is rising all the time. —D.L. Moody

# FREE PRAYER

Palace Coffee House, 7304 SW 34<sup>th</sup>

**Pastors Steve & Wendi**

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**

Stop by for a cup of coffee, conversation, and prayer.

Thursday mornings 9:00 am to 12 noon

Let's beautify the area before our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Come and help clean up the parsonage landscape** on Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 am. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



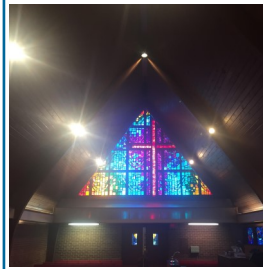
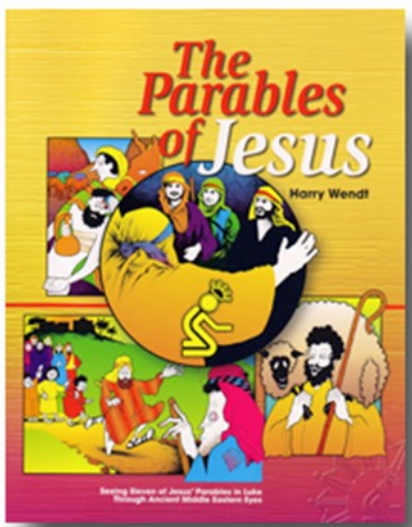


## **“The Parables of Jesus”** presented by Dr. Ken Bailey

Gene Reneau will lead discussion of this fresh and thought provoking video series, which looks at the parables of Jesus from a Middle Eastern perspective.

Jesus' parables are timeless, powerful, and profound. Yet there is a dimension to them that can only be appreciated fully when seen through ancient Middle Eastern eyes. Drawing on remarkable cultural and historical insights from renowned New Testament and Middle East scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey, this course explores how Jesus' audience would have understood eleven of Jesus' parables as recorded in Luke.

Continuing the dvd series **this fall** in adult Sunday school by the fireside.



Please Note: On Sunday, Sept, 3, (Rally Day) we will return to two worship services at 8:30 & 11:00 am.

Sunday School Classes begin on September 10th.

### **Introduction to the New Testament History and Literature**

This Sunday school class for adults, led by Jan Werner, returns this fall on September 10th in the church library.

This course provides a historical study of the origins of Christianity by analyzing the literature of the earliest Christian movements in historical context, concentrating on the New Testament.

**NEEDED:** We will be collecting children's (ages 4-16) shoes again for Mexico and Guatemala until the middle of Sept. We also can use smaller mechanics tools like wrenches, socket sets etc. Preferably in metric but we can use any. We have several locations where they would be a big help. These donations do not have to be new.

Thanks to all who partner with us in missions. You are a blessing to many.

Fred & Wanda Garcia  
Child Outreach International



Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account? **Beautiful Savior** offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account.

# Electronic Giving: Fast, easy, & secure

**We would love to help you get started!** Pick up an authorization form from the church office or setup and manage yourself by clicking on [give](#) on the church website at <https://www.beautifulsavior.org>.





**Don't forget to direct  
Choice Dollars®**

Through Thrivent's member-advised charitable grant program, Thrivent Choice®, eligible members can recommend where some of Thrivent Financials' charitable outreach funds are distributed by directing Choice Dollars.

Since 2010 Beautiful Savior has received generous dollars through the designations of Thrivent choice dollars of our members.

### **How to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars**

#### **Online:**

Step 1— Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

Step 2— Click on "log in" at the top right of your screen and enter your MyThrivent user ID and password. (If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, click on "register" to register.)

Step 3— Look for your designated Choice Dollars on the right side of the screen.

Step 4— Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent Choice® box on your MyThrivent page.

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Step 2— When prompted, say "Choice Dollars."

Step 3— Say or enter your Social Security number.

Step 4— Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions.

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### **Personal Estimate of Giving**

After prayerful consideration, to support the missions and ministries of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church I/we estimate general fund gifts of

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per week

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per month.

For more information about online giving and giving by automatic draft, contact the church office or click “give” on the church website at <https://www.beautifulsavior.org>.

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### Martha Circle

Meet in the church library at 9:30 a.m. on September 11 to begin this year's in depth study on the Reformation.

Audrey Holman will be hostess and Audrey Taylor will lead a presentation centered on Martin Luther's wife, Katharina von Bora Luther, entitled "Katie.Luther's legacy"

All women of the church are welcome! Bring suggestions for further studies on the topic of the 500th anniversary of the reformation.



**Church Women United** is an international ecumenical group of Christian Women which meets in Amarillo on the first Friday of each month September-May.

On September 7th the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. at Faith Southwest Methodist Church, 4415 Wesley Drive and Andy Justus will talk with the group about "Growing Up at Boys' Ranch." Contact Audrey Taylor 655-2387 to carpool or for further details.

The **Book Club/Library Committee** meets on Monday, September 18 at 9:30. We will talk about what we have read over the summer and plan for the rest of the year. Bring recommendations.



## Day of Spirituality

*If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. (John 14:15-17, NRSV)*

BSLC will hold a Day of Spirituality on September 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-11AM. This day will let you explore the profound insight that the Holy Spirit dwells within each of us (see passage above). You will be able to pick two of the following practices:

*Centering Prayer* – a silent prayer to experience God speaking with you.

*Spiritual Journaling* – a process of connecting with God through writing.

*Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading)* – slow prayerful reading of Scripture.

*Labyrinth Walk* – a walking prayer in a sacred space.

If you have any questions, ask Pastor Steve or Pastor Wendi. Come and experience this wonderful way to be children of God!

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Saturday, September 30th at 5:00 pm

## Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

You are cordially invited to dinner as we celebrate 70 blessed years. There will also be a special worship service on Sunday, October 1 at 9:30 am and a reception afterward.

<sup>6</sup>Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Philippians 1:6 (KJV)



Dinner tickets \$15 in Advance; \$20 at the Door

Children 5-12 are \$8

Children 5 and under Free

To purchase tickets contact a member of the fellowship committee or the church office.

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3 Worship 8:30/11:00  Rally Day!	4  Office Closed	5  6:00 pm Choir	6 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	7	8	9  8:30 Ramp Builders
10 Worship 8:30/11:00 SS 9:45	11 9:30 Martha's Circle  6:30 Sewing	12  6:00 pm Choir	13 10-12 pm Food Pantry	14	15	16 8:30 Men's Breakfast
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**Office Hours - Monday thru Thursday, 9:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00-3:00PM (closed during the noon hour)    Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM**

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

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

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