

GOOD NEWS

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our congregation
celebrates
communion at each
service.

**Sunday Summer
Worship Schedule**
9:30 AM WORSHIP

Please Note: On
Sunday, September 3,
(Rally Day) we will return
to two worship services
at 8:30 & 11:00 am.
Sunday School Classes
begin on September
10th.

FROM THE PASTORS:

A few weeks ago we received our *FREE PRAYER* sign for our office hours at Palace Coffee. At the bottom of the sign it has a quote from Martin Luther – “Pray, and let God worry ...” The very first week we had someone ask for prayer. We look forward to many more conversations and requests for prayers in the future.

Pray, and let God worry – what great advice! Although it is much easier to say than to do. It is so easy to hold onto the worries and cares that we have in life. Even after praying about some concern we often hold onto it and let it overwhelm us. *Pray, and let God worry* – if only we could really, truly do that!

Paul writes in Philippians 4:6 “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Paul is offering here some sound advice. He is inviting the people at the church in Philippi, and us, to have a rich and deep prayer life. He advises us to talk with God about all that is happening in our lives, everything, and to lift up all our requests.

We might be thinking that we do not have the time or the energy to lift it all up. We are too busy, and too overwhelmed to do that. But maybe that is the whole point. If we would allow ourselves the time to lift it up, we could then stop worrying about it all, as God’s spirit rests with and in us, and God begins to show the way forward, God’s way forward.



Pastor Wendi (and Pastor Steve) are at Palace Coffee House, 7304 SW 34th Ave. on Thursday mornings from 9AM to 12 Noon. Stop by for a cup of coffee, conversation, and prayer.

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COUNCIL REPORT

The Congregational Council met on July 24, 2017.

Present: Kevin Krallman, Richard Owen, Keith Rosenthal, Laurie Dale, Linda Allen, Erich Drochner, Pastors Wendi Gordon and Steve Brauner, David Roulston, Greg Hinders, Joe, Froeschle and Cheryl Hall

Absent: Andrea Schmidt, Susan O'Shaughnessy, Tanya Berry

New Business—Laurie Dale presented to the council a gift to the church of a beautiful handcrafted quilt commemorating the church's 70th anniversary.

Looking Ahead-

70th Anniversary- September 30 is the date scheduled for the celebration of this milestone.

Pastor's Report—We enjoyed a week of vacation from July 3rd – 9th visiting Wendi's family in North Carolina. Otherwise, we continued our usual work of visiting homebound and hospitalized members, attending committee meetings, working with Cheryl to get bulletins and newsletters done, and being available to visit with members and others both in the church office and at Palace Coffee House.

We met with Faith Grisham, Randall County's Better Living for Texans Extension Assistant. She shared with us details of a free "Fresh Start to a Healthier You" program she wants to offer at Beautiful Savior to our food pantry clients and anyone else who may be interested. She will promote the program on July 19th and 26th during our food pantry hours, and if there is sufficient interest start a four-session class on August 23rd at 9:30 AM. Participants who complete all four sessions will receive a reusable grocery bag full of useful kitchen gadgets.

Pastor Steve also met with Crystal Taylor with Interim Health Care Home Care and Hospice; Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to people in the final months of life. See flyer on the bulletin board for more details or talk with Pastor Steve.

Evangelism — Working to update the BSLC constitution with Pastor Steve and Jonathan Hinders.

Fellowship— Coordinated food for VBS, and the church BBQ on July 23. We plan to have a leftover BBQ on Aug 6 at 12:00 pm. The next committee meeting will be on August 9. Fajitas' will be served with sides contributed by attendees. A 'Corn Meal/Jello Deal' is planned for August 26 at 6:00 pm. Congregation members are encouraged to grab a couple of cans of surplus corn from the church food pantry and bring a dish using the corn, and/or bring a jello dessert.

Office Report—

A weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual check list for cleaning the church is now in place.

FYI: Over 300 youth, (mission trips, Boy Scouts) stayed overnight in the church gym while traveling in June and July.

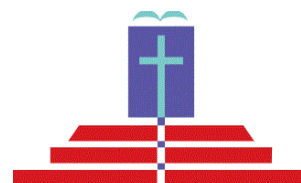
Property – Submitted a bid for repair work in the courtyard. The bid will be submitted to the congregation. A bid to relight the sanctuary was approved and tabled until August when financing will be discussed.

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We, along with Paul and Martin Luther, invite you to pray in this way, then to wait and listen for God's presence and answer, for God loves you richly. You might find that your worries will lessen and God's peace and love will fill you and support you in ways you never thought possible. *Pray, and let God worry.*

In Christ,
Pastors Steve and Wendi



FINANCIAL NEWS

June 2017

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of June was \$133,381 (\$595 decrease from the beginning of the year). \$81,724 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has increased \$4,024 for the year. \$51,657 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has decreased by \$4,619 for the year. The value of investments in our Endowment Fund is \$164,446, an increase of \$5,132 for the year.

June donations to our General Fund were \$15,862 compared to our anticipated amount of \$20,379 (\$4,497 less than anticipated). Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$2,717. Total receipts for June were \$18,789.

Expenses for June were \$20,072 compared to a budgeted amount of \$22,780. Year-to-date Expenditures from the General Fund were \$123,895 compared to a budget of \$137,705, resulting in a \$13,810 underspend (\$11,378 underspend taking into consideration compensation differences).

Dedicated Accounts expenditures were \$2,149. Major expenditures were for benevolences (\$573), Helping Hand Fund (\$386), Fellowship Savings (\$745), and Memorial Fund (\$248).

General Fund expenditures for June exceeded income by \$4,000 (loss).



Social Concerns —God fed 225 people through the food pantry, the sewing group is taking a break for the summer, continued delivery of Meals on Wheels. Snack Pack 4 kids is not packing this summer. The ramp project did not build in June.

Worship—A big thank you to all who have signed up to assist with worship. Note: The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board just outside the sacristy.

FREE PRAYER

Palace Coffee House, 7304 SW 34th

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



70th Anniversary

September 30th at 5:00 pm

To God Be the Glory for the Things He Has Done.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church





AUGUST NOTES



Pray together

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
August 2 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 this month.

Happy Birthday!

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| 08/04 | Rich Allen |
| 08/07 | Kenneth Berry |
| 08/12 | John Krallman |
| 08/14 | Tom Woolsey |
| 08/21 | Marsha Moller |
| 08/24 | John Pristash |
| 08/28 | Carla Nuss |
| 08/31 | Alex Sanchez Noah Sanchez |

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers.....

A Committal Service was held for **Dennis Alexander** on July 15.

Michelle Jenkins and Edgar Nava were married at BSLC on July 29.



HOSPICE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

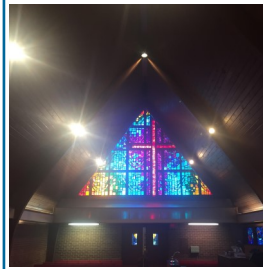
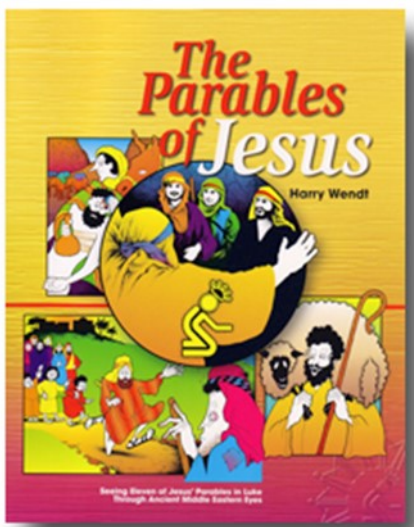
Interim Health Care Home Care and Hospice is looking for Hospice volunteers to provide companionship to people in the final months of life. See flyer on the bulletin board for more details or talk with Pastor Steve.

“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 ect. 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

Special Congregational Meeting

The Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church council has called a special congregational meeting on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary to vote on the proposed work (the cost which exceeds \$10,000) to repair the church courtyard. You can pick up a copy of the bid in the narthex. We hope that you can attend this very important meeting.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT TRAINING TO BE HELD AUGUST 20TH

Would you like to learn how to be an assistant minister, lector, usher, communion assistant, greeter, or gift-bearer? It's easier than you think, and the church could really use your help! Please plan to attend a training session in the sanctuary on August 20th right after worship. Pastors Steve and Wendi will walk through the duties of each of these positions and show you everything you need to know. Hopefully we will get some new people signed up to help, especially since we will soon be back to two services and need twice as many helpers!

CONFIRMATION PLANNING MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST 27TH

If your child will be in 7th grade or older and has not yet been confirmed, please plan to attend and bring your child to this important planning meeting after worship in the parlor on Sunday, August 27th. We will be setting the schedule for confirmation for the year, and we want your input so we can find a day and time that works for everyone. Please see Pastor Steve or Pastor Wendi if you have any questions.



FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST



It was so good—lets do it again!

Leftover BBQ Meal

Sunday, Aug 6 at 12.00 pm.

The congregation brings sides.



The next fellowship committee meeting will be on August 9 at 6:00 pm. Fajitas' will be served with the sides contributed by attendees. All parties that are interested in helping with fellowship activities are encouraged to come.



Corn Salsa



Corn Casseroles

Corn Fritters

A **Corn Meal/Jello Deal** is planned for August 26 at 6:00 pm. Congregation members are encouraged to grab a couple of cans of surplus corn from the church food pantry and bring a dish using the corn, and/or bring a jello dessert. Pick up your canned corn in the church narthex.

Corn & Ham

Corn salad

Combread



Corn Chowder





Hospice Needs Volunteers!

Volunteers provide important services to the people they serve in our community.
Who makes a good Volunteer?

Anyone with the compassion for people

Compassionate volunteers are at the heart of Interim HealthCare Hospice's mission to provide excellent end of life care to each patient and family, serving all people at the end of life's journey. Our schedule is flexible and training is provided.

What does a volunteer do?

- Provides companionship to a person in the final months and weeks of life
- Offering support to family members and caregivers
- Helping with community outreach
- Bereavement support
- Administrative assistance in the Interim Hospice office
- Creating, crafting, using your talents for events

As a hospice volunteer you will be given the choice as to how much and what types of things you want to do.

Why volunteer?

- Immeasurable reward
- You WILL make a difference in someone's life
- Lifelong gratification of knowing you were a part of something bigger
- Someone needs you • We need you

What is required?

- Must be able to pass a background check, drug screening, and tuberculosis screening. These are provided by Interim at no cost to you.
- Minimum time requirement is one hour per week.

Hospice volunteers make a difference in our community every day. If you are interested in volunteering with Interim Hospice, please call or email — Crystal Taylor, Volunteer Program Manager
352-0241 or crystal.taylor@interimhh.com



A FRESH START to a **Healthier You!**

Sign Up Now for August Class

Tentative Date: August 23, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Join us and receive

- Support of friends
- Confidence to cook healthy meals for your children and family
- Practical cooking and shopping tips
- Handy kitchen tools
- Recipes for success in the kitchen

For More Information Contact:

Faith Grisham

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*More Information
Provided on
July 19th and
July 26th during the
Beautiful Savior
Lutheran Church
Food Distribution.*

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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

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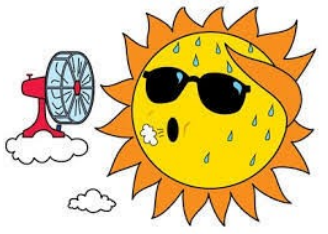
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| <p>I take JOY in doing your will, my GOD, for your instructions are written on my heart.</p> <p><small>Psalm 40:8</small></p> | | 1 | 2 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9:30 Worship 12:00 Left- over BBQ Meal | 7 | 8 | 9 10-12 pm Food Pantry 6: 00 Fellow- ship Meeting /Dinner | 10 | 11 | 12 8:30 Ramp Builders |
| 13 9:30 Worship 11:00 Con- gregational Meeting | 14 7 pm Property | 15 | 16 10-12 pm Food Pantry | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:30 Worship 9:45 Worship Asst Training | 21 6:30 Council | 22 | 23 10-12 pm Food Pantry 9:30 Fresh Start – Nutrition | 24 | 25 | 26 12:00 Corn Meal/Jello Deal |
| 27 8:30 /11:00 Worship 10:45 Confir- mation Meet- ing | 28 | 29 | 30 10-12 pm Food Pantry | 31 |  | |



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Sunday Summer Schedule - 9:30 am

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

Church Council: Kevin Krallman, President; Joe Froeshle, VP; Tanya Berry, Education; Linda Allen, Evangelism; Richard Owen, Fellowship; Erich Drochner, Finance; David Roulston, Stewardship; Greg Hinders Social Concerns; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Andrea Schmidt, Youth; Laurie Dale, Worship; Susan O'Shaughnessy, Secretary

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