



# 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 we continue to celebrate Christmas these first few days of January, we remember that there was no room for Mary and Joseph, and Jesus was born in a room where animals slept. It could be said that the Holy Family was temporarily a homeless family.

There are many homeless families in Amarillo today, and we are exploring a way to help them through an organization called Family Promise. Two meetings have been held thus far, and the next meeting is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>. Carol Froeschle is co-chair of the task force that is getting an affiliate of Family Promise started here in Amarillo, and we are also involved in this effort. It is our hope and prayer that Beautiful Savior will be one of 13 area churches providing temporary (one week four times a year) shelter.

So how does Family Promise work? 13 churches each commit to opening up their facilities to homeless families to stay overnight for one week four times a year. There are no more than 14 people including children in the program at a given time. These families stay at the churches overnight, and the churches provide supper, sandwich fixings so the families can make their own sack lunches, and a simple breakfast each morning. Churches also provide volunteers to prepare and serve the meals, socialize with the families, and sleep at the church with the families.

Families are pre-screened (criminal background checks and drug screenings) and while in the program they go to a day center where a case manager helps them find work, get credit counseling, and set goals. Children old enough for school go to school from the day center, and parents who are employed go to their jobs. There is a van to transport families to and from the day center and participating congregations.

Families are initially admitted into the program for a 30-day stay; if they are progressing satisfactorily their stay may be extended as they continue to search for affordable housing.

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## COUNCIL NEWS

### **The Congregational Council met on Nov. 20, 2017.**

Present: Present: Pastor Steve Brauner, Pastor Wendi Gordon, David Roulston, Cheryl Hall, Kevin Krallman, Richard Owen, Keith Rosenthal, Tanya Berry, Laurie Dale, Greg Hinders, Erich Drochner, Linda Allen  
Guests: Kendra Berry, Biff Flatt, Jeff Worley and Susan O'Shaughnessy.

Unable to Attend: Andrea Schmidt, Joe Froeschle

### **New Business—**

- A motion was made to accept Joe Froeschle as the President, Biff Flatt as the Vice-President, Jeff Worley as the Secretary and Kendra Berry as the Evangelism Chair Person for next year's council positions, with all other council members retaining their previous positions.

- Office Vacations – End of December- the church office will be closed from December 25 – 29, 2017. The answering machine will be updated by Pastor Steve to inform callers and to provide contact information to those who have an emergency.

- Richard Owen informed the council that the ice machine in the gymnasium kitchen had not been operational for some time now. Fortuitously, Thrivent will donate \$300 to BSLC for their use of the Fellowship Hall on December 7<sup>th</sup>. This donation will cover the repair of the ice machine. He also mentioned that members of the church will be donating new round tables for use in the Fellowship Hall.

**Pastors Report—**Pastors thanked the council for their hard work over the past year and noted looking forward to a wonderful 2018! Special thanks to Kevin Krallman, Linda Allen and Susan O'Shaughnessy for their service. The three of you will be missed on Council!

**Fellowship—**Richard Owen reported that there will be a simple Epiphany Gathering on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Members of the congregation will be asked to bring appetizers to share.

**Education—**The young adults met at Tanya & Spencer Berry's house in December. Moving forward, the group plans to meet 1x/month and use the Wired Word as a curriculum.

**Property—**The bill for the repair of the courtyard is now finalized in the amount of \$14,417.

A recent gas repair to the church parsonage has resulted in an expenditure of \$1,800. There will be an additional charge of \$183/hour for the plumbing contractor to test the lines and bury the pipe going to the meter.

**Social Concerns—**God fed 436 people through the food pantry, the sewing group is working Monday evenings, continued delivery of Meals on Wheels. Snack Pack 4 kids is packing every other Tuesday. The Beautiful Savior Ramp team supported the SAGE group at WTAMU building three ramps in November. Jane and Judy continue their support at Alice Landergin Elementary.

**Worship—**Church was decorated on 12/2/2017. Thanks to everyone who came out to help.

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If you would like more information about Family Promise, or would like to be part of the team as we get it started, please talk to one of us or to Carol Froeschle. It typically takes 18 months or so to get the program up and running, so we still have a long way to go, but we see this as an exciting new ministry that can help Beautiful Savior live out its commitment to loving, growing, and serving.

Pastors Wendi and Steve

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### November 2017

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of November was \$135,989 (\$2,013 increase from the beginning of the year). \$87,525 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has increased \$9,826 for the year. \$48,463 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has decreased by \$7,812 for the year. The value of investments in our Endowment Fund is \$171,645, an increase of \$12,330 for the year.

November donations to our General Fund were \$17,934 compared to our anticipated amount of \$15,956 (\$1,978 more than anticipated). Other receipts were \$96 compared to an anticipated amount of \$417. Total Year-to-Date income is \$211,100, \$20,137 less than our anticipated amount of \$231,237. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$5,230. Total receipts for November were \$23,260.

Expenses for November were \$14,079 compared to a budgeted amount of \$22,707. Major area of underspend was Staff Expenses (\$4,828). This resulted from lower than budgeted compensation for our pastors. \$1,970 is attributed to pastors' pension/health premium being paid in December instead of November. December will have two such payments. All other areas, except Social Concerns (\$458), were underspent with the biggest portion being Property (\$3,170). Year-to-date Expenditures from the General Fund were \$220,451 compared to a budget of \$250,667, resulting in a \$30,216 underspend.

Dedicated Accounts expenditures were \$2,207. Major expenditures were from Benevolences (\$605), Helping Hands (\$594), Youth Savings (\$288), Ramp Project (\$200), and Flowers (\$100).

General Fund income for November exceeded expenditures by \$3,951 (gain). General Fund expenditures YTD 2017 exceeded income by \$9,351.

Cumulative YTD contributions to the General Fund are approximately \$17,230 below the 2011-16 average.





## Notes



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.

## January Birthdays

01/06 Lucille Longhofer  
 01/07 Eugene Spencer  
 01/14 Kayne Luikart  
 01/15 Gregg Johnson  
 1/25 Tim Longhofer  
       Neal O'Shaughnessy  
 1/28 Fred Snyder  
 01/31 Jeff Antle  
       Greg Rohloff

Count our blessings!

## PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

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

### **KEENAGERS** **Wednesday** **January 3 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.

Hosting: C. Kelly, Herpichs, and Petersens

Our sympathies to the Nunn and Rohloff families on the death of David Nunn.

### **A New Year's Prayer**

Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year, For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame. So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen

## The 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas January 6, 2018

**COME and JOIN us for  
--- an Epiphany Brunch**



10am - 1 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Amarillo

### **Stars of Christmas**

--a program: *The Many Stars of Christmas*  
presented by Pastor Hesse

--Star Ornament Exchange  
bring a star to exchange

**All women of the area Lutheran churches  
are encouraged to attend. Cost \$5.00**

*Sponsored by Trinity Lutheran LVVML society*



## Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:15PM

In addition to the usual business and receiving reports, we will be ratifying the constitution update that we approved at the November Congregational Meeting. You have all received copies of the updates which were approved with the following amendments added: at C12.01. the word "ten" is replaced by "eight" in reference to the minimal congregational council size (plus officers and pastors); at C10.03., C16.01., C16.04., and C17.03. the words "as requested by the member" are added after "electronic means" in reference to notifications of congregational meetings. Ratification requires a two-thirds vote of those present

We will be taking down the Chrismon tree and decorations on Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 am. If you are able, please come and help.

Thanks



## MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha's Circle will meet on Monday, January 8 in the church library at 9:30 am. We will continue our study of the Apostle's Creed using the November issue of Gather magazine. Marilyn Waugh will lead the study.

Audrey Taylor will be hostess. All women of the church are welcome.

Every other **Tuesday at 5:45 p.m.**, as many as 150 volunteers gather to pack more than 4,300 bags. Our warehouse is located in Amarillo at 2406 SW 3rd Ave.

### 2018

January 9th, 23rd  
February 6th, 20th  
March 6th, 20th  
April 3rd, 17th  
May 1st, 15th



## Young Adults to Meet January 14<sup>th</sup>

At our last gathering, we agreed to meet monthly and use "The Wired Word" to combine a discussion of current events with Bible Study. Everyone ages 18 – 34 is welcome to join us. Our next gathering will be Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM at the home of Blair and Jessica Berg, 2310 Victoria in Amarillo. Bring your own beverage of choice and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you there!





For the staff Christmas Gifts

Pastor Wendí, Pastor Steve,  
Cheryl, Marsha, Juanita, and  
Kayla

We are looking forward to another  
great year with all of you!



## Amarillo Family Promise Next Meeting

Where: First Nazarene Church,  
5201 S Soncy Rd

When: January, 18, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Our mission is to help homeless and low-income  
families achieve sustainable independence.



**An Epiphany gathering** is being planned for Saturday, January 6 at 6:00 pm. This year we are asking everyone to bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share. Coffee, mulled cranberry tea, hot chocolate will be served.

Please join us as we celebrate together with carols and fellowship the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus **Christ**.

## The repairing of our court yard



A bit of a mess in the fellowship hall.





# January 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 10-12 pm Food Pantry	4	5	6 10am Take down the Chrismon Tree 4:30 pm Laby- rinth Walk 6pm Epiphany Gathering
7 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation-to be moved	8 9:30 Martha's Circle  6:30 Sewing	9	10 10-12 pm Food Pantry	11	12	13 8:30 Ramp Builders
14 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation	15 9:30 Book Club  6:30 Sewing 7 pm Council	16	17 10-12 pm Food Pantry	18 7:00 Family Promise—!st Nazarene	19	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast  4:30 pm Laby- rinth Walk
21 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation- to be moved	22  6:30 Sewing	23	24 10-12 pm Food Pantry	25	26	27
28 Worship 8:30/11:00 12:15 Cong. Meeting 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confir- mation	29  6:30 Sewing	30	31 10-12 pm Food Pantry			



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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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