

# Good News

A PUBLICATION OF BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## FROM PASTOR LEAH

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

The season of Advent is here! Advent is one of my favorite times during the church year. Advent invites us to slow down and enjoy some quiet moments of reflection in the midst of holiday preparations and the uncertainty that surrounds us. We can pause, take a deep breath, and focus our hearts and our minds on Jesus, the greatest gift of love we have ever received from our gracious God. During the season of Advent, we wait with anticipation for that glorious day when Jesus will return!

One way that our community of faith at Beautiful Savior will be celebrating this season of hope, peace, love, and joy is through food, fellowship, and worship. Our soup & sandwich suppers and Advent Worship will be held on Wednesday evenings, December 1, 8, and 15. We will gather for supper at 6:15 PM and the worship service will begin at 7:00 PM. We will be using Holden Evening Prayer during these services.

It is my hope and prayer that you will be able to join us during this special season in the midst of the busyness of life.

Advent Blessings!

Pastor Leah



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## Worship

***Sundays Mornings***  
***9:30 AM with communion***

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

### Staff:

**Leah Lawson, Pastor**  
**Cheryl Hall, Office Manager**  
**Marsha Moller, Music Director**

## The Church Council met on November 15, 2021.

Those in attendance: Johnny Reinschmidt, Biff Flatt, Greg Rohloff, Kendra Massey, Laurie Dale, Ingrid Owen, Linda Allen, D'Ann Berry, Rita DeMar, Pastor Leah

**Mutual Ministry:** David Cole, Mark Newman & Nancy Conley will serve on this ministry.

### Pastor's Report:

- I will be taking vacation time on Monday, November 22 and returning Sunday, December 6.
- Our Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 16 was a great time to be outside in God's glorious creation and to give thanks for our pets!
- I attended the NT – NL Synod Leadership Convocation at Briarwood Leadership Center in Argyle, October 18-20. I met our Bishop, Erik Gronberg and I met other pastors who serve in our synod. It's always wonderful to gather together for fellowship and learning!
- Congratulations to Brielle Worley who signed her National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Abilene Christian University on Wednesday, November 10. I along with a few other siblings in Christ from Beautiful Savior were there to celebrate with Brielle and her parents, Jeff and Kyndra.
- I attended the Home Communion Team meeting on Saturday, October 30. It was a great opportunity for me to learn more about this ministry. Even though Beautiful Savior has a full-time pastor once again, there is a desire to continue this ministry. We will work together to ensure that we are reaching out to all of our members who desire a visit and communion.

### Fellowship: Activities planned:

- ◇ Cookie Decorating Fund raiser for Braille Worley to include money tree and selling of decorated cookies.
  - ◇ New Year's Eve Party 3-7 pm. Dinner and games.
  - ◇ Fundraiser dinner for 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - ◇ Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Laurie Dale will make a lap quilt to raffle off for 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Look for more information coming in your Sunday bulletins.

### Evangelism/Social Concerns:

The food pantry provided 43 meals that feed 87 people in October. One ramp was built in October. The sewing group is active again and made items for the cancer patients.

**Property** is requesting approval of funds for the A/C from the Endowment Committee

**Worship:** Look for the yearly opportunity to purchase poinsettias in early December. The Christmas Tree will go up Saturday, December 4th at 9:30 AM and be taken down after Epiphany on Saturday, January 8. Wednesday evening services will be Dec. 1st, 8th & 15th.

Altar Care members are signing up for dates in Advent, thanks to everyone who steps in to fill any gaps whether preparing, cleaning up after services or serving during worship. Gratitude to Marian Cole and Laurie Dale for their ever present kindness and being willing to help. Thanks also to Hal Wisker for stepping up to be Assistant Minister so often and seamlessly.

**Our Annual Report and Congregational Meeting is set for January 23 following the worship service.**

### Church Council:

**Biff Flatt,**; VP, **Laurie Dale**, Secretary; **Kendra Massey**, Education/Youth; **Ingrid Owen**, Fellowship; **Rita De Mar** Evangelism/Social Concerns' **D'Ann Berry**, Treasurer; **Johnny Reinschmidt**, Property; **Greg Rohloff**, Stewardship' **Linda Allen**, Worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

## Treasurer's Report October of Fiscal Year 2021

INCOME	Month Actual	Budget
<b>OFFERINGS</b>		
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	20,491.84	18,812.50
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	160.00	62.50
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>		
BUILDING USE	0.00	83.33
MISCELLANEOUS	-59.99	20.83
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,435.85</b>	<b>18,916.66</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>20,960.46</b>	

BSLC  
Treasurer's Summary  
October 2021

For the month of October, our income was \$20,435.85 on a budget of \$18,916.66, so we came in above budgeted income by \$1,519.19. Our expenses for October were \$20,960.46 on a budget of \$23,171.70 which was \$2,211.24 below budgeted expenses. Our income for the month was \$524.61 less than expenses

**NEW & IMPROVED  
KEENAGERS**

**Wednesday, December 1**  
**Come at 11:15 and go**  
**through the balance class**  
**exercises. Even if you did not**  
**come to the initial balance**  
**class, come anyway and**  
**improve your flexibility and**  
**balance. Our Luncheon will**  
**be Potluck (meat provided)**  
**at noon as usual.**

**Hosting: Bill Tietgens,**  
**Dorothy Bivens,**  
**Johnny & Diane Reinschmidt**



12/02 Linda Runkle  
12/04 Linda Allen  
Bill Tietgens  
12/05 Jessica Berg  
12/08 Jeff Worley  
Arliss Johnson  
12/09 Hal Wisker  
12/11 Judith Hanson  
12/13 Bea Kirkeeng  
12/15 Dustin Rosenthal  
12/28 Melinda Flatt  
12/31 Kenneth Huckabee

If you need pastoral care of a visit or phone call, contact the church office. Call the church office at 359-9483 (Pastor Leah's office hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday –Thursday) . To add prayer requests into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin and/or the prayer chain. To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office at beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com

**Please keep in your prayers:**

**Under Hospice Care**  
Ruth Holman  
Genevieve Miller



**Special Date in  
December**

**On December 5**  
**Join us at worship and**  
**following reception to**  
**welcome our new**  
**members:**

**Charles & Corinne**  
**Wright**

**Dorothy Chesley**





## *A Season of Preparation*

### **Wednesday, December 1**

**6:15 PM Soup & Sandwich Supper**  
**7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer**

### **Saturday, December 4 at 10:00 AM**

**Come! Help Decorate the Church**

### **Wednesday, December 8**

**6:15 PM Soup & Sandwich Supper**  
**7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer**

### **Wednesday, December 15**

**6:15 PM Soup & Sandwich Supper**  
**7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer**

### **Friday, December 24**

**7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service**

How astounding to know that you rejoice over me, O God! (Zephaniah 3:17).  
Help me live in and share this assurance of your deep love.

# Fellowship and Fundraising Activities Advent thru Epiphany

## **Brielle to Brazil—**

A Money Tree will be up in the fellowship hall each Sunday in December to help raise funds for Brielle Worley in her goal to attend the Summer 2022 Deaflympics in Brazil.

## **Saturday, December 11 at 1:00 pm**

Come help start off the season with some old fashioned Christmas cookie decoration, fun, and fellowship. Everything is furnished. All are welcome.

## **Sunday, December 12—during fellowship**

Christmas Cookie Sale to benefit Brielle to Brazil

## **Sunday, December 19—Children's Home Christmas Party**

## **Friday, December 31 from 3:00 pm—7:00 pm**

New Year's Eve party in the gym

We will have a Mexican Pile-on Dinner and play games .

Look for a toppings sign-up sheet in the narthex

## **Saturday, January 8**

Epiphany Dinner and fundraiser for our 75th Anniversary in September 2022

Menu and more information coming in your Sunday bulletins.

Freewill offering

## Mutual Ministry Committee Update

There is a lot of mystery and confusion regarding what mutual ministry is and what it isn't. One of the first steps that will be taken is to clearly define the purpose of this committee. In order to determine our purpose, we will be reading and discussing the book, *Pastor and People: Making Mutual Ministry Work*. We will begin our book study in January 2022.

The committee met on November 11 for dinner and conversation. One of the important aspects of the committee's work together is to build relationships and to build trust with one another.

The members of the committee are David Cole, Mark Newman, Nancy Conley, and Pr. Leah.



Joy amid suffering



Only Matthew records the holy family's "flight into Egypt," linking Advent with Lent and Christmas with Good Friday. In an article titled "Joy to the World/Pain in the World," James I. Cook expresses gratitude that Matthew documents the slaughter of the innocents: "I turn to it again and again, when someone I know loses a loved one at the height of the Christmas season. It helps me — and I hope it helps them — to remember that theirs are not the first tears to fall on Christmas; to recall that there has never been a Christmas of pure peace and happiness; [to recognize] that 'joy to the world' has always been sung to the accompaniment of much 'pain in the world.'"



**"ALL THE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN THE WORLD ARE WORTH NOTHING WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST."**

**—DAVID JEREMIAH**

**"THERE IS NOTHING SO SECULAR THAT IT CANNOT BE SACRED, AND THAT IS ONE OF THE DEEPEST MESSAGES OF THE INCARNATION."**

**—MADELEINE L'ENGLE**

**"GOD GOES TO THOSE WHO HAVE TIME TO HEAR HIM — AND SO ON THIS CLOUDLESS NIGHT HE WENT TO SIMPLE SHEPHERDS."**

**—MAX LUCADO**

**"ONCE IN OUR WORLD, A STABLE HAD SOMETHING IN IT THAT WAS BIGGER THAN OUR WHOLE WORLD."**

**- CS LEWIS**

### The greatest gift-giver

When we give each other Christmas presents in [God's] name, let us remember that he has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans — and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused. And to save us from our own foolishness, from all our sins, he came down to earth and gave us himself.





# December 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

The true light that gives light to every-  
one was coming into the world.  
—John 1:9



1 10-12 pm  
Food Pantry  
12 PM  
KEENAGERS  
6:15 Soup/  
Sandwich Supper  
7 PM Holden  
Evening Prayer

2

3

4

10 am  
Decorate the  
church

5  
9:30 am  
Worship  
10.45 Choir  
New Member  
Reception

6  
7 PM  
Property

7

8 10-12 pm  
Food Pantry  
6:15 Soup/  
Sandwich  
Supper  
7 PM Holden  
Evening Prayer

9

10

11  
1pm Cookie  
Decorating

12  
9:30 am  
Worship  
10.45 Choir  
Cookie Sale

13  
7PM  
Council

14  
10 am  
Women's Study

15 10-12 pm  
Food Pantry  
6:15 Soup/  
Sandwich  
Supper  
7 PM Holden  
Evening Prayer

16

17

18

19  
9:30 am  
Worship/  
Cantata  
10.45 Choir  
5 pm Children's  
Home Christmas

20

21

22  
10-12 pm  
Food Pantry

23

24  
Office Closed  
7:30 pm  
Christmas Eve  
Service

25

26  
9:30 am  
Worship  
10.45 Choir

27

28

29  
10-12 pm  
Food Pantry

30

31  
New Year's  
Party &  
Games  
3-7 pm  
Mexican  
Pile-on



*This way to  
the new  
year!*





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