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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTORS

We made our way down the wide concrete walkway to the Mather's Point. As we came to the end of the path, there before us was the awesome Grand Canyon in all of its beauty and majesty. It took our breath away and flooded us with a sense of God's loving creation.



That first glimpse of that awesome place and the feelings it evoked are etched into our minds. What a wonder filled way to experience that canyon that God created:

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. (NRSV Psalm 148:7-9, 13)

It made us feel so small and yet also brought God's presence and love for us into sharp focus:

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. (NRSV Psalm 8:3-5)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." (NRSV Psalm 91:1-2)

It was a great vacation and we are also thankful that we are back in your midst and sharing ministry in this place. May God's presence and love go forth with you this day and always, may you know God's love and care for you, and may you trust in the God who is your refuge and fortress. Amen.

**Our congregation
celebrates
communion at each
service.**

Worship Schedule

8:30 AM WORSHIP

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sunday School

9:45 Am

COUNCIL REPORT

The Congregational Council met on September 18, 2017.

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

New Business—

Congregational meeting- the November congregational meeting will be held on November 19, 2017 at 12:15 p.m.

- Gym Use- Amarillo Elite Sports wish to use our gym August – December (approximately 5-10 times a month) in addition to January – July (use is nearly 5 days/ week). A motion was made to amend the existing building-use agreement with this group and extend their use of the gym during the months of August- December .

- BSLC has accumulated \$785 specified for the ELCA. A motion was made to send the funds to the ELCA Disaster Response and earmark if for Hurricane Relief.

Pastors Report—

We had our meeting with Confirmation students and parents and agreed that classes will be held on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 PM starting on Sunday, September 24th and continuing through May.

We also had our first Campus Ministry gathering, which we have named The Table, at St. George's Episcopal Church across the street from WTAMU in Canyon. There were 22 people present, with the majority being members of St. George's. We hope to attract more students as word of this new ministry spreads. We will gather each Thursday evening for a meal at 5:30. .

We are getting prepared for the Day of Spirituality on September 23rd. We are planning for two sessions of practicing spirituality and people will be able to choose from Centering Prayer, Spiritual Journaling, Lectio Divina, and Group Labyrinth Walk.

Fellowship— We will be marking the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation on October 28 with a "Marty Party. Look for information in the weekly bulletins.

Education— Ordered new Sunday School Material for Lower Sunday, Dig In: The Life of Jesus. Special program features activities for grades PreK to 6th, Customizable Activities each week, Customized weekly take home paper.

Property—

- **Courtyard:** We are waiting to hear back from our insurance since they had an engineer come in and take soil samples from the courtyard area. We have received three bids that address removing the existing concrete slabs and pouring new concrete

- **Landscaping:** Thanks to Wally for organizing the cleanup of the landscaping at the parsonage, to Gene for trimming the trees and to everyone who has participated with the mowing duties

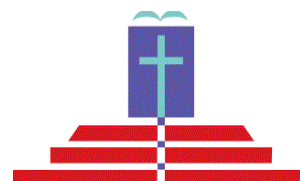
Social Concerns— God fed 350 people through the food pantry, the sewing group is up and running again, continued delivery of Meals on Wheels. Snack Pack 4 kids is packing every other Tuesday. The ramp project built one ramp in August.

Worship— We have vacancies for worship leaders. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the sacristy.

PANHANDLE CONFERENCE FALL GATHERING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 7TH

On October 7th, 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

August 2017

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of August was \$130,373 (\$3,602 decrease from the beginning of the year). \$81,261 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has increased \$3,561 for the year. \$49,112 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has decreased by \$7,164 for the year. The value of investments in our Endowment Fund is \$168,011, an increase of \$8,698 for the year.

August donations to our General Fund were \$18,026 compared to our anticipated amount of \$18,655. Total Year-to-Date income is \$158,470, \$16,658 less than our anticipated amount of \$175,128. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$2,145. Total receipts for August were \$20,332.

Expenses for August were \$18,657 compared to a budgeted amount of \$23,206. Year-to-date Expenditures from the General Fund were \$166,195 compared to a budget of \$183,145, resulting in a \$16,950 underspend.

General Fund expenditures for August exceeded income by \$470 (loss).

Cumulative YTD contributions to the General Fund are approximately \$12,850 below the 2011-16 average.



October

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.

KEENAGERS

**Wednesday
October 4 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:
Roulston, Rohloff, Flatt
Waugh

Happy Birthday!

10/03	Mark Newman
10/04	Brian O'Shaughnessy
10/06	Steve Brauner
	Ruth Holman
10/08	Dainay Hawkins
10/09	Kendra Berry
10/10	Richard Owen
10/14	George Sell
10/15	Audrey Holman
	Jana Kidd
	Jan Werner
10/18	Keith Johnson
10/22	David Cole
10/22	Diane Reinschmidt
10/24	Erich Drochner
10/27	Cheryl Hall
	Randy Heuton
10/28	Christine Edler
	Marjorie Spencer

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers.....

On the 70th Anniversary of Beautiful Savior Forever Thankful

First and last, thanks and praise to the Lord. Only in him, through him, by him, and with him could we ever have done any good thing.



Little known German Monk **Martin Luther** is angered by the sale of **Indulgences** and in 1517 posts 95 Theses on the door of a local church criticizing this and other Church policies starting the **Protestant Reformation**.

Let's Celebrate! 'Marty Party'
500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Saturday October 28 from 5:00-9:00 pm

BUY INDULGENCES FOR:

BIEROCKS, SOUP BRATS & SAUERKRAUT, BIER, WINE, DESSERTS, GAMES,

WE WILL HAVE A REFORMATION TIMES COSTUME CONTEST, DOOR PRIZES, FELLOWSHIP, A CAKE WALK AND BINGO.

FUND-RAISER FOR THE 2018 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A FUN EVENING!

WEAR YOUR RENAISSANCE PERIOD COSTUME OR **WEAR RED!**

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>.

2 Cor 9:7

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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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.](#)

2017

August 8th, 22nd
 September 5th, 19th
 October 17th, 31st
 November 14th, 28th
 December 12th

2018

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



Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet in the library Monday 9 October, 9:30 a.m. and use the September issue of GATHER magazine for the first of a three-part study on the Apostles' Creed. Leading our study on the first article will be Carolyn Kelly with Karen Herpich bringing refreshments. All women of the church are welcome.



Church Women United

Mission Tour

October 6, 2017

10:00 am

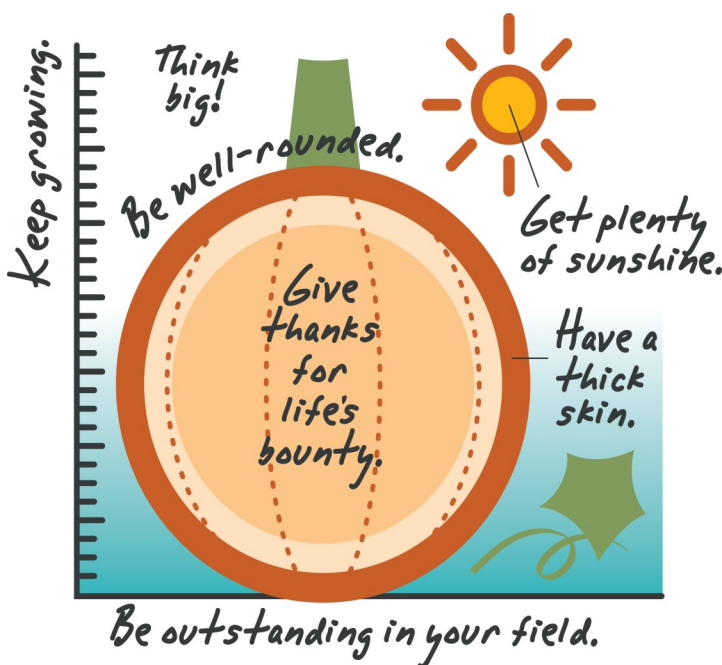
**Child Development Center
Polk Street United Methodist
Church**

1401 S. Polk

(park on the north side)



Advice from a pumpkin



The **Book Club/Library Committee** meets on Monday, October 16 at 9:30.

We will talk about what we have read over the summer and plan for the rest of the year. Bring recommendations.





Reformation milestone: celebration and repentance

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on a church door in Germany. This wasn’t an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ (“the priesthood of all believers”), so there’s no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.



Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose — Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others — and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults “with the best of them”; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: “In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years.”

LEARN ABOUT PROTECTING AND DETECTING MEDICARE FRAUD



**PRESENTED BY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
KEENAGERS
OCTOBER 4, 2017
NOON**



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>.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:30 Reception 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confirmation	2 6:30 Sewing	3	4 10-12 pm Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	5	6	7 Panhandle Conference
8 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confirmation	9 9:30 Martha's Circle 6:30 Sewing	10	11 10-12 pm Food Pantry	12	13	14 8:30 Ramp Builders
15 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir	16 9:30 Book Club 6:30 Sewing 6:30 Council	17	18 10-12 pm Food Pantry	19	20	21 8:30 Men's Breakfast 10 am Endowment
22 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confirmation	23 6:30 Sewing	24	25 10-12 pm Food Pantry	26	27	28 Marty Party 5:00-9
29 Worship 8:30/11:00 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 Confirmation	30 6:30 Sewing	31				



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Sunday Summer Schedule - 9:30 am

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