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Sept 2019

Good News

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FROM THE PASTORS

By now, you've probably heard that our congregation is in the process of doing Strategic Evangelical Mission Planning, or SEMP. SEMP is a process that will help us clarify why we are here, who we will serve and how. It will lead to the development of specific mission goals that help

Strategic Evangelical Mission Planning

us reach out to the neighborhood and beyond. Of course, we are already doing that in some wonderful ways, like our Food Pantry, Sewing Group, Ramp Project, and Meals on Wheels, just to name a few. We may decide that we are not ready to take on anything new at this time. On the other hand, as we hear about community needs (outside speakers will be brought in to give presentations in early 2020) we may be inspired to start something new. It could be a quick

and easy one-time fundraiser, or an ongoing program. The point is to get the whole congregation involved in discussing what we will do, who will do it, and how and when it will happen.

One way in which we hope to do that is by hosting small group discussions. These will be held starting later this month and continuing into early November. You will see sign up sheets in the narthex soon. Please take the time to sign up for and attend one of these small group sessions. During the sessions, we will be discussing key questions like:

- What are the strengths of our congregation?
- What are the weaknesses and challenges of our congregation?
- What missional opportunities do we know exist in our neighborhood?
- What threats exist to the vitality of our congregation and ministry?

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Sunday Worship **9:30 AM**

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



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The Congregational Council met on August 20.

Endowment Committee: Butch Habeger gave the council an update of the Endowment Quarterly meeting and its recommendation to add a continuing resolution to the church constitution that determines what is principal and income according to accepted accounting procedures.

The council discussed the need to keep the congregation informed on the plans and progress on the project to build a pergola in the courtyard.

Old Business-

In August, five individuals from Beautiful Savior attended training classes for teaching English as a second language.

Pr. Wendi reminded everyone of the planned 'Trunk or Treat' at Beautiful Savior on Saturday, October 26. The event will be publicized and open to the community. We need volunteers to dress up and participate.

New Business—

"Gods Work, Our Hands" is Sunday, September 8 at BSLC. During the service, Wanda Garcia will present the opportunity to help with traveling expenses for a teen from Guatemala who will be coming to the US for surgery to alleviate a life-threatening condition. Following worship, guests from 'Frames of Love' will give a presentation during the coffee hour.

The council will start the 2020 budget process in September in preparation for the November Congregational Meeting.

Education/Youth – The Children's Ministry meeting in August was well attended and ideas for providing something for children during worship are being developed.

It was noted that back ground checks will need to be done on nursery volunteers and those working with children.

Fellowship—Fellowship is planning a dance on September 21 and a camp out and potluck in October at Palo Duro Canyon.

Property -The existing John Deere mower has been repaired and the new John Deere mower has been purchased.

Diane Whiskers is working on a 3' X 6' banner with the statements: "The Worship is Over. The Service Begins." embroidered on it. The banner will hang in the sanctuary above the double doors exiting to the narthex.

Social Concerns—The Food Pantry provided food for 211 people (73 families) in July.

Council appointed Lorryane Vogel to fill the Social Concerns chair.

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

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

Church Council: Biff Flatt, President; Chuck Jacobson, VP; Andrea Schmidt, Education/Youth; Ingrid Owen, Fellowship, Kendra Massey, Evangelism; D'Ann Berry, Social Concerns, Lorryane Vogel, Treasurer; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Linda Allen, Worship; Jeff Worley, Secretary

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report July of Fiscal Year 2019

<u>OFFERINGS</u>	July Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget
01-GENERL FUND ENVELOPE	21,075.05	147,392.66	145,833.31
02-GENERAL FUND LOOSE	122.00	1,002.00	1,341.69
	21,197.05	148,394.66	147,175.00
<u>OTHER RECEIPTS</u>			
01-BUILDING USE	175.00	2,057.95	0.00
02-MISCELLANEOUS	20.00	190.00	233.31
	195.00	2,247.95	233.31
TOTAL INCOME	21,392.05	150,642.61	147,408.31
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
TOTAL EXPENSE	23,500.57	143,459.59	147,576.32
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	-2,108.52	7,183.02	-168.01

For the month of July our income was \$21,392.05 on a budget of \$21,058.33. Our expenses were \$23,500.57 on a budget of \$22,946.69. Our expenses exceeded our income this month with a deficit of \$2108.52. For the month of July, expenses were well controlled in most areas with higher than anticipated expenditures for Staff Expenses were over by \$183.28 for which Janitor costs account for \$70 and FICA costs were almost \$70 over budget and our honorarium cost were up due to Pr. Steve and Pr. Wendy's vacation and Property was over by \$846.01, most of these higher costs were due to a higher than normal electric bill and higher than anticipated Insurance cost. I again appreciate everyone efforts to manage costs closely to be good stewards of our resources. We will need to continue these great efforts going forward as we begin the budgeting process for 2020.

D'Ann Berry



09/01 Rochelle Berg

09/03 Blair Berg

Brian Harlow

09/09 Konnie Murphy

09/20 Courtney Johnson

09/27 Marian Cole

KEENAGERS

Wednesday,
September 4 at 12:00 pm

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: Marilyn Schleh, Marjorie Spencer, Deanna Rosenthal

Together We Pray

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.



Join us for an evening out
in the courtyard on
September 21 starting at
7:00 pm for...



★ Music

★ Dancing

★ Fellowship

★ Food

★ Fun !!!

Bring an appetizer or snack to share.

Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided. Or you can bring your own preferred drink.

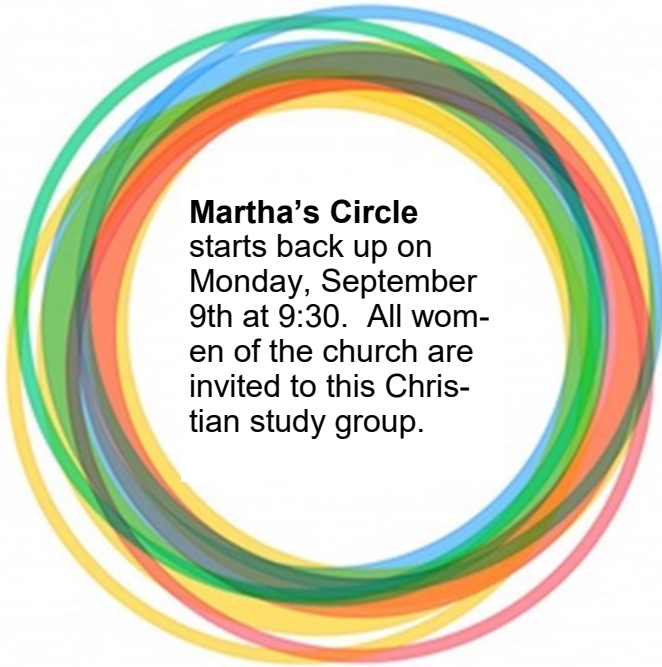


We celebrate with friends and family of Blair & Jessica Berg for the baptism of **Andrew Robert** on August 18.

We also shared joy with friends and family of Spencer & Tanya Berry for the baptism of **Royce Wade** on August 25.

Marjorie Spencer and also **Ken Huckabee** who were both briefly hospitalized in July and both are back home.

September = New Beginnings in Learning!



Martha's Circle starts back up on Monday, September 9th at 9:30. All women of the church are invited to this Christian study group.

All Men of the church are invited to join us at **Men's Breakfast** for food, fellowship and study. We meet September—May on the third Saturday each month at 8:30 am.

Next Meeting: September 21

Sunday School Starts September 15

8:30 am Adult SS led by Jan Werner will continue the lecture series "Introduction to the New Testament History and Literature".

Children's Ministry—After the Children's Sermon the children are invited to stay in worship if they want, or they can go with a Children's Minister to the Nursery/Christian Education Wing to have some fun activities and learn about the Bible lessons of the day. The children will be back in time for Holy Communion.

If you would like to help with this ministry, talk to Judy Rohloff and/or come to the Children's Ministry planning meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 pm.

11:00 am Adult SS led by Pastor Steve will dive deeper into the Gospel lesson of the day.

Another Christian Education Opportunity in the Works

A weekly study on "The Lives of Great Christians" is being planned. The study will include a video from the Great Courses series prepared and narrated by Professor William R. Cook, an expert in medieval history, the Renaissance and the Reformation, and the Distinguished Professor of History at the State University of New York at Geneseo. Each week, we will watch two 30-minute segments and discuss them. All who are interested, in a weekly study are encouraged to contact Judy Rohloff or Pr. Wendi.

Look for more information in the coming weeks.

The fellowship committee is asking for donations to build a pergola in the courtyard. The total cost is around \$2500.



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YOU

To everyone who contributed money and school supplies for Alice Landergin Elementary School. Your generosity will help many students to achieve their best in school.

New Pictorial Directory Coming Soon

It's that time again! Mark your calendars now, because on October 11th and 12th Lifetouch will be at the church taking photos and we want everyone to be included. There is no cost to you, and each household will receive a free 8 x 10 photo for participating. Sign up information will be shared soon; you will be able to sign up online or call the church office.

In addition, Lifetouch is now owned by Shutterfly, which means that you can use your church photos (or any other photos you wish to upload) to purchase Christmas cards, mugs, photo books, and all kinds of other gifts. Beautiful Savior now has a Shutterfly Store online; just go to www.beautifulsavioramarillo.shutterflystorefront.com to make your Shutterfly purchases and the church will get a commission from every purchase! If you have any questions, talk with Pastor Wendi.



To schedule your appointment use the link below.

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b16lqnme/>

Or call the church office (359-9483) and Cheryl can help you book an appointment.

We all are Called to be Gracious Leaders

Continuing with our new Stewardship program "Holy Currencies," this month we will consider the Currency of Gracious Leadership. Gracious Leaders help create gracious environments that foster trust and helps people speak truthfully, assist conversations in the church and community around issues and concerns to bring greater wellness. Gracious Leadership is the key to increasing the flow of all the other blessings in the Holy Currencies. We ask all to consider – first, to offer your own leadership skills to the work of ministry; second, to commit to growing your leadership skills. As we grow in this gracious leadership currency we will all be invited to mentor others for ministry in the church, and invited to mentor others for ministries beyond the church. Next month you will have the opportunity to pledge the Currency of Gracious Leadership.

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In addition, each person will be given a form listing ten mission values (things like service, caring for one another, healing and wholeness, social change and advocacy, etc) and asked to identify the top two values present in our congregation now and the top two you hope will reflect us in the next few years. This will help us get a sense of what is most important to our members. The data from each small group will be compiled and we will report back to the congregation

Obviously, the more people who participate, the better the information we collect will accurately reflect the perceptions of the majority of members. This is a great opportunity to share your hopes and dreams for our congregation, as well as your concerns, so please take the time to participate! If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Wendi or Pastor Steve or any of the SEMP team members: Kyn-dra Worley, Christine Johnson, David Cole, Kenneth Berry, and Mark Newman.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, September 8.

Marlon Cutzel is a Mayan teen from a very poor family in San Antonio Agua Calientes, Guatemala. Over a year ago his parents came to us and ask if there was any way we could help their son. His mother weaves and his Dad is a laborer. He is their youngest son. They had been searching for help for many years. Marlon has been diagnosed with a massive arterial-venous malformation (AVM). This birth defect has grown considerably since puberty, blinding his right eye and has now become a life threatening condition.



Marlon plays the marimba at his church and public events. He also works as a laborer when possible to help his family. Exertion triggers bleeding from his eye, often preventing him from working. Recently, he experienced bleeding lasting several hours. After extensive MRI's and angiograms, it has been determined by doctors in Guatemala and the U.S. that the delicate surgery cannot be done in Guatemala, as a very specialized team of doctors needs to address it. It has been a challenge but we have found that team with Dr. Berestein at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York and he has agreed to do the surgery without charge. Mt. Sinai will be able to adjust their expenses somewhat but in addition to those expenses, there will also be travel and living expenses.

Donations to cover costs have come in to Child Outreach Intl. from churches, individuals, and fund raising by friends and his church in his humble community, but more is needed. At our service on Sept. 8th you will have an opportunity to share your blessings with Marlon as he anxiously prepares for his surgery that is scheduled for February. Please prayerfully consider being part of this life changing gift that we hope to be able to share with him in Christ's name.

See page 8 for information about the “Frames of Love” presentation also to be held for “God’s Work, Our Hands’ Sunday.

Also for "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday



"Frames of Love"

Shannon DeFord & Carol McKinney

Presentation date:

Sunday, September 8, 2019 During the Fellowship/Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

"Our Mission is to provide cherished memories through photography to families suffering the loss of a baby or child."

**Please Welcome these two special ladies to
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.**

"Frames of Love" is a non-profit organization that provides photos and keepsake boxes to families with a terminally ill child (age 0-18), a baby/child who has recently passed away, or a special needs child in the Amarillo area.

As more local families experience the heartbreaking loss of a child during pregnancy, the founders of "Frames of Love" Shannon DeFord and Carol McKinney are helping families heal through their heartbreak by providing a unique comfort to them in their time of need.

Book Club meets every third Monday, at 9:30 am September thru May. Our next meeting is September 16 in the church library.

All who enjoy reading are invited to join our discussions and engage with shared reading experiences.



Mental Health and Faith
**Fall Panhandle
Conference 2019**



September 28th, 2019
Shepherd King Lutheran Church in
Lubbock, TX

Pick up an agenda in the church narthex.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 4713 I 40 West, Friday morning 6 September, 9:30 a.m. for coffee; 10:00 for a program on "The Pavilion Project" by Diana Fiedler, followed by a short business meeting. All Christian Women are Welcome.





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“From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised” (Psalm 113:3, NRSV)

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Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Fellowship—10:30 am

Adult SS—8:30 & 10:45
starting September 15

Choir: 10:45 am
Starts September 22

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4 Food Pantry KEENAGERS 12 pm 7:00 pm Hispanic Sub Group	5	6	7 7:00 pm Spirituality Gathering
8 9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship 7 pm SEMP	9 9:30 Martha's Circle Sewing 4-8 pm 7:00 pm Property	10	11 Food Pantry 7:00 pm Children's Ministry	12	13	14 8:30 am Ramp Project
15 9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship 7:00 pm Young Adults Gathering	16 9:30 Book Club Sewing 4-8 pm 7:00 pm Council	17	18 Food Pantry	19	20	21 8:30 Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm Dance Under the Stars
22 9:30 Worship 10:45 —Fellowship —Choir	23 Sewing 4-8 pm	24	25 Food Pantry	26	27	28 Panhandle Conf Assembly
29 9:30 Worship 10:45 —Fellowship —Choir	30 Sewing 4-8 pm	<i>“And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <u>Rev. 21:5</u></i>				



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