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# Good News

## Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV

## **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 1947-2023**

An Opportunity to Serve Pr. Leah Lawson

In the life of a congregation, there are many opportunities to serve. Sometimes, it can be overwhelming to discern how we can best use our gifts to serve, not only God, but our church. Maybe you are called to serve as an assistant minister. Perhaps, you have been thinking about serving on altar guild or helping with children's church. Maybe you have thought about serving on the church council. If you are uncertain where God is calling you to serve and you need some help figuring it out, just let me know. I would be happy to accompany you on the journey!

During our business meeting at the Panhandle Conference Gathering back in September, one of the items that we discussed was Synod Council. Specifically, we need a lay female candidate from our conference to run for Synod Council. Our current representative's term will be up next year. During the 2024 Synod Assembly, those in attendance will vote to fill this position.

Serving on Synod Council is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the larger church, learn more about the ministries of the synod, and work side by side with our siblings in Christ. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings to all who are in the midst of discerning what God is calling you to do in the church and in the world!

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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

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## Council met on Oct 16 for a business meeting.

**Members Present:** J. Moller, B. Flatt, C. Kuehler, B. Blair, J. Reinshcmidt, D. Rosenthal, Pr. L. Lawson, G. Rohloff, Ann-Marie Shadduck

Others Present: Cheryl Hall

Members Absent: S. Berry, D. Wisker

Old Business: Finalized 2024 Budget to present

to the congregation.

Pastor—On Saturday, September 16, Beautiful Savior hosted the Panhandle Conference with 20-25 people attending. Thank you to all who helped to make this event a success

On Saturday, October 7 at 12 PM, we had our Blessing of the Animals service.

## Fellowship—

- Special thanks goes to Ed & Susan Smith for the gift of a new roaster for the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall.
- After the Congregational meeting on November 19, please join us for a Thanksgiving lunch.
- Advent Soup/Sandwich Suppers will be a little different this year with the meals being prepared by Fellowship. The planned menu is below.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Dumpling soup/sandwiches Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Baked Potato Bar with Chili Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - Creamy Tortellini soup, Minestrone

soup Salad and Bread



Look for sign-up sheets and more information in the coming weeks.

Santa Paws - Keep an eye out for a cookies sell in December during fellowship - decorate and take home.



## Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 19

Following the Worship Service

Stay afterwards for lunch.

## Church Council:

Jerry Moller, Council President; Biff Flatt; VP, Blair Berg, Treasurer; Chelsea Kuehler, Secretary; Deanna Rosenthal, Education/Youth; Ann Marie Shadduck, Fellowship; Spencer Berry; Evangelism Johnny Reinschmidt, Property; Greg Rohloff, Stewardship/Social Concerns' Diane Wisker, Worship

## FINANCIAL NEWS

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

## **Treasurer's Report**

Sept of Fiscal Year 2023

### Month

INCOME			
OFFERINGS		Actual	Budget
GENERL FUND ENVELO	OPE	17,491.03	18,750
GENERAL FUND LOC	OSE	.7.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS			
BUILDING USE		375.61	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS		30.00	20.83
	Total Income	17,913.64	19,020.83
EXPENSE		17,746.47	20,448.13

## **General Fund Offering and Attendance**

Oct 1

general fund: \$3184; Attendance:56

Oct 8

general fund: \$3752; Attendance: 45

**Oct 15** 

General fund: \$1200; Attendance: 50

Oct 22—Not Available

Oct 29 — Not Available



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11/06 Leah Lawson 11/10 Paul Jones 11/22 Beverly Roush 11/23 D'Ann Berry 11/24 Jerry Moller 11/27 Gene Reneau

The Women's Study meets Tuesdays, November 14th & 28th at 10 am.

The Wired Word will meet on Thursdays in November on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM and 7 PM. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

## KEENAGERS

NOVEMBER 2 AT NOON-HAM & TURKEY PROVIDED PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE OR DESSERT

HOSTS: GENE RENEAU & SHERYL HABEGER

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

## For our members

Audrey Holman Biff Flatt

## For our family members and friends

Hattie, Bruce L., Sandy, David, Carla, Doug, Elizabeth, Dan, Michael H., Tim, Scott, Danny, Randy, John, Mike, Ben, and Dick.

## For our homebound members

Beverly Roush, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Keith & Arliss Johnson, Kenneth Huckabee, Betty Loomis, and Beatrice Kirkeeng

For those serving in the military - Sergeant Luke Butler

For our siblings in Christ in the NTNL Synod - Please keep Pr. Craig Sturm, his family, and the community of Trinity Lutheran in Sherman, Texas in your prayers. Pr. Craig was in a serious automobile accident. After he is released from the hospital, he will need to spend significant time in a rehab facility.

### **Updates Encouraged!**

Note: If you have placed someone on the prayer list and there has been a change, please keep the church office updated.



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

If you need pastoral care of a visit or phone call, contact 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 call/email the church.

To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office at beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com

## Sunday Scripture Readings

### Sunday, Nov 5

First Reading - Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
Second Reading—1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Gospel—Matthew 23:1-12

#### Sunday, Nov 12

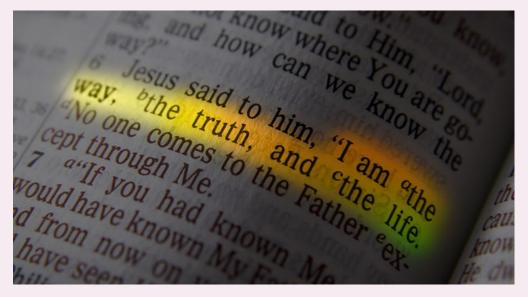
First Reading—Amos 5:18-24
Psalm -70
Second Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel—Matthew 25:1-13

#### Sunday, Nov 19

First Reading—Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 Second Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Gospel—Matthew 25:14-30

## Sunday, Nov 26

First Reading - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Second Reading-Ephesians 1:15-23 Gospel -Matthew 25:31-46



If you are not sure how to pronounce some of the names in the readings, below is a link to help you and also a link to look up readings from the NRSV Bible.

https://biblespeak.org/

NRSV Bible Online: <a href="https://bible.oremus.org/">https://bible.oremus.org/</a>

### A powerful witness

St. Ignatius of Antioch was a bishop and martyr in the early years of Christianity, well known for his extensive writing about Christ and the church. On his journey to martyrdom in the early second century, he wrote letters to the Christian communities of the time that are still instructive today.

On November 1 we celebrate All Saints' Day, remembering all who have died in faith, as well as particular models of strong faith whom the church has named "saints." Especially inspiring — and challenging — are these words of Ignatius, written near the end of his life: "I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."

### Special dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2023
- Daylight saving time ends, *November 5, 2023*
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2023
- Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023
- Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2023



#### A cornerstone of inheritance

In Matthew 21:33-46, Jesus tells a parable in which vineyard tenants plot to kill the landowner's son and thereby to "get his inheritance." Of course, that's not how life works: Unless the owner of wealth *gives* it away freely, the recipients aren't heirs — they're *thieves*!

We are all tenants entrusted with the cultivation and harvest of God's worldly vineyard. As such, we are to turn the fruits of the vineyard back over to God. We have no need to hoard them because the divine Landowner provides all our needs. What's more, we *already* have an inheritance of life and love, brought to us by the Son. May we not see

Jesus as a threat to our way of life but welcome him among us. May we not hoard what he brings but share it. And remembering these words of Scripture —

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (v. 42) — may we not reject Jesus but let him be the cornerstone of our lives.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

## November 2023

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

Mon

Tue

10 am Wired Word 10 am Food Pantry 7pm12 pm KEENAGERS Wired Word 10 11 5 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10 am 10:45 Choir Wired Word 10 am Food **Pantry** 7pm7 pmWired Word **Property** 13 16 17 18 14 15**1** 10 am 10 am 9:30 Worship Wired Word Women's 10 am Food 10:30 StudvPantry **Fellowship** 7 pm10:45 Choir 7pmCouncil Wired Word 19 9:30 20 21 22 23 24 25 Worship Нарру 10 am Food Thanksgiving 10:45 Congre-Pantry gational Mtg Luncheon to follow GIVE THANKS 27 28 29 30 26 9:30 Worship 10 am 10 am Women's Wired Word 10 am Food 10:30 PRAY RELENTLESSLY. God is always listening Study Pantry **Fellowship** 10:45 Choir 7pmWired Word



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FYI - Our worship services are now live streamed on Beautiful Savior's Facebook page: <u>Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church-Amarillo</u> Pass it along.