

Good News

A PUBLICATION OF BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

UPDATES: Lenten Giving Project and Holy Week
by Rev. Leah R. Lawson

Lent is here! Sometimes, it feels more like a sprint instead of a marathon! We are off to an amazing start with our Lenten Giving project this year. During the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, we raised \$377! We were able to purchase 30 NIV Bibles for the Amarillo Children’s Home! As we continue our journey through Lent, I hope that we will be able to purchase more Bibles.

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you all an update on our plans for Holy Week. This year, we will be experiencing this sacred week using our five senses. I have met with Richard and Ingrid Owen to help plan these experiences. We had a great time and we came up with some solid ideas. If you would still like to help, please let me know. We will need some help with set-up and clean-up.

For each service during Holy Week, we will highlight one or two of the five senses. On Easter, we will experience all five:

Sunday March 24 – Palm Sunday: Sight

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday: Taste and Touch

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday: Hearing and Smell

Sunday, March 31 - Easter: Taste, Hearing, Site, Smell, Touch

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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

Council met on February 17 for a joint Council/Retreat meeting.

Members Present: Biff Flatt, J. Reinshcmidt, D. Rosenthal, Pr. L. Lawson, G. Rohloff, Ann-Marie Shadduck, D. Wisker, S. Berry, Chelsea Kuehler, Nancy Conley

Others Present: Cheryl Hall,

Members Absent: Blair Berg

New Business—Synod Assembly voting delegates, Linda Allen, and Keith Rosenthal. K. Rosenthal will not be able to attend; Pr. Lawson is taking his place.

Old Business Kristen Johnson will no longer be cleaning the church as of February 28. We have engaged Karon Hamby for the cleaning service.

Pastor—In January, I started a Pre-Confirmation Sunday School class for Mary and Florence. Right now, we are learning about the Old Testament. Hopefully, we can get to the New Testament later this spring, but we may need to save that topic for the fall. My goal is to lay down a solid foundation of Biblical instruction before we get to the core topics that we traditionally cover in Confirmation.

I'm using the "Head 2 Heart" Confirmation Curriculum from Faith Inkubators. I used this curriculum when I was at St. John and it's fantastic! I reached out to the Education and Youth Committee and it was decided to use funds from the dedicated TNT Savings account to pay for the curriculum.

Property—The Property committee wants to send out a big Thank You to Steve Studtmann and others who repaired the hymnal book holders in the back of the pews.



BSLC CONGREGATION

I want to thank all of you for the delightful reception that was held in recognition of my 25 years of service to BSLC. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your organist, pianist, and music director. I have been blessed with devoted and loyal choir members who give their time and talents to express their Christian faith through music. I was overwhelmed by your graciousness! The food was wonderful, the gifts were priceless and the kind words spoken were greatly appreciated.

A special thank-you to Rochelle Berg for the delicious 25-Year celebration cake! Thank you to the Council and a very special thanks to Spencer Berry who was instrumental in making it all happen! Spencer had some help from his mom with the gift selections of birthstone earrings and a charm necklace – so a special thanks to D'Ann Berry as well.

These two exquisite pieces of jewelry will always have sentimental value for me as they represent all the love, care, and warmth that I feel from my Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Family. To all of you who had a part in this - THANK YOU! I pray we have many more years spent together at BSLC.

Love and Peace,
Marsha

Church Council:

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

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report January Fiscal Year 2024

| | Month | |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | |
| OFFERINGS | Actual | Budget |
| GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE | 21,505.00 | 17,850 |
| GENERAL FUND LOOSE | 130.00 | 83.33 |
| OTHER RECEIPTS | | |
| BUILDING USE | 300.00 | 166.67 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 20.00 | 20.83 |
| | Total Income | 21,955.00 |
| | | 18,121.33 |
| EXPENSE | 20,598.32 | 19,375.59 |

General Fund Offering and Attendance

Feb 4

general fund: \$8158; attendance:72

Feb 11

general fund: \$670; attendance: 31

Feb 18

general fund:\$2687; Attendance: 68

Feb 25

general fund: \$2445; Attendance: 72

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Thank you, Thrivent clients with membership, for directing Choice Dollars® to us.

We are excited to share that Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church received \$1189 through the Thrivent Choice® program in 2023.

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Contact your local Thrivent financial advisor, at or go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

The **Women's Study Group** will meet Tuesday, March 12th at 10:00 AM.

The **Wired Word** will meet on Thursdays, March 7st, 14th, 21st, and 28th, at 10:00 AM and at 7:00 PM.

KEENAGERS- Meet for a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 pm.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman
Sally Lehrmann
Fred & Wanda Garcia – Mission work



in Guatemala

For our family members and friends

Hattie, Bruce L., Sandy, David, Aiden, Carla, Doug, Elizabeth, Dan, Michael H., Tim, Scott, Danny, Randy, John, Mike, Dick, Jim, Marion, Mike, Michelle, Julie, Tony, Billie Jo, the family of Marion Finley, Debra, and Art.

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. On Wednesday, February 21, Pr. Craig was admitted to the hospital for an infection. While in the hospital, he began having seizures.

NT-NL Youth Leaders
Trinity, Lockney

For the Church

Pray for leaders, lay and rostered, as they lead congregations in Lent and Holy Week.

For the World

The victims of the Israel-Hamas War, the people of Ukraine and the Texas & Oklahoma wildfire victims.

- 03/03 Wanda Garcia
- 03/05 Andrea Schmidt
- 03/18 Spencer Berry
- 03/26 Fred Garcia
- 03/27 Eric Sanchez
- 03/29 Keagan Rohloff



“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Matthew 5:6



Comfort yourselves together, and edify one another....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, KJV

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, March 3

First Reading - Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel - John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 10

First Reading - Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Second Reading - Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel - John 3:14-21

Sunday, March 17

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Second Reading - Hebrews 5:5-10
Gospel - John 12:20-33

Sunday, March 24

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Second Reading - Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel - Mark 14:1--15:47

Sunday, March 31

First Reading - Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel - Mark 16:1-8

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: <https://bible.oremus.org/>



February 13 marked the 25th anniversary of Marsha Moller serving as our organist. We have been incredibly blessed all these years with her music, talent, dedication, friendship and shared worship of our Lord. Her face at the piano or organ has been a welcoming presence at so many worship services in the life of our church and its congregants.

Thank you Marsha for all you have done for us!

*Wednesdays Night Suppers in Lent Followed by Holden Evening Prayer
Worship Service*

March 6-prepared by Fellowship

*BBQ Pork Sandwiches & Roasted Chicken
Baked Beans
Coleslaw & Cornbread*

March 13-prepared by Fellowship

*Baked Potato Bar with Chili
Ham, Chives, Ham, Broccoli, Bacon Bits, Butter, Sour Cream, Queso*

March 20th Potluck Soup

*Salad (hot or cold)
Charcuterie Board (savory or sweet)*

*Look for head count and sign-up sheets in the narthex.
More information will be in your Sunday bulletins.*

Palm Sunday - March 24

Maundy Thursday Service—March 28 at 7 pm

Good Friday Service—March 29 at 7 pm



Easter Breakfast

Look for information in your Sunday Bulletin

Easter Service 9:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt—following the service, helpers welcome, bring kids

Pressed

Gethsemane, the name of the place where Jesus prayed before his betrayal, is an Aramaic word for "olive press." During Bible times, olives were pressed three times to remove all the valuable oil. Before being arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus felt the full pressing weight of our sins on his shoulders. Surrounded by olive trees, praying fervently while sweating drops of blood, the perfect Son of God asked his heavenly Father three times to remove the cup of suffering.

Instead of removing that trial, God used it to redeem and save humankind. Likewise, God uses our hardships to refine and strengthen our faith.

In *The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi*, TV host Kathie Lee Gifford and Messianic Rabbi Jason Sobel speculate that if Peter, along with James and John, hadn't fallen asleep in Gethsemane, he may have had the strength to not deny Jesus later that night.

"All of us must be vigilant to watch and pray so that we don't succumb to the temptation to deny the Lord when we go through the olive presses of life and feel like we are being crushed by our situation and circumstances," the authors write. "We must remember that it is the crushing that brings out the true inner value and worth of the olive."



Twenty-ninth Annual “Bach’s” Lunch Series

The “Bach’s” lunch series is (Bach) back by popular demand! Bring a “box” lunch and some friends with you. The Bach’s Lunches are a wonderful time for Lenten reflection and good music among friends. Held at various churches in Amarillo and Canyon on selected Fridays during Lent, each program will begin promptly at 12:05 p.m. with a twenty-five-minute organ recital. Following the recital, if allowed, the host church will provide tea, coffee and a place to eat. You’ll have plenty of time to get (Bach) back to work by 1:00 p.m. This event has been very well received for the last twenty-eight years, so plan to attend the six recitals during the Twenty-Ninth Annual Bach’s Lunch Series!

Friday, March 1, 2024 St.

Ann’s Catholic Church, Canyon, Texas, Dr. Elizabeth Gotlund McKee, Organist
605 38th Street, Canyon, Texas 806.655.3302

Friday, March 8, 2024

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Amarillo, Texas; Mr. Michael Mitchell, Organist
1601 S. Georgia Street, Amarillo, Texas 806.376.6316

Friday, March 15, 2024

West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas; Mr. Michael Raillard, Organist
Mary Moody Northen Hall, WTAMU, Canyon, Texas 806.651.2840

Friday, March 22, 2023

First Presbyterian Church, Amarillo, Texas; Mr. Norman Goad, Organist
1100 S. Harrison, Amarillo, Texas 806.373.4242 The “Bach’s”

Lunch series is sponsored by the Amarillo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



J.S. Bach’s 339th birthday will fall on Thursday March 21, 2024

March 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10,

1

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3

9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship
10:45 Choir

4

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6 10 am Food
Pantry
12 pm
KEENAGERS
6 pm Lent
Supper
7 pm Holden

7

10 am
Wired Word
7pm
Wired Word

8

9

10

9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship
10:45 Choir

11

7 pm
Property

12

10 am
Women's
Study Group

13

10 am Food
Pantry
6 pm Lent
Supper
7 pm Holden
Evening Prayer

14

10 am
Wired Word
7pm
Wired Word

15

16

17

9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship
10:45 Choir

18

7 pm
Council

19

20

10 am Food
Pantry
6 pm Lent
Supper
7 pm Holden
Evening Prayer

21

10 am
Wired Word
7pm
Wired Word

22

23

24

Palm Sunday
9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship
10:45 Choir

25

26

27

10 am Food
Pantry

28

7pm
Maundy
Thursday

29

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7 pm Good
Friday Service

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Easter
Sunday
9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship

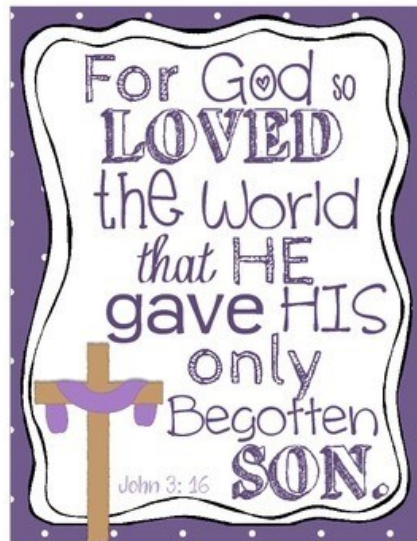




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