



Good News!

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An Unexpected Opportunity
by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you.”

Luke 11:9

This year, the church council has been in conversation about the future of our congregation. Where will Beautiful Savior be 3, 5, or 10 years from now? Will Beautiful Savior celebrate 100 years of ministry? One thing we have looked at is how we can share our property with others in our community.

God truly works in mysterious and unexpected ways! On June 17, The Reverend Beverly Couzzourt, Priest in Charge at St. Peter's Episcopal Church called and we spoke about the possibility of Beautiful Savior sharing space with St. Peter's. This congregation has placed their property on the market and there is a church that is interested in purchasing the property! If the deal goes through, they will need a new place to worship and do ministry. St. Peter's is also looking at other churches in Amarillo to share space with.

On June 25, Spencer Berry and I met with Mother Beverly and two others from St. Peter's to have a conversation about what this relationship could look like and we showed them around the church. The meeting went very well!

On Monday, July 21, the Church Council decided to consider this potential relationship! There are a lot of details to work out, but the good news is that we do not have to reinvent the wheel! There are churches in the NT-NL Synod that have relationships with churches, specifically Episcopalian, that have agreements to share building space.

The most important thing that we can do now is pray! Ask God for wisdom and guidance. Ask God if this is the next step in our life together as faith community. Seek courage and strength. Knock until we receive clarity and peace. I also invite you to keep our siblings in Christ at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in your prayers as they navigate a new future.

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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

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report June Fiscal Year 2025

Month

INCOME

OFFERINGS

	Actual	Budget
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	16,648.94	19,333.33
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	65.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	1340.00	458.33
MISCELLANEOUS	25.00	20.83

Total Income 18,078.94 19,895.82

EXPENSE

25,792.26 19,697.29

General Fund Offering and Attendance

July 6

general fund: 5650; attendance: 44

July 13

general fund: \$2557; attendance: 68

July 20

general fund: \$3032; attendance: 74

July 27

general fund: \$1925; attendance: 61



Thank you!

FAITHFUL
STEWARDS

Council met on July 21 for a business meeting.

Council Members: Spencer Berry, Mark Newman, Gene Reneau, Linda Allen, Jeff Worley, Pastor Leah Lawson

Office Manager: Cheryl Hall

Council Members Absent: Blair Berg, Nancy Conley, Ann-Marie Shadduck, Deanna Rosenthal

Old Business:

Ethernet cable installation quote from Vi-Tel was \$1900ish. Spencer said that he and Kenneth Berry will try to run the cable themselves within the next few weeks.

New Business:

- Pr. Leah Lawson has been contacted by Reverend Beverly Couzzourt and others from St Peter's who are selling their property and looking for another church premises to conduct worship services. They toured Beautiful Savior and have expressed interest in a potential agreement with our church. The group is also looking at other churches. If Beautiful Savior is chosen, several steps would be initiated including: arrangement details, spacing, rent, and congregational agreement.
- Mailbox – Due to the recent theft of mail, the council voted to allow up to \$100 dollars for the purchase of a new locking mailbox.

Property:

- Several large branches will be placed on the small island west side of the parking lot. The city will be contacted to pick them up. If a branch proves difficult for us to cut down, the tree removal company will be contacted.
- The parking lot and parsonage drive have been sprayed for weeds.
- The sprinkler system has been checked and adjustments made.
- Batteries have been replaced in some thermostats and carbon monoxide detectors

Social Concerns:

- Food Pantry fed 145 during the month of June 2025.

Church Council:

Spencer Berry, Council President; **Jeff Worley**; VP, **Blair Berg**, Treasurer; **Nancy Conley**, Secretary; **Deanna Rosenthal**, Education/Youth; **Ann Marie Shadduck**, Fellowship; **Gene Reneau**, Property; **Mark Newman**, Social Concerns, **Linda Allen**, Worship

Meetings & Misc. Calendar

-**Keenagers** meet on Wednesday, August 6 at noon for a pot-luck lunch.

-**The Women's Study Group** meets on Tuesdays, August 12 and 26 at 10 AM. We will be reading and discussing the book, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine.

- **Council** meets Monday, August 18 at 7 pm

Sod Poodle Game! – Beautiful Savior will be attending the Sod Poodle game on Saturday, August 16. After the game, there will be a drone show! In order to get the group rate for the tickets, we will need 20 people to sign up. The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.



August
happy birthday

08/07 Kenneth Berry
08/15 Corinne Wright
08/21 Marsha Moller
08/25 Keith Rosenthal
08/28 Carla Nuss
08/31 Alex Sanchez

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman, Sonia Sanchez

For our family members and friends

Elizabeth, Curtis & Barbara W., Erin, Allen & Rhonda, Deborah W., Aiden, Pr. Greg Hartman, Lana K., Steve, Nickie, Mark, Donnie, Cynthia, Don, Mike, Sharon, Brant, Holly, and Wayne.

For our homebound members

Kenneth Huckabee, Beverly Roush, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Betty Loomis, and Beatrice Kirkeeng

For our state – The people of the Texas Hill Country affected by flash flooding.

For those serving in the military - Sergeant Luke Butler, Major Erik Lawson

2025 NT-NL Prayer Partners

We invite individuals and congregations to join us in prayer for our congregations, leaders, and partners in mission.

Pray for Leadership Formation and our Parish Lay Ministry Academy (PLMA).

Calvary, San Angelo; Covenant, Temple; NT-NL Coaches

Prayers of Thanks



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

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Sunday, August 3, 2025

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

Psalm: Psalm 49:1-12

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

In God’s reign, the “rich will be sent away empty.” Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one’s life with the value of one’s possessions rather than one’s relationship with God.

Sunday, August 10, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars.

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God’s reign.

Sunday, August 17, 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God’s judgment, he suffers rejection.

Psalm: Psalm 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

Sunday, August 24, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-8

The Lord crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

Sunday, August 31, 2025

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel’s leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today’s reading is about humility.

Psalm: Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God’s love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God’s gracious hospitality to those in need.

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 NRSVUE Bible. <https://biblespeak.org/>
NRSVUE Bible Online: Bible Gateway.com

Brielle Worley - Amarillo High School graduate prepares to compete in 2025 Deaflympics.



My D.C Trip

This past summer, I had the incredible opportunity to visit Washington, D.C.—a trip that opened my eyes to the depth of our nation’s history and the importance of community support. I am deeply grateful to my church family, whose generosity, prayers, and encouragement made this life-changing experience possible.

Walking among the historic landmarks—the Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol Building, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial—I gained a new appreciation for the sacrifices and values that shaped our country. The Smithsonian Museums, especially those highlighting American and African American history, reminded me of the beauty and complexity of our shared story. These experiences brought history to life in ways that textbooks never could. They showed me the magnitude of these monumental complexity of our wonderful nation and showed me how to really appreciate hard work and effort.

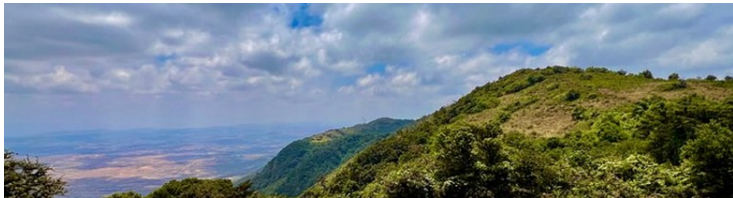
What made this journey even more meaningful was knowing my church family was with me in spirit. Their financial support removed the burden of cost, and their prayers gave me peace and courage. When I returned, sharing my stories with them reminded me of the love and strength found in a faith-filled community.

This trip taught me the power of history, the importance of faith, and the beauty of a supportive church family. I will carry these lessons with me always, and I thank each of you who helped make this experience possible.

Mary Eckert

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Note: Pulpit Exchange with Tanda Freitag on Sunday, August 10					1	2 10 am Committal Service— Caroline Kelly
3 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	4	5	6 FP 10-12 pm Noon- Keenagers	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	11	12	13 FP 10-12 pm	14	15	16 Sod Poodle Game
17 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	18 7 pm Council	19	20 FP 10-12 pm	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	25	26	27 FP 10-12 pm	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	Psalm 96:1: (NIV) states, "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!" 					



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FYI - Our worship services are now live streamed on Beautiful Savior's Facebook page: [Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church-Amarillo](#) Pass it along.