

# Good News

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 1947-2022

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What is God doing here at Beautiful Savior?  
by Pr. Leah Lawson

What is God doing here at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church? My answer would be A LOT! It has been a wonderful year of loving, growing, and serving together in this place. We have had opportunities to worship together, fellowship together, and learn together. It's a great place to be! I would love to rent a billboard or two and let everyone in Amarillo know what God is doing here at BSLC!

Speaking of billboards, I have seen some interesting ones over the years in regards to churches and Christianity. While driving through Alabama many years ago, I saw a billboard that read, "Are you raising an atheist?" During another trip through Alabama, I was greeted by a sign that said, "GO TO CHURCH OR THE DEVIL WILL GET YOU!" As I drive around Amarillo, I have seen some interesting ones. I saw one recently about hell. I couldn't read the entire message as I drove by, but it definitely got my attention!

If BSLC received a generous gift in the amount of \$1 million to be used for Evangelism, how would we use those funds? Well, we could rent some billboards around Amarillo! What message would we want on those billboards? Here are a few ideas:

God loves you and we love you!

Come worship with us!

We love coffee!

We love to throw a good party!

God is doing marvelous things and we want you to be part of it!

So, what is God doing here at Beautiful Savior? Where do you see God working in the life of our congregation and in your own life? Where do you see Good News in our broken world? I invite you to reflect on these questions. If you would like, we could have a conversation about this over coffee or lunch.

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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 NEWS FROM NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING

The Church Council met on November 14.

**New Business—** Beautiful Savior has a new web-site address:

[www.beautifulsaviorlutheranamarillo.org](http://www.beautifulsaviorlutheranamarillo.org)

**Christmas Services:** Traditional Service on Christmas Eve at 7:00. We will also have a Christmas Day service at 9:30 of carols, & readings.

The church office will be closed the week after Christmas.

**Pastor's Report—**We are quickly heading into the Advent and Christmas seasons! The first Sunday of Advent was on November 27. Soup and Sandwich suppers started on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:15 PM and will continue on Wednesdays in December on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring soup, sandwiches, or a dessert to share! After our meal together, we will worship using Holden Evening Prayer at 7 PM.

The Women's Study Group meets on Tuesday, December 13. The Wired Word will meet on Thursday, December 1, 8, and 15.

I want to thank everyone who came to my birthday celebration on Saturday, November 5. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and food! I also want to thank everyone for the cards and birthday greetings.

### **Evangelism/Social Concerns—**

In October, the food pantry provided 93 meals which fed 198 people.

One gas card was given out. From May to the end of October 11 gas cards were provided to people in need. We will purchase another 12 cards to have on hand for future use.

One ramp was built.

Two members received home communion.

The sewing group is busy with multiple projects.

### **Education/Youth-**

Oct. 29th we had a successful Trunk or Treat with games and lots of treats. I would again like to thank all who helped.

We have children's messages and children's church assigned in the short term; but, in order to keep serving our children, we need more volunteers.

Sunday School is continuing for ages 2-5.

### **Property—**

- Installed a wooden fence in parsonage back yard.
- Installed new drinking water fountain, donated by Keith and Deanna Rosenthal, that replaces broken unit in Fellowship hallway.
- Installed a new hot water heater in children education hall.
- Mowing the church and parsonage lawns season is ending. Thanks to all mowing crews.



**BSA Hospice**  
of the Southwest

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for hosting  
and providing the  
reception for the 40<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Rose Memorial  
Service. The facility was  
beautiful and perfect for  
the event.

### **Church Council:**

**Jerry Moller, Council President; D'Ann Berry, VP, Blair Berg, Treasurer; Laurie Dale, Secretary; Deanna Rosenthal, Education/Youth; Ingrid Owen, Fellowship; Rita De Mar Evangelism/Social Concerns; Johnny Reinschmidt, Property; Greg Rohloff, Stewardship; Linda Allen, Worship**

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## Treasurer's Report October of Fiscal Year 2022

INCOME	Month Actual	Budget
OFFERINGS		
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	22,344.88	18,512.50
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	404.00	12.50
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	175.00	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	40.00	16.67
Total Income	22,559.88	18,695.84
EXPENSE		
Total Expense	24,538.32	

Beautiful savior has purchased a new web domain. Our website name has changed to [beautifulsaviourlutheranamarillo.org](http://beautifulsaviourlutheranamarillo.org). Reminder: Giving electronically is made easy on the website. Just click on Giving.

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Following Christ: loving, growing, serving.**





## SPOT LIGHT

The Hands of volunteers are the hands that make the difference.

Nothing wrong with having fun while serving the children of the church and our community with a "Trunk or Treat" on October 29.



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## KEENAGERS

Wednesday, December 7 at Noon  
*No Hosts: Everyone is asked to bring a Christmas style dish or dessert.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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For our members

For our family members and friends

Hattie, Bruce L., Garry, Sandy, Glen, David, Dillan, Aiden, Carla, Rob, Doug, Elizabeth, Lynn, Dan, Cindy, **Michael H. and Tim.**

For our homebound members

Beverly Roush, Eldon & Bea Kirkeeng, Genevieve Miller, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Keith & Arliss Johnson, Kenneth Huckabee, Richard Meads, Betty & Rhone Loomis, Barbara Studtmann

For those serving in the military -

Sergeant Luke Butler

Prayers of Thanks

Updates Encouraged! If your prayers for comfort and healing have been answered, please contact the office to let us know. We will add your loved ones to the "Prayers of Thanks" section.



**12/02 Linda Runkle**  
**12/04 Linda Allen**  
**12/04 Bill Tietgens**  
**12/05 Jessica Berg**  
**12/08 Arliss Johnson**  
**Jeff Worley**  
**12/09 Hal Wisker**  
**12/10 Nadine Herber**  
**12/11 Judith Hanson**  
**12/13 Bea Kirkeeng**  
**12/15 Dustin Rosenthal**  
**12/28 Melinda Flatt**  
**12/31 Kenneth Huckabee**

Pray  
Continually  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

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 beautiful-savioramarillo@gmail.com







December 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm

On Christmas morning we will have a services of  
Lessons & Carols at 9:30 am.

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**Northern Texas - Northern Louisiana Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**Bp. Erik Gronberg**

October 20, 2022

Dear Partners in Mission:

“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy” -1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout 2022. As we continue to navigate our changed and changing realities I was honored to be re-elected by the synod assembly to continue to serve as your bishop. Honored and also challenged. Challenged, because I know that given the experience of the last 6 years for us collectively and individually as bishop I will continue to have to learn in order to be effective in leading us as synod.

Your faithful stewardship is noted in so many ways. One of my great joys is that in 2022 we have been able to, with proper precautions, come together for worship and service. Synod staff has been busy meeting with congregations and conferences, encouraging faithful conversation around leadership formation and visioning for the future.

We also this past August had a visit from our partner Bishop Moses Kobba Momoh from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone. I was so grateful for the many folks from across our synod who took time to meet our partner bishop and learn more about the ELCSL. We also had fruitful conversations about how we encourage and raise up leaders. Learning much from them about the vital nature of lay ministry education.

In what continue to be uncertain times coupled with economic anxiety our faith and trust in God’s abundance is essential. In that I am grateful for the financial gifts you have shared with us. For the months of January-September our records indicate you have shared \$14137.55 with us in undesignated mission support. THANK YOU! Your financial support sustains the ability of the synod to do our work and share 48% of that gift with our wider church as well.

As we move into the final quarter of 2022 know that you are in my prayers and that we will continue to do this work...

En Misión Juntos/In Mission Together,

Bishop Erik K.J. Gronberg, PhD.



# December 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



				<b>1</b> 10 am Wired Word  7 pm Wired Word	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  10 am Decorate the church
<b>4</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am Food Pantry  6.15 pm Soup/ Sandwich 7 pm Holden Evening	<b>8</b> 10 am Wired Word  7 pm Wired Word	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 Choir	<b>12</b>  7 pm Council	<b>13</b> 10 am Women's Study	<b>14</b> 10 am Food Pantry  6.15 pm Soup/ Sandwich 7 pm Holden Evening	<b>15</b> 10 am Wired Word  7 pm Wired Word	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10 am Food Pantry  6.15 pm Soup/ Sandwich 7 pm Holden Evening	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  7 pm Christmas Eve Service
<b>25</b> 9:30 Worship Lessons & Carols  Merry Christmas	<b>26</b> Holiday Office Closed	<b>27</b> Holiday Office Closed	<b>28</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b> Holiday Office Closed	<b>31</b>



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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.**