

Good News!

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An Unexpected Opportunity: Reflections on the Journey

by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

I had coffee and visited with Heather Watson from St. Peter's in April. It was good to catch up! She shared that there is a contract for the purchase of St. Peter's property and St. Peter's has discerned that they will share space with First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Wolflin. It sounds like First Christian is a great fit for St. Peter's. I'm thrilled for St. Peter's and First Christian Church as they begin their journey together. I have to admit, that I'm a little sad for us. I wanted this partnership between St. Peter's and Beautiful Savior to become a reality.

Even though the people of St. Peter's have found a new church home, there is still opportunity for us to be in relationship with our siblings in Christ that started almost a year ago. It is my hope that we will continue to invite St. Peter's to our Wednesday Soup & Sandwich Suppers and Holden Evening Prayer Services during Advent and Lent. Also, I hope that we will be able to hold another Lutheran – Episcopal service sometime in the near future. There are still opportunities to be the Church, together!

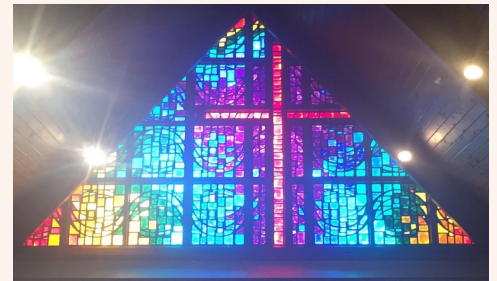
This journey of discernment has reminded me, once again, that the Holy Spirit is at work in our midst. I believe that the Holy Spirit was at work the day Mother Beverly called the church on June 17, 2025, and I was here to answer the phone! The Holy Spirit was present as we worshiped and broke bread together on September 14, 2025, and during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Even though things didn't work out the way I had hoped, the journey is not over! The Holy Spirit is still working and we still have work to do!

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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 May 18 for their monthly meeting.

Council Members: Pastor Leah Lawson, Spencer Berry, D' Ann Berry
Mark Newman, Linda Allen, Jeff Worley, Nancy Conley, Mary Jones
Office Manager: Cheryl Hall
Council Members Absent: Gene Reneau, Jessica Berg

New Business

- We will have a Father's Day Brunch, Sunday, June 21.
- Pastor Leah will send an email survey to gauge congregational interest in having a blood drive.
- Pastor Leah gave a synopsis of LutherBot AI Assistant. She will get back to council with more information on its possible utilization on our church website and the cost.

Other

- Pastor Leah will attend the Rostered Minister Gathering in Indianapolis July 6-9. She will use \$400 from her continuing education budget. The Bishop's office will match that. Funds for travel costs will be on the agenda next month.



Church Council:

Spencer Berry, Council President; **Jeff Worley**, VP; **D'Ann Berry**, Treasurer; **Nancy Conley**, Secretary; **Jessica Berg**, Education/Youth; **Mary Jones** Fellowship; **Gene Reneau**, Property; **Mark Newman**, Social Concerns, **Linda Allen**, Worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report April Fiscal Year 2026

INCOME	Month		
<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	26,080.04	118,115.30	79,166.68
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	213.00	610.00	333.32
OTHER RECEIPTS			
BUILDING USE	990.00	4,260.00	2,333.32
MISCELLANEOUS	10.00	100.00	83.32
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Total Income	27,293.04	123,085.30	81,916.64
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Total Expense	27,548.51	85,737.94	80,554.40
Net Income	-255.47	37,347.36	1,362.24

General Fund Offering and Attendance

May 3 general fund: 3377 attendance: 61

May 10
general fund: \$4000; attendance: 76

May 17
general fund \$5903; attendance 71

May 24
general fund: \$497; attendance: 54

A Friendly Reminder! When you sponsor flowers and/or bulletins don't forget to turn in the appropriate form and submit your payment. Flowers are \$25 and Bulletins are \$10. Thank you!





Thank you to all who came out to support Mary for her fundraiser dinner. It was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped prep food, cook food, donated food, and cleaned up afterwards. You all are amazing. - Mary Eckert & Laurie Dale



Food Pantry Needs – Food items at the High Plains Food Bank remain tight to non-existent. When you are out shopping and if you are in a position financially to do so, please consider picking up some jelly and pasta sauce. Right now, we don't have a reliable source for bread. If you can find bread at a low price, feel free to buy one or two loaves. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

HAPPY
Birthday



- 06/02 Sheryl Habeger
- 06/03 Sherrill Pohl
- 06/05 Biff Flatt
- 06/07 Luann Heuton
- 06/09 Johnny Reinschmidt
- 06/17 Tanya Berry
- 06/24 Royce Berry
- 06/29 Phyllis Antle
- 06/29 Gallifrey Dale

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Jon Edler, Audrey Holman, Kenneth Huckabee, Beatrice Kirkeeng, Donna Nuss, Bill Tietgens, Beverly Roush, Sonia Sanchez, Jan Werner, Dale Thompson



PRAYER
LIST

For our family members and friends

Elizabeth, Erin, Allen & Rhonda, Deborah W., Aiden, Lana K., Steve, Nickie, Mark, Donnie, Cynthia, Mike, Sharon, Brant, Melissa, Judy L., Mary L., Hattie, Lauren, Jessica, Josh G., Michael & Whitney, Rodger, Pr. Mike & Sharon, Ellie Hanes and her family, Kristina K., Jimmy, Monica, Sandra, Anthony, and Dianne Z.

For those serving in the military

Specialist Noah Moller, Captain Alan Kassouf, Major Erik Lawson

Pray for those who graduate from college and seminaries.

Midland, Midland; Trinity, Sherman

Updates Encouraged!

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

If you need pastoral care of a visit or phone call, contact the church office at 806-359-9483

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

Meetings & Misc. Calendar

The Women's Study Group will meet Tuesdays, June 9 and 23 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin a lecture series from The Great Courses titled, *The History of Christianity II: From the Reformation to the Modern Megachurch*. All women of the congregation are invited to join us!

The Wired Word will not meet during the summer. We will resume meeting sometime in October. Stay tuned for details!

- **Council** meets June 15 at 7:00 pm.

Sunday Scripture Readings

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Sunday, June 7

First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

Psalm: Psalm 50:7-15

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

Sunday, June 14

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

Psalm: Psalm 100

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

Sunday, June 21

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

Psalm: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

Sunday, June 28

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

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

Reflecting the Father's Name



Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide,

Still Worth More Than You Know

A speaker opened his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill and asking a crowd of 200 people, "Who would like this?"

Nearly every hand went up.

"I'll give it to one of you," he said. "But first..." He crumpled the bill tightly in his fist. "Who still wants it?"

Hands remained in the air.

He dropped it to the floor and ground it under his shoe. Then he picked up the wrinkled, dirty bill. "How about now?"

The hands rose again.

"My friends," he said, "you've just learned an important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, it never lost its value. It was still worth \$20." Life can feel the same way. We are dropped, crumpled and ground down by our choices and by circumstances beyond our control. At times, we may even feel worthless. But our value does not change.

In God's eyes, you are never less than priceless. Clean or dirty, wrinkled or whole, you remain precious to Him. As Isaiah 43:4 says in the NIV, "You are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you."



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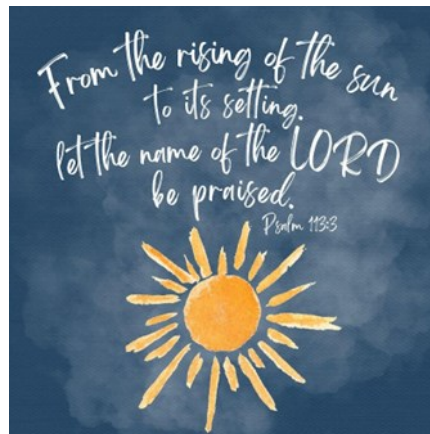
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