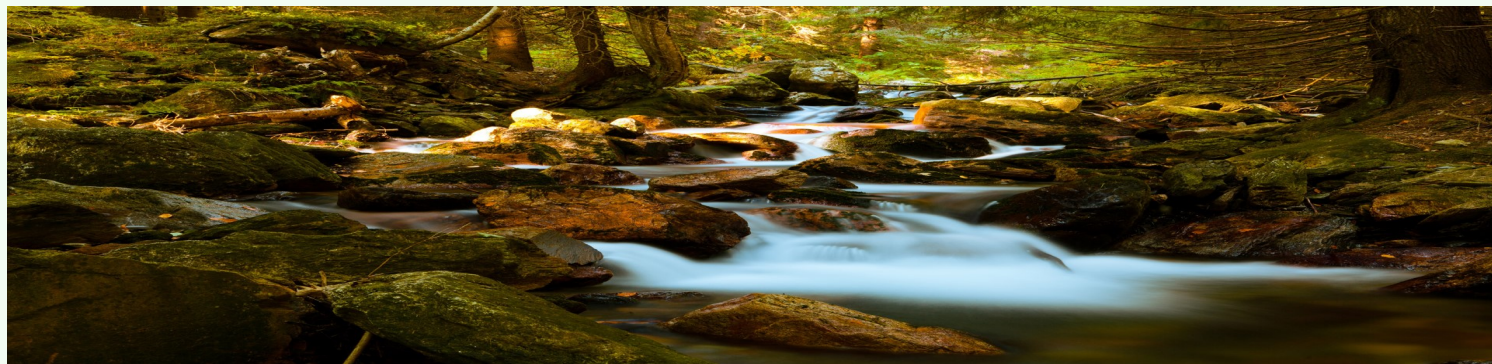


# Good News



## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 1947-2023

The Book of Revelation: A Story of Hope or a Tale of Horror?  
by Pr. Leah Lawson

The subject of Revelation has been popping up during the Women's Study Group and "The Wired Word." Many people struggle with this mysterious book of the Bible. It provokes a lot of questions. What is Revelation really about? What will happen when Jesus returns? Will there be another world war? Will people be "raptured" or "left behind?" "Will the world end?" So many questions, but sometimes, the answers aren't very helpful.

During my internship, I read a book by Barbara R. Rossing called *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation*. My internship supervisor, Pr. Susan Henry, suggested I read this book because I was confused about Revelation too. It's a fantastic book and it gave me a better understanding of what Revelation is truly about. Rossing is a New Testament professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and she is an ordained pastor in the ELCA.

Over the summer, we are going to have the opportunity to read this book, talk about it, and maybe get some of our questions answered. I hope that this time together will shed a bit of light on this mysterious book which is often interpreted as real-life tale of horror with all kinds of terrible things that happen within its pages.

We will meet on Thursdays at 10 AM and 7 PM starting on June 1. Our last meeting will be on August 17. Feel free to join the class time that is most convenient for you. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to participate. The church has funds available to cover the cost of the books. Please sign-up by May 21 so the books can be ordered before we have our first meeting. I hope that you will join me on this adventure through Revelation! I'm sure it will be an eye opening and hopeful experience.

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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 April 17 for a business meeting.**

Members Present: J. Moller, B. Flatt, C. Kuehler, G. Rohloff, D. Wisker, D. Rosenthal, S. Berry, B. Berg, Pr. L. Lawson  
Guest Present: C. Hall  
Members Absent: J. Reinschmidt

**New Business:**

**Pastor:** We had a meaningful Lenten journey at Beautiful Savior this year! I want to thank everyone for all their help with the Soup & Sandwich suppers on Wednesdays and our beautiful Holden Evening Prayer services. A huge thank you to everyone who brought donations for our Lenten Giving Project which benefitted the clients of Refugee Services of Texas.

The topic of Revelation has come up a few times during The Wired Word and the Women's Study Group. I'm looking at doing a book study over the summer so we can have a more in depth look at Revelation and other topics associated with this mysterious and misunderstood book of the Bible. We will be reading and discussing *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* by Barbara R. Rossing. I have read the book and it's excellent! I think it will be a great opportunity to look at Revelation through a lens of hope instead of fear and dread.

**Education/Youth—** We have been busy! We not only had volunteers sign up for Children's Message and Children's Church, but we planned the Easter egg hunt. A group filled eggs on April 4th. Pastor Leah and Tanya Berry told the Easter story using resurrection eggs following the Easter service. Meanwhile, a group hid eggs. Thanks to all our volunteers, we had another successful Easter egg hunt.

**Fellowship—**We have provided great fellowship opportunities during Wednesday nights with soup/sandwich suppers and Holden Evening Services. We also continued providing Coffee and treats on Sunday mornings. We held a fantastic Easter Breakfast, and bid a few members farewell with receptions. We have continued live streaming church services and maintaining current info on our church website and facebook pages to reach our homebound members and non-members alike. We ordered some new BSLC branded pens to give out with visitor packages.

**Activities/Events in past month:** On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we had a fantastic Easter Breakfast with various church members bringing breakfast casseroles, pastries/breads, and fruit dishes! On February 19<sup>th</sup>, we held a reception to bid Marilyn Waugh farewell. The theme was Texas to the Bahamas as we had Banana Pudding to represent Texas, and Ann-Marie made a delicious rum cake for the Bahamas! On March 12<sup>th</sup>, we shared our thanks and goodbyes with Greg and Diane Hinders with a reception. Karen and Wally got a cake, and Judy brought mini-quiches for the occasion and we provided sherbet punch and the normal coffee as well.

**Property—**Organized 4 teams for 2023 mowing season. Thanks to all who fertilized and mowed the church and parsonage lawns before Easter. BSLC contracted new custodian, Kristin Johnson. She started cleaning the church the first of April.



**Church Council:**

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

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

## Treasurer's Report March of Fiscal Year 2023

Month

INCOME

OFFERINGS	Actual	Budget
GENERL FUND ENVELOPE	14,403.42	18,750
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	49.10	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	368.98	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	10.00	20.83
Total Income	14,782.40	19,020.83
EXPENSE	18,335.87	18,734.32

**General Fund Offering and Attendance in April.**

**April 2**

general fund: \$7593; Attendance:76

**April 9**

general fund: \$2,978; Attendance: 91

**April 16**

\$457; 49

Beautiful Savior recently received a card and two letters from **Lutheran World Relief**, thanking us for our generous gift that will help the people of Turkey as they recover from the devastating earthquake. Thank you for your generosity, support, and prayers during this difficult time.



The **Women's Study** meets Tuesday, May 23 at 10 am. The **Wired Word** meets on Thursdays, May 4, & 25 at 10 am and 7 pm, then breaks for the summer.



## KEENAGERS

May 3 at Noon  
Potluck

05/01 Kendra Worley  
Chancie Coberley  
05/09 Lorryne Vogel  
05/13 Nancy Beatty  
05/25 Karen Herpich  
Kelsey Worley  
05/30 Andrew Berg

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### For our members

Lorryne Vogel

#### For our family members and friends

Hattie, Bruce L., Garry, Sandy, David, Aid-  
en, Carla, Doug, Elizabeth, Dan, Michael H.,  
Tim, Scott, Danny, Randy, John, Polly Jo, Alan and Sheila.



#### 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

**Prayers of Thanks—Dear Beautiful Saviors Members,**  
Words cannot express how grateful I feel with all the Easter  
Blessings and get well wishes you all have given me. May  
God bless each one of you in a very special way.

Sincerely,  
Lorryne Vogel

**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.

*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 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 bulle-  
tin 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

# Sunday Scripture Readings

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7:55-60

*The martyrdom of Stephen*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

1 Peter 2:2-10

*God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts*

John 14:1-14 *Christ the way, truth, and life*

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:6-14

*Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure*

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*God will sustain and restore those who suffer*

John 17:1-11

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023  
DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21

*Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit*

John 20:19-23

*The Spirit poured out*

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 17:22-31

*Paul's message to the Athenians*

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

1 Peter 3:13-22

*The days of Noah, a sign of baptism*

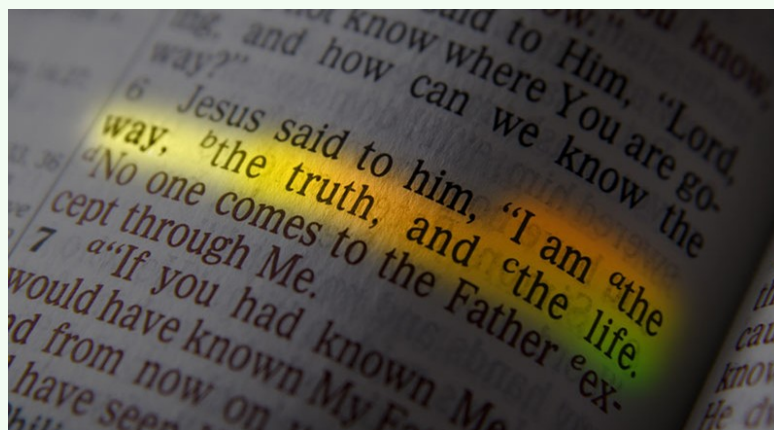
John 14:15-21

*Christ our advocate*

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/>





# Fellowship Fun

We have reserved 25 tickets for the game on Friday, June 2.

More information will be forthcoming in your Sunday Bulletins or check with Spencer Berry.





# May 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 10 am Food Pantry  12 pm KEENAGERS	4 10 am Wired Word  7 pm Wired Word	5	6
7 9:30 Worship 10:45 Choir	8  7 pm Property	9	10 10 am Food Pantry	11	12	13
14 9:30 Worship 10:45 Choir 	15  7 pm Council	16	17 10 am Food Pantry	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship 10:45 Choir	22	23 10am Women's Study	24 10 am Food Pantry	25 10 am Wired Word  7 pm Wired Word	26	27
28 <b>PENTECOST</b>  9:30 Worship 10:45 Choir	29	30	31 10 am Food Pantry			



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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.**