

HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
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shine upon you, And be gracious to you...

Good News



New Year, New Opportunities
by Rev. Leah R. Lawson

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that 2023 is in the rearview mirror and 2024 is on the horizon. A new year gives us the opportunity for new hopes, new dreams, new ideas, and new habits. There are so many possibilities in our lives for change!

Change can be a good and even a wonderful thing, but it's hard! Sometimes, it's easier to keep things the same. There's nothing wrong with that, but when we keep things the same, we may miss out on something that God wants us to experience, to learn, or to do. Isaiah 43:18-19 states:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

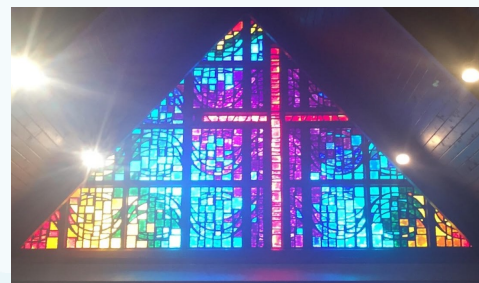
God is doing new things and I believe that God is calling us to do new things too!

For Holy Week this year, we are going to do something new and different. We are going to experience Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter through the 5 senses. How did this idea come to fruition? One day, Richard Owen spoke with me about this idea and I thought, "This is great! Why not?" Richard and I will begin planning these services soon and we would like your help! This is a wonderful opportunity to see how worship services come together. If you are interested in helping or just curious, please let me know! I would love to have a small worship planning team to help with this project.

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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 Dec. 18 for a business meeting.

Members Present: J. Moller, J. Reinshmidt, D. Rosenthal, Pr. L. Lawson, G. Rohloff, Ann-Marie Shadduck, D. Wisker, S. Berry, B. Flatt

Others Present: Cheryl Hall, Nancy Conley

Members Absent: C. Kuehler, B. Blair,

New Business

- A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28 following the worship service.
- It was noted in council how beautiful the Cantata was on December 17. A special thanks to Marsha Moller and the church choir for all your hard work.
- It was decided to continue with the church sign-in list on Sunday mornings. The ushers will also be asked to count heads for an accurate Sunday morning attendance count.

Old Business

- **Reminder:** Bishop Gronberg will be visiting us on January 21. Make plans to have fellowship with him at a brunch following the worship service.
- Biff Flatt provided the church council with an update on the church property insurance options in the new year.

Pastor—We will have an Epiphany Dinner on Saturday, January 6, 2024. Since Epiphany falls on a Saturday next year, we will gather for an Epiphany worship service at 5:30 PM before the dinner. I'm so looking forward to this time together!

Evangelism—We continue to live streaming church services and maintaining current info on our church website and Facebook pages to reach our homebound members and nonmembers alike.

Fellowship— Advent was a blessings to all! The season was celebrated with our mid-week services "The Holden Evening Prayer" and the advent suppers hosted by our amazing Fellowship Committee. Thank you for all your hard work.



Our Congregation always shows such loving, generous, hearts and support for the church staff.

Thank you for all you do! We are look forward to a fantastic new year with you.

Blessings,

Pr. Leah Cheryl Marsha



Church Council:

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

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report November Fiscal Year 2023

Month

INCOME

OFFERINGS	Actual	Budget
GENERL FUND ENVELOPE	17,785.27	18,750
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	56.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	432.61	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	20.00	20.83
Total Income	17,841.47	19,020.83
EXPENSE	15,595.40	18,110.50

General Fund Offering and Attendance

Dec 3

general fund: \$9464; attendance:75

Dec 10

general fund: \$2847; attendance: 53

Dec 17

general fund: \$2842; Attendance: 76

Dec 24—general fund: 2338; Attendance 38

Dec 31—not available



The **Women's Study Group** will meet Tuesdays, January 9th and 23rd at 10:00 AM.

The **Wired Word** will meet on Thursdays, January 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



01/06 Lucille Longhofer
01/08 Mysha Hawkings
01/15 Gregg Johnson
01/25 Tim Longhofer
01/28 Fred Snyder
01/31 Jeff Antle
Greg Rohloff

Thank you to the person who made the beautiful blankets for the girls and myself. The blankets are loved and used daily.
– Laurie Dale

KEENAGERS

Meets on Wednesday, January 3 at 12:00 PM. Our hosts are Karen & Wally Herpich and Shirley Petersen.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman

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, and Jim.

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.

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.

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



Comfort your-
selves together,
and edify one
another ...

I 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 beautiful-savioramarillo@gmail.com

Sunday Scripture Readings

January 7

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Second Reading - Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

January 21

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel - Mark 1:14-20

January 14

First Reading - 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel - John 1:43-51

January 28

First Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel - Mark 1:21-28

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/>

Epiphany Worship Service and Dinner

Saturday, January 6
Worship 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:10 pm

Menu:
Grilled Pork Chops
Grilled Vegetables
Vegetable Medley
Smoked Mac & Cheese
Handmade Dinner Rolls



Our source of Light

January 6 marks the day of Epiphany, when the wise men (who were Gentiles) came to worship Jesus and bring him gifts. During the church-year season of Epiphany, we remember that God's Son is the Light of the whole world.

Ponder the gifts of Epiphany with these two reflections, written centuries apart:

Your light, dear God, surpasses all other light, because all light comes from you. Your fire surpasses all fire, because your fire alone burns without destroying. The flames of your fire reach into the soul, consuming the sin and selfishness that lie there. But far from damaging the soul, your fire sets it ablaze with love. What moved you to enlighten me with your truth? The fire of your love was the reason. You loved me so much that you could not bear to see me confused and perplexed. Can I ever repay the burning love which you have given me? No, because I have nothing of my own to give. Yet you assure me that the love which you put into my soul is repayment enough. You desire only the joy of seeing me receiving your gift. What more perfect Father could there be!



—Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)

Epiphany beckons us to come to the light of Jesus Christ. Epiphany calls us to stare into that light until our inner darkness is fully expunged. Epiphany then sends us out into a dark and weary world as women and men with shining faces, until we say with the apostle Paul, "It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" [see 2 Corinthians 4:6].



Christianity affirms that at the heart of reality is a Heart, a loving Father who works through history for the salvation of his children. Man cannot save himself, for man is not the measure of all things and humanity is not God. Bound by the chains of his own sin and finiteness, man needs a Savior.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

January 2024

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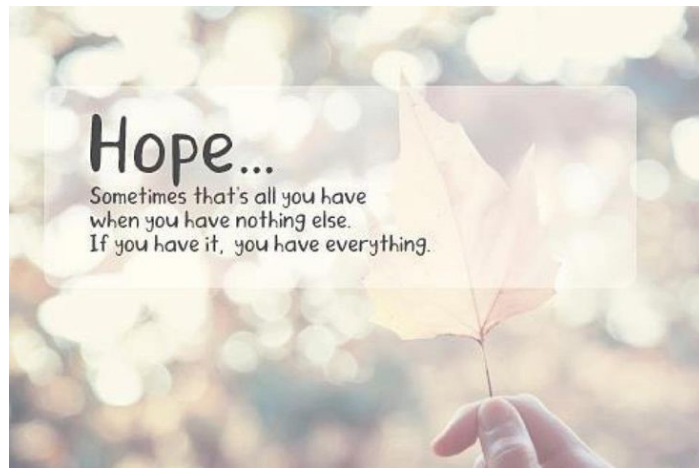
	1 Office Closed	2	3 10 am Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	4 10 am Wired Word 7pm Wired Word	5	6 9:30 Take down Chris- mon Tree 5:30 Epiphany Service 6:10 Epiphany Dinner
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FYI - Our worship services are now live streamed on Beautiful Savior's Facebook page: [Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church-Amarillo](#) Pass it along.