



Good News!

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Stewardship Kaleidoscope: A Few Reflections

by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

I'm so thankful for the opportunity to attend Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2025 in New Orleans, September 22-24. It was my first time attending this particular conference and I'm so glad I did! The speakers were engaging, the workshops were practical, and the worship was dynamic! I came away from this conference with some ideas and some inspiration. I'm incredibly thankful for all those who made this conference possible, our siblings in Christ, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and all the sponsors who provided the financial support. A special thank you to the ELCA, the NT-NL Synod, and Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church who provided financial support so I could attend the conference.

Money...it's one of those things that we don't like to talk about in the Church. It's personal, it's messy, and it's necessary! Money is one of those things that we can't ignore in our journey as Jesus' disciples. You may have noticed that many of our Gospel readings from Luke recently have been about wealth, possessions, and how we manage those things or maybe how we don't manage them. Since I have been at Beautiful Savior, I have observed and celebrated the fact that stewardship and generosity is an important part of this congregation. To be honest, I'm not sure when was the last time the congregation had a stewardship campaign or even had a stewardship committee. As you all may remember, the Church Council no longer has a Stewardship Committee representative. Stewardship has fallen under my responsibilities as your pastor. This is one of the main reasons I wanted to attend this conference! Also, I try to preach about stewardship and generosity when the opportunity presents itself. The thing is, stewardship is everyone's responsibility! Also, It's not just about money. It's about being a good steward of God's creation, our time, our talents, and our money. We do the work of stewardship together, as God's beloved children.

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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 August Fiscal Year 2025

Month

INCOME

OFFERINGS

	Actual	Budget
GENEERL FUND ENVELOPE	13,725.94	19,333.33
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	135.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	415.00	458.33
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	20.83

Total Income 14,275.94 19,895.82

EXPENSE

Total Expense 25,282.19

General Fund Offering and Attendance

September 7

general fund: 7047 attendance: 67

September 14

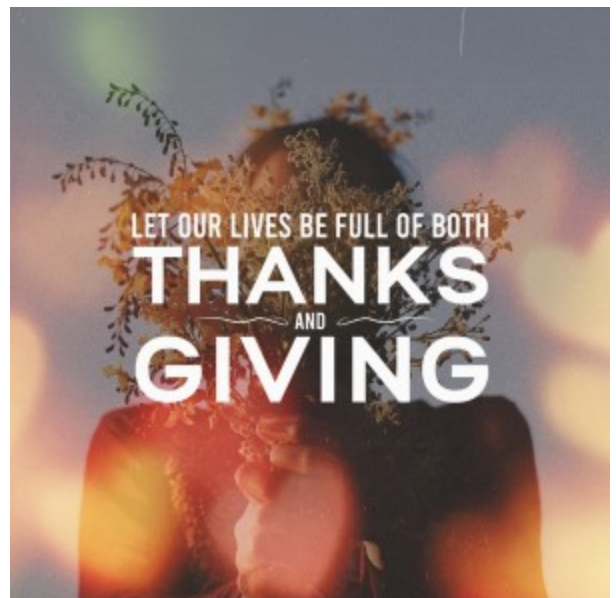
general fund: \$3017; attendance: 92

September 21

general fund: \$725; attendance: 62

September 28

general fund: \$2852; attendance: 69



Council met on September 15 for a business meeting.

Attendance:

Council Members: Spencer Berry, Pr. Leah, Jeff Worley, Mark Newman, Nancy Conley, Gene Reneau, Blair Berg, Linda Allen

Office Manager: Absent-Cheryl Hall

Council Members Absent: Ann-Marie Shadduck; Deanna Rosenthal

Old Business

- All live stream equipment has been set up. It was noted that it is not picking up the piano & organ sound successfully. Norris Audio has been called to address the problem. Money for a choir mic was approved by the Endowment Committee. A request for mic training recruits will be made.
- The joint service with St Peter's episcopal was well received and attended.
- The Nominating Committee has submitted 3 candidates for council.
- The council reviewed line by line the budget for 2026 with plans to complete the process at the October meeting.
- Council is reviewing the model constitution information and we will discuss further at the October meeting.

Social Concerns:

- Food Pantry fed 139 during the month of August 2025.
- We welcomed Karen Herpich as a Food Pantry Volunteer for the 1st Wednesday of the Month. She is replacing Sherrill Pohl. Thank you Sherrill for your many years of service in the Food Pantry Ministry.
- We will be holding a meeting soon with Food Pantry volunteers to update on HPFB forms, procedures, and food availability situation. Look for the date in upcoming announcements.
- Mark Newman attended the annual agency conference for the High Plains Food Bank on September 12, 2025.

Worship:

- We will schedule a date to clean and oil the pews in October and begin to consider the schedule for Advent. (Advent begins November 31st.)
- In the area of behind the scenes caring for our church, we should thank Diane Wisker for making new cushions for the benches in the fellowship hall entrance and the breezeway. I'd also like to thank Pastor Leah for her creative and beautiful bulletin board near the narthex entrance and her ongoing efforts to make the church look welcoming and up to date.

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, October 1 at noon for a pot-luck lunch.

Hosting: Pr. Leah
Pastor will provide pizza and asks for others to bring sides to complement the pizza.

-The Women's Study Group meets on Tuesdays, October 14 and 28 at 10 AM.

- Council meets Monday, October 20 at 7 pm



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10/03 Mark Newman
10/06 Mary Jones
10/08 Dainay Hawkins
10/09 Kendra Massey
10/10 Richard Owens
10/15 Audrey Holman
10/15 Jan Werner
10//22 David Cole
Dianne Reinschmidt
10/27 Cheryl Hall
Randy Heuton
10/28 Marjorie Spencer

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Please keep Judith Hanson, Blair, Jessica and Andrew Berg, and the family of Sheila (Hibbits) Moeller in your prayers. Sheila, Judith's sister, passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025. Sheila and her sons, Jared and Aaron Hibbits were former members of Beautiful Savior.

For our family members and friends

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

For our homebound members

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

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

For our country – The people of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

2025 NT-NL Prayer Partners

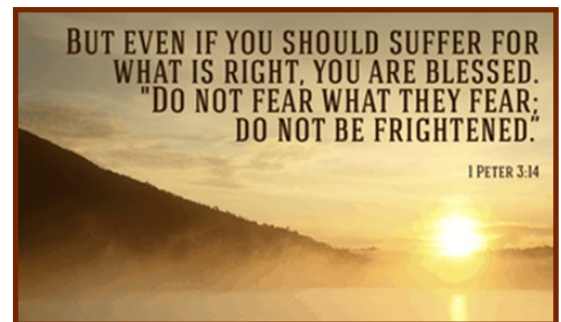
We invite individuals and congregations to join us in prayer for our congregations, leaders, and partners in mission.

Pray for the sustaining work of the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF)

Hope, Comanche; Centro Teologico Luterano Multicultural (CTLML)

Prayers of Thanks

Updates Encouraged!



*Just keep
praying.*

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 beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com

Sunday Scripture Readings

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Sunday, October 5, 2025

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord. (Ps. 37:5)

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

Sunday, October 12, 2025

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

Psalm: Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

Sunday, October 19, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm: Psalm 121

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Sunday, October 26, 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

Psalm: Psalm 84:1-7

Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

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

The Beauty of Stewardship



Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good

things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

That is the beauty of stewardship.



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One of the most profound quotes I heard from the conference was this, "What people resist is not change, per se. People resist loss." This is from the book, *Leadership on the Line: Staying Alive Through the Dangers of Leading* by Ronald L. Heifetz and Marty Linsky. Change is hard, but it's our reality. How do we embrace change? How do we learn to grieve the losses that may come due to change? What are we willing to give up in order to keep the ministry going? What are we will not willing to give up? What are we willing to try? What are will willing to do for the sake of the Good News? How do we let go and let God?

I wish I had some answers for all of these questions, but I don't. We must keep asking the questions, keep praying, keep moving forward, and allow ourselves to lessen our grip on the things that are keeping us from doing a new thing.



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Sun

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Fri

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			1 FP 10-12 pm Noon- Keenagers	2 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	3	4 3 pm Blessing of the Animals
5 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Fellowship -Choir	6	7	8 FP 10-12 pm	9 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	10	11
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Fellowship -Choir	13	14 10 am Women's Study	15 FP 10-12 pm	16 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	17	18
19 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Fellowship -Choir	20 7 pm Council	21	22 FP 10-12 pm	23 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	24	25
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