

Good News

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The Advent Art Project
by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

Last year during our Wednesday Evening Advent Services, we focused on a different word each week; pause, prepare, and ponder. I painted each word on a round, white, canvas to serve as a focal point during our time together. I enjoyed creating these paintings! I'm not an artist, but there's something about the process of taking a blank canvas, thinking about what you are going to do with that canvas, add some paint, and over time, something begins to spring forth.

This year, I invite you to harness your creative side and participate in our Advent Art Project! We will be creating 4 collages during the season. The inspiration for this art project comes from "Light of Light" by Joel Raney. This is a candle lighting ceremony that we will be using during the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve. Each Sunday, we will focus on the "Light of Hope", the "Light of Peace", the "Light of Joy", and the "Light of Love". These themes will serve as a focal point for our collages.

So, what is a collage? Well, it's when you cut pictures from catalogs and magazines and stick them on a piece of paper. For our project, we will be using foam board instead of paper. I will have all the supplies set up in the Fellowship Hall. During fellowship time and during our Wednesday evening suppers, you are welcome to work on the collages. You can even come to the Fellowship Hall during the week and work on them if you would like! All of God's children are invited to participate in this activity. Since scissors will be involved, I ask that adults supervise the littles with this activity.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I look forward to celebrating Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany with you all!

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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 November 18 for a church business meeting.

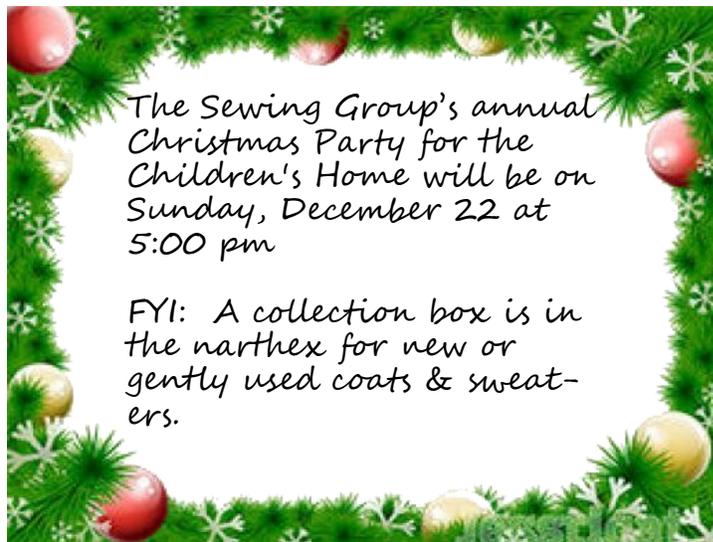
Members Present: B. Flatt, Pr. L. Lawson, AM. Shadduck, B. Berg, G. Rohloff, J. Reinschmidt, D. Wisker, D. Rosenthal, C. Kuehler, N. Conley, S. Berry

Members Absent: none

Others Presents: C. Hall

Old Business:

- Finalized 2025 proposed budget – B. Flatt mentioned a possible 25-50% increase in church insurance premium in 2025.
- NTNL MEF Grant Application update – S. Berry stated the application was submitted on time and that he should hear something by February 2025 if BSLC was awarded the grant or not.
- **Worship**—Advent Season has arrived very quickly on us, The schedule for Advent Season is completed; and the Christmon tree will be set up on November 30th and remain up from December 1st- December 28th. Communion will be served by Intinction. The Christmas Eve service communion will be served with Bread.



Like the Magi, we can respond with our best gifts — our industry, our devotion, our very lives. We disciples are Christ's tangible presence in the world. That same Child whose light brought such joy to the Magi now, through us, offers his mercy to every person.

Through us, every day, Christ feeds multitudes; he heals, teaches and guides countless people. Through individual volunteers and major institutions, through simple acts of kindness or worldwide coordinated efforts, the world can encounter, through the Christian community, the enduring, tangible presence of Christ.

—Michael Simone



Church Council:

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

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report October Fiscal Year 2024

Month

INCOME

OFFERINGS

	Actual	Budget
GENEERL FUND ENVELOPE	13,898.38	17,850.50
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	57.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	185.00	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	00.00	20.83

Total Income	14,083.38	18,121.33
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EXPENSE

	16,366.89	19,375.59
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General Fund Offering and Attendance

November 3

general fund: 5733; attendance: 60

November 10

general fund: \$3582; attendance: 57

November 17

general fund: \$1047; attendance: 80

November 24

general fund: \$4152; attendance: 60

Meetings & Misc. in December

KEENAGERS- Meet for a pot-luck Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 4 at 12:00 pm.

The Wired Word will meet on Thursdays, December 5 and 12 at 10 AM and 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for conversations on current events and the Bible!

The Women's Study Group is taking a break for the holiday season. We will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 14.

Council Meeting—Monday, December 16 at 7 pm.



12/02 Linda Runkle
12/04 Bill Tietgens
12/04 Linda Allen
12/05 Jessica Berg
12/08 Jeff Worley
12/09 Hal Wisker
12/11 Judith Hanson
Mary Eckert
12/13 Bea Kirkeeng
12/15 Dustin Rosenthal
12/17 Laluna Nation
12/19 Florance Eckert
12/28 Melinda Flatt
12/31 Kenneth Huckabee

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For Our Members

Audrey Holman, Sonia Sanchez

Please keep Helene Keiser and the WT Equestrian Team in your prayers as they compete at the WT Western Show in Canyon, November 23 & 24.

For Our Family Members and Friends

Hattie, Bruce L., Sandy, David, Aiden, Carla, Doug, Elizabeth, Dan, Michael H., Tim, Scott, Danny, John, Dick, Jim, Tony, Billie Jo, Rudy N., Will, the family of Reesa M., Jerry., Michelle R., Curtis & Barbara W., Clifton T., Wayne and Robert.

For Our Homebound Members

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

For Those in the Military—Sergeant Luke Butler

For Our Siblings in Christ in the NT-NL Synod and the ELCA
Pray for the World Hunger Relief and Lutheran Disaster Relief

San Gabriel, Alvarado; Upbring, ELCA Conference of Bishops

Prayers of Thanks

Updates Encouraged

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

The Food Pantry will be giving out Christmas Dinner boxes on Wednesday, December 18. if you would like to help fill the boxes, a list of items needed is below. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, December 15.

Needed: Instant potatoes, boxed stuffing, gravy mixes, corn or green beans, cranberry sauce, yams & canned peaches.

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 beautifulsaviora-marillo@gmail.com

Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound.

Sunday, December 8, 2024

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel.

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

Sunday, December 15, 2024

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

In your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Is. 12:6)

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

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/>

Sunday, December 22, 2024.

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem

Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55

You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith

Wednesday December 25, 2024

Nativity of Our Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord, A City Not Forsaken.

Psalm: Psalm 97

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart. (Ps. 97:11)

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

Sunday, December 29, 2024

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband Elkanah come to the temple to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.

Psalm: Psalm 148

The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with new garments upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

Advent a Season of Hope & Expectation



**Advent Suppers (pot-luck themed)
at 6:00-6:15 pm
followed by the "Holden Evening Prayer"
at & 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, December 4—All American

Wednesday, December 11 —Mexican

Wednesday, December 18—Italian

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 pm December 24





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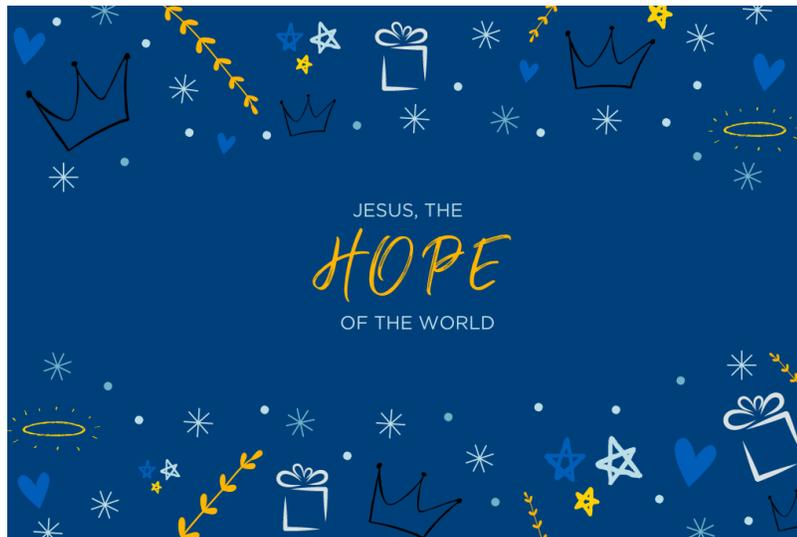
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<p>22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24  7 pm Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day! </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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