

# Good News

## A PUBLICATION OF BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Dogwood and the Azaleas  
by Pr. Leah R. Lawson

The dogwood stands tall  
While the azaleas admire.  
This admiration goes on  
Hour after hour.

When the wind blows,  
Leaves and flowers will fall.  
The dogwood stands tall  
While the azaleas admire.

Through joy and tears,  
Rain and scorching heat.  
The dogwood stands tall  
While the azaleas admire.

The birds and the animals  
All gather around.  
The dogwood stands tall  
While the azaleas admire.

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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 March 18 for a Council business meeting.**

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

**New Business—** Pr. Leah will be away from April 18<sup>th</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup> with Linda Allen to the Synod Assembly. Pr. Lawson will also be on vacation to Germany and back from May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business** B. Flatt is anticipating two official quotes for our property insurance. A new updated quote from Brotherhood Mutual and a renewal quote from Church Mutual. B. Flatt mentioned the deductible for both quotes will be higher than what we have currently, and the replacement cost is much more because of the cost to rebuild. He will present both quotes to council at the April meeting.

**Pastor—** It has been a busy Lent here at Beautiful Savior. I hope in the midst of the busyness that you have had an opportunity for prayer and reflection. Our Lenten Suppers have been a wonderful time of sharing a meal and fellowship together. A huge thank you to Ann-Marie and everyone who has been helping with prep, set-up, and clean-up. Our Wednesday Evening Lent Services have been a time to slow-down and reflect on holy lament.

The Women's Study Group began a new study in late February titled, *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith: A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America*.

*The Wired Word* continues to meet on Thursdays at 10 AM and 7 PM.

Matthew Mickey was baptized on Sunday, February 18. It was a great day! On Sunday, February 25, we had a celebration for Marsha Moller. Another great day! Thank you to everyone who helped make this a wonderful celebration!

**Education/Youth—**The Education/Youth Committee led Easter activities for the children on Easter Sunday, with "finding the Alleluia" and a Resurrection Eggs activity in the sanctuary while the eggs were being hidden for an egg hunt.

### **Property Activities —**

- Mortar problem inside South brick wall in sanctuary was repaired.
- New door locks were placed on the fellowship hall entrance doors.
- Spring clean-up:
- Lawns mowed, fertilized and watering started.
- Windows cleaned
- Fellowship hall and kitchen floors cleaned/waxed
- Mowing signup sheets will be placed in the narthex

**Social Concerns —**High Plains Food Bank has awarded the Beautiful Savior food pantry a \$2,000 grant of credit in February. The funds will be used to supplement our purchases from the food bank.

**Worship—** Thank you to everyone on the Altar Guild who helped with our busy Lent schedule, Holy Week & Easter.

### **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 February Fiscal Year 2024

Month

### INCOME

OFFERINGS	Actual	Budget
GENEERL FUND ENVELOPE	17,032.40	17,850
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	104.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	365.00	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	30.00	20.83
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,841.40</b>	<b>18,121.33</b>

### EXPENSE

14,828.91      19,375.59

### General Fund Offering and Attendance

#### March 3

general fund: \$5829; attendance:62

#### March 10

general fund: \$3602; attendance: 57

#### March 17

general fund:\$1707; Attendance: 71

#### March 24

general fund: \$2042; Attendance: 72

#### March 31

Not Available



The **Women's Study Group** will meet Tuesday, April 9 and 23 at 10 AM in The Fourth Day Room.

The **Wired Word** will meet on Thursdays, April 4, 11, and 25 at 10 AM and 7 PM.

**KEENAGERS-** Meet for a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, April 3 at 12:00 pm. Hosting are Lucille Longhofer and Melinda Flatt



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### For our members

Audrey Holman  
Sally Lehrmann  
Fred & Wanda Garcia – Mission work in Guatemala  
Arliiss Johnson & Family upon the passing of Keith Johnson

### 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, Jim, Marion, Mike, Michelle, Julie, Tony, Billie Jo, the family of Marion Finley, Debra, Art, Gale, Rebekka, the family of Claire Stovall.

For our homebound members Beverly Roush, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Arliiss Johnson, Kenneth Huckabee, Betty Loomis, and Beatrice Kirkeeng

### For those serving in the military - Sergeant Luke Butler

For our Region Please keep all the communities in the Texas Panhandle that have been impacted by the devastating wildfires in your prayers.

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. UPDATE: On March 8, Pr. Craig was moved to a skilled nursing facility.

St. Paul, Levelland

### For the Church

ELCA Churchwide Staff

### For the Country

Please keep all the victims of the tornadoes that devastated Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio in your prayers.

### For the World

The victims of the Israel-Hamas War, the people of Ukraine, the people of Haiti, and for all people who live in the midst of conflict and violence.

Prayers of Thanks Art De Mar's recent surgery went well. Thank you for all your prayers.

**Updates Encouraged!**



04/01 Charles Wright  
04/03 Sally Lehrmann  
04/06 Judy Rohloff  
04/08 Ethan Schmidt  
04/15 Greg Rohloff  
04/19 Rita De Mar  
04/21 Chuck Jacobson  
04/23 Laurie Dale  
04/24 Evelyn Wells  
04/24 Dane Nuss  
04/26 Dorothy Bivens  
04/30 Shirley Petersen



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](mailto:beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com)

# Sunday Scripture Readings

## Sunday, April 7

First Reading - Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
Second Reading - 1 John 1:1--2:2  
Gospel - John 20:19-31

## Sunday, April 14

First Reading - Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-7  
Gospel - Luke 24:36b-48

## Sunday, April 21

First Reading - Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
Second Reading - 1 John 3:16-24  
Gospel - John 10:11-18

## Sunday, April 28

First Reading - Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
Second Reading - 1 John 4:7-21  
Gospel - John 15:1-8

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/>

**To be light in a world of darkness. And to be the pure, preserving salt in a society that's become corrupted and impure (Matthew 5:13-16)."**

## The power of love

Only in love can I find you, my God. In love the gates of my soul spring open, allowing me to breathe a new air of freedom and forget my own petty self. In love my whole being streams forth out of the rigid confines of narrowness and anxious self-assertion, which make me a prisoner of my own poverty emptiness. In love all the powers of my soul flow out toward you, wanting never more to return, but to lose themselves completely in you, since by your love you are the inmost center of my heart, closer to me than I am to myself.



—Karl Rahner, *Encounters With Silence*

## Fundraiser for Mary Eckert

You are invited to dinner Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Menu: Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, salad and dessert.

Free will offering.

Money raised will help Mary Eckert go to Washington DC with the Fannin Middle School Choir in June 2025.

### Superimposed love



Maybe you've heard how salvation is like a total solar eclipse: God doesn't see our sins because Jesus' holiness covers them completely. Or maybe you've heard how trials can cause an "eclipse of faith."

At [WorldChallenge.org](http://WorldChallenge.org), Pastor Gary Wilkerson explains that in Greek, *eclipse* means "I am absent" or "I cease to exist," because people once thought the gods temporarily extinguished the sun. "For Christians, a 'spiritual eclipse' is a dark hour when God seems to be absent from our lives," Wilkerson writes.

Wilkerson points to Peter being sifted like wheat, Elijah and Jeremiah facing extreme discouragement, and David collapsing morally. Amid Satan's attacks, "God seems completely absent," writes the pastor. "In that dark moment of eclipse, the devil has created such chaos we can't possibly see a way out." During times of testing, Christians must cry out to God and trust his faithfulness.

Completing the eclipse analogy, Wilkerson shares Titus 3:4, the "love of God our Savior appeared" (NIV). The Greek meaning of *appeared* here is *superimposed*, he writes. God looks on our fraught-filled times of eclipse and "superimposes his divine love over us."

# April 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 10 am Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAG- ERS	4 10 am Wired Word  7pm Wired Word	5	6 6 pm Mary Eckert Fundraiser Dinner
7 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellow- ship 10:45 Choir	8 7 pm Property	9 10 am Women's Study Group	10 10 am Food Pantry	11 10 am Wired Word  7pm Wired Word	12	13
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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.**