

Good News!

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A Repair for Brokenness

Our lives are marked by brokenness, including broken relationships, broken promises, and broken expectations. Left unattended, these fractures can quietly shape us, hardening into bitterness or resentment.

How do we live with such brokenness without losing heart? We return, again and again, to God's faithful presence. In Him, we find not only comfort but restoration. God does not ignore what is broken. He meets us in it, gently mending what we place in His hands and reshaping what feels beyond repair.

Scripture reminds us, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3, NIV). What we cannot fix on our own, God is able to restore in His time and in His way.

Henri Nouwen, a Dutch Catholic priest, professor and spiritual writer, often spoke of this sacred return, the daily turning back to God where healing begins and hope is renewed. In His presence, our brokenness is not wasted. It becomes the very place where grace takes root and new life begins.



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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 June 15 for their monthly meeting.

Council Members: Pastor Leah Lawson, Spencer Berry, D' Ann Berry
Mark Newman, Gene Reneau, Linda Allen, Jeff Worley, Nancy Conley, Mary Jones
Office Manager: Absent
Council Members Absent:

Consent Agenda/Other Reports

Social Concerns: The freezer door was left open and the ruined hamburger meat has been refrozen, and Mark is calling around to see if anyone may take it (i.e. animal shelters), otherwise it will be thrown out.

Worship: Linda is exploring the possibility of 3D printing new Chrismons.

Fellowship is planning a Father's Day Brunch and cake for Sunday, July 5.

The refrigerator in the hall closet was discussed, as it has a leak which makes it unusable in the eyes of some. Mary asked about purchasing a new one, perhaps even from the "scratch and dent" store. We briefly discussed that and some options of which funds could be used. Mary and Gene to look into it further.

Old Business

Calendar reviewed and noted dates for Pastor Leah's trip to Indianapolis.

Council agreed to fund travel expenses of \$411 for Pastor Leah to attend the ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering. Funds will be taken from the Thrivent Choice dedicated fund.

New Business

- **Funding Requests:** Spencer gave a recap of the recent scramble to approve funding sources for the parking lot resurfacing project, after the work had been done, and emphasized that we should always plan, and have all necessary approvals, funding ahead of expenditures in the future.
- Chelsea Kuehler has resigned as the church archivist. She will return the key and binder.
- Worship bulletin format was discussed. Most agreed we should at least stick with the new format through June.
- We will have a Panhandle Conference Pastor Exchange on August 16.

Other

Reminder: We will start the budget process in August.

Church Council:

Spencer Berry, Council President; **Jeff Worley**, VP; **D'Ann Berry**, Treasurer; **Nancy Conley**, Secretary; **Jessica Berg**, Education/Youth; **Mary Jones** Fellowship; **Gene Reneau**, Property; **Mark Newman**, Social Concerns, **Linda Allen**, Worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report May Fiscal Year 2026

INCOME <u>OFFERINGS</u>	Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	Actual		
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	12,678.73	130,794.03	98,958.35
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	128.00	738.00	416.65
OTHER RECEIPTS			
BUILDING USE	740.00	5,000.00	2,916.65
MISCELLANEOUS	20.00	120.00	104.15
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Total Income	13,566.73	136,652.03	102,395.80
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Total Expense	13,566.73	100,857.79	101,868.00
Net Income	-1762.78	35,794.24	527.80

General Fund Offering and Attendance

June 7 general fund: \$3408; attendance: 61

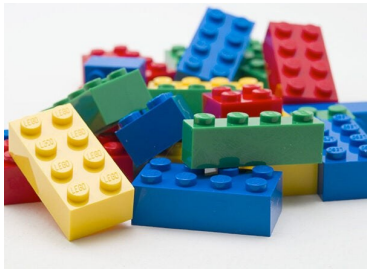
June 14
general fund: \$2072; attendance: 60

June 21
general fund \$2838; attendance 78

June 28
general fund: \$2440; attendance: 62

A Friendly Reminder! When you sponsor flowers and/or bulletins don't forget to turn in the appropriate form and submit your payment. Flowers are \$25 and Bulletins are \$10. Thank you!





Vacation Bible School - Please join us in the fellowship hall on July 18th from 1:30 to 4:30 for VBS 2026, LEGO and Let God; Building Faith Brick by Brick. We will have LEGO activities, snacks, and water activities. Please have your child bring a swimsuit and towel. Please register in advance by emailing Jessica Berg, Amberg080412@gmail.com.

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Food Pantry Needs – Food items at the High Plains Food Bank remain tight to non-existent. When you are out shopping and if you are in a position financially to do so, please consider picking up some jelly, pasta, and/or pasta sauce. Since our freezers are full of tortillas, we are not in need of bread at this time. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

- 07/02 Nix Nation
- 07/06 Nancy Conley
- 07/07 Christine Johnson
- 07/10 Sally Werner
- 07/12 Susan Smith
- 07/13 Butch Habeger
- 07/14 Jon Edler
- 07/19 Deanna Rosenthal
- 07/20 Jon Kuehler
- 07/30 Paula Cole
- 07/31 Sonia Sanchez

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Jon Edler, Audrey Holman, Kenneth Huckabee, Beatrice Kirkeeng, Donna Nuss, Bill Tietgens, Beverly Roush, Sonia Sanchez, Jan Werner, Art De Mar, Evelyn Wells, Judy Rohloff.



PRAYER LIST

For our family members and friends

Elizabeth, Allen & Rhonda, Deborah W., Aiden, Lana K., Steve, Nickie, Mark, Donnie, Cynthia, Mike, Sharon, Brant, Melissa, Judy L., Mary L., Hattie, Lauren, Jessica, Josh G., Rodger, Pr. Mike & Sharon, Ellie Hanes and her family, Kristina K., Jimmy, Sandra, Anthony, Scott A., Monty M., and Judy B. and her family.

For those serving in the military

Specialist Noah Moller, Captain Alan Kassouf, Major Erik Lawson

Updates Encouraged!

Note: 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 806-359-9483

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

Meetings & Misc. Calendar

Keenagers meet on July 1 for a pot-luck lunch.

The Women's Study Group will meet Tuesdays, July 14 and 28 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue the lecture series from The Great Courses titled, *The History of Christianity II: From the Reformation to the Modern Megachurch*. All women of the congregation are invited to join us!

The Wired Word will not meet during the summer. We will resume meeting sometime in October. Stay tuned for details!

- **Council** meets July 20 at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, July 5

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Sunday, July 12

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by

Psalm: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

Sunday, July 19

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

Sunday, July 26

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

Psalm: Psalm 119:129-136

When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

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

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward the purchase of a stole for Pastor Greg Hartmann. Your generosity is truly appreciated! - Art & Rita De Mar



The Sacred Pace of Rest



Jesus, who often withdrew with his disciples to quiet, deserted places, understood something we easily forget: transformation takes time. The richest, most life-giving compost does not form overnight. As author James Gleick observes, "You can't hurry compost for the same reason you can't hurry love and you can't hurry a soufflé. The biochemistry has its own inherent pace." In much the same way, the most meaningful parts of life unfold slowly. Relationships deepen over years. Wisdom grows through experience. True rest cannot be rushed.

Disciples of Jesus today are invited to rediscover the value of the deserted place. It is not empty or wasted space, but sacred ground. It is where long books can be read, unhurried prayers can be offered and deep thoughts can take root. It is where Sabbath is honored through rest, renewal and quiet attentiveness to God.

In a culture that prizes speed and productivity, stepping away may feel counterintuitive. Yet it is in these still moments that our souls are restored and made fertile for growth. The deserted place becomes a gift, shaping us into people who are grounded, attentive and spiritually mature, ready to reenter the world with renewed strength and purpose.

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Sun

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Fri

Sat

			1 FP 10-12 12 pm Keenagers	2	3	4
5 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Fellowship 10:50 -Choir	6	7	8 FP 10-12	9	10	11
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Fellowship 10:50 -Choir	13	14 10 am Women's Study	15 FP 10-12	16	17	18 VBS 1;30-4:30
19 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Fellowship 10:50 -Choir	20 7 pm Council	21	22 FP 10-12	23	24	25
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Fellowship 10:50 -Choir	27	28 10 am Women's Study	29 FP 10-12	30	31	



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