

Good News!

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NT-NL Synod Assembly: Common Ground

The Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod Assembly was held on April 25 – 26 at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Lubbock. It was a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, conversation, and conducting the business of the synod. I love Synod Assembly! It's one of the highlights of the year! It's like attending a big family reunion. You get to see family members that you don't see very often because they live on the other side of the state. You also get to meet family members you didn't even know existed!

The Church finds itself in challenging times. Things are changing quickly and sometimes, we feel stuck. We are not sure how we should address all the issues that we face as people of faith; declining attendance, diminishing resources, political divisions, and theological debates. Attending events such as Synod Assembly reminds us that we are not alone as we navigate our new reality. With all the challenges and changes, the people of God stand on common ground, our faith in the risen Jesus Christ. Sometimes, we need a gentle nudge, a still small voice, which reminds us that we have more in common than we realize.



Beautiful Savior had a total of 9 members in attendance; 2 voting delegates, 2 visitors, 4 volunteers, and 1 pastor!

If you have never attended a Synod Assembly and you are a bit curious about what happens, reach out to someone who has attended. I'm sure they would be happy to have a conversation with you! The 2026 NT-NL Synod Assembly will be April 24 – 25 at Advent Lutheran Church in Arlington.

In Christ,
Pr. Leah

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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 March Fiscal Year 2025

Month

INCOME

OFFERINGS

	Actual	Budget
GENERL FUND ENVELOPE	31,912.86	19,333.33
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	39.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	425.00	458.33
MISCELLANEOUS	40.00	20.83

Total Income 32,416.86 19,895.82

EXPENSE

19,562.12 19,697.29

General Fund Offering and Attendance

April 6

general fund: 5105; attendance: 67

April 13

general fund: \$2315; attendance: 74

April 20

general fund: \$4,266; attendance: 95

April 27

general fund: \$490; attendance: 51



Council met on April 14 for a business meeting.

Members Present: S. Berry, N. Conley, M. Newman, G. Reneau, D. Rosenthal, J. Worley, Pr. Leah Lawson, B. Berg, Linda Allen, Deanna Rosenthal

Other: Cheryl Hall

Members Absent: AM. Shadduck,

Old Business:

- The checking account maintained by the Men's Breakfast group was closed; the funds were donated to the church's helping fund account.
- Church Mutual is agreeable to renewal of our property insurance with some coverage limitations. Pricing will be reviewed. The policy renews in June.

New Business:

Tom Moore has offered to facilitate (free of charge) a nine-week Dave Ramsey course, to members and friends. The course materials are \$89 and can be shared. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those that are interested.

Education: Thank you to everyone that donated to or helped with the Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

Property: Thank you to everyone who helped with cleaning and yard work to prepare the church for Easter! The church lawn has been raked, mowed and trimmed, fertilized and weed spray applied. Brush was stacked and removed by the city. Work on the inside was broken down into small chores.

Windows were washed; and the tile floors have been cleaned and waxed.

Video equipment has been evaluated as to the best placement by Ken and Spencer Berry. An electrician will be called to make necessary connections. We will have them also investigate some electrical problems with plugs.

Needs: Two leaks have been found and the west fellowship windows may have dry rot damage.

Social Concerns:

- Food Pantry fed 139 during the month of March 2025.
- Pastor Leah acquired 20 boxes of Girl Scout cookies that will be distributed via Food Pantry.
- Discussion is ongoing with HPFB to acquire items that can be used as donations for the homeless.

Worship: Thank you to altar guild committee members who worked to make sure services in lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday And Easter Sunday went smoothly as well as all Sundays throughout the year.



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. April Calendar

-**Keenagers** meet on Wednesday, May, 7 at noon for a pot-luck lunch. Hosting: Lucille Longhofer & Dianne Reinschmidt.

-The **Wired Word** will meet on Thursdays, May 15 ,22, 29 at 10 AM and 7 PM.

-The **Women's Study Group** will meet on Tuesdays, May 13 and 27 at 10 AM.

- **Council** meets Monday, May 19 at 7 pm

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman, Sonia Sanchez

For our family members and friends

Elizabeth, Curtis & Barbara W., Erin, Jerry & Lila, Allen & Rhonda, Deborah W., The Holman Family, Jessica R., and Aiden

For our homebound members

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

For those serving in the military - Sergeant Luke Butler

For our siblings in Christ in the NT-NL Synod and the ELCA

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

Pray for those who graduate from college and seminaries.

Trinity, Wichita Falls; Gloria Dei, Lubbock; Metroplex West Conference

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.



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05/01 Chancie Coberley
Kendra Worley

05/13 Nancy Beatty

05/25 Kelsey Worley

Karen Herpich

05/30 Andrew Berg



ALPHA MU OMEGA — The Greek letters that begin the words *yesterday*, *today* and *forever* remind us of Jesus' constant presence with us personally and his eternal nature that transcends time as we know it. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV). Dozens of psalms and other Bible passages also proclaim that the Lord's "steadfast love endures forever" (for example, Psalm 100:5, NRSV).

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, May 4

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Psalm: Psalm 30

You have turned my wailing into dancing. (Ps. 30:11)

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”

Gospel: John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple’s love and obedience.

Sunday, May 11

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

Psalm: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

Sunday, May 18

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God’s intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus’ testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Psalm: Psalm 148

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

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

John’s vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples’ feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus’ community.

Sunday, May 25

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

Psalm: Psalm 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

John’s vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God’s past actions. Yet in this new city, God’s presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus’ followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

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/>

May 2: Theater Party! – Beautiful Savior has obtained 18 tickets for the opening night of the musical, *Dreamgirls* at Amarillo Little Theater. Show time is 8 p.m. Attendees are also invited to the pre-show cocktail part beginning at 7 p.m. in the Turk lobby of the theater. The sign-up sheet for this event is located in the narthex. Please see Bob Roulston for details.



Mother's Day – Sunday, May 11

Join us for our "Best Dressed Era" and make your finest Charcuterie Board to share after the service. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Any questions, please contact Ann-Marie Shaddock 720-270-7246.



Our friend, Tom Moore, is a Registered Investment Advisor that is endorsed by Dave Ramsey.

Ramsey has a great 9 week course on managing money, budgeting, getting out of debt and investing. He is willing to lead that class for our church members and friends if there is interest.

The only cost would be \$89 per couple for the written material and access to the Ramsey website. He would receive no part of that cost and there would be no charge for his leadership. This is a great course for young couples or anyone who has any amount of debt.

If you are interested in this course, and would like more information, please add your name to the sheet located in the narthex. If enough people respond, we will contact Tom for possible class dates.



Sod Poodle Game Update! We have 14 people signed up for the game on Saturday, May 31. We still need a total of 20 people in order to get the group rate so sign-up if you haven't already. If you are unable to attend the game on May 31, there will be another opportunity to attend a game later in the season!



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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1	2 7 pm Theater Party	3
4 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	5	6	7 FP-10-12 pm <i>Keenagers</i> 12 pm	8	9	10
11 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship/ Mother's Day 10:45 Choir	12	13 10 am <i>Women's Study</i>	14 FP-10-12 pm	15 WW –10 am & 7 pm	16	17
18 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	19 7 pm <i>Council</i>	20	21 FP-10-12 pm	22 WW –10 am & 7 pm	23	24
25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	26	27 10 am <i>Women's Study</i>	28 FP-10-12 pm	29 WW –10 am & 7 pm	30	31 Sod Poodle's Game



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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.