

Good News

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 1947-2023

Refugee Services of Texas, Amarillo – UPDATE

by Pr. Leah Lawson

In early May, I found out that my contact at RST, Michel Hokanson, is no longer working there. Her position has been eliminated due to budget cuts. I was so sad to hear this news! Michel is a wonderful person and has such a heart for working with refugees. I know that she greatly appreciated our help during the donation drive we held during Lent.

So, what's our next step? Right now, I would like to plan another donation drive for the end of summer or early fall. Also, I would like us to consider making a financial donation to help RST continue to serve our refugee neighbors here in Amarillo.

If you would like to volunteer, there are many opportunities listed on their website. Please visit <https://www.rstx.org/locations/amarillo.html> for more details.

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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 19 for a business meeting.

Members Present: J. Moller, Pr. L. Lawson, J. Reinschmidt, S. Berry, B. Flatt, D. Rosenthal, G. Rohloff, D. Wisker

Members Absent: C. Kuehler, . Berg,

Others Present: C. Hall,

New Business: Home Communion Team reports will go to Pr. Leah for entry into Shepherd's Staff. .

Cheryl Hall will start putting together care packages for the homebound to either be mailed or taken in person by Pastor Leah

Old Business: Jerry Moller presented the results of the survey returns to the council. *Points: People like the more reverent service. Fellowship & community are very important. Hymn choice and special music is appreciated*

Pastor: I had the opportunity to attend a summer intensive on the book of Acts with British New Testament Scholar Professor N.T. Wright at South Main Baptist Church in Houston earlier this month.

Education/Youth—The Education Committee met June 6th to plan for VBS. It will be July 15th from 1--4 pm. The theme this year is "Walk with Jesus". We are planning many fun activities including Bible stories, arts and crafts, songs, games, and water play.

Fellowship—

- ⇒ We have provided coffee and treats on Sunday mornings.
- ⇒ We hosted a Mother's Day reception on Sunday, May 14th.
- ⇒ We celebrated with a reception for new member, Jay Kohrt, on Sunday, May 28th.
- ⇒ We planed a Father's Day lunch,
- ⇒ Rescheduled the church group Sod Poodles Game.
- ⇒ We have continued live streaming church services and maintaining current info on our church website and facebook pages to reach our homebound members and non-members alike.

Property—

- Church and parsonage painting will commence following rain.
- Consider removal of two Pear trees on south side of church.
- Will replace small hot water heater for fellowship kitchen and restrooms.
- Need to replace/modify existing sprinkler drip system for front flower garden of parsonage.



Notice: The Church Office will be producing a new member directory soon. Please make sure the office has your current address and phone information.

Thank you.

Church Council:

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

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report May of Fiscal Year 2023

Month

INCOME

| OFFERINGS | Actual | Budget |
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| GENERL FUND ENVELOPE | 19,663.02 | 18,750 |
| GENERAL FUND LOOSE | 116.00 | 83.33 |
| OTHER RECEIPTS | | |
| BUILDING USE | 116.99 | 166.67 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 20.00 | 20.83 |
| Total Income | 19,896.01 | 19,020.83 |
| EXPENSE | 34,527.14 | 18,110.50 |

General Fund Offering and Attendance in June.

June 4

general fund: \$4731; Attendance:47

June 11

general fund: \$1291; Attendance: 62

June 18

General fund: \$677; Attendance: 58



Turn around and believe that the good news that we are loved is better than we ever dared hope, and that to believe in that good news, to live out of it and toward it, to be in love with that good news, is of all glad things in this world the gladdest thing of all. Amen, and come Lord Jesus.

—Frederick Buechner,

The Clown in the Belfry

The **Women's Study** meets Tuesdays, July 11th & 25th at 10 am.



KEENAGERS

July 5 at Noon
Potluck Lunch

07/07 Christine Johnson
07/10 Sally Werner
07/12 Susan Smith
07/13 Butch Habeger
07/14 Jon Edler
07/19 Deanna Rosenthal
07/30 Paula Cole
07/31 Sonia Sanchez

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman, Dale Thompson, Wanda Garcia, Rita De Mar

Please keep the families of Dorothy Chesley, Jane Roulston and Lorryne Vogel in your prayers.



For our family members and friends

Hattie, Bruce L., Garry, Sandy, David, Aiden, Carla, Doug, Elizabeth, Dan, Michael H., Tim, Scott, Danny, Randy, and John.

For our homebound members

Beverly Roush, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Keith & Arliss Johnson, Kenneth Huckabee, Betty Loomis, and Beatrice Kirkeeng

For those serving in the military -

Sergeant Luke Butler

Prayers of Thanks

We celebrate and give thanks for the birth of Maeve, granddaughter of Ann-Marie and Joe Shadduck. We pray for Maeve and her parents, Miranda and Kristopher.

Updates Encouraged! If your prayers for comfort and healing have been answered, please contact the office to let us know. We will add your loved ones to the "Prayers of Thanks" section.



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 beautiful-savioramarillo@gmail.com

Sunday Scripture Readings

Sunday, July 2, 2023 5th Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading
Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Second Reading
Romans 6:12-23

Gospel
Matthew 10:40-42

SUNDAY, JULY 23 2023 8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

First Reading
Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Second Reading
Romans 8:12-25

Gospel
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 6TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

First Reading
Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-14

Second Reading
Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SUNDAY, JULY 30 2023 9TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

First Reading
1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Second Reading
Romans 8:26-39

Gospel
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

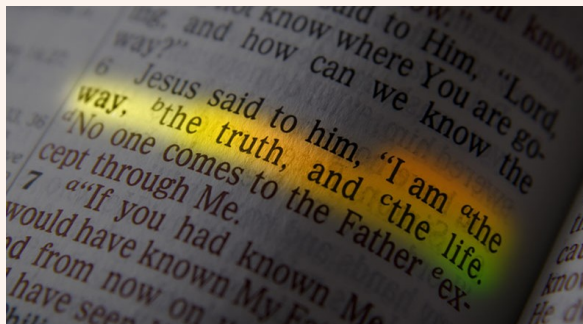
SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 7TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

First Reading
Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13

Second Reading
Romans 8:1-11

Gospel
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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/>

God's got you

In Roman 4 Paul writes: "If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace" (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God's grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don't trust, can't believe, have lost all faith?

Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead *the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith*" (*The Small Catechism*; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don't even know how to pray, the "Spirit himself intercedes for us" (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God's got you.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Living as poetry of God

For Christians, the Scriptures are our first source of guidance for how to live, and within them, Jesus is primary. But God speaks through nonbiblical voices too: preachers and teachers not found in the Bible, and even literature that isn't directly Christian. God, who used King Cyrus of Persia to free the exiled Israelites, can use *anyone* to call us to right living. Take, for example, Walt Whitman's description of life as poetry when we live certain ways, and God as "the greatest poet":

"This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the [vulnerable], devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, ... and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency. ... The known universe has one complete lover and that is the greatest poet. ... His love above all love has leisure and expanse." (From the preface to *Leaves of Grass*, 1855)

It's a miracle!

I believe in miracles. While I believe in the possibility, under God, of any kind of miracle, I am committed especially to the miracle of the changed life. When a human being goes from despair to hope, when a lost soul comes home, or when a mean and destructive person becomes kind and fruitful, the greatest of all miracles has occurred.

—J. Ellsworth Kalas

July 2023

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“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” - Jeremiah 29:11

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| <p>2 9:30 Worship</p> <p>10:30 Fellowship</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4 Office Closed</p>  | <p>5 10 am Food Pantry</p> <p>12 pm KEENAGERS</p> | <p>6 10 am Revelation Study</p> <p>7pm Revela- tion Study</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> |
| <p>9 9:30 Worship</p> <p>10:30 Fellowship</p> | <p>10 7 pm Property</p> | <p>11 10 am Wom- en's Study</p> | <p>12 10 am Food Pantry</p> | <p>13 10 am Revelation Study</p> <p>7pm Revela- tion Study</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15 1-4 pm VBS</p> |
| <p>16 9:30 Worship</p> <p>10:30 Fellowship</p> | <p>17 7 pm Council</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19 10 am Food Pantry</p> | <p>20 10 am Revelation Study</p> <p>7pm Revela- tion Study</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23 9:30 Worship</p> <p>10:30 Fellowship</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25 10 am Wom- en's Study</p> | <p>26 10 am Food Pantry</p> | <p>27 10 am Revelation Study</p> <p>7pm Revela- tion Study</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> |
| <p>30 9:30 Worship</p> <p>10:30 Fellowship</p> | <p>31</p> | <p>Open my heart and all my senses to receive your Word today dear Lord.</p> | | | | |



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You are saved by
God's grace because
of your faith. This
salvation is God's gift.
It's not something
you possessed.”

EPHESIANS 2:8

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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.