

Good News

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Thank You!
by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

Happy New Year! I pray that you all had a blessed Advent and Christmas. 2024 will definitely be a highlight for me as I continue my ministry journey. I'm incredibly thankful for the opportunity to travel to Germany, AKA "Luther Land." I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support during this time away for learning, adventure, and fun!

One thing that continues to amaze me about this congregation is your generosity! Throughout the year, your continued support of our faith community and ministry doesn't go unnoticed. I appreciate how this congregation uses their gifts of time, talent, and treasure to serve God and to help our neighbors in need.

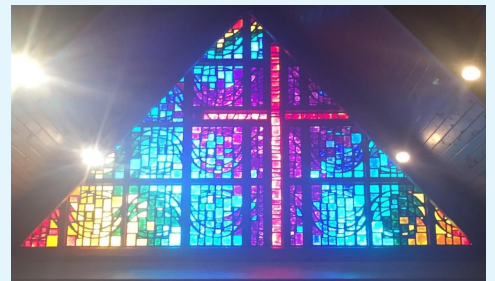
Speaking of gifts, on behalf of Cheryl, Marsha, and myself, I want to thank you all so much for your Christmas cards and gifts. We appreciate and love you all!

What will 2025 hold? We will just have to take it one day at a time. When we feel lost, stuck, or frustrated, we should ask God for guidance, wisdom, and maybe some patience. We also have an awesome mission statement to remind us of why we do what we do! The Purpose of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is following Christ: Loving, Growing, and Serving.

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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 November Fiscal Year 2024

Month

INCOME

OFFERINGS

	Actual	Budget
GENEERL FUND ENVELOPE	15,126.13	17,850.50
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	71.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	340.00	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	30.00	20.83

Total Income	15,567.13	18,121.33
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EXPENSE

	17,842.88	19,375.59
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General Fund Offering and Attendance

December 1

general fund: 3760; attendance: 47

December 8

general fund: \$3045; attendance: 57

December 15

general fund: \$5267; attendance: 49

December 22

general fund: \$2732; attendance: 46

December 29

Not available

Notice

Our annual January
Congregational Meeting
is scheduled for
January 26 following the
worship service.

SAVE THE DATE! – The Epiphany Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 6 PM. Ham and Chicken will be provided by Altar Guild and Fellowship.

Please bring salads and bread if your last name begins with A-K.

Please bring sides such as green bean casserole, mashed potatoes with gravy, macaroni & cheese, etc., etc. and desserts if your last name begins with L-Z.

Hope to see you there!



Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

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

Meetings & Misc. in January

KEENAGERS- Meet for a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, January 8 at 12:00 pm.

The Wired Word will meet on Thursdays, January 9, 16 and 30 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 meets January 14 & 28

Council Meeting—Monday, January 20 at 7 pm.

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01/03 Matthew Rosenthal

01/06 Lucille Longhofer

01/15 Gregg Johnson

01/25 Tim Longhofer

01/28 Fred Snyder

01/31 Jeff Antle

01/31 Greg Rohloff

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman, Sonia Sanchez

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 F., Michelle F., Curtis & Barbara W., Clifton T., Erin, and Jerry & Lila, Betsy F., Allen & Rhonda

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

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.

Living Lutheran - Due to popular demand, the ELCA magazine, Living Lutheran will be available back in print starting in 2025! If you would like subscribe, please sign up at www.livinglutheran.org/ subscribe. If you would like to sign up by mail, please let Pr. Leah know and she can give you a form. The cost will be \$19.95 per year for four issues per year (spring, summer, fall, and winter.)

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, January 5

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock.

Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made know as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

Sunday, January 12

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies.

Psalm: Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah.

Sunday, January 19

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord. (Ps. 36:8)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

Sunday, January 26

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. "

Psalm: Psalm 19

The teaching of the Lord revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)


Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church.

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

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/>



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.



God's constant new work

From the beginning of time, God's pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the New Year's season is especially fitting to pause and recognize God's work of renewal. Consider the following scriptures (all NIV) and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

- [God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair (Ezra 9:9)
- If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (Job 14:7)
- He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)
- See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)
- You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (Isaiah 62:2)
- [God's] compassions ... are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (Ezekiel 36:26)
- [Jesus] took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)
- Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

And I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit into you: I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh;

January 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4 <i>9 am Take down Chrismon Tree</i>
5 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	6	7	8 FP-10-12 pm 12 pm Keenagers	9 WW –10 am & 7 pm	10	11 <i>6 pm Epiphany Dinner</i>
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	13	14 <i>10 am Women's Study</i>	15 FP-10-12 pm	16 WW –10 am & 7 pm	17	18
19 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	20 <i>7 pm Council</i>	21	22 FP-10-12 pm	23	24	25
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FOR BEHOLD, I CREATE NEW
HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH;
AND THE FORMER THINGS
WILL NOT BE REMEMBERED
OR COME TO MIND.

ISAIAH 65:17

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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.