

Good News!

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DEM Scheduled to Visit the Panhandle Conference

by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

As many of you may know, each synod in the ELCA has a Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM). Our DEM is the Rev. Irma Banales, who I have had the opportunity to work with since joining the DEM Advisory Team back in the fall of 2024. I became one of the co-chairs of the team a few months later. (That's a story for another time!

) As a team, we support Pr. Irma in her role as a DEM. We also have conversations about stewardship, evangelism, renewal/vitality, and new starts. It's not easy to have conversations about the challenges churches and ministries are facing in our current context, but it's important that we stay engaged in dialogue, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom along the way.

During the 2026 NT-NL Synod Assembly, our team did a presentation to share what we have been working on over the last year. At the end of our presentation, Pr. Jeff Borgwardt reminded us that we need to **Fully Rely on God (FROG)**! Members of our team passed out these cute little sticky frogs to assembly attendees. I placed my frog near the computer in my office. A great reminder that when ministry gets a little sticky, all I need to do is **FULLY RELY ON GOD!**



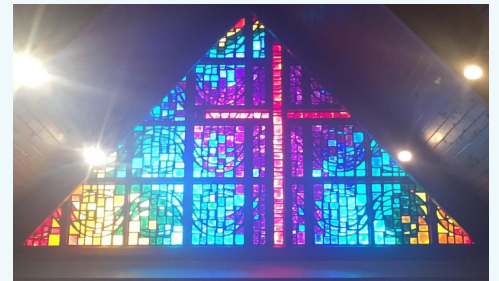
I'm excited to announce that Pr. Irma will be attending our Panhandle Conference Gathering on Saturday, October 3 at Shepherd King in Lubbock. She will also be our guest preacher at Beautiful Savior on Sunday, October 4. I hope that you will be able to join us for one or both of these opportunities for worship, fellowship, and conversation!

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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 September 21 for their monthly meeting.

Attendance

Council Members Present: Spencer Berry, Jessica Berg

Gene Reneau, Jeff Worley, D'Ann Berry, Mark Newman

Office Manager: Cheryl Hall

Council Members Absent: Pastor Leah Lawson, Nancy Conley, Linda Allen, Mary Jones

Guest: Bob Roulson

Education – Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 31 from 3 pm to 5 pm. Twenty cars are wanted. The congregation will be asked to donate candy. Fellowship will provide refreshments for participants.

Finance – Noted: The church's finances remain healthy

Social Concerns -

- Food Pantry fed 166 individuals in August.
- The High Plains Food Bank donated two American Flags to the church.
- Social Concerns will make a \$300 donation to Transformation Park for coffee sponsorship.
- Mark Newman will attend the High Plains Food Conference on September 29.

Other

The council worked on the 2027 budget numbers and expects to finalize the budget draft at the October council meeting.



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 August Fiscal Year 2026

INCOME	Month		
<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	33,344.86	195,095.77	158,333.36
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	157.00	1,109.00	666.64
OTHER RECEIPTS			
BUILDING USE	1,240.00	8,020.00	4,666.64
MISCELLANEOUS	30.00	160.00	166.64
Total Income	34,771.86	204,384.77	163,833.28
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Total Expense	22,470.80	167,419.98	162,158.80
Net Income	1,301.06	36,964.79	1,674.48

General Fund Offering and Attendance

September 6

general fund: \$4915; attendance: 46

September 13

general fund: \$4821; attendance: 61

September 20

general fund \$5825; attendance 61

September 27

general fund: \$1670; attendance: 40

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!





Our **Annual Trunk or Treat** will be on October 31st from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm or until candy runs out. Please come and enjoy time with the children of our church and community. We will have carnival games incorporated this year. If you would like to volunteer and provide a “trunk”, please complete the sign up sheet in the narthex. Fellowship is providing light snacks and refreshments for volunteers. If you would like to donate candy, please contact Jessica Berg at 806-681-8401.

KEENAGERS will meet on Wednesday, October 7 at 12:00 PM for a lunch. Pastor Leah is hosting and providing pizza. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert.

The Panhandle Conference Gathering will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 10 AM to 3 PM at Shepperd King, Lubbock. The Rev. Irma Banales, NT-NL Synod Director for Evangelical Mission, will be our special guest. D’Ann and Kenneth Berry will be attending as representatives from Beautiful Savior and we thank them for their service.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Jon Edler, Kenneth Huckabee, Beatrice Kirkeeng, Donna Nuss, Beverly Roush, Sonia Sanchez, Jan Werner, Sherrill Pohl.

For our family members and friends

Elizabeth, Deborah W., Aiden, Lana K., Steve, Nickie, Mark, Donnie, Cynthia, Mike, Sharon, Brant, Melissa, Judy L., Mary L., Hattie, Lauren, Jessica, Rodger, Pr. Mike & Sharon, Ellie Hanes and her family, Jimmy, Monica, Sandra, Anthony, Monty M., Judy S., Judy B. and her family, Allen N., Taylor, Jody P., Monica, Gary G., and Russell W.

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.



GOOD NEWS
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10/03 Mark Newman
10/06 Mary Jones
10/09 Kendra Massey
10/10 Richard Owen
10/15 Jan Werner
10/22 David Cole
Dianne Reinschmidt
10/24 Myles Berry
10/27 Cheryl Hall
Randy Heuton
10/28 Marjorie Spencer

Food Pantry Needs – Jelly & peanut butter

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

The Women’s Study Group will meet Tuesdays, October 13 and 27, in the Fellowship Hall. We have begun a 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 meet on Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10 AM and 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for conversations on current events and the Bible!

- **Council** meets October 19 at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15

Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

Sunday, October 11, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Sunday, October 18, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Sunday, October 25, 2026

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out as God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Psalm: Psalm 1

Their delight is in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 1:2)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

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](https://biblegateway.com)

Ukrainian Winter Emergency - 2026 to 2027

Recent Russian attacks focused on warehouses in Ukraine, destroying g food and logistical supplies to maintain the Ukrainian people through the coming winter.

In response, our local Kind House Ukrainian Bakery (4715 S. Western St. Amarillo 79109; Phone: 806/220-8115; URL: KINDHOUSEBAKER.org) has set a goal of raising \$60,000.00 to re-stock the warehouses before the winter sets in. Their normal sales is ~\$25.000.00 per month; they want to add the \$60K over their normal sales.

They take orders for all their baked goods, including bierox, Detroit Pizza, sausage wraps, pies, cakes and breads - oh the breads.

More information is on the flyers posted in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for any purchases you may make.

Rest for the Soul



Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down.

Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

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YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD,
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

HABAKKUK 3:18, NIV

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