

Good News

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 1947-2023

God's Time

by Pr. Leah Lawson

I was curious about something regarding our start time for worship. On Sunday mornings, I go to the Sacristy to check the clock to see if it's time to start worship. Usually, the clock says 9:30 so that means that I better get going!

On a Tuesday morning, I went to check the time, thinking it was about 8:30. The clock said it was about 8:35! This explains a lot! So, I will no longer be using the Sacristy clock to let me know it's time to start worship!

There is a lesson in the midst of all this. Why are we so preoccupied with time? When I was on internship, my supervisor told me not to wear a watch because we are on God's time. That really hit me in all sorts of ways. Why do we feel so compelled to make our worship experience fit exactly into a 1-hour time frame? Why does worship have to be so exact, so perfect? We are imperfect and God knows this all too well. Why are we so preoccupied with time, with details, all the cares and worries of the world when we enter our worship spaces?

I'm all for excellence in worship. That's why I'm usually thinking about my sermon during the time of confession and forgiveness. There is a downside to this though. It's hard to be in the moment and just worship God when you are thinking too far ahead!

How do we become more present in the moment? One thing that I have tried to do as a worship leader is to slow down. Sometimes, I feel like my brain is going 100 miles per hour as I lead the liturgy. I have to remind myself to take a breath, slow down, and don't forget to create those intentional moments of silence. Also, I have to remember that worship is not about me, or the congregation, it's about all of us, worshiping God together! We need to get out of the way and make space for the mystical and mysterious ways of God.

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Worship

Sundays Mornings



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 August 21 for a business meeting.

Members Present: J. Moller, B. Flatt, C. Kuehler, S. Berry, B. Blair, J. Reinshmidt, D. Rosenthal, Pr. L. Lawson, D. Wisker

Guest: Cheryl Hall

Members Absent: G. Rohloff

New Business:

Endowment—An Endowment Committee Meeting was held to discuss allotting funds for the purchase of a security monitor for Pr. Leah's office and the purchase of adding a WiFi port to the fellowship hall. The Committee approved the use of funds. Council voted unanimously in favor of both purchases with endowment funds

Budget Process:

Budget worksheets were given out to council members at the July meeting. Compiling the 2024 budget will continue thru September and October and be presented to the congregation at the November Annual Congregational Meeting.

Old Business:

It was decided to move Sharing the Peace back to the original place in the worship service after a short trial at the beginning of the service.

Fellowship— Fellowship Position:

- Ann-Marie Shadduck joined the church council effective August 2023 and will head Fellowship, this will allow S. Berry to focus solely on Evangelism.

Property -

- Air Masters HAC serviced 7 air conditions in July-August at the church due to units running more than usual due to triple digit temperatures.
- The Fellowship hall and kitchen floors were cleaned and waxed. The gym floors were cleaned and the current wax was burn/buffed.
- We will schedule continuation of painting at church and parsonage in Oct/Nov when cooler days return.
- Lawn mowing will continue through October as needed.



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

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Treasurer's Report July of Fiscal Year 2023

	Month	
<u>INCOME</u>		
OFFERINGS	Actual	Budget
GENERL FUND ENVELOPE	19,028.74	18,750
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	71.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	695.61	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	30.00	20.83
	Total Income	19,825.35
		19,020.83
EXPENSE	21,936.26	23,789.84

General Fund Offering and Attendance in August.

Aug 6

general fund: \$6404; Attendance:56

Aug 13

general fund: \$2173; Attendance: 59

Aug 20

General fund: \$3192; Attendance: 61

Aug 27

General fund: \$843; Attendance: 58



The **Women's Study** meets Tuesdays,
September 12th & 26th at 10 am.

Calendar for September

The Wired Word will meet on Thursdays in September on the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at 10 AM and 7 PM. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

KEENAGERS

SEPTEMBER 6 AT NOON -
POTLUCK LUNCH



09/01 Rochelle Berg

09/03 Blair Berg

09/27 Marian Cole

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman, Ann Coberley

Please keep Wanda and Fred Garcia in your prayers as they prepare to travel to Guatemala for mission work in September.



For our family members and friends

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

For our homebound members

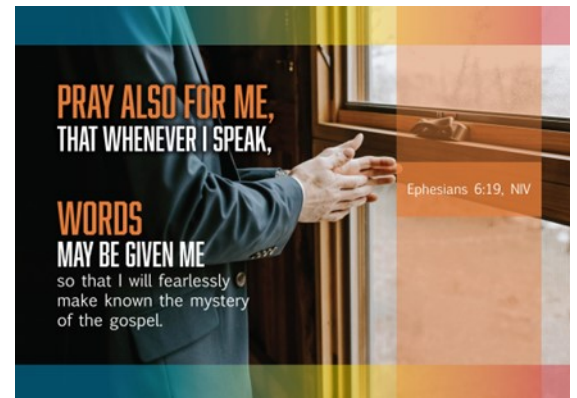
Beverly Roush, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Keith & Arliss Johnson, Kenneth Huckabee, Betty Loomis, and Beatrice Kirkeeng

For those serving in the military - Sergeant Luke Butler

Prayers of Thanks

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.

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 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

Grace Lutheran Church in Slaton will be celebrating 100 years of ministry on Sunday, September 24, 2023! We celebrate with the people of Grace and give thanks to God for their ministry.

The Panhandle Conference Gathering will be held at Beautiful Savior on Saturday, September 16 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we can plan accordingly for the meal. Please join us for worship, fellowship, food and to hear what God is doing in the Panhandle Conference. Hope to see you there!

Just Keep Walking

by Leah R. Lawson
August 7, 2023

When the wind blows dirt in your face,
the branches are lying on the ground,
the streets are flooded and you
have to go around,
Just keep walking to Jesus.

When the bills are piling up,
there is no food to be found,
and the tire on the car
is no longer round,
Just keep walking to Jesus.

When the news is never good,
the world around us is falling apart
and you wonder,
“Does anyone have a heart?”
Just keep walking to Jesus.

When the waves rock the boat,
you search for a helping hand,
to lead you do dry land,
Just keep walking to Jesus.

September 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

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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.