

Good News

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 1947-2023

A Christmas Dream

by Pr. Leah Lawson

Staring out the window
her thoughts are free.
A magical world lies outside
these walls of cold and broken dreams.

She dreams of snow
and Christmas time.
Children sing Silent Night
around a warm, glowing fire.

She dreams of a palace,
decked in green and red.
Her King sits on a throne
for all the world to see.

Presents flood the tree
and warmth fills the halls.
Joy fills her heart.
Her soul is full of peace.

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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 Dec. 13 for a business meeting.

Members Present: J. Moller, C. Kuehler, J. Reinshmidt, D. Rosenthal, Pr. L. Lawson, G. Rohloff, Ann-Marie Shadduck, D. Wisker

Others Present: Cheryl Hall

Members Absent: S. Berry, B. Flatt, B. Blair,

Pastor—The Women's Study Group had a luncheon at the home of Ann Coberly on October 24th. We had a wonderful time! A huge thank you to Ann and Chancie for their hospitality.

On Saturday, October 28th we had a Trunk or Treat. It was a cold and gloomy Saturday afternoon, but we had plenty of candy, snacks, coffee, and hot cocoa to keep us warm. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this event.

During Wednesdays in Advent, we will have our Advent Suppers at 6:15 PM with Holden Evening Prayer following at 7:00 PM.

Education—

On Oct. 28th, we had a trunk or treat. I think everyone had a fun time, even though the weather was cold.

On Reformation Sunday, Pr. Leah presented Bibles to Mary and Florence Eckert.

We continue to have the children's message, and Sunday school. We have discussed maybe discontinuing children's church if it continues to be a struggle to find enough volunteers.

- **Fellowship—** Advent Suppers will be a little different this year with the meals being prepared by Fellowship. The planned menu is below.

Dec 6th - Chicken Dumpling soup/sandwiches

Dec 13th - Baked Potato Bar with Chili

Dec 20th - Creamy Tortellini soup, Minestrone soup Salad and Bread

- Santa Paws - Keep an eye out for a cookie sale in December during fellowship - decorate and take home. Proceeds will benefit animals in need.



THANK YOU!

Sorry it's late!

We did want to send a formal thank you to show our appreciation for the sprinkle. Thank you for including Evelyn and helping us celebrate Matthew. We are very blessed to have a church that loves our family!

Love,

The Mickeys



Church Council:

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

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report October Fiscal Year 2023

Month

INCOME

| OFFERINGS | Actual | Budget |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| GENERL FUND ENVELOPE | 17,357.86 | 18,750 |
| GENERAL FUND LOOSE | 48.00 | 83.33 |
| OTHER RECEIPTS | | |
| BUILDING USE | 425.61 | 166.67 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 10.00 | 20.83 |

Total Income 17,841.47 19,020.83

EXPENSE 25,242.87 20,448.13

General Fund Offering and Attendance

Nov 5

general fund: \$8009; Attendance:56

Nov 12

general fund: **\$3189**; Attendance: **51**

Nov 19

General fund: \$2985; Attendance: 51

Nov 26—General fund: \$1630; Attendance 37



The **Women's Study** will not meet in December.

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/02 Linda Runkle
- 12/04 Bill Tietgens
Linda Allen
- 12/05 Jessica Berg
- 12/08 Jeff Worley
- 12/09 Hal Wisker
- 12/11 Judith Hanson
Mary Eckert
- 12/13 Bea Kirkeeng
- 12/15 Dustin Rosenthal
- 12/17 Laluna Nation
- 12/19 Florance Eckert
- 12/28 Melinda Flatt

KEENAGERS

December 6 at 12.00 pm

*Christmas Potluck bring
main dish, side or dessert.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman

For our family members and friends

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

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

For our siblings in Christ in the NTNL Synod – Please keep Pr. Craig Sturm, his family, and the community of Trinity Lutheran in Sherman, Texas in your prayers.

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.



Comfort your-
selves together,
and edify one
another....

I Thessalonians 5:11, KJV

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

December 3

Advent 1

First Reading -Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm—80:1-7, 17-19
Second Reading—1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel—Mark 13:24-37

December 10

Advent 2

First Reading—Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Second Reading—2 Peter 3:8-15a
Gospel—Mark 1:1-8

December 17

Advent 3

First Reading -Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
Second Reading -1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel -John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24

Advent 4

First Reading—2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Psalm—Luke 1:46b-55
Second Reading—Romans 16:25-27
Gospel—Luke 1:26-38

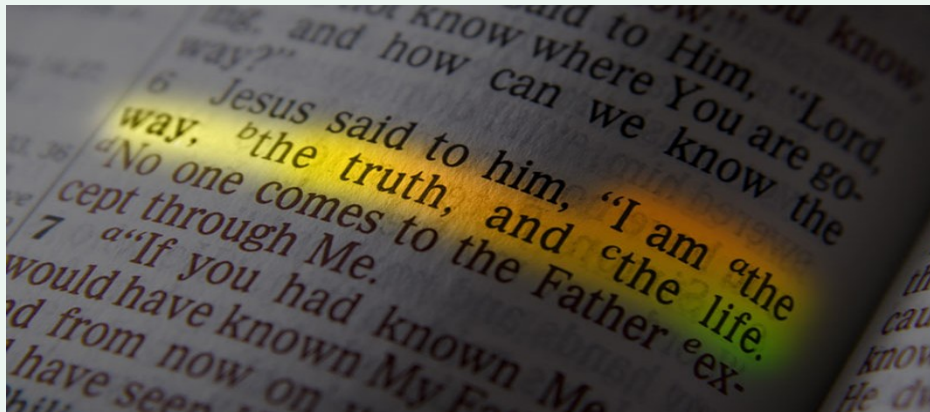
Christmas Eve

First Reading—Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

December 31

First Sunday of Christmas

First Reading—Isaiah 61:10--62:3
Psalm 148
Second Reading—Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel—Luke 2:22-40



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/>



Advent Wednesdays Night Suppers

Advent Soup and Sandwich Suppers will be a little different this year with the meals being prepared by Fellowship so everyone can come eat and enjoy the food, fellowship and the worship services without worrying about cooking or the cleanup afterwards. To pay for the food and paper goods there will be a \$7 charge for each adult meal. Children are free.

Fellowship committee members will be selling coupon booklets for the three advent suppers for \$21 or individual coupons for a particular supper may be purchased for \$7. We want everyone to be able to attend, so if this is above your means, please contact the church office for complimentary coupons

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Holden Evening Prayer Wednesdays, December 6, 13 & 20 7:00 PM



Epiphany Worship Service and Dinner

Saturday, January 6
Worship 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:10 pm

Menu:
Grilled Pork Chops
Grilled Vegetables
Vegetable Medley
Smoked Mac & Cheese
Handmade Dinner Rolls



Meeting Scheduled

An informational only (*with questions and answers*) meeting regarding the adopted resolutions and social statements of the ELCA will be held on December 3 at 2:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Anyone that is interested in learning more about the position of the ELCA on a variety of subjects is invited to attend.

Wanda Garcia and Gene Reneau will present the material and Biff Flatt will moderate.



In the introduction to his book *For All God's Worth*, theologian N.T. Wright says, "Christmas is God lighting a candle, and you don't light a candle in a room that's already full of sunlight. You light a candle in a room that's so murky that the candle, when lit, reveals just how bad things really are. The light shines in the darkness, says St. John, and the darkness has not overcome it."

For that reason, Wright explains, Christmas isn't a dream or a momentary escape but reality. And the same is true for Christianity. "Either Jesus is the Lord of the world and all reality makes sense in his life, or he is dangerously irrelevant to the problems and possibilities of today's world," he adds. "There is no middle ground. Either Jesus was, and is, the Word of God, or he, and the stories Christians tell about him, are lies."

Ponderings at the end of a day — or year

Dutch Catholic priest and theologian Henri Nouwen found it useful to reflect on several questions at the end of the day: "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing?" Pondering such questions may prove valuable at the end of a year as well: "How did I contribute to peace in the world this past year? Did I bring smiles to others' faces? Did I offer words of healing?" Nouwen continued, and we can too: "Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?"

Many of us set New Year's resolutions for self-improvement, asking, "What are my goals? How can I better myself, my weight, my work-life balance, my habits?" But Nouwen said of his self-inquiry: "These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and [in] the life to come." His resolution was to share God's love with others. With God's help, it can be ours as well, for each new day and each new year.

December 2023

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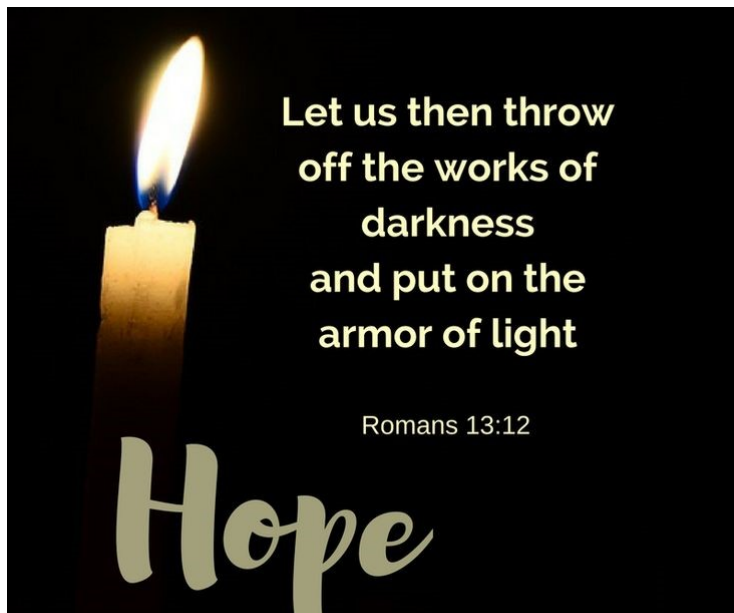
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|  | | | | | 1 | 2 <i>9:30 Put up Chrismon Tree</i> |
| 3 <i>9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir</i> | 4 | 5 | 6 <i>10 am Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS 6.15 pm Advent Supper 7 pm Holden</i> | 7 <i>10 am Wired Word 7pm Wired Word</i> | 8 | 9 |
| 10 <i>9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir</i> | 11 <i>7 pm Property</i> | 12 | 13 <i>10 am Food Pantry 6.15 pm Advent Supper 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer</i> | 14 <i>10 am Wired Word 7pm Wired Word</i> | 15 | 16 |
| 17 <i>9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir</i> | 18 <i>7 pm Council</i> | 19 | 20 <i>10 am Food Pantry 6.15 pm Advent Supper 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer</i> | 21 <i>10 am Wired Word 7pm Wired Word</i> | 22 | 23 |
| 24 <i>9:30 Worship 7 pm Christmas Eve Service</i>  | 25  | 26 Office Closed | 27 | 28 <i>10 am Wired Word 7pm Wired Word</i> | 29 | 30 |
| 31 <i>9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir</i> |  | | | | | |



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