

Good News!

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"Take a Chance!"

by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

Back in July, the church received a message via our website from David Theel, the Program Coordinator for the Men's Group at First Christian Church in Amarillo. He was interested in arranging a short presentation about the life of Martin Luther for one of their monthly gatherings. When I first read this invitation, I was a bit hesitant. I wasn't sure if I could add something else to my plate. Granted, I love talking about Marty AKA Martin Luther! He's such an interesting and important person.

I'm not sure what changed my mind. Perhaps, it was the Holy Spirit giving me a nudge to take a chance, meet some new people, and share Luther's life and work. I accepted the invitation and I'm so glad I did!

On August 11, I headed over to First Christian Church for the Men's Group gathering. We enjoyed a delicious, catered meal from Market Street, had conversation, and I shared my presentation about Martin Luther. Overall, it was a very positive experience and I wouldn't mind doing something like this again.

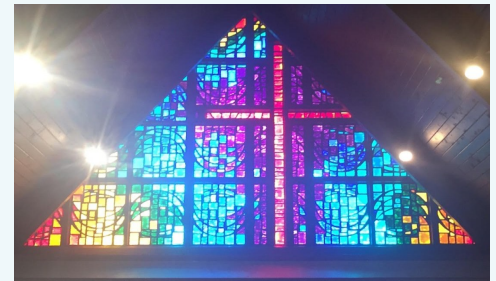
Is the Holy Spirit giving you a nudge to take a chance? Maybe there is a ministry opportunity in our faith community that you would like to pursue? There are opportunities to work with our children and youth, serve in worship, and serve in positions of leadership. Also, there are opportunities for members to preach and teach. I invite you to discern if the Holy Spirit is giving you a nudge to take a chance and do something new at Beautiful Savior.

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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 October 19 for their monthly meeting.

Attendance

Council Members Present: Spencer Berry, Pastor Leah Lawson, Nancy Conley, Linda Allen, Mary Jones, Jessica Berg, Gene Reneau, Jeff Worley, D'Ann Berry, Mark Newman

Office Manager: Cheryl Hall, Absent

Council Members Absent:

Social Concerns -

- Food Pantry fed 153 people during the month of September 2026.
- Newman attend ed the High Plains Food Conference on September 29.

High Plains Food Bank (HPFB) Annual Agency Conference was held 25 September.

Following update was provided:

69% of non-perishable food is donated.

Retail donations are down 30%

24% of all food comes from USDA/TEFAP

12-18 months to get food once order is placed

9% of food is purchased thru HPFB

10-11 truckloads for 2026

Not keeping up with demand

Participated in a Poverty Simulation

Agency Feedback from Client Panel (Couple currently using Food Pantries):

Have a drive thru for seniors that have transportation issues.

Have separate pantry for clothing vs. food

Housing assistance

Provide items no longer available thru Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) such as sugar, coffee, etc.

No matter how hard it gets, not going to give up pets. Provide animal food.

Many thanks to BSLC members/non-members providing donations on short food items.

Donations for winter cloths are being taken for distribution to the homeless. Containers are in the Narthex.

Worship— continues to run smoothly thanks to the ladies who serve. An Altar Care meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 following worship. Advent begins November 29, wreath will be in place. Plan to put up Chrismon tree and decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, December 5 at 10 AM.

Other—The council worked on the 2027 budget numbers and expects to finalized the budget draft to be presented at the congregational meeting November 22.

Panhandle Conference Gathering Update

Saturday, October 4, 2026 in Shepherd King, Lubbock

- 30 people in attendance

- Richard Owen has been nominated to serve on Synod Council

- Panhandle Conference Gathering will be held at St. Paul in Levelland in the fall of 2027

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 September Fiscal Year 2026

INCOME	Month		
<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	15,915.86	211,011.63	178,125.03
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	55.00	1,164.00	749.97
OTHER RECEIPTS			
BUILDING USE	255.00	8,275.00	5,249.97
MISCELLANEOUS	40.00	200.00	187.47
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Total Income	16,265.80	220,650.63	184,312.44
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Total Expense	19,562.83	186,982.81	182,222.40
Net Income	-3296.97	33,667.82	2,090.04

General Fund Offering and Attendance

October 4

general fund: \$3750; attendance: 60

October 11

general fund: \$6150; attendance: 69

October 18

general fund \$1605; attendance 61

October 25

general fund: \$1195; attendance: 52

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!





We are again collecting new and gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, blankets, gloves, socks, and warm caps for the homeless. A bin for these items will be in the narthex. Thanks for your help.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Jon Edler, Kenneth Huckabee, Beatrice Kirkeeng, Donna Nuss, Beverly Roush, Sonia Sanchez

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, Bea Kirkeeng's sister, Nancy.

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.



11/06 Leah Lawson
11/10 Paul Jones
11/22 Beverly Roush
11/23 D'Ann Berry
11/24 Jerry Moller
11/27 Gene Reneau

KEENAGERS will meet on Wednesday, November 4 at 12:00 PM for a pot-luck lunch.

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, November 10 & 17. They will not meet on the 24th. 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, November 5, 12, & 19. at 10 AM and 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for conversations on current events and the Bible!

Altar Care meeting following worship on Sunday, November 15.

- **Council** meets November 16 at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, November 1, 2026

All Saints Day

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

Sunday, November 8, 2026

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

Psalm: Psalm 70

You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

Sunday, November 15, 2026

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. .

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are.

Sunday, November 22, 2026

A Service of Thanksgiving

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.

Psalm: Psalm 65

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

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)

Faithful Witnesses



Many churches observe All Saints' Day on November 1, a time to remember believers who have died in the faith and give thanks for their faithful witness.

The story of Christianity is filled with ordinary people who held fast to Christ in both joyful and difficult seasons. Across the centuries, countless believers have followed Jesus with courage, and many have even given their lives while bearing witness to God's love and the saving grace of Christ. Even today, Christians in some parts of the world continue to face persecution for their faith.

On this day, take time to remember our Christian heritage with gratitude. Give thanks for those who remained faithful before us, and ask God to help us follow Christ with the same courage, hope and stead-

The 1st Sunday in Advent is November 29th.

Soup and Sandwich Dinners are Wednesdays December 2nd, 9th and 16th at 6:15 pm; and are followed by the Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 pm.

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord." – Henri Nouwen



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22 9:30 Worship Congregational Meeting	23	24	25 FP 10-12	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	28
29 9:30 Worship 10:35 -Fellowship 10:50 -Choir 11:00 -Sunday School	30					



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