

Good News

Volume 64,
Issue 7
July 2024

PUBLICATION OF BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 1947-2024

Pulpit Exchange
by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

When I was serving at St. John in Beatrice, Nebraska, I had the opportunity to do a pulpit exchange. “What in the world is that?” you may be thinking. A pulpit exchange is when a pastor from one church goes to another church to preach and lead worship. I went to American Lutheran Church in Fairbury and the interim pastor at ALC went to St. John. It was a great experience!

A few months ago, the pastors and the leaders of the Panhandle Conference had a conversation about doing a pulpit exchange. We got permission from our respective church councils and Beautiful Savior agreed! On Friday, June 21, we had our monthly deanery meeting and figured out who was going where. I placed all the participating congregations in a small bucket and the pastors took turns drawing names.

The pulpit exchange will take place on Sunday, July 28. I will be going to Trinity Lutheran Church in Lockney and Pr. Sean McConathy will be coming to Beautiful Savior. The Fellowship Committee will be organizing a pot-luck brunch on that day. Breakfast casseroles, fruit, and breads will be served.

Stay tuned for more details on how you can help with the brunch!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Council News.....	2
Financial News.....	3
General Interest.....	4-6
Calendar.....	7

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 June 17 for a church business meeting.

Members presents: B. Flatt, S. Berry, D. Rosenthal, B. Berg, , N. Conley, G. Rohloff, C. Kuehler, Pr. L. Lawson, Diane Wisker

Others Present: C. Hall

Others absent: AM. Shadduck, J. Reinschmidt

Old Business—

C. Hall spoke with the only basketball team using the gym. They have a newly signed agreement with the days they will be using the gym (M, T, Th, F). The team has always been reliable in paying fees owed and respectful of church facilities. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the gym kitchen where the team coach will sign in when the team starts their practice and sign out when they leave.

Misc. Business—

- The church has continued the gracious practice of allowing fellow Lutheran Church youth groups, and other worthy groups, such as the Boy Scouts use the gym for an overnight place to stay while traveling on various summer trips. In June we had two groups use the gym and in July we will host two more.
- The budget is in good standing.
- Church Mutual Insurance policy is renewed for another year. The yearly premium is \$27,200 and the first quarterly payment has been sent.

Property—

- Church and parsonage painting will commence following rain.
- Consider removal of two Pear trees on south side of church.
- Will replace small hot water heater for fellowship kitchen and restrooms.
- Need to replace/modify existing sprinkler drip system for front flower garden of parsonage after a loose dog that chewed up system.

Please be advised the ushers will begin locking the outside church doors on Sunday about 9:45 a.m., or when the First Lesson has begun. They will unlock them when the service ends. We discussed this in Church Council meeting and decided it was an appropriate security measure to add at this time. Thank you for your cooperation. Thanks!



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

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report May Fiscal Year 2024

	Month	
INCOME		
OFFERINGS	Actual	Budget
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	28,621.21	17,850.00
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	131.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	30.00	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	20.00	20.83
Total Income	28,802.21	18,121.33
EXPENSE	16,676.41	20,359.99

General Fund Offering and Attendance

June 2

general fund: \$10,215; attendance:74

June 9

general fund: \$9935; attendance: 58

June 16

general fund:\$915; Attendance: 54

June 23

general fund: \$1030; Attendance: 53

June 30—not available



The **Women's Study Group** will meet Tuesdays, July 9 & 23 at 10 AM in The Fourth Day Room.

The **Davey & Goliath Study** meets Thursdays, July 11 at 10 AM and 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The study is based on the classic stop-motion animation series .

KEENAGERS- Meet for a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, July 3 at 12:00 pm. No hosts this month. Come help set –up if you have the time.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman, Rita De Mar

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., Sharon and Rodger.

For our homebound members

Beverly Roush, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Kenneth Huckabee, Betty Loomis, and Beatrice Kirkeeng



- 07/02 Nyx Dale
- 07/06 Nancy Conley
- 07/07 Christine Johnson
- 07/10 Sally Werner
- 07/12 Susan Smith
- 07/13 Butch Habeger
- 07/14 Jon Edler
- 07/19 Deanna Rosenthal
- 07/20 Jon Kuehler
- 07/30 Paula Cole
- 07/31 Sonia Sanchez

For those serving in the military - Sergeant Luke Butler

For our siblings in Christ in the NT-NL Synod

Pr. Craig Sturm, his family, and the community of Trinity Lutheran, Sherman
Our Savior's, Durant
Eastern Conference

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.

Spirit of life, draw each of us into your love, that we may welcome it for ourselves and eagerly share it with others. Amen.



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, July 7, 2024

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

Sunday, July 14, 2024.

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known 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: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

Sunday, July 21, 2024

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

Psalm: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

Sunday, July 28, 2024

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

Psalm 145:10-18

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

Gospel: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

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/>

God Made the World –Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 13 from 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
For Children 2-10 years old

Lots of fun activities are planned including:

Arts & Crafts
Songs and Music
Water play (bring swim suits & towel)
Snacks and Drinks are provided



God made the big, round, sun. **God made** the tall, tall tree. **God made** the birds that fly. And **God made** me.

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!
The heavens declare your glory,
the arch of sky displays your handiwork.
In your love you have given us the power
to behold the beauty of your world
robed in all its splendor.
The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills,
the rivers and lakes all disclose your presence.
The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome might;
the beasts of the field and the birds of the air
bespeak your wondrous will.
In your goodness you have made us able to hear
the music of the world. The voices of loved ones
reveal to us that you are in our midst.
A divine voice sings through all creation.

—from *Earth Prayers*



Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person's existence. It is the unshakeable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God's eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love and mercy.

And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ... Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; he is the hope of the world right now.

—Oswald Bronson

July 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 10 am Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	4 Office Closed 	5	6
7 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	8	9 10 am Women's Study Group	10 10 am Food Pantry	11	12 	13 VBS 1 pm-4pm
14 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	15 7 pm Council	16	17 10 am Food Pantry	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	22	23 10 am Women's Study Group	24 10 am Food Pantry	25	26	27
28 Pulpit Exchange Pr Sean McConathy 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Potluck Brunch	29	30	31 10 am Food Pantry	 <p>“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”</p> <p>Romans 12:10</p>		



**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
3500 Bowie
Amarillo, Texas 79109
July 2024

FIRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CITY, ST
PERMIT NO. 000



BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

3500 Bowie, Amarillo, Texas 79109

**Office - (806) 359-9483 E-mail - beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com
Web - www.beautifulsaviorlutheranamarillo.org**

FYI - Our worship services are now live streamed on Beautiful Savior's Facebook page: [Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church-Amarillo](#) Pass it along.