

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

402 Baytree Ave. North Platte, NE 69101- 4823

bslc@bslcnp.com www.bslcnp.com



Each Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
(BSLC) member is:

October 2026

Beautifully

Saved to

Lead to

Christ

Beautifully: purely by the love, grace and power of our Triune God (Creator, Redeemer, Counselor).

Saved: from sin's curse, condemnation and control; from death to joyful life with our crucified and risen Jesus.

To Lead: This gift is meant for everyone, for all people need the life revealed through the Word

To Christ: for He is the Head, Heart and Focus of our congregation and our loving service to our members and those whom God will call to Him through our caring outreach.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Kevin Hahn 815-600-0518 pastor@bslcnp.com

Elder Chairman: Leland Poppe 308-520-7371 poppe@allophone.com

Church President: Mike Steele 308-520-7656 mdsteele96@gmail.com



Sunday Schedule

8:45am Bible Study

10 am Worship

Wednesday night service.

6:15pm Worship



"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us."
— 2 Corinthians 5:20

We are ambassadors for Christ. That's a big calling! An ambassador of the United States, for example, represents the president to another country. Jesus has entrusted us with the privilege of representing him wherever he has placed us – in our homes, among our friends and neighbors, at work, at school, and throughout our community.

Notice Paul says – *"God making his appeal through us."* God works through ordinary people like you to make his love known to others. Paul tells us our message in the very next verse – *"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God"* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Jesus took our sin and he gives us his righteousness. We don't save ourselves. Jesus has done it all through his perfect life and innocent suffering, death, and resurrection. This is who we are—and this is what we have to share. October gives us some wonderful opportunities to remember that calling.

We begin the month giving thanks for the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Through their prayers, gifts, and support of Gospel missions, LWML has helped carry the good news of Jesus to people far beyond our own community.

At the end of the month, we celebrate the Reformation. We remember how God used Martin Luther and others to restore the truth of his Word and the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ to the Church.

And that same Gospel is still our message today. That is why I'm especially excited about Awaken, a workshop Beautiful Savior is sponsoring October 23–24. Awaken is designed to help Christians live on mission for Jesus. It helps us think about how we can intentionally bring the Gospel into the ordinary relationships and opportunities God has already given us.

We're accustomed to setting financial goals. We might ask – *"What would happen if I saved a certain amount each month?"* We think about what that investment might become over time.

But what if we thought about our lives in terms of people? What if we set a goal to introduce 30 people to Jesus during our lifetime? Imagine what could happen if 30 disciples each helped 30 more people become disciples of Jesus. Thirty becomes 900. Then 27,000. Then 810,00. Then 24.3 million. Then 729 million.

Message, continued

Then 2.187 billion.

The authors of the book – Disciple Making – point out that if this kind of multiplication continued, the entire planet could become followers of Jesus within eighty years. That's not

a formula or a prediction. And evangelism isn't about keeping score. We can't make anyone believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit creates faith through the Gospel. But the illustration helps us imagine what God might do when his people faithfully live as his ambassadors.

And that's the heart of it. God has already placed people around us who need Jesus. We don't have to go looking for some far-away mission field. Our mission field is right where God has put us. A neighbor. A friend. A coworker. A family member. Someone we've known for years. Someone we see every week but have never had a spiritual conversation with.

What if we began praying for those people? What if we looked for opportunities to listen, to care, to serve, and eventually to speak about Jesus? What if we stopped thinking of ourselves simply as people who come to church and started seeing ourselves as the Church sent into the world?

This is who we are. We are people who have been rescued by Jesus. And then we are sent back into the world as his ambassadors. That's what LWML helps us remember. That's what the Reformation calls us to treasure. And that's what Awaken will help us put into practice.

God has given us an extraordinary message—and he has chosen ordinary people like us to carry it – *“God making his appeal through us.”*

Kevin, Pastor

LWML Meetings:

Afternoon Circle-, **October 8th 1 pm Host: Twila Connell**

LWML Evening Circle—**October 12th 7pm Host: Mary Babcock**

LWML Quarterly Meeting—**October 4th @ 2 pm, Gift of Hope presentation**



IN ATTENDANCE

Pastor Hahn, Rod Christmann, Jim Parish, Allen Huff, Larry Wallace, David Steele, Glenn Van Velson, Leland Poppe, and Brent Sinsel. Leland Poppe chaired the meeting.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Hahn opened with some thoughts on I Peter 2:9. "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." That we as Elders have a role to play within the church, and that we are called to do God's work. Pastor then led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Glenn Van Velson moved that the minutes of the August 10TH Elder's meeting be approved. Jim Parish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Hahn presented his September 2026 Pastor's Report, and discussed key points and events with the Elders. There was discussion about the confirmation program, the benefits of using visitor's cards during worship services, the upcoming Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) training, and the need for a Benevolence Fund at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (BSLC). Pastor explained the AWAKEN program that is available for presentation at BSLC. Pastor also stated that the baptism of Wyatt Steele is planned to occur during the worship service on Sunday, September 20TH.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* Security follow up—Nothing new to report.

* Directory Update/Photo Directory—Leland Poppe volunteered to take pictures for the Photo Directory. He is planning to do so on September 27TH, October 18TH, and October 25TH.

* Linden Court—The next service, to be held at Linden Court, is scheduled for September 15TH.

* Song Select—Pastor stated that Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI) "Song Select" is being used during worship services.

NEW BUSINESS

* Visitor Cards—Glenn Van Velson moved that we suspend use of the sign in sheets and clipboards for worship services. Jim Parish seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jim Parish moved that we purchase visitor cards with the expense being charged to Worship Service Supplies budget. David Steele seconded the motion. The motion carried.

* AWAKEN—This is training for members of a congregation. The training will equip attendees with communication skills needed to engage others in spiritual conversation and to help them develop personal relationships with people who are not members of BSLC. Glenn Van Velson moved that we contract to have the training at BSLC the evening of October 23RD and the morning of the 24TH. Also, that BSLC would pay the \$2,500 fee, but that we would request donations to help offset the cost. Brent Sinsel seconded the motion. Motion

(Elders Meeting continued)

carried (The fee is based on 25 attendees but the class is not limited to only 25 attendees).

* Pew Bibles—Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) has standardized on the use of English Standard Version (ESV) Bibles in its worship resources. Brent Sinsel will investigate the cost of purchasing ESV pew Bibles.

* Benevolence Fund—A reasonable but limited fund for assisting needy citizens is needed. Jim Parish moved that BSLC establish a Benevolence Fund that would be funded by a door offering on fifth Sundays of a month. Glenn Van Velson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

* Next Elder's Meeting—Pastor reported that the Fall Pastor's Conference will be in Gretna, October 11TH through the 13TH. Since the next Elder's Meeting would normally be on October 12TH, by consensus of opinion, the meeting was rescheduled for October 19TH.

* Temporary worship leadership changes—Since Pastor Hahn will be gone for PLI training the afternoon of September 20TH through the 27TH, the following changes have been planned:

- o Brent Sinsel will be the liturgist for the Wednesday evening service, September 23. The sermon will be a video playback of the Sunday September 20TH service sermon. There will not be any confirmation class.

- o Pastor Stubenrouch will officiate at the worship service on September 27TH. Three Elders will assist with communion. (Post meeting note: Al Huff will lead the adult Bible Study that morning.)

- o Pastor Hahn will be the liturgist for the Wednesday evening service, September 30. The sermon will be a video playback of the Sunday September 27TH service sermon.

* Holiday Services—Tentative worship service schedules were planned.

Thanksgiving service, with communion: 6:15 PM. Christmas Eve, two services with communion: 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM. Christmas Day, no communion: 10:00 AM. No New Years Eve nor New Years Day services.

* Membership transfer—BSLC received a request of membership transfer. Jim Parish moved that the Elders approve the transfer of Cortney, Shane, Owen, and Makenna Koehn to Zion Lutheran Church of Kearney, Nebraska. Brent Sinsel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Parish moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rod Christmann seconded the motion.

Hearing no objections, Leland Poppe adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM, with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted by Allen Huff.



Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14th, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

Attendees: Pastor Hahn, Kerrin Tallmon, Caroline Sabin, Angie Petersen, Ashley Roehrs, and Anne Wilcox.

Reports:

Preschool Report: There is a new student starting tomorrow, so there is now 11 students in the Tues/Thursday class and 10 students in the Mon/Wed/Friday preschool classes.

There are 2 students who applied for Preschool Tuition Assistance. Kerrin made a motion to pay \$45.00 toward Kai Packard, and \$85.00 for Ryder Martin's tuition out of the preschool scholarship fund, seconded by Caroline. Motion passes. The public school will pay the other \$45.00 toward Kai, and Ryder's family pay the remaining \$30.00 to cover the remaining tuition.

Please follow the Preschool Facebook page as Caroline is working on posting and increasing communication and information shared to try to bring more young families to the church.

Annie is working on contacting and matching up students and individuals who have agreed to be Prayer Partners with the preschool students. She takes a picture of the student and shares some information such as some of their favorite things or interests to help their Prayer Partners. Pastor Hahn also discussed providing instructions or expectations to the Prayer Partner so that they know what to expect when agreeing to participate.

Pastor also discussed sharing the idea of sending out postcards to students or families, letting them know they were prayed for. This helps connect the mission of the preschool to the church. Ashley also suggested having Sunday School students pray for preschool students, filling out a postcard, and letting them know that the Sunday School students prayed for them.

Sunday School Report: Sunday School has been using the Dig In Sunday School Curriculum. Pastor shared some books and we discussed the idea previously presented regarding some of the older students reading to younger students and sending home books with the younger students.

In the past the 3rd graders were given an Adventure Bible. Pastor Hahn shared a program that he has done in the past with 3rd graders where they attend two, 1 hour sessions or classes where Pastor walks through the Bible with activities and gets them familiar with the Bible. The following Sunday their parents will give them their own Adventure Bible during church service.

Board of Education, continued

This could be done some time in October or November. Pastor could host it the first year working with someone, and then turn the class in the future over to them.

Sunday School is currently every Sunday from 9:00 to approx. 9:45. Wednesday night classes are after service. Dinner is at 5:00 with service at 6:15. The pre-school to 1st graders are taught by Annie Wilcox, the 2nd-4th graders are lessons from Luther's Small Catechism for Kids taught by Heather VanVelson. The 5th and 6th graders are taught by Rebecca Sinsel and Ashly Roehrs, with a pre-confirmation curriculum "Know the Bible Now". The 7th and 8th graders are with Pastor Hahn. There is also be a Senior High Bible Study on Wed. nights. There will be a break during Advent services from Wed. night classes.

Rally Sunday had some families attending the lunch, but with the rainy day there was not as much opportunity for outdoor activities.

New Business: -

Upcoming events include discussing Halloween and a possible Trunk-or-Treat, and a possible Sunday School Christmas Program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10. The next meeting will be the 2nd Monday of the month, so it will be Oct. 12th at 6:30.



It is already October, time is going so fast. The children are understanding how formal lines look, and learning all the rules, and making such good friends. Our color for the month is black. It is fire prevention month so we are going to the Fire Station. The kids love going to see where the firefighters work and all the vehicles they drive. It also gives the kids a chance to see a real firefighter in his uniform, and maybe not so scary for them if they ever have a fire at their house. In chapel we will learn about Baby Issac, Joseph and his brothers, Moses, and the 12 spies. We can't forget our Halloween party it is always a fun ending to the month.

Ms. Annie

Trustee Notes

1. Fire alarm system has been tested and is compliant
2. Snow removal contract has been renewed
3. I plan to renew both the mowing and the lawn care contracts, except that for the lawn care. I will discuss the need for an additional pre-emergent for the weed treatment program.
4. I am investigating an upgrade to LED lights in the sanctuary for the hanging lamps
5. We are discussing a potential change in the church for the upcoming year.

*Our Redeemer
Commerative Ornaments
For Sale \$10.00 each
Celebrating our
100th Anniversary
Contact the office
532-4753*



If you would like to see the ornament, there is a sample in the office.



Octoberfest

**Celebrating our 100th
Knowing Jesus
Making Jesus Known**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

October 11

**10:00 AM Worship
with Polka music**

German Meal to Follow



**Brats, rolls,
German Potato Salad,
Green Beans,
German Chocolate Cake
and more...**

**To ensure we
have ample
food, please
RSVP to the office.
308-532-4753**





The LWML Ogallala Zone Fall Rally will meet October 10 at Shepherd of the Hills, Hyannis. The rally theme is "Praying Through the Storm", based on Luke 18:1-8. The guest speaker will be Sara Cover, speaking about the Sandhills fires. The service project will be pocket prayer quilts. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Mountain time, with the Rally beginning at 9:00 Mountain Time. Please meet in the south church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. to carpool. For more information, contact Janet Livingston, 308-520-3022, jl54747@gmail.com



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
312 W. 3rd St. Ogallala, NE

CELEBRATING
100
YEARS
— 1926–2026 —
100 YEARS OF
GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

PLEASE JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

- Special Anniversary Worship Service
- Rev. Albert Bader as Guest Preacher
- **SERVICE BEGINS AT 10:00 AM**

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.



Annual
German
Fall Festival
October 4, 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Homemade brats
Meal.....\$15.00
Dozen Brats.....\$35.00
Half Dozen.....\$18.00
1 lb. ground meat..\$10.00



A Heart FOR Eternity

Legacy Grandparenting Summit-2026

Sat Oct 10th,
doors open 8:30,
9AM-3:30PM
lunch included
At Maranatha

Register at:
LegacyCoalition.com/Summit



Grandparents Day

Grandparenting class

Beginning Sunday October 11th

5:45-7:00 pm - 6 weeks

Meets in The Garage 711 N Vine, NP

Contact: Marsha & Mike Kautz-Ryan 308-530-8287

Mike & Suzi Chipps 402-750-2287

George & Jan Cheek 308-520-4395



IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE CHURCH EMAIL – please send an email message to the church office (bslc@bslcnp.com) . Email is the primary way of communication at Beautiful Savior. The current email list is incomplete and outdated, so many do not receive emails.

Sending an email to the church office will make sure you are on the list and your email address is up-to-date. Thank you!



WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER?

HAVE QUESTIONS? – Pastor will lead a 10-week instruction class called – “Answers” – for anyone interested in becoming a member or finding answers to questions.

Maybe you know someone you could invite. The class generally meets on Tuesdays or Thursdays at a time TBD by those who attend. The class is open to anyone – even current members who want to study the Bible. Please let Pastor or the church office know you’re interested (308-534-7004).



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS – We will be taking directory photos on **Sunday September 27, October 18 & October 25** before and after worship. Please make a point to attend one of these events as we would like to

make the directory as complete as possible. At this time, we will also ask to verify what we have in the directory is correct and make the changes as necessary.



Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 8:00 am
They are currently studying the book of Matthew



Women's Bible Study begins on September 8th at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall at BSLC.

There will be a study on the book of Galatians. All materials are provided.

Please feel free to come and check us out!

Contact Cathy Christman at 530-6031 for any questions.

Daily Bible Reading Guide for August

Guided by Faithful Witnesses

1 st	Daniel 1:1-21	16 th	Esther 4:1-17
2 nd	Daniel 2:1-13	17 th	Esther 5:1-14
3 rd	Daniel 2:14-23	18 th	Esther 6:1-13
4 th	Daniel 2:24-49	19 th	Esther 6:14-7:10
5 th	Daniel 3:1-18	20 th	Esther 8:1-17
6 th	Daniel 3:19-30	21 st	Esther 9:1-19
7 th	Daniel 4:1-18	22 nd	Esther 9:20-10:3
8 th	Daniel 4:19-33	23 rd	Ruth 1:1-22
9 th	Daniel 4:34-37	24 th	Ruth 2:1-23
10 th	Daniel 5:1-12	25 th	Ruth 3:1-18
11 th	Daniel 5:13-31	26 th	Ruth 4:1-22
12 th	Daniel 6:1-10	27 th	James 1:1-27
13 th	Daniel 6:11-28	28 th	James 2:1-26
14 th	Esther 2:1-23	29 th	James 3:1-18
15 th	Esther 3:1-15	30 th	James 4:1-17
		31 st	James 5:1-20



Ladies book clubs will all begin meeting in September.

There are three clubs meeting at various times during the month:

- ◆ 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am at BSLC
October book: The Carpenter's Son, By John Gray
Leader is Cathy Christmann
- ◆ 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm at BSLC
Leader is Marilyn Sinsel
September Book: Until We Reach Home, By Lynn Austin
- ◆ 4th Monday at 7:00 pm at Scooters
Leader is Marsha Gosnell.

All women are welcome.

If you have any questions, are interested in joining or even wish to begin your own group please let Cathy Christmann know at 530-6031

Anniversary & Birthday List

1st John Flynn
 3rd Pam Mitchell
 4th Samantha Mauch
 5th Caroline Sabin
 6th Jordan Olsen
 Cameron Thompson
 7th Averie Harold
 9th Mardell Thompson
 11th Hal Weitzel
 12th Cash Kemp
 13th Bonnie Young
 15th Susan Golter
 Gracia Lantis
 19th Dan Huebner
 21st Bonnie Van Cura
 23rd Jessica Siegel
 24th Allison Huebner
 25th Elijah Roehrs
 28th Janice Hagmann
 Donna Tighe
 29th Daniel Krueger
 Marlina Parish

4th Ron & Shary Asher (54 yrs)
 9th Kelly & Stacie Bruns (27 yrs)
 17th Shane & Jessica Siegel (22 yrs)
 18th Steve & Linda Mueller (57 yrs)
 20th Allen & Julie Miles (36 yrs)
 23rd Ted & Jodi Reehl (5 yrs)
 27th Dan & Tara Krupicka (19 yrs)



Issues, Etc.

Issues, Etc. is a ten-hour weekly syndicated radio talk show and podcast. The program features expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ. The program is hosted by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod [Pastor Todd Wilken](#) and produced by [Jeff Schwarz](#).





In Service to the Lord



October 4th	(Sunday)	Sherry Roehrs
October 7th	(Wednesday)	
October 11th*	(Sunday)	Praise Group
October 14th	(Wednesday)	
October 18th	(Sunday)	Shary Asher
October 21st	(Wednesday)	
October 25th*	(Sunday)	Shary Asher
October 28th	Wednesday)	

Elders: Larry Wallace & Jim Parish

Ushers: Steve Roberts, Seth Steele, John Flynn, Holden Brunkhardt,
Larry Wallace

*Communion

FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of 09-24-26

In an effort to keep members up on the financial condition of Beautiful Savior, we will put monthly updates in the Sunday bulletin and Messenger.

Budgeted Expenses Needed Monthly for 2026	\$ 39,115.22	
Year-to-date Income ending August 2026	\$30,592.66	\$ 355,066.62
Year-to-date Expenses ending August 2026	\$25,662.64	\$ 368,878.55
Total 2026 Budget	\$469,382.69	

