

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Each Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
(BSLC) member is:

September 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

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Sunday Schedule

8:45am Bible Study

10 am Worship

Wednesday night service.

6:15pm Worship



"I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." — Matthew 16:18

What exactly is Jesus talking about when he says – "I will build my church"? He isn't talking about a building. He isn't talking about a budget, programs, committees, or everything we do together as a congregation. Those things can be good and useful, but they are not the church. We are the church.

The church is all the people who know, trust, and follow Jesus as Savior and Lord. We are people who have been called by God through the Gospel, forgiven by Christ, and gathered together by the Holy Spirit.

When we leave the church building, we don't leave the church behind. We are the church when we go home, go to work, go to school, go to the grocery store, attend a ball game, or spend time with our neighbors.

And look at where God has placed us. We live and work and play in the midst of a crowd of people. Some are friends. Some are neighbors. Some are co-workers. Some are family members. And among that crowd are people who need Jesus. Maybe someone is overwhelmed, lonely, grieving, or carrying a burden they haven't told anyone about. Maybe someone has never really heard that Jesus loves them, died for their sins, and rose again to give them eternal life. Maybe someone simply needs a friend who will listen.

Who needs Jesus today? Jesus has placed us among people who need him. And he gives us the privilege of being his church right there in the middle of them. Sometimes being the church looks very ordinary. It might mean listening to a neighbor, encouraging a co-worker, showing kindness to someone having a difficult day, noticing someone who is overlooked, or praying with someone who is hurting. When the opportunity comes, it might mean telling someone why you have hope in Jesus.

We don't have to wait for people to walk through the doors of our church building before we can be the church to them. We take the church with us because Christ lives in us. Our congregation is a wonderful gift—a place where we gather around God's Word, receive his gifts, encourage one another, and grow in faith. But our gathering is not the end of our mission. It prepares us to be sent.

Jesus says about his church that the – *"gates of Hades will not prevail against it."* This is not a picture of the church hunkered down, hoping merely to survive. Just the opposite. The church is on the offense! Jesus has already won the victory by way of the cross. His tomb is empty. Jesus invites his church to join him

Pastors message, continued

in bringing down the strongholds of hell and setting captive sinners free!

So this September, look at the crowd around you. Think about the people God has placed in your life. Who needs Jesus today? And remember: you are the church – wherever Jesus sends you.

Kevin, Pastor



I am so glad we are back in school. Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for our kids. It is so nice that the parents don't have to worry about that. We are getting back into the schedule, and the littles are learning all about the schedule. We are learning each other's names and getting to know our friends. Our color for the month is Orange. We will be learning about God's creation, and Father Abraham. I am working on getting prayer partners again, so if you had a child to pray for I will be contacting you soon. Thank you for all the prayers.

Ms. Annie

LWML Meetings:

Afternoon Circle—**September 10th, 1 pm Host: Diane Fritz**

LWML Evening Circle—**September 14th 7pm Host: Lisa Pariish**

LWML Executive Board—**September 27 @ 2 pm, Gift of Hope presentation**

September 18-19, 2026 LWML NE South Dist. Convention-
Kearney, NE



Board of Elders Meeting August 10, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE

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

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Hahn opened with some thoughts on II Corinthians 5:20. That we as Christians are to bring the church out to the people around us. That we exist to reach outside the church and not just serve within the church. Pastor then led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Parish moved that the minutes of the July 13TH Elder's meeting be approved. Larry Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Pastor Hahn presented his August 2026 Pastor's Report, and discussed key points and events with the Elders. There was discussion about the confirmation program, having a congregational Email list, and the possibility of using the "Today's Light Bible Reading Program" at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (BSLC).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Security follow up—Nothing new to report, except that an attempt will be made to route a fiber-optic cable over to the preschool area of the building, and a Wi-Fi router be installed there. This should help with Wi-Fi coverage in the southeast quarter of the building, and could be used with any security system installed in the future
- Directory Update/Photo Directory—Jim Parish reported that he talked to Tim Wilcox and September 13TH will be the first date to try to get pictures taken before and after service.
- Linden Court—The next service, to be held at Linden Court, is scheduled for 3 PM, August 18TH. Pastor Ramsey will lead the service.

(Elders Meeting continued)

- Pew Hymnals—Nothing new to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Song Select—Pastor explained the advantages of “Song Select” and its use during worship services. To use it will require getting a Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI) license, or an extension for an existing license. The cost of a full license, for one year, is \$410. Jim Parish moved that we purchase the required licensing, with the expense being charged to Worship Service Supplies budget. Bob Lantis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Combined service with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church—August 30TH is the fifth Sunday in August. Whereas, no actions have been taken to prepare for a joint service; and whereas, no agreement with Mid-Plains Community College for the use of their facility has been acquired; Jim Parish moved that we not have a combined service on August 30TH. Bob Lantis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Traveler’s Aid—A need for assistance in providing transportation for a member of BSLC has been brought to the attention of Pastor Hahn. Debra Ledwith needs to be transported to Kearney for an appointment to see a specialist. Her son is able to take her, but does not have money for gasoline to do so. Since BSLC does not have an established fund for providing such aid, the request was brought forward to the Elders. Jim Parish moved that \$75 be provided from the Elder’s Miscellaneous budget for gasoline. Glenn Van Velson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Convention—Glenn Van Velson gave a report on his experiences at the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), which was held July 18–23 in Phoenix, Arizona.

ADJOURNMENT

Rod Christmann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bob Lantis seconded the motion.

Hearing no objections, Leland Poppe adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM, with the praying of the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectively submitted by Allen Huff.



Executive Board meeting-August 10, 2026

In attendance: Shelia Mahler, Twila Conell, Jean Huff, Alfie Moore, Marilyn Sinsel, Linda Mueller, Caroline Sabin
Absent: Sherri Roehrs

Welcome/Opening Prayer: Shelia Mahler

Devotional: Marilyn Sinsel

The devotion was based on Phillippian 3:14. It was a reminder to never stop working on your relationship with Jesus. Our journey through faith should be considered a privilege as learn more about God.

Minutes of July 2026 meeting: per email—

Motion to accept minutes: Alfie, 2nd by Marilyn, Approved

Treasurer's Report: Linda Mueller

Balance is \$1,648.75 See Attached

Shelia will help Linda get started with an online account

Report of Appointed Officers:

Christian Life-Marilyn—Nothing new to report

Human Care-Jean Huff

- Update on collections for 2026 Convention—3 boxes of items so far

Leadership Development-Alfie Moore-No report

Historian-Twila Conell—No new news

OLD BUSINESS

2026 NE South Dist. Convention

- Registration forms for Convention need to be completed as soon as possible. Forms can be found on LWML table in sac tuary
- Still need another delegate and Young woman representative
- Those attending: Vicki VanVelson, Janet Livingston, Shelia Mahler
- Need to take a cross for the Processional

Next Quarterly meeting

- September 27th, 2 pm, BSLC
- Marilyn, Twila, and Shary Lantis to host
- Project-Presentation by Pastor on a trip he has taken

LWML Sunday-October 4th-need ushers, someone for Children's Sermon-check w/Pastor

Updating Bylaws

- Review Team needs to set date
- Vicki VanVelson, Janet Livingston, Shelia Mahler, Caroline Sabin-Review team

NEW BUSINESS

Next Circle meetings

- Afternoon Circle-Thursday, September 10th, 1 pm—Diane Fritz, hostess—Alfie will check that this still works for Diane
- Evening Circle-Monday, September 14th, 7 pm, Leader/ Hostess-Lisa Parish at BSLC
- LWML Executive Board-September 27th, 2 pm, BSLC (combined with quarterly)

Ogallala Zone Planning Meeting-Shepherd of the Hills, Hyannis, August 15 at 9 am

- Agenda has been sent out—attending will be Janet, Mary and Caroline

Funeral Services-None

UPCOMING DATES:

- o August 15, 2026-Ogallala Zone Planning meeting-Hyannis
- o September 18-19, 2026, LWML NE South District Convention— Sharing the Love of God, Kearney Younes Center
- o October 10, 2026-Ogallala Zone Fall Rally, Shepherd of the Hills, Hyannis
- o Spring 2027 Workshop, BSLC to host on April 17th.

Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned.



August 16, 2026

Persons in Attendance: Mike, Charlene, Pastor, Dr. Boettcher, Ashley, Dr. Asher,

Opening: 2 Corinthians 5:20 – church is also about what happens outside the 4 walls, can't just focus on what happens inside the church – how do we live on mission to the crowd of people around me? What would that look like here at BSLC? We are called to be ambassadors.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Reports:

- Treasurer – reported on balances and YTD contributions and expenses
- Board of Elders – N/A
- Board of Trustees – north side of the church sprinklers have tree roots growing through them – a fix is in process
- Board of Education – preschool has started this past Thursday – 18 total – 9 in each class, decided on Wednesday night study, will follow the confirmation schedule, discussed options for over the Christmas break,
- Board of Outreach – decide what to do with the Wednesday night meal, had so many extra people there from outside the church, Halloween, Veteran's Day Parade,
- Board of Youth – N/A

Unfinished Business:

- Wednesday Night Meals – Begin September 2nd – Mike will handle the first meal, Board of Outreach plans to discuss the process moving forward at their next meeting, idea – preset some menus and have folks donate items and other folks can volunteer to be the host,
- Rally Day – BBQ – September 13th – put a sign up out and see if we get x number then we do it, or we have an alternative plan

· Bell Tower Update – Quote – next steps – we received three quotes for replacing the electronic equipment, speakers, etc. The base version is \$12,500, the middle version is \$15,200, and the top version is \$16,605. The voters approved replacing the equipment this past November. Discussion was had regarding the cost and the need for the repair. What does BSLC get from the repair? The history of the process for initial installation and why it was installed. The next step in the process is to get a picture of the current speaker set-up in the top of the tower so the company can adjust the quote to match our set-up.

New Business:

- Budget for 2027
 - To Boards in September
 - Draft to Council – October
 - Present to voters in November
- Facility Updates – Planning – Discussion was had about the need for a long-term plan for facility updates, improvements, expansion, etc. It would work well if it followed the strategic planning below.
- United Way Chili Cook off – October 9th – Mike mentioned this event and whether it might be an opportunity to get BSLC out in front of the community.
- Strategic Planning for BSLC – 1, 3, 5-year plan – President will schedule a time to meet with Pastor about ideas for gathering input about a strategic plan. Potential items mentioned during the meeting were 1 or 2 services on Sunday, additional staffing needs, outreach, goals, and ideas on how to best gather input.



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church AND School is celebrating their 100th Anniversary next year! The main celebration weekend will be July 31, 2027, and August 1, 2027. We are planning lots of fun activities and will have many memorable photos for all to check out! We hope many of you can join us. With that in mind, if any of you have any special memories of Our Redeemer that you would be willing to share, please write them down and hand them in to your office, or if you'd rather you can email or text them. Thank you and God Bless, our brothers and sisters, in Christ.

Here is the contact information:

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LWML will be collecting items for the District Convention held in Kearney on September 18th & 19th.

If you would like to contribute, the following items are needed:

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| Tissues | Paper Towels | Diapers—sizes 4, 5 & 6 |
| Feminine Products | Baby Wipes—fragrance free | |
| Paper Plates | School Supplies | |
| Plastic Forks | New Clothes—toddlers & girls | |
| | (sizes 2T-6T) | |

Bathroom & Toilet Cleaners

Small size laundry detergents

Walmart Gift Cards

Monetary Contributions



NEBRASKA PRIDE

SWEET ADELINES CHORUS

PRESENT

From Sea to Shining Sea

ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL
ARAPAHOE
SEPTEMBER 26 • 2 PM

THE MERRYMAN
KEARNEY
SEPTEMBER 26 • 7:30 PM

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
NORTH PLATTE
SEPTEMBER 27 • 2:30 PM

Special Performer: Jan Schiferl, singer-songwriter from Fordyce, NE
Nominated "Female of the Year" by Academy of Western Artists.

**WOMEN'S RESOURCE
CENTER**

**INVITES YOU TO OUR 27TH ANNUAL
FUNDRAISING CELEBRATION**

*I hope in
every
heartbeat*



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

KEITH FERRIN

SPEAKER, STORYTELLER, BLOGGER AND AUTHOR WHO STRIVES TO HELP PEOPLE REALIZE THAT THE LIVING WORD OF GOD IS A REALITY-NOT PHRASES. KEITH HAS BEEN PARTNERING WITH PREGNANCY CENTERS FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS. KEITH IS PASSIONATE ABOUT SEEING WOMEN, MEN, CHILDREN AND ENTIRE COMMUNITIES SEE THE VALUE OF LIFE.

Psalm 31:24

**NORTH PLATTE BEREAN CHURCH
202 W 8TH STREET, NORTH PLATTE NE
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**

**THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
2026**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT FRIENDSOFWRC.COM
OR CALL 308-534-1440**

**COMPLIMENTARY MEAL CATERED BY OLE'S
REGISTER BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST
SEATING IS LIMITED**

Contact Lisa Parish for Questions—308-530-4067



Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 8:00 am
They are currently studying the books of the Old Testament



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	Matthew 5:1-12	16 th	Proverbs 3:1-35
2 nd	Matthew 5:13-26	17 th	Proverbs 4:1-27
3 rd	Matthew 5:33-48	18 th	Proverbs 8:1-36
4 th	Matthew 6:1-15	19 th	Proverbs 9:1-18
5 th	Matthew 6:16-23	20 th	Proverbs 10:1-32
6 th	Matthew 6:24-34	21 st	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
7 th	Matthew 7:1-12	22 nd	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16
8 th	Matthew 7:13-29	23 rd	Ecclesiastes 5:1-20
9 th	Matthew 13:1-23	24 th	Ecclesiastes 7:1-25
10 th	Matthew 13:24-43	25 th	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14
11 th	Matthew 13:44-58	26 th	Psalms 37
12 th	Matthew 25:1-13	27 th	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
13 th	Matthew 25:14-30	28 th	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
14 th	Matthew 25:1-13	29 th	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
15 th	Proverbs 1:1-33	30 th	1 Corinthians 3:1-23



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
September book: Theo of Golden, By Allen Levy
Leader is Cathy Christmann
- ◆ 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm at BSLC
Leader is Marilyn Sinsel
September Book: Theo of Golden, By Allen Levy
- ◆ 4th Monday at 7:00 pm at Scooters
Leader is Marsha Gosnell.
September Book: The Hammer of God, By Bo Giertz

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	Bob Kelsey	2nd	Derrick & Suzi Knolles (9 yrs)
2nd	Sue Johnson	16th	Markos & Kim Nila (32 yrs)
5th	Derek Boeka	18th	Dean & RaeAnn Stearley (12 yrs)
	Brian Jahnke	21st	Rusty & Rachel Kemp (25 yrs)
6th	Matthew O'Brien		
7th	Brad Butterfield		
9th	Richard Schneider		
10th	Brian Butterfield		
	Olivia Davis		
11th	Robbie Stefka		
	Lyle Suhr		
12th	Glenn Van Velson		
13th	Mandy Einspahr		
	Artis Hansen		
	Tucker Kemp		
	Hector Morales		
14th	Michael Tighe		
15th	Lori Unger		
16th	Jeff Boeka		
	Gavin Harold		
17th	Jason Pflughaupt		
18th	Carl Spearman		
19th	Burke Siegel		
21st	True Flynn		
	Meredith Tallmon		
22nd	Kelly Bruns		
23rd	Nicole Bruck		
	Makayla Kelsey		
26th	William Anderson		
27th	Charlotte Staroska		
28th	Twila Conell		
	Billie DeGarmo		
	Tell Flynn		
29th	Kimberly Utech		
30th	Fred Hewitt		
	Pete Johnson		
	Janelle Ouderkirk		



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



September 2nd	(Wednesday)	
September 6th	(Sunday)	Praise Team
September 9th	(Wednesday)	
September 13th*	(Sunday)	Shary Asher
September 16th	(Wednesday)	
September 20th	(Sunday)	Sue Johnson
September 23rd	(Wednesday)	
September 27th	(Sunday)	Shary Asher
September 30th*	(Wednesday)	

Elders: Larry Wallace & Glenn Van Velson

Ushers: Allen Miles, Mike Unger, Alan Huff, Charles Boettcher,
Finn Brunkhardt, Zach Parish

*Communion

FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of 08-27-26

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	\$28,738.00 \$ 141,496.67
Year-to-date Expenses ending August 2026	\$17,534.79 \$ 177,509.15
Total 2026 Budget	\$469,382.69

