

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Each Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
(BSLC) member is:

February 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.

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Starting on February 18th, Ash Wednesday,
we will be going back to a Wednesday night
dinner and service.

Meal at 5:00pm Worship Service at 6:15pm
THEN...

Starting March 1st... 8:45 am Bible Study
10 am Worship Service



COMING SOON!

You've seen these words on a sign promising something new and, maybe, exciting. Maybe it's a new restaurant you can't wait to visit. Or, maybe it's a new recreation center you can't wait to experience. In my case, it's a new congregation. In the case of you at Beautiful Savior, it's a new pastor.

The words "something new" echo through Scripture and through our lives. We tend to notice it most clearly at moments like this—when one chapter is gently closing and another is just beginning to open.

As I prepare to say goodbye to a congregation I have loved and served, and to say hello to a congregation I am eager to know and walk alongside, I find myself holding both gratitude and anticipation at the same time. Endings are rarely simple. They carry memories, shared stories, laughter, prayers, and moments when God met us in ways we could not have predicted. I am deeply thankful for the people and experiences that have shaped my ministry so far. Those gifts will travel with me.

Beginnings, on the other hand, carry holy uncertainty. They ask us to trust again—to believe that God is already at work ahead of us, preparing hearts, conversations, and moments of grace we haven't yet imagined. There is excitement in that, and a little nervousness too, but Scripture reminds us that God delights in beginnings just as much as God is faithful in endings.

And so, this season feels a bit like one of those signs we see before something new is unveiled – *Coming Soon*. Not everything is visible yet. Not all the details are clear. But hope is on the way. Relationships will form. Ministry will take shape. God will do what God has always done—meet people right where they are and invite them into something new.

As I step into this next chapter, I do so with prayer, humility, and joy. I am grateful for where I have been, and I am expectant for what is ahead. May we all remember that in God's hands, every ending is also a beginning—and every beginning carries the promise of new life. Grace and peace, Kevin, Pastor

P a s t o r

installation

SERVICE

Lord, here I am, send me...

The members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church invite you to share with us in the joy of welcoming Pastor Kevin Hahn as the senior pastor of our church. This celebration will be held on February 22nd, 2026, at 4pm (central time). We are excited about the future ministry of our church under the leadership of our new pastor. We desire that you join with us as we welcome him to our church and to the community. The Installation will be followed by a meal in the fellowship hall.

*Rejoicing in new ministry opportunities,
Beautiful Savior Congregation*

We encourage you to RSVP , to the church office, if you plan to attend, by February 15th., so we can make appropriate preparation.



Choir practice... 7pm Wednesdays for the installation service. Everyone is invited to us .



January went by so quickly.

Our color for this month is purple. We will be learning about snow and the cold weather, and the things you can do in the cold.

We will also learn about the good Samaritan, the lost son, Jesus blessing the children, and Mary and Martha. We will have our Valentines parties and my favorite days of the year, pajama days.

So much to learn about God's love.



Open House will be on the 20th from 1-3pm and 5-7pm.

If you know of anyone needing a preschool spread the news.

The Board will be hosting a fund raiser on February 25th. Annie will be making her world famous enchiladas. Check the back cover for all the information.

Ms. Annie

Board of Education Minutes

January 11, 2026

Kerrin Tallmon, Heather Van Velson, Kim Utech, and Anne Wilcox were in attendance.

Heather Van Velson made a motion to approve the minutes and financial report from December, Kim 2nd.

Reports:

Preschool – Anne Wilcox

Open House is planned for Friday, February 20th from 1-3pm and again at 5-7pm.

Kerrin will place an ad in the paper.

Anne may do a radio ad on Monday Feb. 16th.

The Christmas program was a success. Parents stayed for dinner, the program and cookies. There was a great number of the prayer partners in attendance.

Tuition for the 26-27 school year will remain at \$115 for the M-W-F class and \$90 for the T-TH class.

The board wants to make sure that any checks dedicated to the preschool are credited to the preschool.

Ruth will be asked to add a line to the financial report that shows what funds are at the disposal of the preschool.

Sunday School – There is no Sunday School happening at the moment. The decision was made to wait for Pastor Hahn.

The Sunday School Christmas Party is not going to happen.

New Business:

The Board of Education will be hosting the 2nd Lent Meal (2-24th or 25th). Annie volunteered to make enchiladas.

The question was raised if the Tuesday services will be moved back to Wednesday.

VBS: The Board will ask Mike to reach out to Pastor Hahn and ask about what he wants to do for VBS. Janet and Carolyn will be asked if they are still interested in running the VBS. The last week of June is the suggested time frame.

Kerrin Tallmon made a motion to adjourn, Kim & Heather both 2nd. Motion carried.

Next BOE meeting Feb. 8th at 10am



Board of Elders Meeting January 12, 2026

In attendance

Leland Poppe, Larry Wallace, Rod Christmann, Jim Parish, John Flynn, Jeff Boeke, Bob Lantis, and Allen Huff; with guests Pastor Hahn and Mike Steele. Leland Poppe chaired the meeting.

Introductions and Worship service plans

The meeting was held at Mid-Plains Community College, in a video conference room. Pastor Hahn attended via Zoom. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Pastor Hahn was given some time to express thoughts, concerns, and schedule targets. There have been several house showings of Pastor Hahn's home this week. The house closing in North Platte is tentatively scheduled for February 6TH. A congregational meeting is set for Sunday, January 18TH, immediately following the worship service, to vote on a bridge loan for the house purchase.

Dates for the installation service were discussed. The best date available for participation by President Snow was selected, which is February 22ND. The time is set for 4PM Central Time.

Neither Visitation Pastor is available to lead the service on Sunday, February 1ST. Pastor Stubenrouch will provide a sermon. Glenn Van Velson will present the sermon. Jim Parish will read the liturgy.

There was extensive discussion about Sunday School times, Confirmation Class times, worship service times, and worship service days; after installation of Pastor Hahn. Glenn Van Velson moved that we have Sunday morning worship service at 09:30 and Sunday School at 10:45; with a mid-week service on Wednesday. Wednesday evening would include potluck supper at 5 PM, worship service at 6:15 PM, and Confirmation Class at 7 PM. John Flynn seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion failed to pass when voted upon. Jim Parish moved that we have Sunday morning worship service at 10:00 and the Sunday School time to be set by the Education Committee; with a mid-week service on Wednesday. Wednesday evening would include potluck supper at 5 PM, worship service at 6:15 PM, and Confirmation Class at 7 PM. Bob Lantis seconded the motion. Motion carried, with the caveat that there could be adjustment after a trial period.

A question arose about the current Confirmation Class attending training at Our Redeemer, under Pastor Ramsey. Pastor Hahn volunteered to discuss how, and when a transition to classes being at Beautiful Savior for the Beautiful Savior students, would take place. Input from Confirmation student's parents will need to be considered.

Approval of minutes

Jeff Boeke moved that the minutes of the December 8TH Elder's meeting be approved. Bob Lantis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished business

With the extensive holiday season, Elder visits tended to be impromptu, rather than formally scheduled, but there were a few members visited during the month of December.

Bob Lantis moved that we have an appreciation meal for Pastor Stubenrouch, on January 25TH. This would be a potluck lunch, following the worship service. John Flynn seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

The mailing out of the monthly newsletter and bulk mailing short comings were discussed. Currently the church does not have a bulk mailing license due to the expense, the additional bundling requirements, and the fact that the bulk mailing service has become very unpredictable. It was pointed out that the newsletter is Emailed out, to everyone who has provided an Email address to the church office, that it is available on the church website, and hardcopies are placed in the church mailboxes. The office secretary will mail out a hardcopy to anyone requesting that she do so, and does already mail them to a few members.

In an effort to spread the word about Pastor Hahn becoming the pastor at Beautiful Savior, a mailing will be sent out to all member households. The mailing will provide details and dates of some of the upcoming events. In an effort to further improve communications, the mailing will provide a form for listing contact information, such as an Email address; and a way to indicate that the respondent would prefer to receive the newsletter by postal mail.

Lenten meals were discussed. The consensus of the Elders was that they would serve a chili soup and cinnamon roll meal on Ash Wednesday. (Post meeting note: the Lutheran Women traditionally do the Ash Wednesday meal, and were already planning to serve it, so the Elders will serve the meal on March 4TH.)

Leland Poppe will ask Pastor Deardoff if he is still using his key for the facilities at Beautiful Savior.

There was a discussion about the need for a security system, or possibly exterior cameras, for the Beautiful Savior facility. Mike Steele will talk to one of his contacts to request an estimate on what it would cost to install a few cameras and remotely controlled door locks for entrances.

Some concern about how dark it is, when trying to enter the north entrance at night, was raised. Bob Lantis moved that we install a motion sensing switch on the light in the vestibule. Jim Parish seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rod Christmann will pursue this task.

Attendees were reminded of the funeral for Bob Reigan, scheduled for Thursday, January 15TH. Several of the Elders said that they would be attending.

The annual subscription for the Portals of Prayer devotional was discussed. The consensus was to proceed with the order as we have done in the past.

Mike Steele asked for an Elder volunteer to be on the 2026 Nominating Committee. Bob Lantis will see what he can do.

Mike Steele also stated that he would like to form a long-range Planning Committee, to plan big picture initiatives. Glenn Van Velson volunteered to serve on such a committee.

Adjournment

Leland Poppe adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM, at which time the Lord's Prayer was recited.

Respectively submitted by Allen Huff.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Special Meeting of the Voter's Assembly
January 18, 2026

Attendance sheet attached.

Mike Steele called the meeting to order at 12:p.m.

Mike opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Steele explained that the called Pastor Hahn has purchased a home in North Platte and closing date is February 6, 2026. This meeting was called to approve a short-term loan for Pastor Hahn in the amount of \$250,000. The short-term loan would allow him to purchase his house in North Platte prior to the sale and closing of his house in Illinois. We would create a short-term borrowing agreement and request a second on the deed to protect the return of funds. Jim Parish moved and seconded by Andrew Van Velson to provide the short-term loan with zero interest. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Lantis, Council Secretary

Board of Trustee's Notes:



1. Recent coffee machine failure is likely related to the waterline freezing. I have requested a plumbing change to move the waterline so that it is no longer exposed to cold temperatures.
2. Snow removal doing well so far, thanks to Steve Van Boening.
3. When adjusting the thermostats, please check to see that the setting is not permanent hold, so that it will return to the scheduled settings.
4. Formative plans for additional landscaping are in the works.

Daily Bible Reading Guide for January

Faith Active in Love

1st Philippians 1:1-11
2nd Philippians 1:12-30
3rd Philippians 2:1-11
4th Philippians 2:12-30
5th Philippians 3:1-11
6th Philippians 3:12-21
7th Philippians 4:1-9

8th Philippians 4:10-23
9th Philemon 1-25
10th Exodus 1:1-22
11th Exodus 2:1-10
12th Exodus 2:11-25
13th Exodus 3:1-22
14th Exodus 4:1-17

15th Exodus 4:18-31
16th Exodus 6:1-13
17th Psalm 136
Ash Wednesday
18th Psalm 51
19th Exodus 13:17-22
20th Exodus 14:1-18
21st Exodus 14:19-31

First Sunday in Lent

22nd Exodus 15:1-18
23rd Exodus 15:1-27
24th Exodus 18:1-12
25th Romans 8:18-39
26th Romans 12:1-21
27th Romans 14:1-23
28th Romans 15:1-13



LWML Executive Board Meeting
January 12, 2026

Present: Shelia Mahler, Alfie Moore, Marilyn Sinsel, Jean Huff, Linda Mueller, Twila Conell, and Sherry Roehrs. **Absent:** Carolyn Sabin

Opening: President Shelia opened the meeting with prayer.

Devotion: Marilyn's devotion was about being alert and praying for others and was based on Ephesians 6:18. Every day as you scroll through texts and messages of others, be aware of their needs and say a prayer for them.

Secretary Minutes:

A copy of the minutes was sent to all board members. Alife made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Marilyn seconded. All approved.

Treasurer Report:

Linda Mueller reported the beginning balance as of 12/14/2025 was \$1,433.93. Receipts totaled \$95.74. Disbursements were \$308.93. Ending balance as of 1/12/2026 was \$1,220.74.

Reports:

Christian Life – Nothing to report.

Human Care – See Tree of Love below.

Leader Development – Nothing to report.

Historian/Archivist – See LWML membership below.

Old Business:

LWML Membership: Twila reported the 2026 membership envelopes are ready for members to fill out and return. Any woman who would like to be a member of LWML can fill out and return an envelope that is on the LWML table as well. Please turn in your envelope ASAP so the 2026 membership booklets can be completed.

Christmas decoration clean-up: Many thanks to all who helped. It was really appreciated.

Tree of Love: Jean Huff reported \$510 was collected for this project. She made a motion to increase the amount to \$600 so the donations could be equally divided between the Salvation Army, Grace Ministries, and the NPHS Food Pantry. Marilyn seconded. All approved.

Installation of Officers: Thank you to all for coming.

Prayer Partners: If anyone still wishes to participate, please see Lisa Parish

New Business:

Installation of Pastor Hahn: This was tabled until we have more information.

Lenten Meal: LWML will serve the first Lenten meal on Ash Wednesday, February 18. We will serve casseroles, salads, and desserts.

Circle Meetings:

Afternoon Circle – Thursday, February 12 at 1:00 pm at the home of Shary Asher, **2010 West Leota**. Jean Huff, Leader.

Evening Circle – Monday, February 9 at 5:00 pm at church. Leader/Hostess TBD

Upcoming Dates:

February 16, 4:00 pm – LWML Executive Board Meeting

Date TBD – Installation of Pastor Hahn

March 2026 – LWML Quarterly meeting at BSLC

April 11, 2026 – Ogallala Zone Spring Workshop. To be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Grant. Theme is “What a Friend” and the Bible verse is Psalms 25:14. More info to be shared as received.

September 18-19, 2026 – LWML Nebraska South District Convention. More information to come.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sherry Roehrs, secretary

LWML Gospel Outreach Message:

Fear is a 4-letter word that can wreak havoc on a person's life. What do we fear? Often we fear failure, heights, rejection, disease, war, death, what others think of us and on goes the list. These fears can turn a believer into a doubter or an optimist into a pessimist. In times of fear we need to remember Ps. 27:1 “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear. The Lord is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid.” **LIGHT, SALVATION, STRENGTH.** The Lord is all of these and more so why am I afraid?

Circle Meetings:

Evening Circle – Monday, February 9 at 5:00 pm, fellowship hall,
Vicky Van Velson hostess

Afternoon Circle – Thursday, February 12 at 1:00 pm
at the home of Shary Asher, **2010 West Leota**. Jean Huff, Leader.

LAST CALL!!

LWML Registration and Dues for 2026: Envelopes will be available on the LWML table for ladies wishing to join LWML in the coming year. Registration will continue through January, and new information booklets will be completed in February. Dues are \$3.00 plus \$7.50 for quarterly, if desired.

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings 9:45 am
"Heroes of the Faith"

MENS TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

"The **Mens Tuesday Bible Study (8am)** is studying Ephesians 6:10-18, "Your Strong Suit".

Ladies Bible Study Tuesdays at 1:30 pm.



Ever read one of Jesus' parables and ask, "What is He talking about?" If so, you're not alone. Jesus' own disciples were also perplexed by the enigmatic stories Christ told.

Cathy Christmann leads as we dig deeper into the meaning of these parables to uncover their important meaning for your walk with Christ.



2nd Tuesday (2/10) at 10am, fellowship hall, Cathy Christmann, leader. "Look Again" by Tim Tebow

3rd Thursday (2/19) at 1:30pm, Marilyn Sinsel, leader. "House of Living Stones" by Katie Schuermann

4th Monday (2/23) at 7pm, Scooters Marsha Gosnell, leader. "Hillybilly Elegy" JD Vance

If you are interested in joining a club or want to start another one, please contact Cathy Christmann at 530-6031.

Any group would love to have you!



February 1, 2026 **"Rotten Tomatoes"** [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Boasting gone wrong—it's the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we've earned and deserved. 1 Corinthians 1: 30-31

February 8, 2026 **"Type C"** : [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

In the Bible, the Holy Spirit meets us, gives us the mind of Christ, and leads us back into the world as children of God. 1 Corinthians 2:12

February 15, 2026 **"Up and Down the Mountain"** [Rev. Michael Schutz](#)

Many voices compete for our attention, but above all, listen to the voice of Jesus and hear what He's done for you. Matthew 17:1-9

February 22, 2026 **"As Through Fire"** Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

To be baptized into Christ, to trust in Him, is to die with Him, to be raised by Him, to pass through the fire under His shelter. 1 Corinthians 3:13

March 1, 2026 **"The Fifth Act"** Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Through the Bible, God invites us to help Him complete the unfinished drama He's been writing for the world. 1 Corinthians 4:1

March 8, 2026 **"What Was the Price on That?"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola _When we couldn't pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES


2nd	Teresa Cox
3rd	Robert Lantis
5th	Kimberly Joneson
7th	Andrew Van Velson
8th	Kathryn Fowler
10th	DeWayne Livingston
	Wyatt Thompson
	Stacy Zierke
12th	Allen Miles
13th	Brittani Daley
	Ashley Roehrs
14th	Jewell Samuelson
	Nathan Unger
15th	Phil Hamburger
	Jim Parish
16th	Diane Carter
	Mila Tallmon
	Adam Utecht
18th	Marie Gordon
19th	Leroy Gellerman
	Daphne Alaina Russell
	Shelby Steele
20th	Amelia Bruck
	Brett Joneson
24th	Michael Aylward
	Mateo Wilcox
26th	Wendy Gosnell
27th	Matthew Bruns
	Seth Steele
28th	David Steele

2nd	Gary & Carol Krumm (41)
5th	Jeff & Shannon Staggs (21)
11th	Brad & Misty Butterfield (25)
14th	Tom & Judy Frerichs (56)
	Dale & Jean Wee (57)
	Tim & Anne Wilcox (33)
17th	Allen & Jean Huff (47)
	Mike & Lori Unger (37)
22nd	Richard & Mardell Thompson (51)
23rd	John & Caroline Sabin (41)



Copies of the Daily Bible
 Reading Guide
 of 2026
 (a publication of
 the
 American Bible
 Society) are
 available at the
 back podium.

Above all things
 Have intense
 And unfailing
 Love for one another
 for Love covers
 A multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8




In Service to the Lord



February 1st	(Sunday)	Elders
Organist	Marcia Colvin	
February 3rd	(Tuesday)	Pastor Peterson
Pianist	Carolyn Sabin	
February 8th	(Sunday)	Pastor Stubenrouch*
Organist	Sue Johnson	
February 10th	(Tuesday)	Pastor Peterson*
Pianist	Carolyn Sabin	
February 15th	(Sunday)	Pastor Peterson*
	Praise Team	
February 18th	(Ash Wednesday)	Pastor Hahn
Pianist	Carolyn Sabin	
February 22nd	(Sunday)	Pastor Peterson
Organist	Shary Asher	
February 25th	(Wednesday)	Pastor Hahn
Pianist	Carolyn Sabin	

Elders: Rod Christmann, Glenn Van Velson, Larry Wallace & Allen Huff
 Ushers : Steve Mueller, Adam Utecht, Jim Parish & Zach Parish

* Communion

FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of 1-31-2026

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 January 2026	\$21,985.00 \$ 21,985.00
Year-to-date Expenses ending January 2026	\$38,766.98 \$ 38,766.98
Loan to Pastor Hahn Expense	\$250,000.00
Total 2026 Budget	\$469,382.69

FUNDRAISING FOR A CAUSE

Wednesday , February 25th 5pm—6pm

For our preschooler—Willow

The Board of Education is using the funds they raise at the Lent meal on February 25th, as a fundraiser for one of our 3 year preschoolers.

Willow was born with a rare gene mutation called SMCIA DEE, she is 1 of 200 known cases world wide. Neurodevelopment programs are not covered by insurance, these treatments offer Willow the best chance of finding her voice.

We can help make a lasting impact in Willow and her families lives with the money we collect.

Anne will be making her “world famous enchiladas”, along with beans and fideo.

Please pray for this little sweetheart and her family, and plan on coming to support this wonderful cause.

