



August 2016

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

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Church offices are open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS sign-up sheet for September is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or let Dorothy know which Sunday you can volunteer for: September signups that **still need sponsor** are: **4, 11, 18 & 25**. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall or Call Dorothy at 602-276-7076.

*****If you put food in the refrigerators please put your name and the date you put it in on the items!**

Thank you, Dorothy

BY THE NUMBERS

August average Sunday attendance – 45

August Adult Bible Study average attendance per class – 11

Invitation from Gethsemane “Time Out Ladies” for September 9th

SEPTEMBER SURPRISE! It’s a POTLUCK!

We’re saying farewell to the Fellowship Hall, **at Gethsemane**, at our September meeting. **September 9 from 11:00 to 1:00 (extended time)**.

Even though we don’t have a firm date when construction will begin, we’ll use September 9th to celebrate all we’ve shared over the years in that room. Please indicate the dish you’re thinking of bringing so we’ll have a general idea. Your dish should be fully prepared. Please bring your own serving pieces as well. Happily, the ovens and refrigerator are still working.

BIBLE STUDY will be before lunch. Don’t forget your Bible. We will still celebrate birthdays, but we’ll skip announcements and devotion.

Contact Kathy Manthey (480-678-7417 or katyquilter@reagan.com) or Sandra Wardwell (480-334-4176 or s.wardwell@asu.edu) if you would like to attend.

FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE:



Update from the Forward Planning Committee.

The FPC has been working diligently on two major projects - parking lot lights and the roof over the sanctuary and choir room.

The **plans for the parking lot lights** are being submitted to the City of Tempe Planning Dept. by the end of August. Once they approve the design the plans will be forwarded for a building permit. This process will take 4 to 6 weeks. While the plans are at the City we will apply for the loan. We anticipate installation of the (4) lights on three (3) light poles in the east parking lot in October.

While the **Voter's assembly preferred putting a metal roof on the sanctuary**, we discovered that including insulation on the roof would increase the cost of the roof to over \$100,000. We are examining other options for the sanctuary roof and hope to **present these findings to the Voters assembly in October**.

We appreciate your patience with us on these projects. If you have any further questions or comments please feel free to contact Don Schumm.

Thank you. Forward Planning Committee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Jeff Martinez is getting the garden ready for fall planting. He has some garlic bulbs to plant and is planning to plant fall vegetables.

The **canopy over the garden** has been taken down. It was torn in the wind storm, and was just hanging loose.

The **golf cart** has been put back in working order. It is stored in the tractor shed now.

The **ladies from Gethsemane** are requesting the use of our fellowship hall once a month for their meetings. The request has gone to council, and will have to be approved.

Elections are coming up. The polls will be in the fellowship hall as usual, August 30th.

The **weeds have been sprayed** and the **edge of the property has been mowed**. The **large mulberry tree** in the back yard is losing its bark. It needs to be looked at as it may have mites and may have to be removed.

As usual, the trustees continue to work tirelessly to keep BSLC and grounds in good order. **We thank all of those people who continue to volunteer their time to our efforts.**

Board of Trustees

BSLC Outreach to Tempe High School – Dinner schedule before home games

Game 9/2	Dinner on 9/1	Canceled	Game 9/23	Dinner on 9/22
Game 10/7	Dinner on 10/6		Game 10/14	Dinner on 10/13

We meet at Tempe High at four-thirty, and go into the cafeteria to set up.

We need people to serve and clean up. We appreciate your support and help.

Thank you!

Senior Adult Ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Senior Adult Ministry (known as SAM) is a group of adults from age 55 and older that get together two-three times a month. We enjoy eating lunch at local restaurants and socializing. Pastor Jerry Kosberg leads a Bible study on the first Thursday of the month on various topics. Business meetings are on the third Thursday of the month and can be very lively and informative. Dessert is served after our business meetings. We have additional activities most months. During the summer we switch things up a bit, meeting once a month for breakfast and fellowship. SAM does not require anything to become a member. Just come and experience some great fellowship. You might have some fun and make new friends.

SAM has asked to meet at Beautiful Savior while their church is being remodeled, beginning in October. They cordially invite BSLC members to attend any of their activities! The September and October schedules are listed below. The officers of the group are:

President: Sherry Ellis 480-619-7600
V. President: Nancy Luebner 480-252-2080
Treasurer: Kathryn Odle 480-839-9786
Secretary: Beth Anderson 480-821-8201

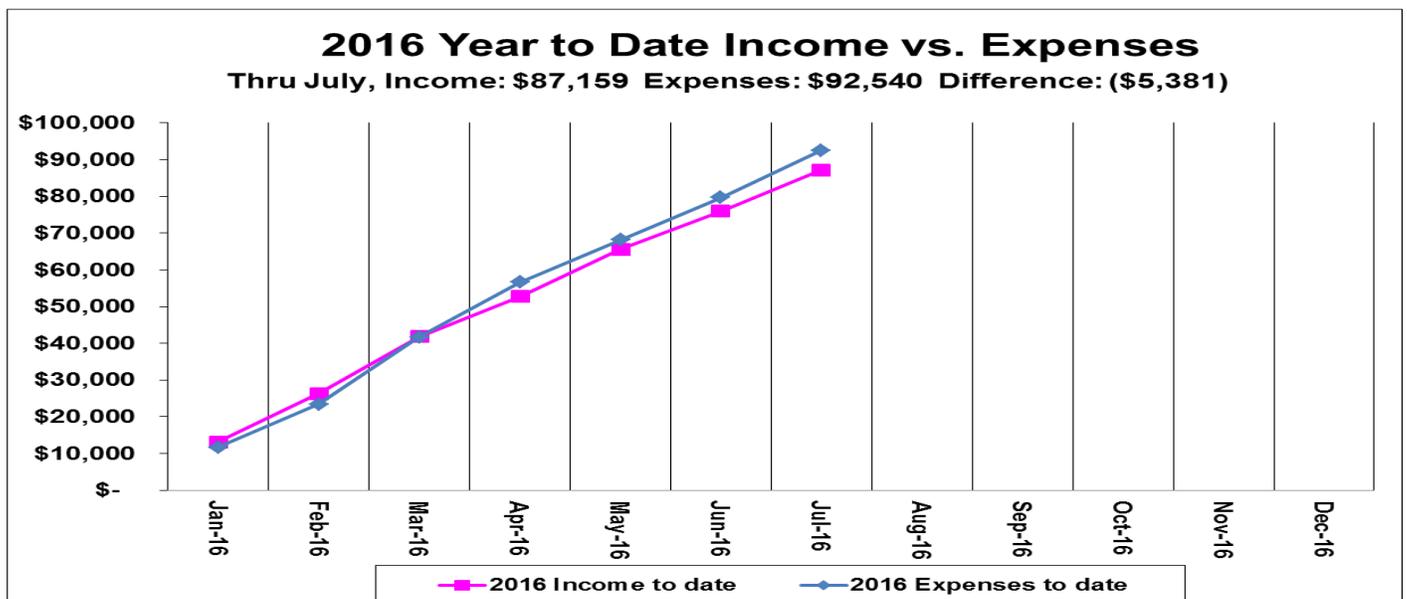
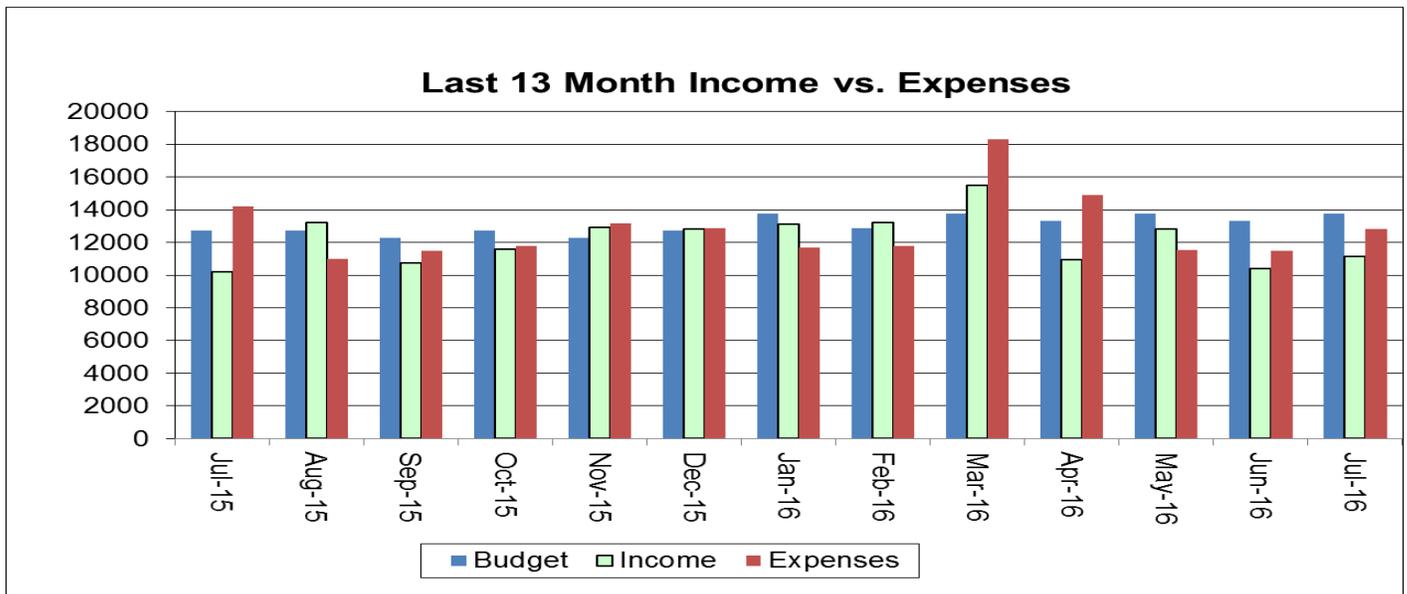
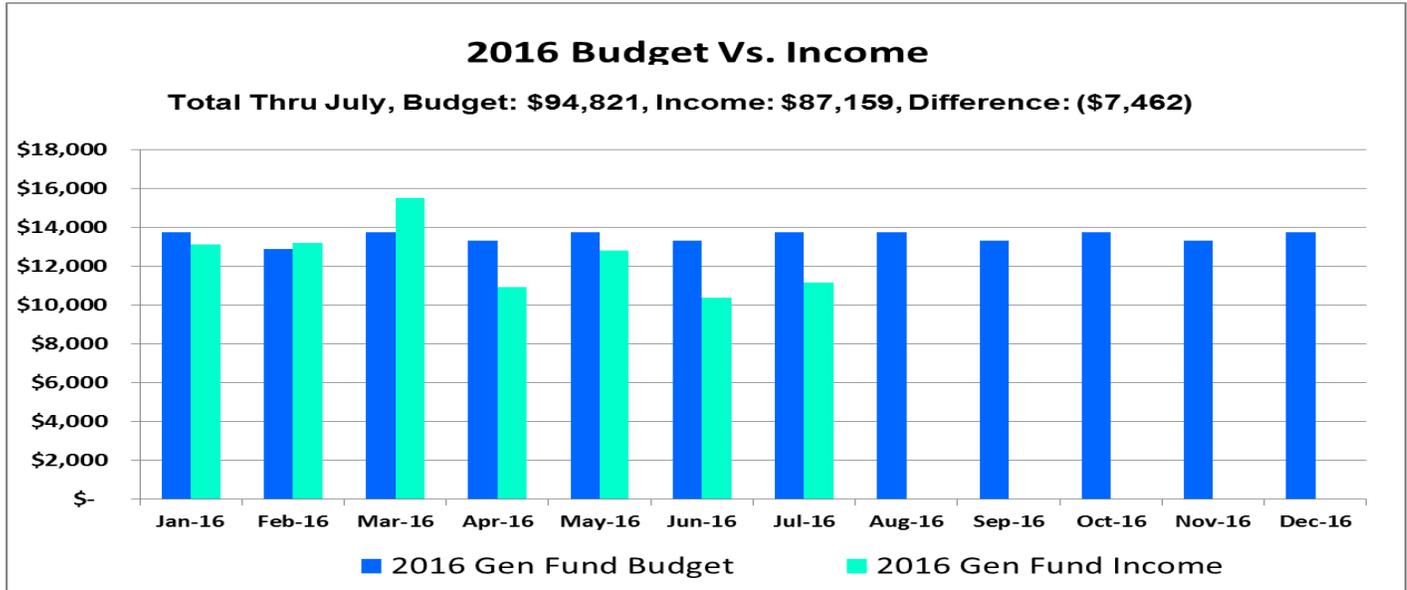
Sept 1 – Lunch at Rigatony's at 11:30 AM, Bible Study at Gethsemane, 1 PM
Sept 15 – Lunch at Claim Jumper 11:30 AM, Business Meeting at Gethsemane, 1 PM
Sept 22 – Movie at Gethsemane at 1 PM, "Fly Wheel"

Oct 6 – Lunch at Macayo's at 11:30 A.M. Bible Study at Beautiful Savior, 1 PM
Oct 18 – Activity – meet at Tempe Center for the Arts 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Oct 20 – Lunch at Rigatony's at 11:30 A.M., Business Meeting at Beautiful Savior at 1 P.M.

If you would like to join the group for lunch, please call Sherry Ellis with your reservation.

Please note: SAM's December activity is the Dutton Christmas Show in Mesa on Dec. 17th, 1:30 PM (<https://www.theduttons.com/arizona/>). Cost is \$25. If you would like to attend, please contact President Sherry by Oct. 1st.

BOARD OF FINANCE:



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Labor Day holiday is a day that is set aside to recognize and give thanks for the blessings that work gives people, a day of rest from our labors. We can focus on the gifts and abilities that God gives us from work as well as the desire and ability that God gives us to work.

Work is part of God's master plan for all people. "The Lord God took Adam and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it" (Genesis 2:15). There are thousands of occupations in today's world, each requiring special talents. As Christians we need to remember that our talents and abilities have come from God. "You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today" (Deuteronomy 8:17-18).

We are encouraged to be ambitious, wise and industrious as the ant. "Go to the ant, you sluggard, consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest" (Proverbs 6:6). Earned income = giving, saving, and spending. Give thanks to God for your work. Work to the best of your ability. Share with others the rewards of your work.

Stewardship Committee, along with LWML, members of our church and Holy Cross Church donated water for Phoenix Rescue Mission/homeless and items for teachers and students at Gililland and Holdeman Schools. THANK YOU EVERYONE THAT DONATED TO THESE WORTHY CALUSES.

Capmakers knitted caps in the school colors and donated them to Gililland School. Fifteen caps were given to the Maricopa County Burn Center and delivered by Dorothy McShee.

There is still a need for help with the Altar. Pat Carlin will be happy to share with you the responsibility of setting up and taking down communion. Other boards will accept your assistance. In the narthex on the bulletin board is posted the list of duties and person to contact to volunteer your service.

The LWML Prayer Chain is very active. To request prayers call Pastor Misch, 602 592-7473, or email him at zach.misch@gmail.com and/or Gladys Meyer, 480 897-2236, or email geneglad@q.com. We accept more people on the prayer chain so call Gladys if you would like to pray—the more prayers, the better!

Steward Committee encourages everyone to use their time, talents and treasures to the glory of God.

Gladys Meyer, Dorothy McShee, Grace Timm
Stewardship Committee

LWML PRAYER CHAIN

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church has a Prayer Chain sponsored by LWML, also called Women in Mission, who are ready and willing to pray with or for you. Prayer requests are sent to the prayer chain members by telephone or email. Anyone who would like to join the Prayer Chain can be added to the list just by notifying Gladys Meyer. Let her know how you would like to receive the prayer request—by email or telephone.

All prayer requests are accepted and forwarded to the prayer chain members. Call your prayer requests to Pastor Misch, zach.misch@gmail.com, 602 582-7473 or 480 967-2660, or Gladys Meyer, 480 897-2236, geneglad@q.com, or any volunteer on the Prayer List: Caryl Appeld 602 414-0733, Maebell Beard 480 785-8657, Marsha Beetham 602 304-0603, Pat Carlin 480 802-5993, Char Chamberlin 480 831-7667, Ashley Conley 480 371-4633, Lucy Durham 602 881-1820, Natalia Goschie 480 892-4531, Ruth Lacy 1-816 500-5280, Bobbie Littou 480 491-5703, Mary McFadden 480 966-6027, Dorothy McShee 602 276-7076, Nancy Whittenburg 480 893-6701, Jeffery Martinez 480 203-3297.

A Monday Prayer is sent out to the Prayer Chain Members on email. This includes a mini devotion with a related prayer as well as prayer requests.

God welcomes your prayers. Psalm 55:22: "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you."

Gladys Meyer, Prayer Chain Leader

BSLC'S WOMEN IN MISSION (also known as the Lutheran Women's Missionary  League):

LEAGUE ACTIVITIES:

Nine ladies (including two from Holy Cross!) met at Beautiful Savior on August 20th. We planned our calendar for 2016-2017 and will start the season Saturday, Sept. 17th at 10 A.M. A complete schedule will be distributed in our yearbook.

The water drive with Holy Cross ended on Aug. 14th. We collected 38 cases of water for them for the Phoenix Rescue Mission. Holy Cross held a Water Wrap Up Event on Aug. 28th.

Beautiful Savior LWML will be hosting the Zone Fall Celebration on Oct. 29th. The topic will be the Lutheran Ministry at ASU program. Please save the date!

The Time Out Ladies of Gethsemane have cordially invited BSLC women to join them. This group meets once a month to take time out from their busy lives to enjoy fellowship, Bible Study, and lunch together. They have asked to meet at Beautiful Savior when remodeling of their church begins. A schedule of their meetings will be published in September.

The cap makers continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday mornings of each month led by Gladys Meyer. Please let her know if you have suggestions for organizations that serve the homeless, burn patients, cancer patients, etc., and can use caps of any size. And if you would like to learn how to make them, Gladys would love to teach you!

Thank you for your support! Sandra Wardwell, Acting President

REQUEST from Grace Lutheran Church in the City, they are asking for help to put shoes and socks on the homeless. If you have any used tennis shoes, walking or work shoes (no sandals, open-toed shoes or heels) Also, used/clean or new socks they will be put to good use and are much needed especially during our Heat Respite (where the homeless able to come indoors during the summer for approximately 8 weeks) it seems many of them have the need for shoes, socks and other clothing.

The box will be in the 1st room (with sliding doors) next to the cry room (on north side of the sanctuary) for shoes and socks, sweaters & jackets. Should you at any time have these items and wish to give them to this good cause throughout the year.

Thank you! Marsha Beetham

FROM PASTOR MISCH:



Loyalty

August turned out to be a very festive and patriotic month. I found myself watching the Olympics and rooting for the Americans to win. The Olympics tend to bring out patriotic feelings within us, and we can get caught up in the emotion of it all. It also may make us have expectations for others as demonstrated by outrage over an American Olympic gymnast, who, after she won gold, didn't seem to respect the national anthem enough. We might expect others to share the same attitude and response that we have when the national anthem is being played. It might make us upset when someone seemingly disrespects the nation. Case in point being a recent event where a specific football player refuses to stand during the anthem as a protest over the recent racial tensions and injustices. Acts like these can be seen as a dishonor towards the nation or the military. Actions like these can be particularly infuriating. But why?

From a Christian perspective, I think there is a better way of us to look at protests that seem to be a shot against the nation and against institutions that we like and support. The better way is knowing that we are first and foremost citizens of another country. "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). Our highest loyalty lies with Jesus and because of that our perspective changes. We then become ambassadors of our heavenly kingdom in whatever plot of land we find ourselves on.

But do not hear what I am not saying. I'm not saying we should resent or be unsupportive of the country in which we live. The Bible tells us to be subject to governing authorities. But our hope and our identities are not contained in the nation in which we live. And that is great news because this nation is not perfect nor will it ever be. Instead, we look to the perfect kingdom. The kingdom that has no prejudices or problems. It is that kingdom where our focus should be, and the question we should be asking is how do we be better citizens of that country? How do we embody and promote the values of the kingdom of heaven? How do display the loyalty we have for that country over and above this nation? Nations rise and fall but the kingdom of God remains forever.

Pastor Misch