November 2016

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

NOVEMBER 13, 2016 CONGREGATION VOTER'S MEETING – 2017 BUDGET

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS sign-up sheet for November is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or let Dorothy know which Sunday you can volunteer for: November signups that **still need sponsor** are: **13, 20 & 27.** 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
October average Sunday attendance – 47; October Adult Bible Study average attendance per class – 11

Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) of Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Thirty Gethsemane members met at Beautiful Savior on October 20th for their monthly business meeting and dessert.

Their November schedule Is:
Thursday, November 3rd, Lunch at Claim Jumper at 11:30 A.M. followed by Bible Study on Martin Luther at Beautiful Savior at 1 PM. If you would like to join the group for lunch, please call Sherry Ellis (480-619-7600) with your reservation.

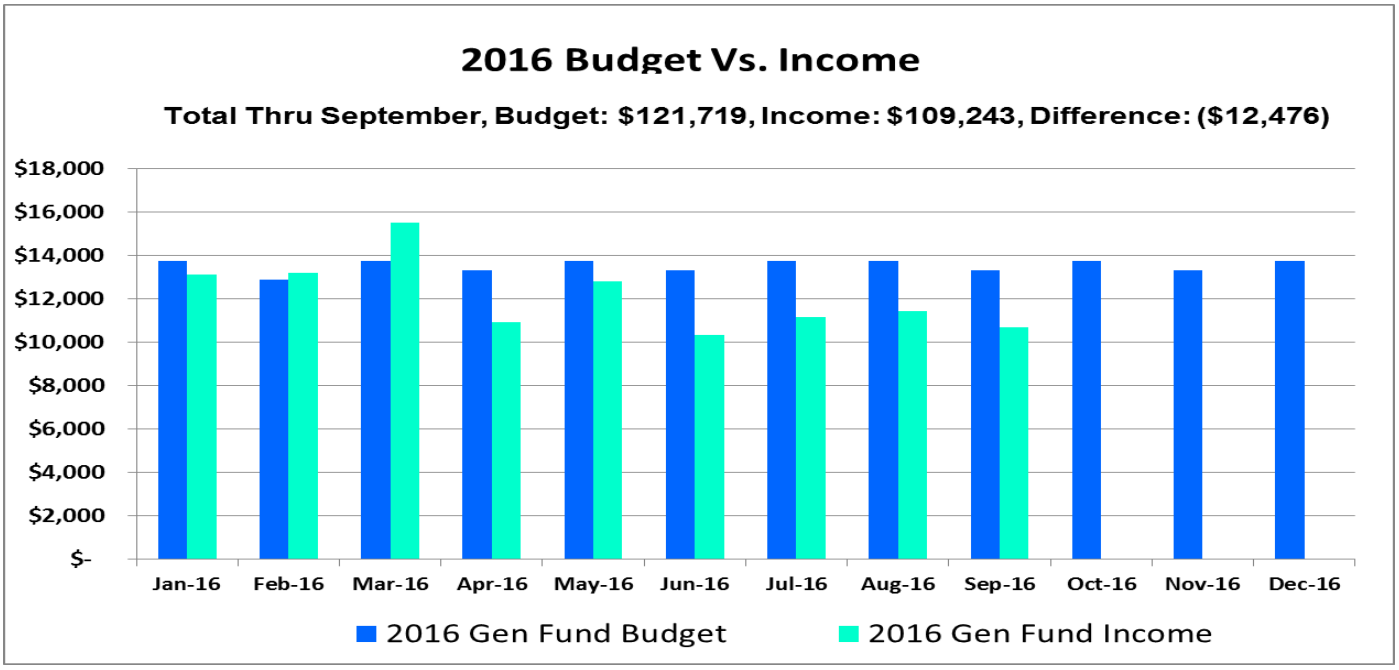
Thursday, November 17, Pot luck lunch at Beautiful Savior at Noon followed by entertainment.

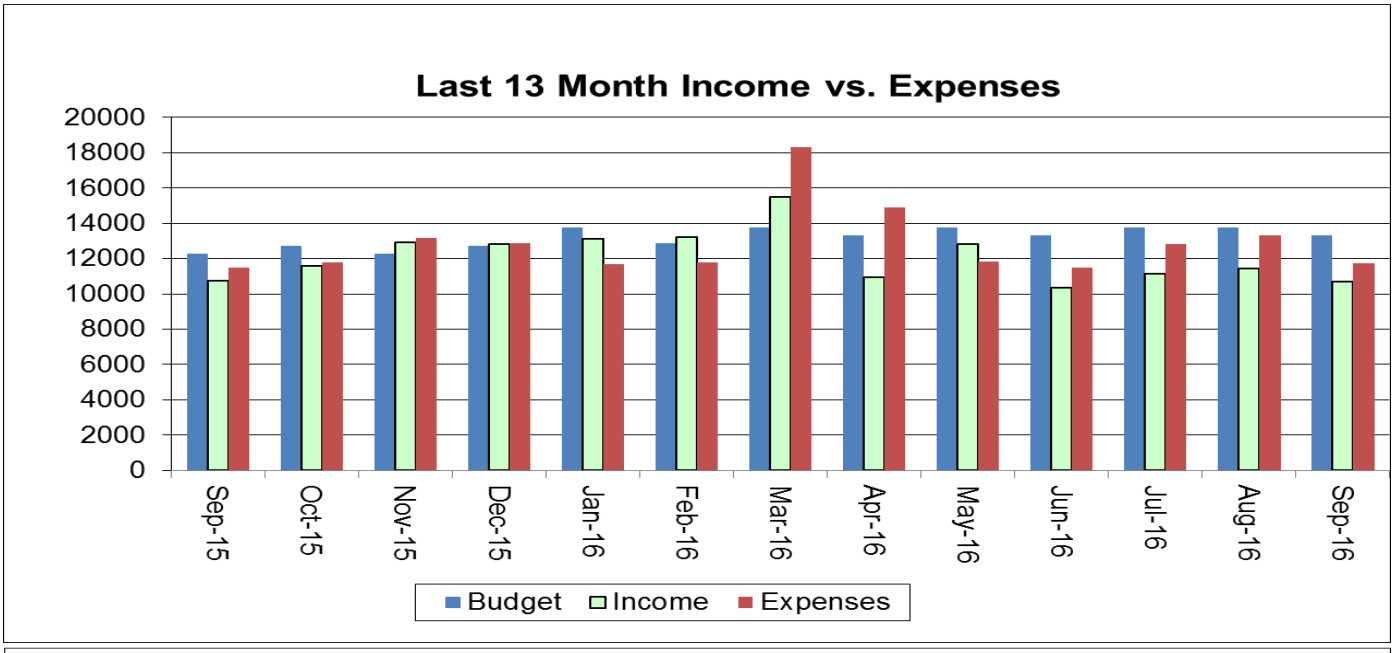
Thursday, December 1st, lunch at Macayo's (Dobson & Baseline) at 11:30 followed by Bible Study on Martin Luther at Beautiful Savior at 1 PM. If you would like to join the group for lunch, please call Sherry Ellis (480-619-7600) with your reservation.

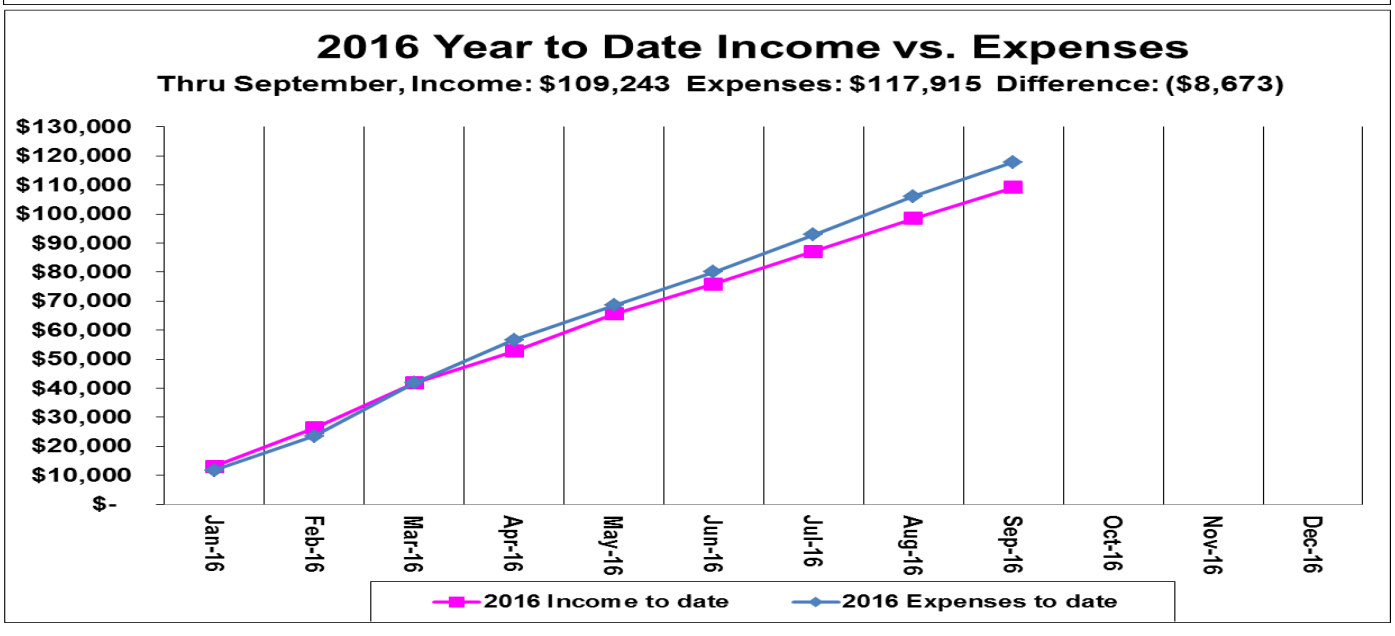
SAM has invited Beautiful Savior to join them at the Dutton Christmas Show at East Valley High School in Mesa on Dec. 17th, 1:30 PM (https://www.theduttons.com/arizona/). Cost is $25. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the poster in the Beautiful Savior narthex.

November Time Out @Beautiful Savior – November's Time Out will be at Beautiful Savior in Tempe. Unfortunately, we won't be able to meet on the 2nd Friday, due to their cleaning schedule. So, we'll be meeting on the 2nd Thursday beginning Thursday, November 10th. Times will stay the same….beginning at 11:00 and ending at 12:30. If getting there is a problem for you, please ask a friend for a ride, or let me know. During our time at Beautiful Savior, we'll be bringing our own lunches. PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS.

BOARD OF FINANCE:







STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

November, 2016

"In those days . . . " So begins a well-known passage of Scripture. Do you know what comes next? *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree . . ."* (Luke 2:1). Some of us can quote the whole story by heart. Even though we've heard it year after year, some of us for many years, the story is still precious to hear, still warms our souls, still excites our minds, still calms our fears.

Two seemingly inconsequential people of little means obeyed that decree and traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census, Mary, about to have a child, Jesus, the Son of God, and Joseph, her husband who knew he was not the father of the child. These were two of God's faithful. They didn't know all that God had in store for them. They just *"obeyed their rulers and submitted to their authority"* (Hebrews 13:17) as they trusted God to guide and protect them and His Son each step they took on His path.

We, too, are involved in God's plans. Nothing God does is without purpose. The voice of the Spirit speaks to us through God's Word. Are we obeying our rulers, cognizant of being God's feet and hands and voice to carry out His plan? Do we bring our gifts, aware that God may use them according to a purpose we can't even imagine? How exciting it is to think and know that we are God's instruments! What a loss of blessing to us if we refuse to let God use us and another gets the opportunity instead (Esther 4:14)!

As we live out our daily lives as stewards, *"let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . . so that we will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrew 12:2-3), but instead look forward with eagerness and anticipation toward the unfolding of God's plan in our lives.

Stewardship Committee has been busy, meeting monthly, working on Outreach in the Community projects by collecting and donating items to Gililland and Holdeman Schools for their teachers and students, writing and distributing Congregational Stewardship Letters which includes pledge forms, ordering offering envelopes for future years, supporting Capmakers that donate caps to cancer organizations, hospitals and individuals and helping carry out God's plans when and wherever we can.

Stewardship Sunday is November 6, 2016. Pledges can be handed in by dropping them in the offering plate during Worship service on that Sunday or any Sunday in November. Lunch will be served following the Worship service in Fuerbringer Hall. Stewardship Committee is looking forward to seeing everyone on Stewardship SundayThe 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):

BSLC'S LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Beautiful Savior celebrated LWML Sunday on Oct. 2nd. LWML active members served the congregation as greeters, ushers, and readers. LWML also hosted a lunch following the service. Thanks to all who participated and to Pastor and Music Director Ellen Brown.

We hosted the LWML Zone Fall Celebration on Oct. 29th from 9 AM to noon. Guest speakers were Pastor Greg Fairow telling of his work in Lutheran Ministry at ASU. Sharon Owens described the work of International Friendship House at ASU. They host dinner and English conversation on Thursday evenings.

The Gethsemane Time Out Ladies will be meeting at Beautiful Savior on November 10th. They have invited BSLC ladies to join them for devotions and Bible Study. Bring your own sack lunch.

We continue to partner with the Stewardship Committee to make caps and collect items for Gililland and Holdeman schools.

Thank you for your support! You are welcome to join in our activities at any time. Please pick up and share copies of the Quarterly and the WOW in the church narthex to learn of LWML activities at the National and District levels.

Sandra Wardwell, Acting President

Camp ALOMA's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner 2016

Come join us this Thanksgiving for

some delicious food and fellowship! Dinner starting at 12pm followed by a service held in our very own Grace chapel. And for those who would like to spend the night we will be having a camp fire, board games and over all family time that evening. A late breakfast will be served the following day and we invite you to join us on a hike to the crosses! Make us apart of your family tradition this year! So call and reserve your spot today (928)778-1690 especially if you would like to spend the night.(spots are limited)

New Years Retreat

Do you have a Jr High or High School student? Send them to Camp ALOMA's New Years Retreat! Starting December 29th and ending January 1st , this retreat is filled with games, adventure, snow and most importantly fellowship with kids their own age! Help us celebrate this New Years !! Sign up now to receive the early bird discount !! Click the button below to register !! Call (928)778-1690 if you have any further questions!

ALOMA Now?

We are currently in retreat season! If you have a group that would like to escape the busyness of the city and get back to nature then ALOMA is the place for them!! We are located in the cool pines of Prescott Arizona. Let us help you create the perfect retreat for you and your group! Call/email/facebook us about how you can get involved with ALOMA today!

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ALSO
ARIZONA LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION

About ALSO
Since 2002, ALSO has awarded more than $2.3 million in scholarships to children attending LCMS schools.

These scholarships are made possible by thousands of Arizona taxpayers who contributed to ALSO. As a result, hundreds of children have been blessed with a Christian education where they grow in their faith each day. And, these same tax payers received a direct, dollar-for-dollar credit on their state taxes.

ALSO was founded as a 501(c) (3) non-profit School Tuition Organization (STO) for the sole purpose of implementing the Arizona Private Tax Credit law. All of our directors and executives are volunteers who are members of LCMS churches.

How does ALSO compare to ACSTO?
ALSO awards scholarships to LCMS schools in Arizona, whereas ACSTO awards scholarships to private Christian schools.

Both ALSO and ACSTO are School Tuition Organizations.

What can Lutheran churches and schools expect from ALSO?
ALSO works with LCMS congregations and schools to help children receive a Christian education.
We stimulate awareness about Arizona's tax credit program, solicit donations, process donations, receive scholarship applications and award scholarships only to students who attend LCMS schools.

At no cost to you, ALSO provides customized, turnkey marketing solutions including video clips announcements, mailings and literature to help you reach your church members and school families.

We strive to create a network of churches that embrace Lutheran School Tuition Organizations like ALSO. You can be part of something big!

How can churches and schools partner with ALSO?
- Prayerfully consider this opportunity to make disciples.
- Share information with your congregation and school families. Communications tools are provided at no cost.
- Collaborate with our Marketing Team to stimulate awareness of ALSO and to solicit donations.

Contact Hans Naumann, President of ALSO at HNaumann@ALSOsto.org or (602) 751-2667**FROM**

PASTOR MISCH:

Thanksgiving

I believe November is the most American month there is. Some might say July is the most American month because of independence day, but I for one believe November takes first place. First off, November is known for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. A holiday where we take time with our family and friends, and are thankful for what we have. We even put football on that day to cement the Americanness of the holiday. The second thing that I believe makes November the most American month is black Friday. This day is in essence a celebration of capitalism and a display of the wealth of the nation. People will spend hours and hours waiting for stores to open so they can buy stuff on sale. Every now and then we get a story of someone being trampled to death over the stampede of trying to get a good deal on a tv or some such item. Again, this is a very uniquely American day. And if two events were not enough there is a third event that happens in November every four years. The presidential election.

It is a very odd pairing to have the election in the same month as we celebrate Thanksgiving. To be sure, no matter the outcome, there will be people who are thankful for whatever happens and there are going to be people who are not going to be too happy. That being said, it is a good reminder for Christians to realize where our hope and thankfulness truly lies.

Our thankfulness does not lie in who the president is. Our thankfulness does not lie in the kind of stuff we have or the wealth we have. The thankfulness does not lie in the size of our family. Our thankfulness is contained in Jesus. And because of that we vote. Because of that we gather together with friends and family, and we enjoy the blessings and gifts that we have. It is truly Jesus and his grace for which we are thankful.

Thanksgiving Prayer:

Lord Jesus you give more than we can ever ask.
You are mighty and great, nothing compares to you.
Display your power like you have of old,
so that you can be exalted and glorified.
We thank you for all the blessings and gifts you have graciously given to us. Amen

Pastor Misch