



January 2017

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

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Dear Beautiful Savior Members,

We feel fortunate to not only love what we do, but to have such a beautiful congregation to serve.
Your Christmas gifts to us were a wonderful surprise!

Please accept our deepest gratitude for your kindness and generosity!

We look forward to the coming New Year with happy anticipation of good things to come at Beautiful Savior Church.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Zachary Misch, Marsha Beetham, Office Manager, Ellen Brown, Director of Music

Lutheran Ministry at ASU servants Fairow, Owens to be installed Jan. 29

Campus Pastor Greg Fairow and Director of Christian Education Sharon Owens will be installed as Lutheran Ministry at Arizona State University's (ASU) executive director and international student ministry director, respectively, here at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29. A light supper will be served afterward.

All area LCMS congregations are urged to attend.

Fairow has served in his current role since June 2015 and Owens began her duties in August 2016, but installation for both had to wait until Lutheran Ministry at ASU received Recognized Service Organization status from the LCMS.

Fairow has been a campus pastor since 1999 and he previously served campus ministries in Milwaukee and Madison, Wis., and Portland, Ore. He's also the executive director of Transforming Campus Ministries, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization that helps churches start new campus ministries and transform existing ones.

Owens had been an LCMS missionary in Macau, China for the past 14 years. She previously served as an international student ministry director in Lincoln, Neb.

"Lutheran Ministry at ASU is blessed to be served by two of the most qualified campus ministry workers in the LCMS," said Pastor Zach Misch, Lutheran Ministry at ASU Board Chair and pastor here at Beautiful Savior.

Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) of Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Thirty-three attended the December 15th movie event at BSLC. The movie had two parts; Christmas in Austria including how the song Silent Night was set to music, and a Christmas Eve story of German and American soldiers stranded at a woman's cabin in the mountains.

On Saturday, Dec. 17th, they attended the Dutton concert at East Mesa High School. Two members from Beautiful Savior attended.

In **January**, they will meet at **Rigatoni's for lunch on Jan. 5th, followed by Bible Study at Beautiful Savior**. Their **business meeting will be on January 19th at Beautiful Savior** following lunch at Claim Jumper. Their extra activity will be meeting at **Organ Stop Pizza (4:30 PM) on January 26th**.

The group continues its study of Martin Luther. All BSLC members are invited to join the lunch and/or the Bible Study.

Time Out Ladies

The Time Out Ladies met at BSLC on Thursday, Dec. 8th. This was their Christmas party meeting and they celebrated by sharing appetizers and taking a trivia quiz about the Christmas story. Twenty-two ladies were in attendance including two from Beautiful Savior.

The **January meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 12th. Please bring a sack lunch.**

All BSLC members are invited to join our Gethsemane brothers and sisters at any of their events. Both groups have expressed their thankfulness for being able to meet at BSLC while their church undergoes construction.

Blessed Christmas from Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Christmas is such a wonderful celebration of the hope we have in the birth of Jesus Christ. Isaiah 9:6 says, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given." But this is no ordinary child for "the government shall be on his shoulders." In a world that is often dark and chaotic, I am grateful for our "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

I'm also grateful for you, our partner. We are blessed to walk along side you as you share the Gospel in your community through the investments, loans and support services we provide individuals, church workers and ministries.

From our LCEF family to yours, thank you! And God bless you this holy season of our King's birth.

Wishing you God's richest blessings, Rich Robertson

Issue includes demographic reports and observations

Researchers dissecting the decline in LCMS membership have come to one conclusion: The standard reasons offered as to why the LCMS isn't growing — everything from "If only we weren't so conservative" to "We need more early childhood centers to attract young families" — don't have anything to do with the steady drop in numbers.

In this [special issue of the *Journal of Lutheran Mission*](#), several demographic reports explain the major reason behind patterns in decline and offer suggestions on how the LCMS can reverse the trend. The reports also touch on how issues like delayed marriage, birth control, divorce and student debt have impacted the Synod.

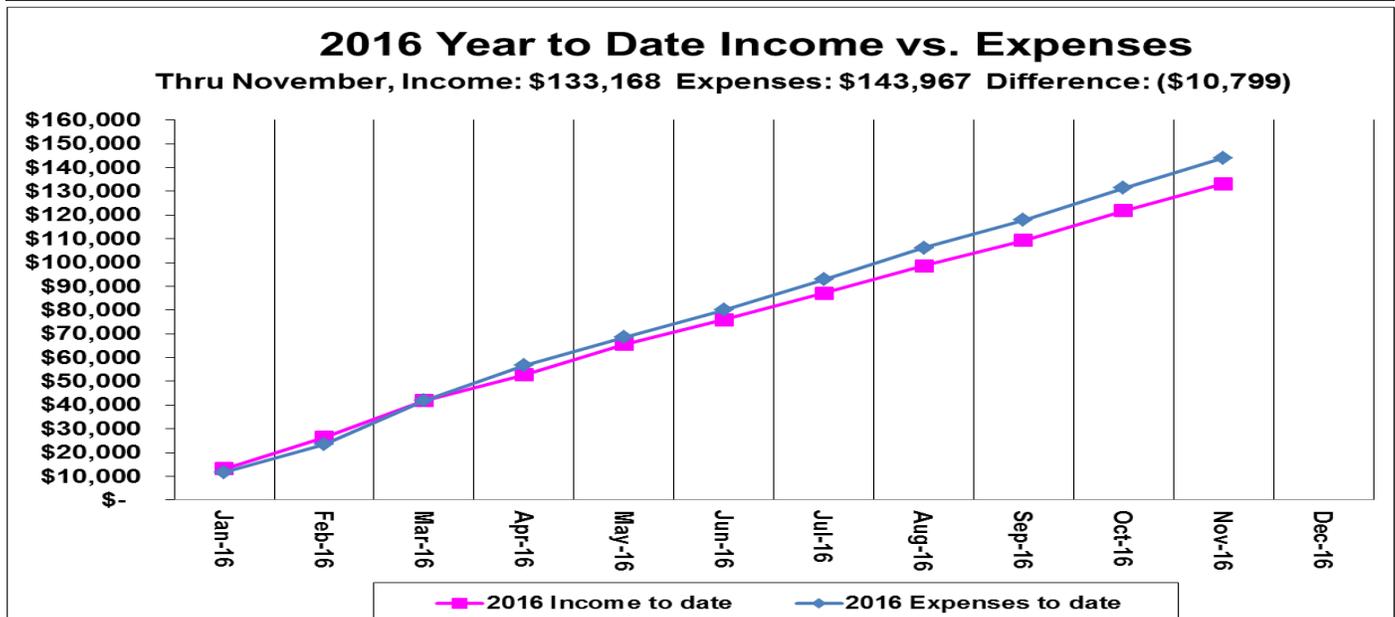
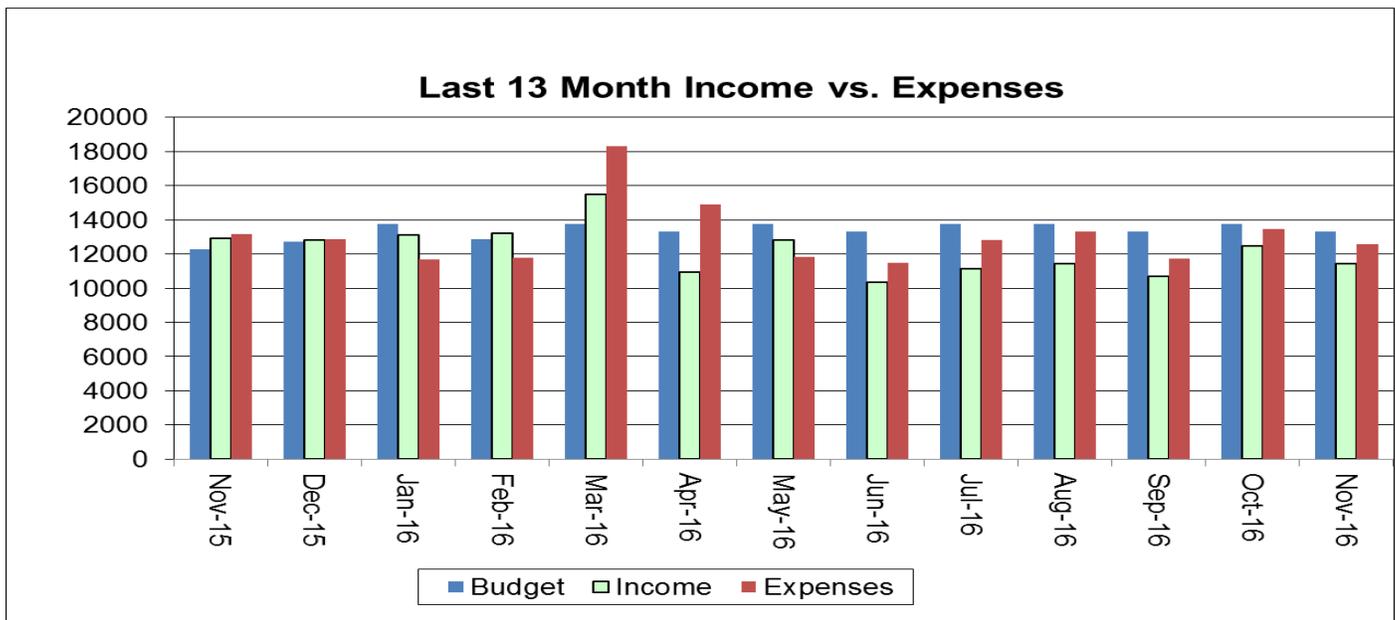
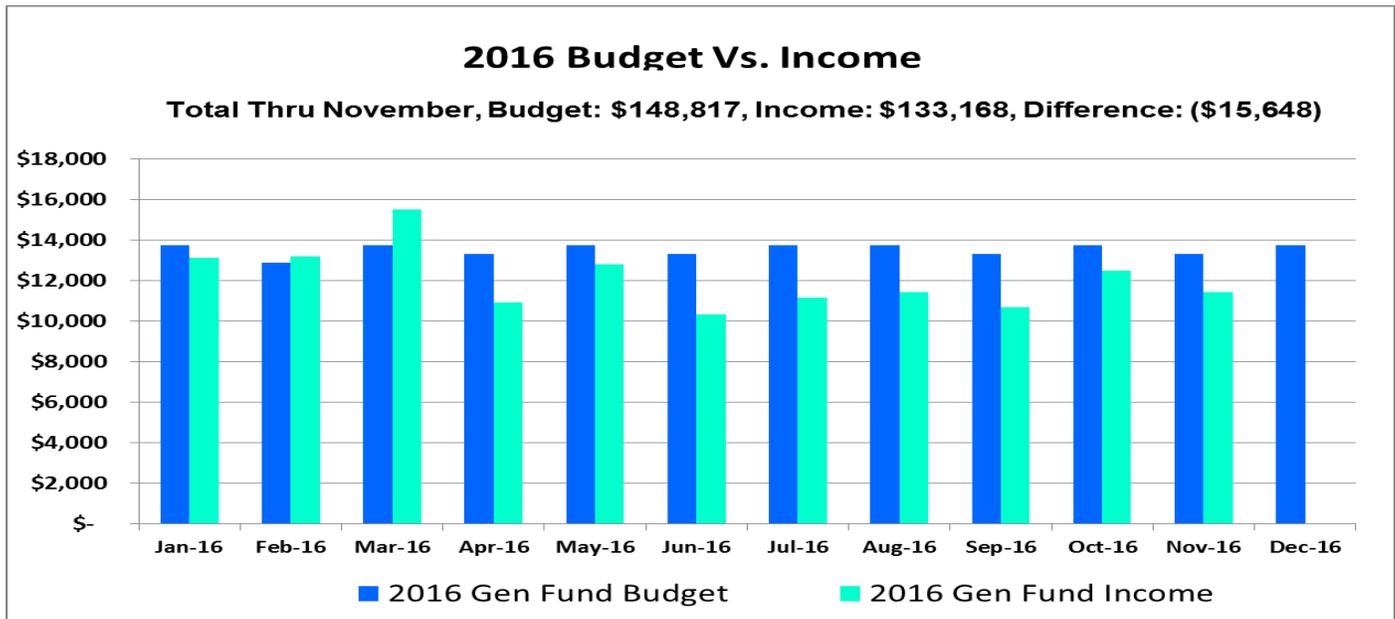
Observations on these reports from the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS president, and the Rev. Heath Curtis, coordinator of LCMS Stewardship Ministry, are also included.

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THE LORD'S
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BOARD OF FINANCE:



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

January, 2017

Each new year brings promise of a new start—the time to begin a diet, get serious about exercising or forego TV watching. We say “This is the year we’ll accomplish great things!” God doesn’t necessarily call us to do great things. He asks that we be trustworthy in small things. In Luke 16:10-11 Jesus says, “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”

Some people have many gifts. God, the Giver of gifts knows that the number of gifts each of us has varies. Jesus told the Parable of the Talents point up to the fact and teaching that success lies in using what we’ve been given, not in having the greatest amount. You may not be able to sing opera but you can sing praises to God; you may not be an orator, but you can witness to the love and grace of God in Christ; you may not be a mechanic, but you can provide transportation to someone needing a ride to church or to an appointment. God equips us with gifts and abilities to serve others. Just as He was motivated by love to give us His greatest gift, His Son, so we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve with the gifts and abilities He has given to us.

Stewardship Committee encourages members of Beautiful Savior Church to give to God and others of ourselves through our time, talents and treasures. During this past year of 2016, Stewardship Committee has supported the Outreach in the Community Programs by collecting and donating supplies for students and teachers at the Gililland and Holdeman Schools and helping serve evening meals to the Tempe High School Football players on evening of home games (thank-you letters were received from the schools); joined with LWML and Holy Cross Church to collect and donate bottled water for the Phoenix Rescue Mission and the homeless; helped other boards and committees in our church where we can. Pastor Misch and Don Calendar participated in Challenge Day at Gililland School by serving as mentors to students. Stewardship Sunday was celebrated November 6 by church members turning in their pledges for 2017 and closed by the committee serving lunch. Cap makers are a group of Women in Mission knitting caps. 250 caps have been donated to several hospitals for premies, babies, cancer patients and burn victims. Sandra and Gladys wrote letters to missionaries. Missionaries, Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump wrote back from Kenya, Africa. Sunday morning Bible Class collects mission money and voted to send \$100 to the Trumps.

P J Tapley passed away and Grace Timm consented to serve on the Stewardship Committee.

We accept all help and assistance and thank everyone who donate items and assist us in our activities. We are still collecting donations of items for hygiene kits, snacks and backpacks for the Drive Store at Gililland School, A container, with an attached list of needed items, is in Fuerbringer Hall where donations for schools can be deposited.

We thank all boards, committees and everyone who have donated their time, talents and treasures to serve our Lord and others: After all, WE ARE ALL STEWARDS!

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.

Anyone who would like to join the Prayer Chain can be added to the list just by notifying Gladys Meyer at 480 897-2236 or 480 258-0889 or by email geneglad@q.com. Please give your choice of receiving prayer requests by telephone or email. We presently have 16 members. All prayer requests are accepted and forwarded to the prayer chain members as soon as possible. Call your prayer requests to Gladys Meyer (same contacts as above) or Pastor Misch, 602 582-7473 or 480 967-2660.

A Monday Prayer is sent out to the Prayer Chain Members. This includes a mini devotion, a related prayer and 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 LWMLers hosted the Christmas Potluck Dinner after worship service on Sunday, December 4th. Beverages and ham and turkey were furnished by the LWML.

Our **January meeting will be on Saturday, January 21st at 10 A.M.** current plans are to make devotional survival kits to distribute to the congregation in February. Caryl Appeld and Lucy Durham volunteered to serve as hostesses. Holy Cross' Janet Dorris will lead the devotion.

Also note **January 29th, 3 PM as the installation service for Sharon Owens and Pastor Greg Fairow** with Lutheran Ministry at ASU. The Zone LWML has been asked to help with the reception.

Thank you for supporting LWML!

Sandra Wardwell, Acting President

Lutheran Hour Annual Rally

Dear Friends,

Registration is now open for the **Annual Rally of the LLL Grand Canyon District**. We are excited to present **Dr. Paul Maier and Dr. Gregory Seltz**, the Speaker of the Lutheran Hour. Your congregation is invited. The Rally is being held at **Mountain View Lutheran Church in Apache Junction, AZ, on February 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** A sack lunch will be provided and a free will offering will be taken. Please respond by February 2, 2017, to Denise Seaman at the contacts on the flyer. A hard copy of the flyer will also be mailed to all Arizona congregations.

If you need further information, please contact me.

Kathy Baumhofer, Secretary
LLL Grand Canyon District
480-577-3755

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS sign-up sheet for January is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or let Dorothy know which Sunday you can volunteer for: January signups that **still need sponsor** are: **1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**. 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

December average Sunday attendance – 60; December Adult Bible Study average attendance per class – 13
November & December Advent average attendance – 35

Weldon House* / Camp ALOMA†

Winter Retreat, January 6th - 8th 2017

† ALOMA, as a Christ-centered camp, institutes diverse programs, providing quality facilities for summer camps and year-round retreats; catering to children, adults and other outdoor ministries.

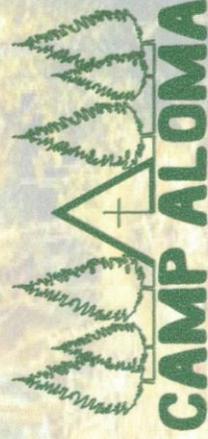
ALOMA is sponsoring a weekend retreat for the women of Weldon House; we are reaching out for children's winter clothing donations.

18 Moms and 45 children (Boys and Girls) will be attending the weekend. Children's ages range from newborn to 15 years old.

If you have coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves, hats, socks, etc... available for donation, please contact:

mssparky55@yahoo.com

* Weldon House is an innovative program that provides women and their children with their own fully furnished apartment to give them the life skills necessary to become self-sufficient and independent, as well as to develop their family.



PASTOR MISCH:



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Time flies when you're having fun, right? Well maybe but sometimes time seems to go by very quickly but regardless of how we feel about that here we are, again. With a new year comes some excitement as to what might be in store for us. There could also be some trepidation for what might happen but with all of that we know that things change and move on. However, with every new year we find ourselves longing for years long past because have you ever found yourself wondering why the good old days were better?

The temptation of nostalgia is real and very evident in our lives. I remember one chronologically advanced lady lament the direction of the church. She told me that the church needs to get back to how it was when she was a little girl. When the church was the center of the community and people respected it. It was a lament for how things were from her eyes. Do you ever find yourself longing for the good old days and what seemed to be everything that was right with the world?

I was at a pastor's conference a few years ago and the main speaker at the conference was a black Lutheran pastor talking about the art of preaching. During his keynote presentation, he said something that made me rethink the idea of the good ol days. He said whenever he would hear people talk about how they wished for the good ol days of 50 or 60 years ago he would tell them that those good ol days were not very good for him and his people. The temptation of nostalgia can make us miss what was not so good about the past, and it can also make us miss what is happening right now.

Ecclesiastes has a word of wisdom for all of us. Ecclesiastes 7:10 says, "Say not, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask this." The challenges of the church are real and present. It is not helpful to wish for what was because it disables us from meeting the challenges of right now. The challenge of dropping church attendance. The challenges of gender identity and homosexuality. The challenge of multigenerational ministry. We can meet all of these challenges but only if we are facing forward. God bless us all as we start this new year.

Pastor Misch