



April 2017

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

HOW CAN I REACH BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR?

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or check us out on the WEB: www.beautifulsaviortempe.org

Mail or in person at: 1337 W. 11th St., Tempe, AZ 85281
Church offices are open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS sign-up sheet for April is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or let Dorothy know which Sunday you can volunteer for: April signups that **still need sponsor** are: **2, 9, 23 PTC & 30**. 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

February average Sunday attendance –10; February Adult Bible Study average attendance per class –66

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR 2017 AT BSLC

April 5 – Noon & 7:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 9 – 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion, April 13 – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14 – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 16 – 7:00 a.m.

LWML Easter Breakfast, April 16 – 8:00 a.m. (Approximately)

Easter Festival w/Holy Communion, April 16 – 10:00 a.m.

Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) of Gethsemane Lutheran Church

SAM met on March 2nd and 16th with about 20 in attendance. . They also met at BSLC on Mar. 25th for the outing to Barleen's Arizona Opry. They will be continuing their study of the life and work of Martin Luther led by Pastor Jerry Kosberg on April 6th at 1 PM following lunch at Rigatony's. Their business meeting will be on April 20th following lunch at Claim Jumper's. On April 27th, they will meet at Beautiful Savior at noon to view the movie, He is Risen. Bring your lunch to enjoy during the movie.

They will be collecting items for the Justa Center until Easter. If you would like to help, please put items in the bin in the fellowship hall. There are two types of collection:

Items for the day-to-day operation of the Center for the homeless:

toiletries, toilet paper, office supplies, cleaning products, reading glasses, new socks, Styrofoam cups, coffee, sugar, creamer facial tissues, paper towels, hand and laundry soaps, books and magazines

Items for starter kits to move the homeless into apartments.

Bed linens, shower curtains and hooks, towels, kitchen utensils, coffee makers, glasses, dish towels, mixing bowls, plates and bowls, cleaning supplies. All items should be new or gently used.

Time Out Ladies

The Time Out Ladies met at BSLC on Thursday, March 9th with 10 ladies in attendance. Following devotions and Bible Study the principal of Gethsemane School announced the upcoming fundraising event on March 25th. The April meeting will be on the 13th at 11 A.M. Bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert provided.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Eligible Thrivent Financial members have the power to recommend where Thrivent Financial should distribute a portion of its charitable outreach funds using a vehicle called Choice Dollars[®], thanks to the Thrivent Choice member-advised charitable grant program.

2016 year in review:

- More than 335,255 members directed Choice Dollars.
- Nearly \$51.3 million in charitable outreach funds were distributed.
- More than 36,248 churches and nonprofit organizations were enrolled in the program.
- Of those, more than 32,000 churches and nonprofit organizations received outreach funding through Thrivent Choice.

Thanks to Thrivent and its members, **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church** has received **\$1,331** in Thrivent Choice program funding for **2016**.

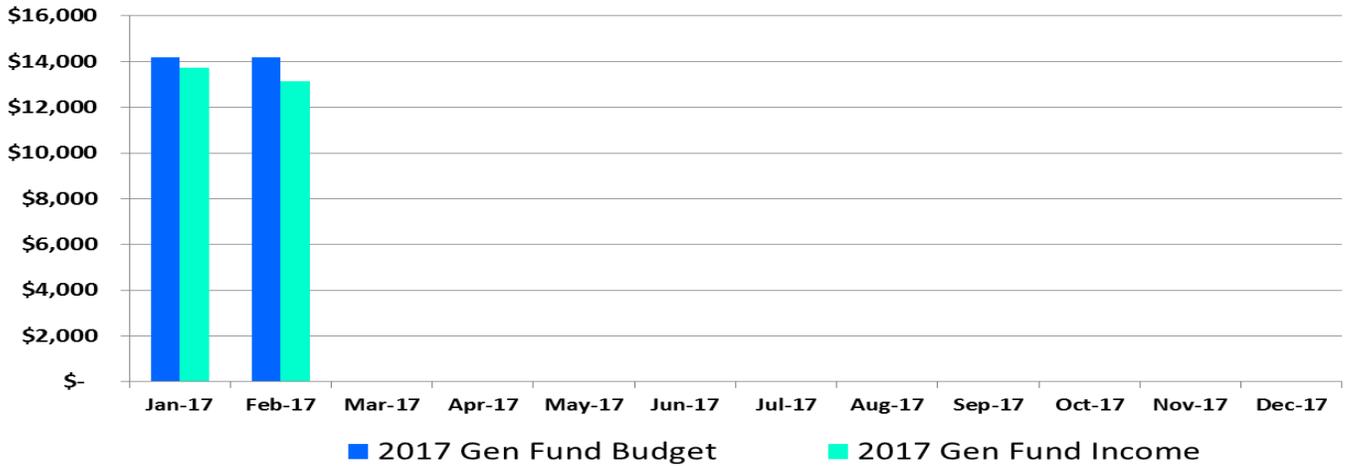
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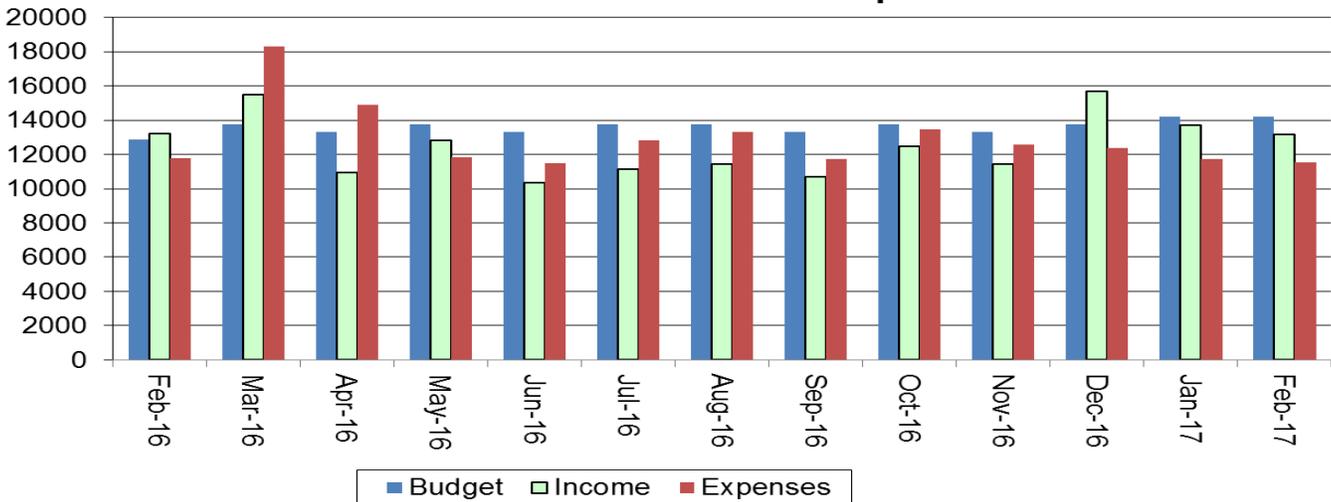
BOARD OF FINANCE:

2017 Budget Vs. Income

Total Thru February, Budget: \$28,364, Income: \$26,862, Difference: (\$1,502)

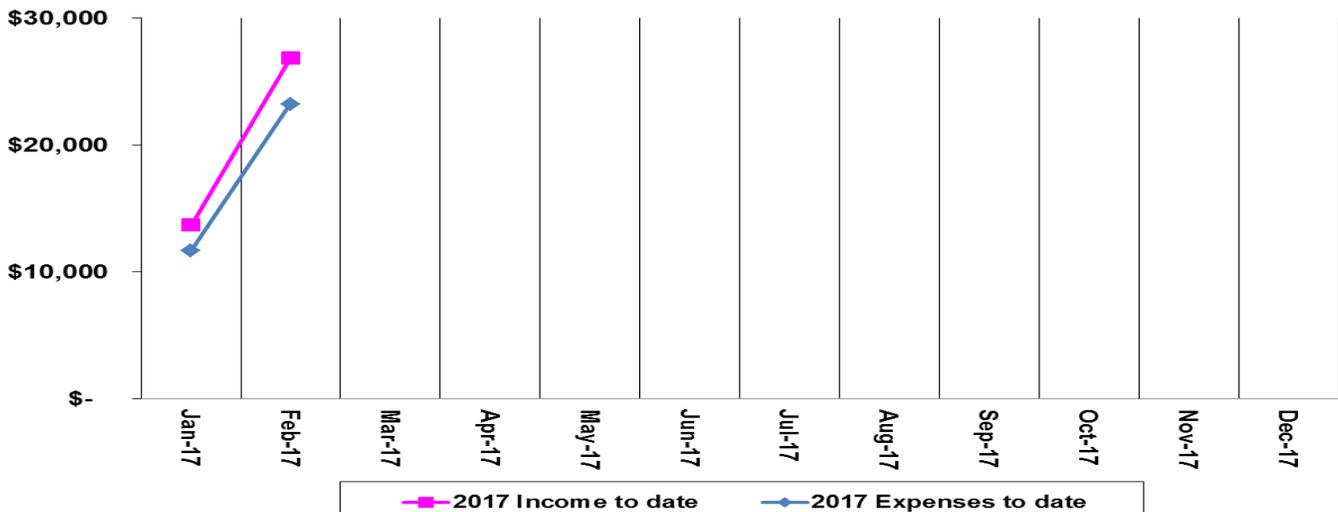


Last 13 Month Income vs. Expenses



2017 Year to Date Income vs. Expenses

Thru February, Income: \$26,862 Expenses: \$23,238 Difference: \$3,623



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

WHOM ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

The disciples were thrilled. They had their Lord back in their presence once again. Since His Resurrection, He had appeared to them and others several times. They were still a little confused, though, when He talked about “*wait{ing} for the gift {His} Father promised (Acts 1:5)*”, and, then, “*He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight” (Acts1:9)*.”

You can imagine their bewilderment. He had died and been buried and then had risen from the dead! He had walked among them among them and taught them again, and now . . . He is taken up into the clouds. No wonder they stood there—probably with mouths agape—looking into the sky where they had last seen Him.

It took “*two men dressed in white” (Acts 1:10)* to bring them back to their senses. “*Men of Galilee,’ “they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, Who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven” (Acts 1:11)*.”

Back they went to Jerusalem. Their eyes were no longer on the clouds, but they were still looking at Jesus. They waited. They prayed. They chose another disciple. And they waited some more—all the while looking at Jesus.

Whom are you looking at? Yes, Jesus has ascended. We can only imagine His joyful triumphant return as all the hosts of Heaven welcomed back the risen, victorious Savior. Because He is that Savior, because He is the Author and perfecter of our faith, “*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2)*. Through His Word and Sacraments, He will lead us in His ways; He will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; He will teach us love for our neighbors. With joyful and generous hearts, we celebrate the new life that Easter brings us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who will listen. Keep looking at Jesus until in Heaven you see him face to face!

Stewardship Committee collected items for Gililand school (our church’s Outreach in the Community project) and delivered them on March 13. Al Enriquez sent a thank-you letter by email. Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who helped and donated with this project. We will be continuing collecting items for the schools. Cap Makers donated and delivered caps to Ironwood Cancer Center, Mesa, AZ. The cancer nurse said “Thank you so much . We appreciate receiving the caps.” She also said to give everyone who made caps a hug from her.

Stewardship Committee is here to help other boards when they need help.

Gladys Meyer, Dorothy McShee, Grace Timm, Stewardship Committee

SCHOOLS WISH LIST

HOLDEMAN WISH LIST

Regular #2 Pencils

Pink Erasers

Dry Erase Expo Markers &
Dry Erase Erasers

Red Pens

Colored Pencils

Hand Sanitizer

Kleenex

Markers

Crayons

GILILLAND WISH LIST

Backpacks

Hygiene products (Shampoo, soap, etc.
Toothbrush, toothpaste)

Items should fit in a one gallon zip lock
bag that can be sent home with students

Stewardship Committee is reaching out to schools in our area (Gililand and Holdeman) offering assistance with donation of items that are needed by students and teachers. If anyone would like to help, your items may be placed in the container in Fuerbringer Hall. Thank you everyone!



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

Six Beautiful Savior LWMLers met with eight Holy Cross LWMLers on Saturday March 18th at Holy Cross. A speaker from the American Cancer Society spoke to us about her work with the Society and her journey through cancer 13 years ago. Two breast cancer survivors were in the group and received Tshirts from the Cancer Society. The Holy Cross hostesses also provided delicious refreshments and opportunity for fellowship.

In April, we will host the annual breakfast after Easter sunrise service, about 8 A.M. There will be a sign up sheet if you would like to contribute food to this event. Beverages and sweet rolls will be provided.

On May 20th we will be Celebrating Christian Women with other ladies in our LWML Zone. You do not need to be an active LWMLer to attend! We will have a potluck salad and dessert luncheon. We will also be featuring a book exchange – contribute books and take some home. The ingathering will be water and rice for International Friendship House.

Sandra Wardwell, Acting President

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.

Funny items from Church Bulletins

Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

PASTOR MISCH:



A Never ending Easter

Easter was always a different time of the year. The church service was much more festive than usual. The sanctuary was decorated with lilies and bright colors. I even remember getting new clothes to wear for the service which was a rarity in my household. Easter is special and for good reason. Easter is the best day in all the church year. It is the best day because it is the day Jesus demonstrated his complete power over death. It's the day where we celebrate the power of God and the fulfillment of all of his promises. It's the day where we fully realize that we too will be raised from the dead. However, Easter does come to an end after the service is over, the eggs are found, and the dinner is eaten. Easter sticks with us for eternity.

And that is the challenge that we face because after the celebration and after the Easter dinner the next day comes. It can be easy to lose the excitement of Easter, and, in fact, that's the challenge we face for much of our lives. It can be easy to feel good about ourselves when we are suppose to but what about when summer comes and life looks a lot like it always has? It is then when following Jesus can get hard.

But in those moments it is helpful to remember that Jesus is the same always. No matter what is happening in our lives, whether we are feeling good about our lives, or when we are feeling bad. Whether what is happening around us is happy and exciting, or what is happening around us is boring. No matter what is happening, Jesus stays the same. Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." No matter what happens the reality of Jesus and his resurrection does not change. The joy that we have because of Jesus never ends even if we do not feel that joy from time to time. Easter is always present in our lives. Happy Easter and Jesus is Risen.

Pastor Misch