



JANUARY 2018

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 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: **7, 14, 21, & 28**. 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

A Note of Thanks to the Beautiful Savior Congregation:

"Thanks to each and every one of you in the Beautiful Savior Congregation for the kindness which you have shown to us this Christmas season through your thoughtful cards and greetings, caring sentiments, and generous gifts!

We are truly fortunate to serve this fellowship of believers, and extend to all of you our Best Wishes for the New Year of 2018.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Your Staff:

Rev. Zachary Misch, Pastor

Marsha Beetham, Office Manager

Ellen Brown, Dir. of Music

BY THE NUMBERS

December average Sunday attendance – 52; December Adult Bible Study average attendance per class – 9

Additional services in December: Advent (3 services average) – 25; Christmas Eve – 62; Christmas Day - 42

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 2017 BSLC COUNCIL MEETING

The BSLC Council met on Dec. 19th. Highlights from that meeting are:

- Pastor Misch gave an opening devotion about waiting in peace
- November Council minutes were approved
- Worship services on Christmas Eve morning and evening and on Christmas day will each have different liturgy, sermons, and music
- Pastor attended the dedication of Gethsemane's new worship space
- Treasurer reported a positive balance; expenses are 12% under budget
- Two volunteers have offered to assist the Forward Planning Committee on the SRP irrigation pipe problem
- 2018 offering envelopes have been distributed
- Trustees have had sanctuary light repaired and reported 79 volunteer hours were recorded this month
- LWML will meet on January 20th with a speaker from Lutheran Social Services
- PTC attended the Tempe High Football banquet and received a plaque from the team for serving football dinners. Plaque is on display in the fellowship hall.
- Gethsemane SAM group held their last meeting at BSLC on Dec. 21st. The Time out Ladies and SAM donated \$265 for their use of the fellowship hall this fall.

REPORT FROM BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR'S PRESIDENT

Beautiful Savior continues to be blessed with faithful staff and members. Boards and Committees met often and provided many opportunities for involvement. The Church Council met monthly and the Voters held 5 meetings.

We continue to be active in our community by donating items to Gililand and Holdeman schools for students and their families. We provided wholesome dinners for the Tempe High Football team and received recognition from the team and their parents in the form of a plaque displayed in the fellowship Hall. Thanks to the O'Neill and Calender families, our bell choir participated in the Tempe Parade Of Lights. Our food pantry continues to serve needy people in the community. We provided food to 5 or 6 individuals and families each month.

Other activities and accomplishments included:

- Hosting the installation of Lutheran Ministry at ASU staff members in January
- Elders held the annual chili cook-off (March) and the Fish Fry (October)
- PTC held a St. Patrick's dinner and a Rummage Sale in March
- Recognition of Jana Shields' 50th anniversary of mission service (October). Jana grew up at BSLC and began her career as a Wycliffe Bible translator in Mexico.
- Collected over \$1200 for hurricane relief, which was matched by Thrivent!
- Installation of lights in the east parking lot
- Repair on choir room/tractor shed and main church building roofs including addition of gutters around the main building
- Winter and summer family Vacation Bible School events
- Supporting a community garden in BSLC's yard
- Replacement of two refrigerators in BSLC kitchen
- Keeping expenses under budget and passing a new budget for 2018
- And holding multiple potlucks after worship services!

As we enter 2018 may God continue to bless and direct our service to Him!

Gethsemane Activities

We were privileged to offer our Fellowship Hall as a meeting place for two groups from Gethsemane Lutheran church while their new worship facility was under construction. The Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.) met on the first and third Thursdays of January through May and September through December after meeting for lunch at local restaurants. The first Thursday meeting is a Bible study led by Pastor Jerry Kosberg. The meeting on the third Thursday is their business meeting. About 30 people participated in the meetings this year. In addition, they held 4 movie events on additional Thursdays at BSLC, using these occasions to donate canned goods to BSLC's food pantry. They also held two delicious potlucks at Beautiful Savior in place of their business meetings.

The Time Out Ladies met at Beautiful Savior on the second Thursday of January through April and September through November. In 2018 they will return to their regular meeting schedule of the second Friday each month. This group meets for lunch and to encourage taking time for devotions and Bible Study. About twelve ladies participated.

Both groups expressed thanks and appreciation for being able to use the Fellowship Hall and donated \$725 and \$265 to Beautiful Savior. They extended an invitation to all BSLC members to attend their activities at Gethsemane in 2018.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The 2017 year has gone by so quickly – the Trustees were busy during the whole year and got quite a few projects completed.

We helped install the parking lights. Had a yard sale (185 volunteer hours) with the proceeds going towards the cost of the parking lot lights.

Helped the PTC with feeding the Tempe High football team 5 times and attended most of their home games. Joe and Pat Carlin were invited to attend their homecoming banquet where they presented BSLC with a plaque thanking BSLC for their support of Tempe High football team.

We also coordinated the roof repair of the choir room and the sanctuary (no more leaks when it rains now); new gutters were installed to redirect the rain. Had the buckle in the sanctuary carpet taken out (you might see the silver nail heads on the floor); and we helped with various functions over the past year with the help of the PTC.

Doris Reith keeps up the narthex bulletin board and replenishes the cards in the pews.

The total volunteer hours for completing these and other projects were 761 hours.

Submitted by: Phyllis Schinke

UPDATE ON GREG FAIROW (*Lutheran Ministry at ASU*)

New reality

Journal entry by Greg Fairow — 12/18/2017

Friends and family:

Ten months ago I suffered a stroke that has changed my life significantly beyond my imagination.

I receive physical, occupational and speech therapy regularly. The latter is primarily to help me improve my cognitive thinking process.

I have seen more doctors whose respective titles end with "ologist" than I care to recall.

My disability is now considered long-term and, while I continue to recover, it's becoming more apparent that my disability is permanent.

While I most likely will never be able to return to work anywhere, I remain optimistic that I'll eventually be able to explore and participate in one or more limited volunteer opportunities.

For now, I strive to remain content in all circumstances, as the Bible teaches. I'm in a bit of a "wilderness" experience as I await the Lord's guidance regarding, among other things, His work through me.

My partial blindness remains. I wouldn't think of trying to drive. My brain is still dizzy, I have short-term memory loss, and the right side of my body - head to toe - remains tingly and stiff.

Yet I remain optimistic, as I know I'm in God's loving hands, and I look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus one week from today.

Have a blessed, CHRISTmas!

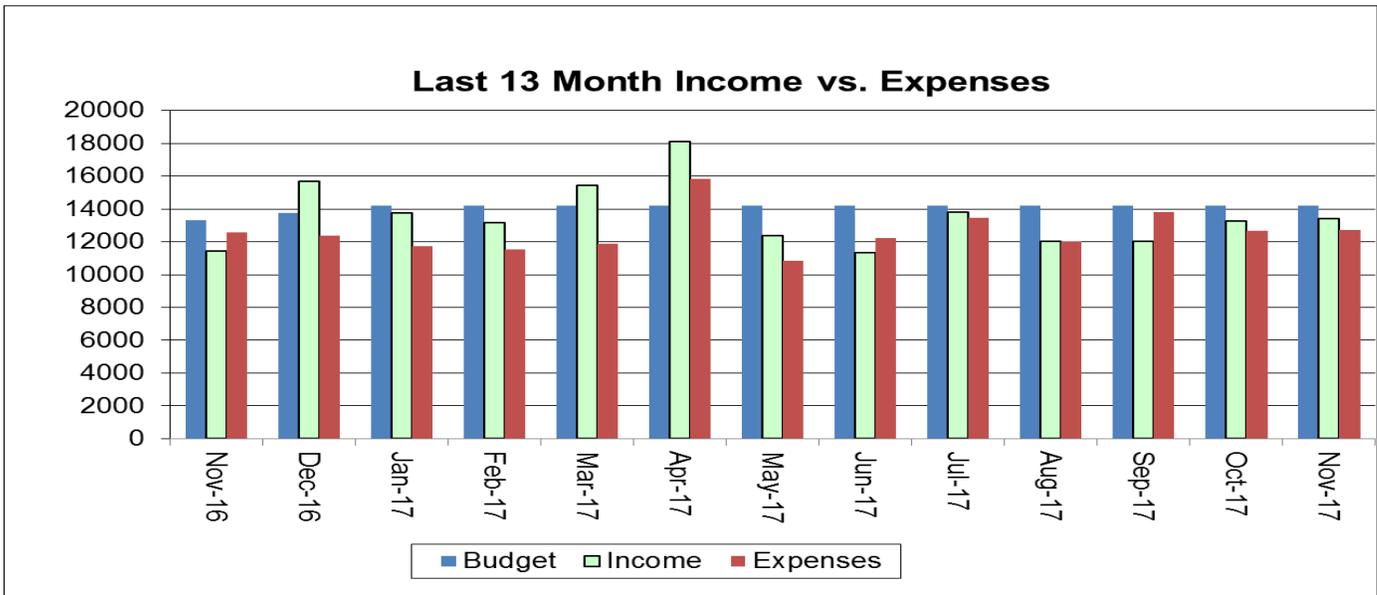
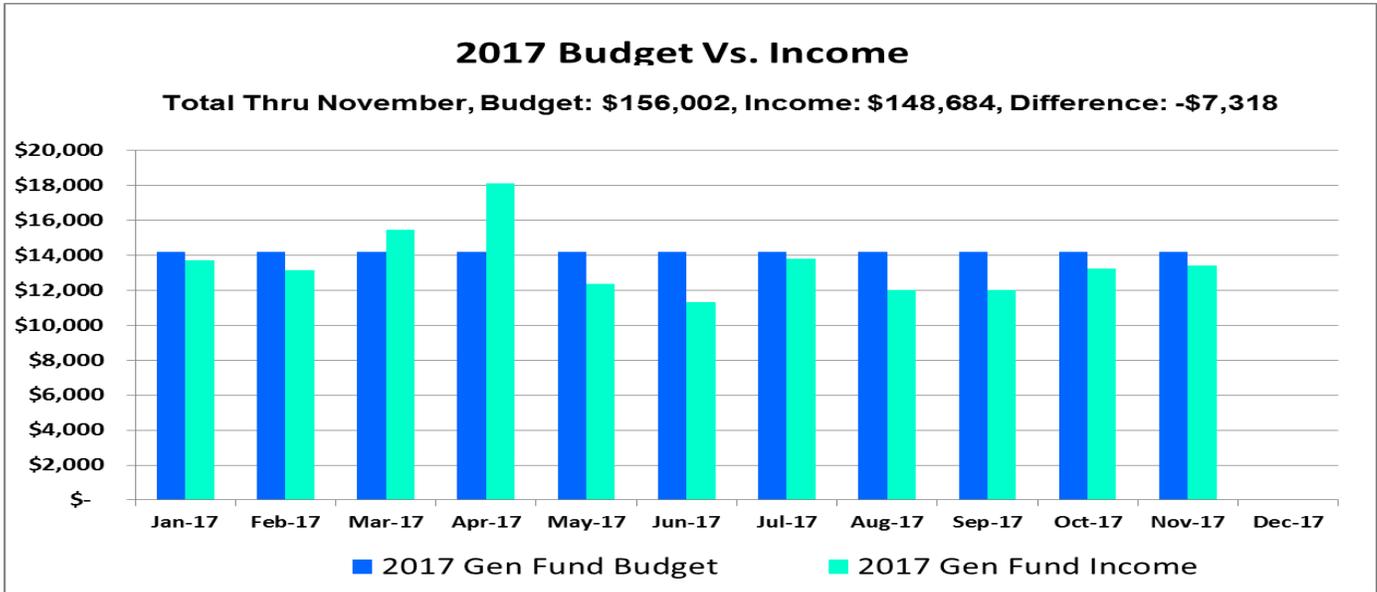
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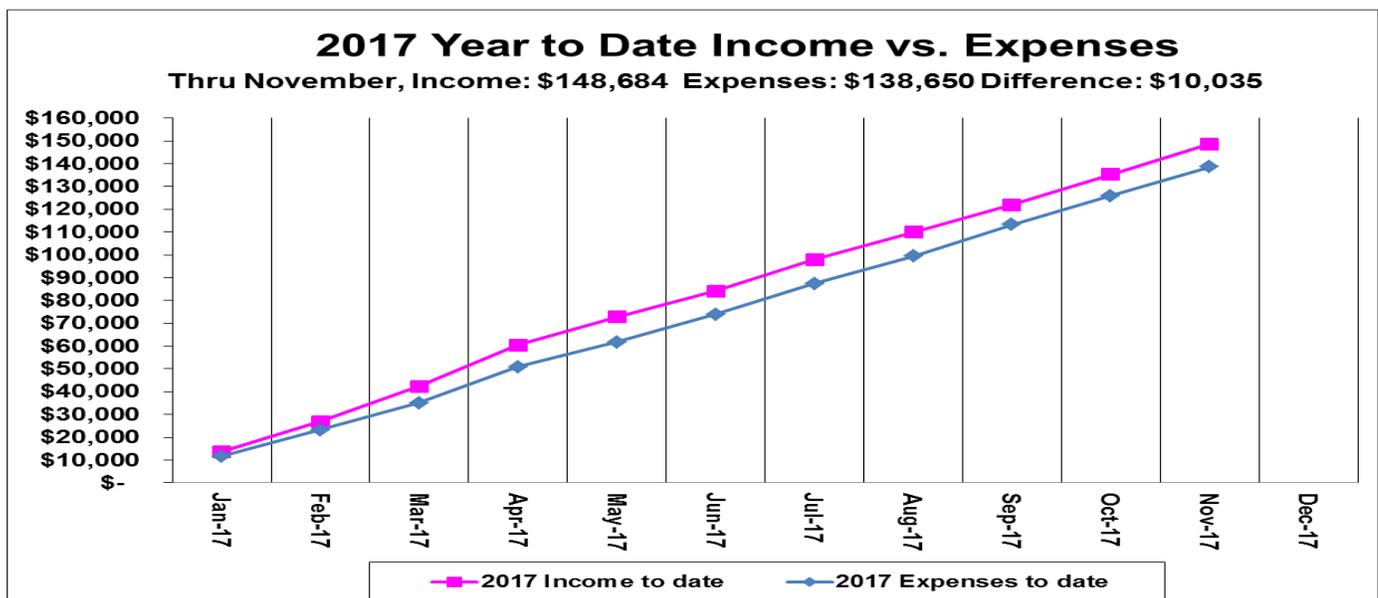
P.S. During this transition, my temporary mailing address remains...

5398 Surrey Dr
Bettendorf, IA 52722

I'm unable to send Christmas cards or letters at this time, but I look forward to receiving mail from you, and I'll get back to you when I'm able

BOARD OF FINANCE:





STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE, JANUARY, 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR and GOD'S BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE!!

This is the time we think about what's new in the New Year, 2018, and to reflect on the past year, 2017!!

The New Year – New Opportunities! Most of us make resolutions for the New Year—This year we will do great things! God doesn't call on us to do great things but that we be trustworthy in small things (Luke 16:10-11). Jesus told the parable of the Talents teaching us that success lies in using what we've been given, not in having the greatest amount. God has given us gifts and abilities—that we may be equipped to serve others and our Lord. The New Year is an opportune time to assess our gifts and abilities and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of His people. The motivation to do this comes from God whose love for us gave His greatest gift, His Son, and we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve.

In 2017, God, the Giver of gifts, has given Stewardship Committee and members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church gifts and abilities to serve Him and His people. In our church's "Outreach in The Community" project, we all collected and donated school supplies to teachers and students of Gilliland Middle School and Holdeman Elementary School, assisted the PTC Committee in serving meals to the football players of Tempe High School and assisted LWML by knitting and crocheting over 200 caps that were donated to charitable organizations such as Ironwood Cancer Center, Maricopa County Hospital, Phoenix Rescue Mission, students at Lutheran Ministry at ASU. Stewardship also supports the LWML Prayer Chain by offering the Monday Prayer, a short devotion and prayers, to the Prayer Chain Members. Ellen Brown-Music Director, Beautiful Savior Singers Choir, Beautiful Savior Handbell and Chime Choir and musical instrumentalists have been very faithful in their part of Sunday Worship Service. Many thanks to Pastor Misch for his uplifting sermons, to Pat and Joe Carlin and Bobbie Littou for their caring of the altar and to Doris Reith and Marsha Beetham for making the bulletin board in the narthex so attractive and keeping updates on information important to members of BSLC. Dorothy McShee deserves our thanks for Sunday refreshments following the Worship Service. Dorothy also collects pop cans donating the proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House. **IN OTHER WORDS, THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERYONE WHO USES HIS/HER GIFTS AND TALENTS TO THE GLORY OF OUR LORD.**

We can all go to our pastor, elder and other church leaders and let them know we're available in this new year to discover and use the gifts God has given us for His service.

Grace Timm, Chairman
Gladys Meyer, Dorothy McShee

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are in the narthex for members to pick up.

Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who assisted our committee with our projects and all who used their talents to serve our Lord and in the church. We also wish a beautiful and meaningful birthday celebration of our Savior for everyone.

(Keep in mind)

SCHOOLS WISH LIST

Pencils #2
Erasers that fit on pencils
Dry erase expo markers & dry erase erasers
Red pens
Colored pencils
Markers
Crayons

Back Packs
Hygiene products (comb, washcloth, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, hand lotion, dental floss)

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

Grace Timm, Gladys Meyer, Dorothy McShee, Stewardship Committee



BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION 2017 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Fourteen women from Beautiful Savior and Holy Cross attended our January meeting featuring special guests Amy Formella and Wilma Rupprecht of Lutheran Bible Translators. Amy is now in Sierra Leone for 3 years to help translate the Old Testament into the Mende language. Wilma is a retired Bible translator who hosted Amy during her stay in Arizona.

Five BSLC members attended the 'Understanding Islam' event at Christ Church Lutheran in February. This event was in place of the Zone Spring Celebration.

Six Beautiful Savior LWMLers met with eight Holy Cross LWMLers in March at Holy Cross with a speaker from the American Cancer Society.

Twenty-seven ladies from nine LCMS churches attended the Celebrating Christian Women event at Beautiful Savior in May with special music and a potluck salad luncheon. Jana Shields spoke about her career as a Wycliffe Bible Translator and the establishment of Friends' House At Drake Park in Long Beach, CA. This is the 20th anniversary of Friends' House.

Over the summer months we provided dinner for one evening of the Family Vacation Bible School held July 11-13 and collected 42 cases of water for the Holy Cross LWML water drive for Phoenix Rescue Mission.

The BSLC LWML had its first meeting of the 2017-2018 year on Saturday, September 16th. Pastor Misch provided a thought provoking program describing generations and the positives and negatives shaping their behavior. Five ladies were in attendance. Yearbooks for 2017-2018 were distributed at the September meeting and on Sunday morning to BSLC women.

BSLC recognized the LWML on Sunday, Oct. 1st. LWML assisted in hosting the potluck meal to celebrate Jana Shields' 50th anniversary of mission service on Oct. 8th. Thanks to all for their delicious food contributions and for the donation of children's books to Friends' House at Drake Park.

The LWML Zone Fall Celebration was held on Oct. 14th at Eternal Life Lutheran Church with speakers Pastor Jeff and Cheryl Ehlers of Garuna Foundation. This organization supports the emerging Lutheran churches in Southeast Asia with prayer, volunteers, and financial support. Three ladies from Beautiful Savior attended.

Seven ladies attended our November meeting. After devotions and a short business meeting, we created Christmas cards to be distributed to the congregation.

In December we hosted the annual Christmas potluck providing the meat and beverages. Thanks to all members who brought food to share.

All BSLC women of all ages and their guests are invited to participate in any of our activities whenever they can! In addition, we are always looking for suggestions for speakers and activities. Please contact Sandra Wardwell (s.wardwell@asu.edu or 480-334-4176) with your questions, ideas, and comments! Our mission is to encourage you in your spiritual walk of service.

WOMEN IN MISSION

On-Going Activities

Our cap makers meet twice per month throughout the year to make caps for the Maricopa burn center, for cancer treatment patients, and for our neighborhood schools. They have also given caps to International Friendship House at ASU. Please check the monthly BSLC calendar for their schedule.

Gladys Meyer leads our prayer chain. There are currently 27 members of the prayer chain. Men and women are encouraged to be a part of the prayer chain. Prayers are sent out by email and telephone. Please contact Gladys to request a prayer or to join the chain at geneglad@q.com or 480-897-2236. To encourage and remind us to be faithful in prayer, Gladys composes and sends a weekly devotion on Monday.

We encourage BSLCers to use the LWML Miteboxes (available in the narthex) and turn them in on the 4th Sunday of the month. We thank members for using the LWML monthly offering envelope. In 2017, we sent \$1,710.00 to the Pacific Southwest District LWML in mite offerings. In addition, we donated \$900 to Camp Aloma as our local mission project. We also made donations to Amy Formella of Lutheran Bible Translators and Friends' House at Drake Park. Our society has been able to do this through the generosity of BSLC members. Thank you BSLC!!!!

ZONE, DISTRICT AND NATIONAL LWML ACTIVITIES

Beautiful Savior continues to be active in the Ocotillo/Palo Verde Zone of LWML. Two of our members serve as Zone officers and we regularly host Zone board meetings and celebration events at Beautiful Savior.

For the 2016 – 2018 District biennium, the mission goal of \$150,000 to support 16 mission projects was met. All projects have been paid. A new grant goal and mission projects will be selected at the District convention on June 8-10 in Las Vegas. There are 17 projects on the ballot. One of them is for Lutheran Ministry at ASU. More information can be found at <https://psdlwml.com>.

For the 2017 – 2019 National biennium, the mission goal is \$2,075,000 to support 22 projects. More information can be found at <http://www.lwml.org>.



JANUARY 2018 WOMEN IN MISSION MEETING

Saturday, January 20

10 AM

Jenny Tatum of Lutheran Social Services will be our guest speaker. She will present information on Lutheran Social Services and their programs. All BSLC members and guests are invited to attend!

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 19 members. All prayer requests (prayers for thankfulness, healing, safety, guidance, to mention a few) 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. "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you," (Psalm 55:22). God welcomes your prayers; He listens to and answers all prayers.

Gladys Meyer, Prayer Chain leader.

2018 Lutheran Hour Ministries

Grand Canyon District Rally

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018

8:00am – 8:45am Registration & Breakfast

9:00am Welcome

9:15am Paraguay Presentation

9:30am Presentation from J. Lampe, from the Bible Museum

10:45am Musical Concert, with International Emmy Award
winning Musician – Dr. Jesse McGuire

12:15pm Lunch

Join us for a fun-filled and informative day of activity. At Life of Christ Lutheran Church at 14802 N. 75th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85381

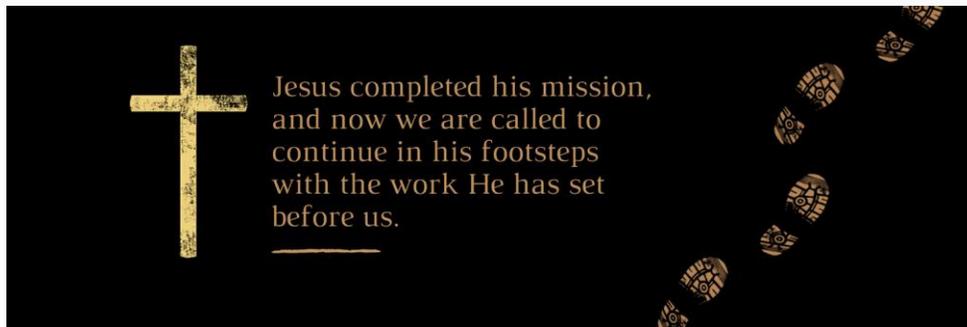
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MissionPossible - Will you accept?



Your mission, should you choose to join us... Proclaim. Disciple. Heal.

Over the course of the last year, our ministry staff has been hard at work reaching Native communities with the love of God and the hope that comes through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is moving on reservations and in urban areas. Below is just a portion of the great things happening and a taste of what is to come.

For all the victories for Christ and all the opportunities we see before us, we thank the Holy Spirit for the wisdom and understanding He gives us as we follow God's will and follow Jesus' mission. And we thank you! Without your support, both in prayer and financial gifts, we wouldn't be here. It is through your passion and commitment, we are able to reach families with the Gospel and assist them in the healing of their past trauma.

We couldn't be more thrilled to share with you how your gifts have helped Native individuals and to show you the work you can help us continue in the New Year.

Lutheran Indian Ministries,

Our mailing address is:
15400 West Capitol Drive, Suite 201
Brookfield, WI 53005

PASTOR MISCH:



The Problem

It's a new year and yet with a new year comes a lot of old problems. The same challenges that we face in the previous years seem to come back even in the new year. We might even be trying to figure out solutions to deal with the problems that we identify. I was at a meeting with a group of pastors and one of the themes that these pastors and their congregations are tackling is, as they call it, the "millennial problem." Being a millennial myself I am incredibly curious about this so called problem.

Personally, I think that we, as a church and modern thinkers, are so behind the times that we are unable to identify what the true problems and challenges that the church faces are. This year the youngest millennial will be 19 years old and now we are thinking about this? To be honest we need to be thinking about the generation that is coming up behind them. And one of the things that struck me as I listened to the pastors discuss how they are tackling the problem was that no one even knows how to approach it.

The question that most congregations ask when evaluating millennials is, "what do we need to do for them to come to this church?" This question is pondered by the traditional generation and baby boomers. They look to add programs and activities with the aim of attracting the problem generation. They look to fix the problem by doing something they like and think works, but they couldn't be further from the truth.

Real and honest impact upon a person's life, both young and old, does not happen with a program or a time wasting activity. It doesn't happen with the promise of the biggest and the best, but it happens in a refreshingly natural way. If we think millennials will come to our church because our organ sounds better than the other churches, or our activities are better than other churches activities we are sorely mistaken. No matter how good we think we have it there is something better out there. No matter how fun or engaging our programs are there is a better and more engaging activity available without the commitment or pretense. The fundamental question that churches, leaders, and laypeople need to ask about millennials is not, "What do we need to do?" But rather, "Who do we need to be?"

It is when we shift our thought process that we move from seeing younger generations as problems that have to be solved, to a life stage that needs to be better understood. Do we know what a 20 something year old single emerging adult needs? Do we know the concerns and interests of that age group? I will say this though. I know what they don't need. They don't need another option. They don't need us to do something as best we can or better than some other church. What they need is Jesus and they don't even know they do. So how do you bring Jesus to a group of people who aren't even searching for him? First off we must seek to understand what the challenges and the opportunities emerging adults face. Do we know what the fears and concerns of that group of people are or do we just assume they are the same as ours? Do we know how they are hurting and what they are struggling with? Or do we dismiss their struggles as silly and stupid? Something they will grow out of? Jesus' message confronts people where they are at. We oftentimes base our witness on milestones that people have achieved. Are they married? Do they have kids? Now we can appeal to you and your wants and with that attitude the real problem that emerges is not young people but it is us.

I will issue a challenge to all of us this new year. That challenge is to seek to understand emerging adults. Discover their fears and their joys and I am confident that we will be surprised how open and receptive they are to be listened to and to be heard. And it is when we know them that we can invite them to know Jesus.

