



AUGUST 2018

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 August is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or let Dorothy know which Sunday you can volunteer for: August signups that **still need sponsor** are: **5, 12, 19, & 26**. 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

July average Sunday attendance – 48; July Adult Bible Study average attendance per class – 6

Status of the Campus Rejuvenation Fund Raising Project:

We have raised a total of \$20,202.75 through June 11, with another \$5,800 in pledges. This puts us a little over half-way toward our goal of raising \$50,000 to match the \$50,000 already donated by our anonymous benefactor.

While we were unable to meet Bill and Carol Christian's challenge to raise \$45,000 by 3 June for them to donate the last \$5,000, we did have a good response with donations and pledges totaling \$17,500 by 11 June.

There will be additional fund raising opportunities this fall (exact dates are still TBD), including a Rummage Sale put on by the PTC and another concert by Glenn and Ellen Brown.

If you would like to donate or pledge to this fund, use one of the designated fund envelopes, mark it for Matching Funds, and put it in the offering plate.

Blessings, Don Schumm

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer VBS was held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 24-26 from 5 to 7 PM.. Eighteen BSLC members were in attendance in spite of record setting hot weather. Each session consisted of a meal, a scripture lesson, the discussion topic, a sing-along, and an activity.

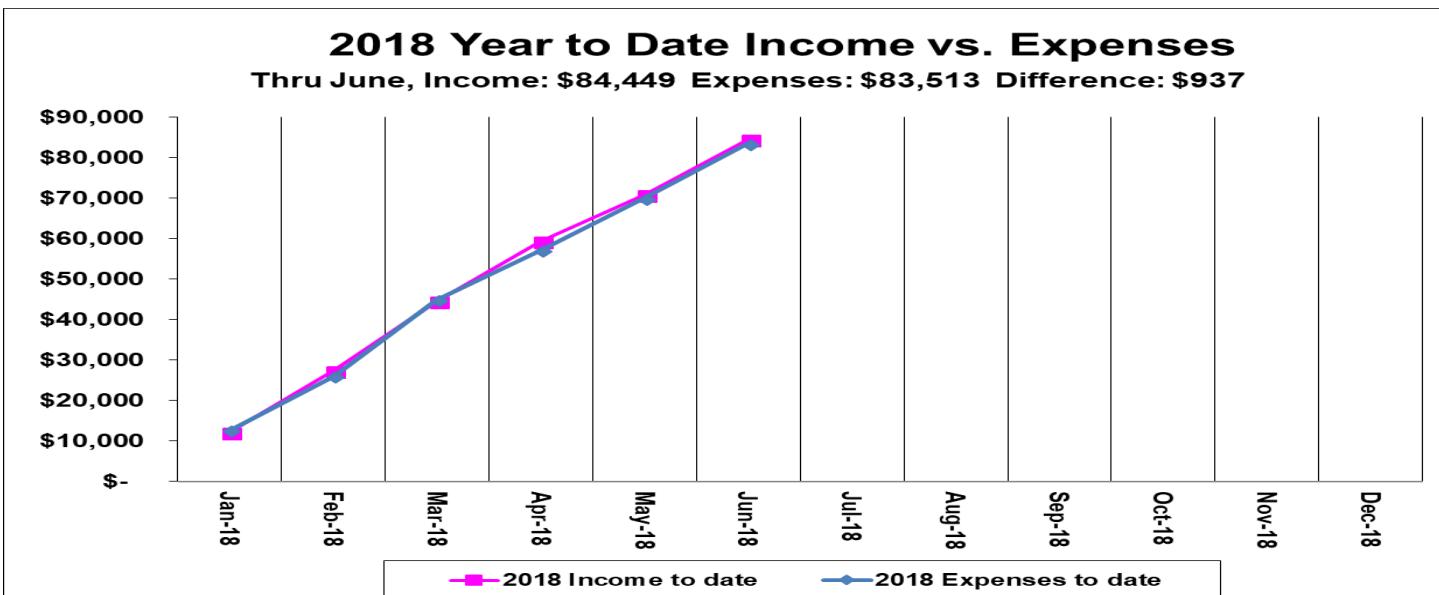
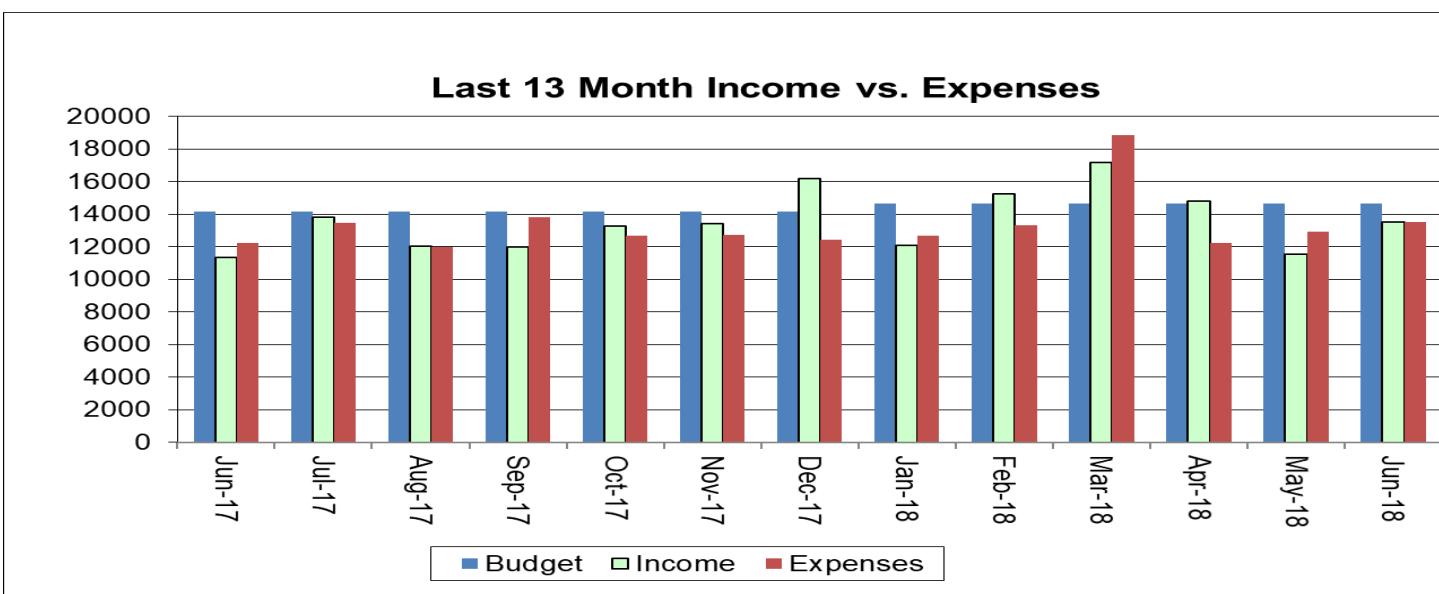
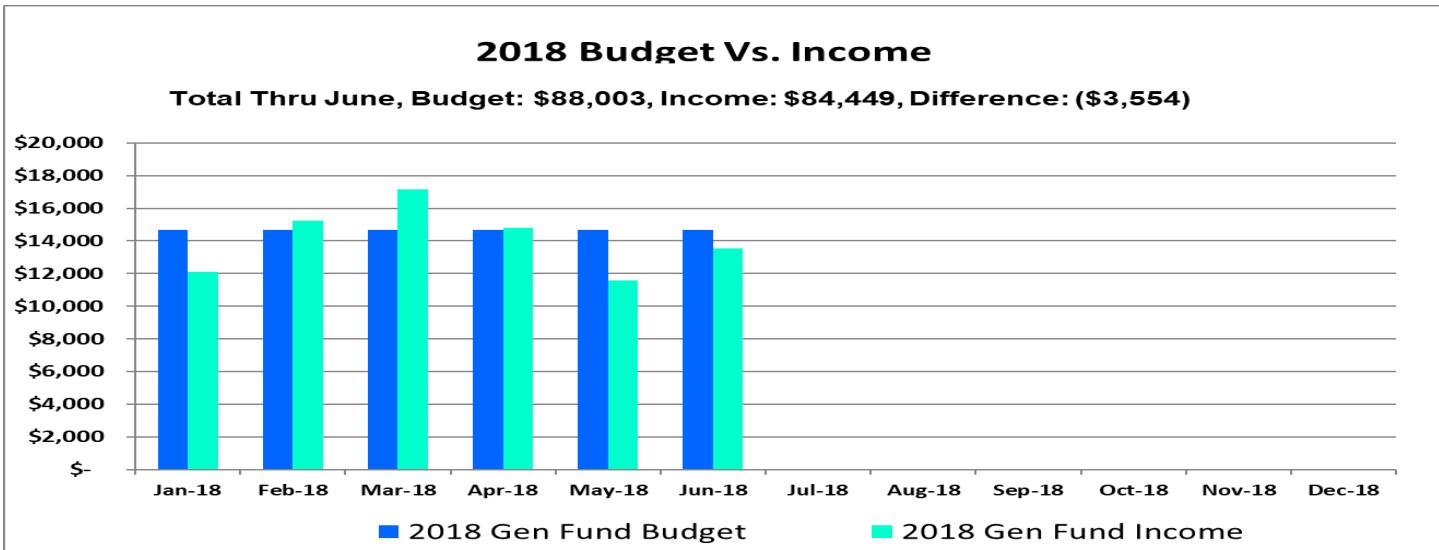
The theme was 'Our Life Together – Called to be Holy'. Pastor Misch led us in three thought provoking lessons. On Tuesday we discussed what being 'holy' means – to be set apart. We thought about what we make holy and then thought about what is holy to God - His People and His Place. We concluded by thinking about how we demonstrate our holiness. Wednesday's lesson considered what our purpose is as holy people – following Jesus. How do we equip and prepare ourselves for this vocation? The final lesson Thursday challenged us to think about community, beginning with the definition of community.

Our musical interludes, led by Ellen Brown, consisted of three songs each session: a camp song, a newer song composed in recent years, and an old favorite. The songs had the theme of pointing us to our Rock, providing us with solid ground.

Besides providing the opening scripture lesson, Andrew Grant devised an activity for each evening. For Tuesday, we had a 100 question Bible quiz. Congratulations to Ellen Brown and Caryl Appeld for having the most right answers! Wednesday's activity consisted of a password type game which we played in groups. One person described the word and the others had to guess what word it was. Our third session offered a choice of coloring or playing the password game.

Meals were provided by PTC, Trustees, LWML and Board of Christian Education. Thanks to all who participated in this event. It was a wonderful opportunity to take a break from our daily routines and refresh our faith and fellowship.

BOARD OF FINANCE:



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 2018 VOTERS MEETING

The quarterly Voters meeting was held on Sunday, July 22nd following the worship service with 18 voters in attendance. Here are some highlights of that meeting:

- Printed reports from Boards and Committees distributed
- Tom Kruck elected to the Voting Assembly
- Trustees will be adjusting speeds of fans in the sanctuary in response to comments about cool and warm areas
- Summer Vacation Bible School will be July 24-26 from 5 to 7 PM. The theme is 'Our Life Together – Called to Be Holy'.
- Pastor traveled to Orlando, FL May 29-30 to attend conference on campus ministry
- Andrew Grant served as congregation delegate to LCMS Pacific SW District convention and presented highlights of the convention
- Treasurer Debbie reported the second quarter ended with a positive balance and was under budget
- Elders will postpone the emergency training originally scheduled for July
- Board of Finance reported that income in 2018 has remained flat but expenses are higher.
- Workman's comp insurance increased this year due to hiring a contractor without their own workman's comp policy. Boards were reminded to check on this when hiring outside workers for BSLC projects.
- \$27,000 has been donated/pledged to the Campus Rejuvenation Fund; \$23,000 needed by Thanksgiving to meet the match of \$50,000
- Stewardship has started the school supply drive for Gililand and Holdeman schools
- Vegetable garden will be discontinued after summer growing season
- Vandalism of patio area by humans and pigeons. Trustees working on ways to address the problem.
- Please help keep our property clean and safe. If you see trash, please pick it up. There is a trash can on the patio or put in dumpster in the alley.
- The Pacific Southwest District of the LWML set a new two year Mission Grant goal of \$155,000 which will fund all 17 mission grants including eight from Arizona. Lutheran Ministry at ASU will receive \$10,000.
- LWML had 36 women from 8 churches at our May meeting.
- LWML will hold a planning meeting in August for the 2018-2019 year.
- Stewardship and LWML water drive with Holy Cross continues.
- PTC will hold rummage sale in September but BSLC members and friends are welcome to shop at any time before then as donations are overflowing our space. Contact Pat and Joe Carlin to see what is available.
- Director Brown thanked BSLC musicians and singers for their performances this quarter.
- The Praise Band will return in August.
- Music will be part of the program at the VBS event.

Note: If you are a member of BSLC and would like to be a Voter, please contact President Don Schumm to be nominated at the next Quarterly meeting (October).

If you would like to receive copies of the Minutes and Reports of Council and Voters meetings, please contact Sandra Wardwell (480-334-4176 or s.wardwell@asu.edu)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:**August, 2018**

Jesus told a story of ten virgins who, according to the wedding customs of the day, prepared themselves for the arrival of the bridegroom. The ten girls were to accompany the bride with their lamps to the house of the bridegroom's parents where the wedding would be held. Five of the virgins failed to plan for the possibility that the bridegroom would be delayed and didn't bring extra oil for their lamps. On the other hand, the five wise virgins were prepared with extra oil and were ready when the bridegroom arrived to take them to the celebration.

In the parable, the bridegroom is Jesus. In the coming of the bridegroom, Jesus is talking about His own return. The five foolish virgins are not referred to as being guilty of evil but of unfaithfulness in being prepared for His coming. The oil, which represents their faith, was missing. The wise girls are the faithful people who nurture God's gift of faith through Word and Sacrament.

Through the reading and studying of God's Word and through the participation in the Lord's Supper, we also prepare our minds and hearts for faithful stewardship.

Stewardship Committee and LWML are collecting bottled water (along with Holy Cross Church) for the Phoenix Rescue Mission Cap Makers continue to make and donate caps. Stewardship Committee provided welcome gift bags to the new members on July 15th. Stewardship Committee received from the Board of Finance \$500 from the Children's/Youth Programs Designated Funds to purchase school supplies for the Gililand and Holdeman Schools through the church's Outreach in the Community project. Anyone who would like to donate, please place your donations in the containers in Fuerbringer Hall any time before August 12th.

Gililand Middle School

Backpacks
Hygiene kits
#2 pencils
Glue sticks
Eraser caps
Colored pencils
Spiral notebooks
Healthy snacks
P. E. shorts size 8-36

Holdeman Elementary School

Backpacks
Hygiene kits
#2 pencils
Pink erasers
Colored pencils
Markers
Spiral notebooks
Red Pens

Items for Hygiene Kits: shampoo, soap, washcloth, toothbrush, tooth paste, deodorant, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, hairbrush, comb, Clorox wipes.

Stewardship Committee, Grace Timm, Gladys Meyer, Dorothy McShee



WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML)

Beautiful Savior's Stewardship Committee and Women in Mission continue to partner Holy Cross for their summer water drive for Phoenix Rescue Mission. This will be the third year we have supported this effort. In 2016 we collected 38 cases of water and in 2017 we collected 42! Let's see if we can break last year's record. Official dates of the water drive are June 10th to Aug. 26th. Please place your donations in the narthex.

Our annual Celebrating Christian Women event was on May 19th with 36 women in attendance from 8 churches. The guest speaker was Laurel Coil of Maggie's Place. She described the mission of the 5 houses in the valley which support unwed mothers.

On May 20th, we assisted in hosting the shower for baby Misch following the worship service. Alexandra Misch was baptized on July 1st with a reception following the worship service.

Sandra Wardwell attended the District Convention in Las Vegas on June 8-10th and gave a report to 7 members on June 16th. A mission goal of \$155,000 was set which means all 16 proposed projects will be funded. This includes the Lutheran Ministry at ASU proposal for \$10,000. Eight other Arizona proposals will also be funded.

Highlights of the convention included a two part Bible Study by Linda Stoterau, a two part presentation by guest speaker Cindy Steinbeck, greetings from the Pacific Southwest District LCMS by Pastor Stoterau, and greetings from the national LWML by Charlotte Koremer. Two Arizonans were elected as officers. A budget of \$344,640 was passed. The next District convention will be in 2020 in Palm Springs or Palm Desert.

We will not meet in July. We will meet in August to plan our 2018-2019 meetings and activities. Thank you everyone for supporting LWML with your mite boxes and offering envelopes. During the 2017-2018 year, our society sent \$1,358 to the District LWML. We also contributed \$900 to Camp Aloma. Thank you!

Please let me know if you have any questions about the LWML.

Sandra Wardwell, 480-334-4176 or s.wardwell@asu.edu

2018 WATER DRIVE WITH HOLY CROSS

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**Beautiful Savior &
Holy Cross
LWML**

**Living Water Drive
Now
through
August 26**



Place donations in narthex at any time

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

PASTOR MISCH:

August:

If one were to rank the best months of the year it might look a little like this. November might rank high because November for the valley is a time of great weather and comfortable temperatures. Thanksgiving is embedded into the month giving an event that can be planned on and looked forward too. If one is a sports fan, football, both collegiate and professional, is in full swing. November would be a good candidate for the best month of the year. Of course, one might pick December, or even February or March. I'm partial to October myself. However, on the topic of best months of the year one is not likely to find August near the top of that list. In fact, August might be the worst month of the year.

August is truly a dreadful month especially for those of us in the valley. It is still really hot and the monsoon humidity is lingering around. School starts up in the beginning of August and there are no notable holidays during the month. Because school has begun and there are no holidays it is hard to make an excuse to get away. People are back in the city and the routine is reestablishing itself. August, as a month, is not all that exciting.

I think we well understand the concept of seasons and especially the concept of seasons in our lives. There are times when everything is great and there are times when we are challenged a little more. There are times when we are full of energy and excited for what happens next and there are times when we don't want to get out of bed and our energy is nonexistent. Tired of the routine and tired of the lingering heat waiting for something to change. We have times in our lives like the month of August where the heat lingers, we get busier, and all we want is some relief.

During those times, it is helpful to remember that we will get through it. It is helpful to remember that those times come and they go and the worst thing we could do is to lose heart as we are challenged. For me, it's always helpful to remember what Jesus told to his disciples, "in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." No matter what season of life we find ourselves in good or bad. No matter the season that the nation finds itself in our focus is always on Jesus and when that is the case our hope rests on him and him alone no matter the month.

Pastor Misch