



May 2020

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

HOW CAN I REACH BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR?

Phone: 480-967-2660; Email: office@beautifulsaviortempe.org

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.

ATTENDANCE:

April – All Services were streamed online

MAY 2020 HAPPENINGS AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR:

All in-church Worship Services, Bible Study & Events are cancelled until further notice (we will keep you posted). Boards & Committees check with your Chairperson on if, when or how on meetings.

Directions to view Sunday Worship services online:

GOING FORWARD: ALL IN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES (online directions below), EVENTS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT:

If you do not have a facebook account

1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, firefox, etc.)

2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:

www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/

3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or

4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to facebook)

5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.

OTHER INFO:

Lutheran Ministry at ASU's new name & address to send donations to: Sola Ministries, P.O Box 1923, Chandler, AZ 85225

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

If you are interested in receiving the Council minutes and report packets please contact Sandra Wardwell at 480-334-4176 or s.wardwell@asu.edu

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS 2020-2021 ELECTION

The annual election for officers and board members Voters Meeting will be announced. All positions are for two-year terms beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2021. There are no limits to the number of members on Boards. Officers and Board Members whose terms are expiring will be asked if they would like to continue for another term.

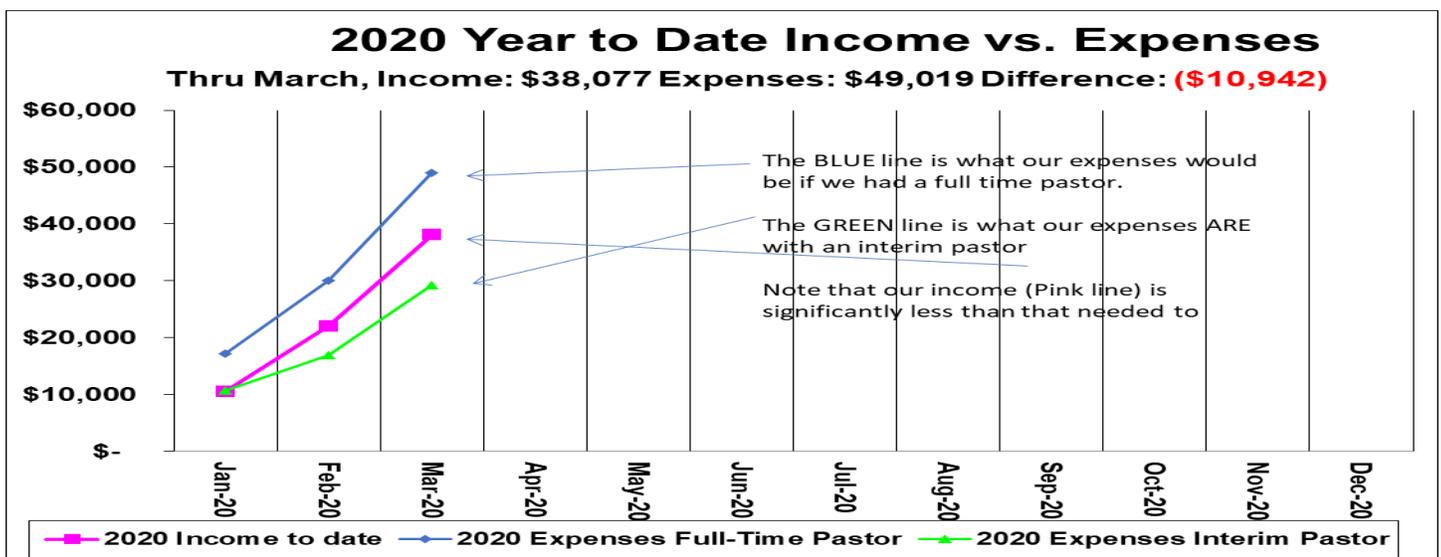
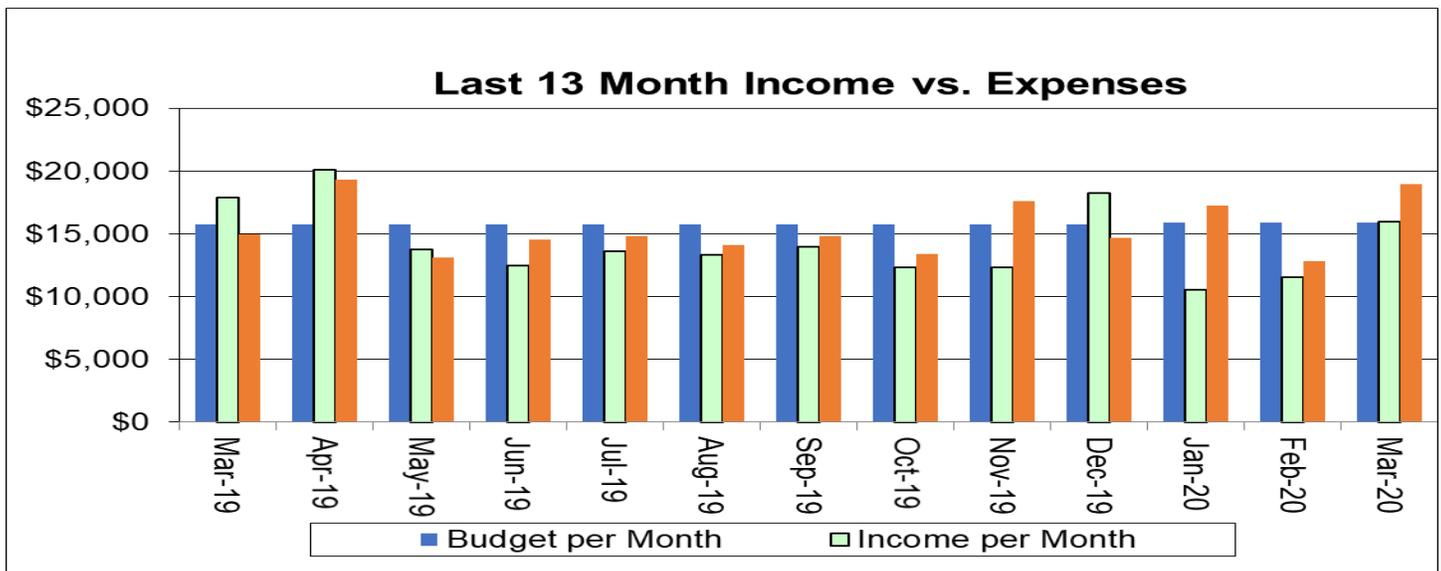
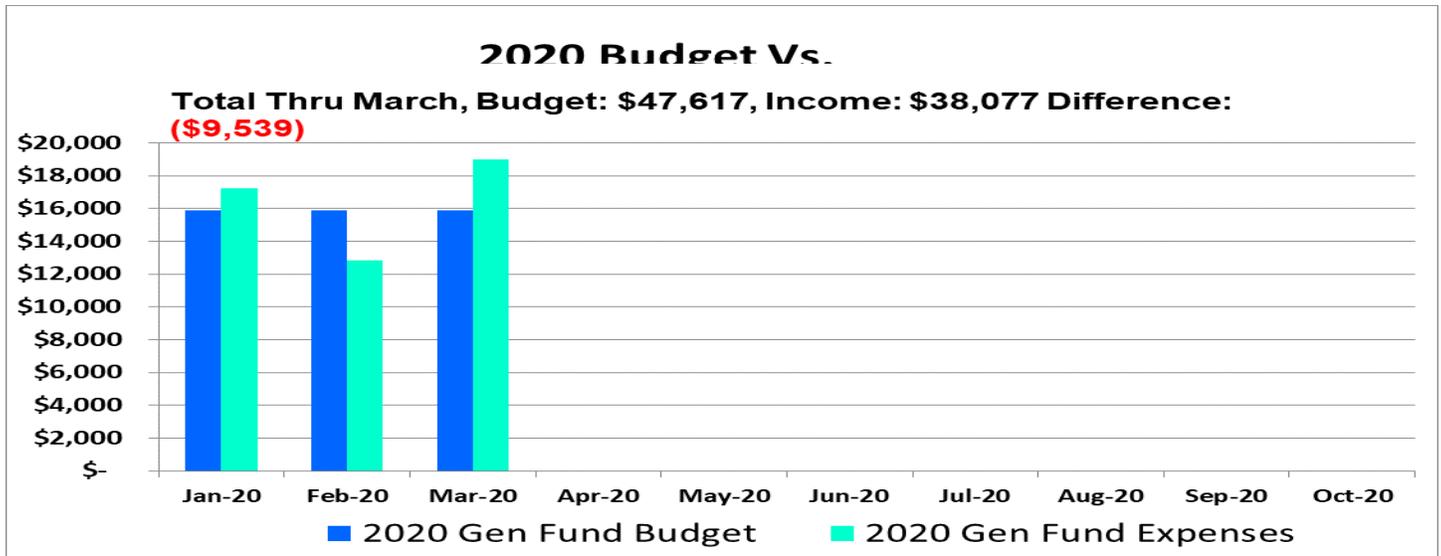
Positions with terms expiring:

- Congregation Officers:
 - Vice President
 - Financial Secretary
 - Treasurer

- Board Members:
 - Christian Education – 2 of 3 members
 - Elders – 2 members
 - Finance – 3 of 4 members
 - Stewardship – 1 of 3 members
 - Trustees – 3 of 7 members

We ask all members to prayerfully consider serving in any of these positions. If you have questions or would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Don Schumm or Sandra Wardwell.

BOARD OF FINANCE:



WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML):



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No meeting held in April.

Sandra Wardwell, Acting President

PRAYER CHAIN:

Beautiful Savior Church has an active prayer chain sponsored by LWML and the BSLC Stewardship Committee.

Men and women can be members of the Prayer Chain. To request to be a member of the Prayer Chain, and/or request a prayer, please call or email Gladys Meyer (480 897-2236, geneglad@q.com) or the church office (480 967-2660, office@beautifulsaviortempe.org). Members will receive the prayer requests by email unless their preference is to receive them by telephone. A small email devotion is sent out to all prayer chain members every Monday.

Prayers can be praise or adoration (Psalm 136), thanksgiving (Psalm 118), request for God's help (Psalm 22) and intercession in which we pray for others (Psalm 82), (From Luther's Small Catechism).

God our Father hears the prayers of His children and answers in His own way and in His own time, "Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear," (Isaiah 65:24). PRAYER IS POWERFUL!

NEWS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

- The Stewardship committee, like everyone else, is pretty much on hiatus during this time. Holdeman and Gililand were both well supplied before this shutdown took place, and, of course, the students are not even there now to use any of the items we gave them.
- The "Bucket Drive" for the Justa Center is on hold and the last room on the north side of the church is being used to store the items we have collected for them. You are still invited to bring linens, clothes, dishes, pots and pans etc. as well as your filled buckets once we begin meeting for church services again. We will take the items to them when we can once again, do so safely.
- Debbie and Charlotte were planning to meet with the Tempe High principal to see how we could help the homeless students with the grant money that was given to the committee but school closed down before they had a chance to do that.

Thank you, Bobbie, Dorothy, and Charlotte

PASTOR SPALLEK:

Here is something for us all to cling to in the Covid-19 season. Comforting words from Isaiah giving us the reason to -

“Have Hope and Soar”

Do you sometimes feel the pressures of your life are closing in around you? How about all the responsibilities you are burdened by - at home, at work, maybe even here at church? And how about all the unrealistic expectations that go along with them! Do you sometimes feel totally overpowered by events (or virulent viral epidemics), and out of control of your own life?

If that has never happened to you, congratulations! If on the other hand, you have, or are, experiencing these things,.. there’s a Bible passage from the prophet Isaiah I’d like to share with you. “He gives strength to the weary and power to the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings of eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:29-31)

The message of this passage is direct and to the point. Let me paraphrase it: “Take heart! You are not alone! Even the youngest, strongest, and best among you will on occasion, grow faint, stumble, and fall. I guarantee it. But don’t give up. Have hope!” And that’s the key word here - hope. But the kind of hope Isaiah speaks of, doesn’t refer to an idle wish, or even your deepest heart’s desire, but instead to a trust and reliance on the truth of a promise. And this type of trust is ultimately an act of faith in the reliability, or “trustworthiness”, of the one making that promise.

God uses stressful times in our lives, like we are all going through now, to break down our pride (that’s why he allows us to stumble, fall, and grow faint), and to turn us toward him in trust. And with the warning about trials to come, comes the promise we trust in. “Those who persevere in their hope in the Lord, will be rewarded by renewal and strength.” Unlike other stress remedies, which provide only temporary relief, with God we will find the strength to pick ourselves up when we fall. We will then be renewed, and our spirit will soar as if on the wings of an eagle. With God we will one day run, but this time not grow tired and weary. With God we will one day walk, but this time not become faint. And the path to renewal and strength is hope. Never give up hope – no matter what the trouble. To paraphrase an old expression, “Don’t let the temptations and troubles of the evil one wear you down.” No matter how mighty they may seem our God is supreme! So have hope, and soar!

Pastor Peter