



July 2020

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

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Church offices are open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Average : June -28 & services were also streamed online 7; No Adult Bible Study

JULY 2020 HAPPENINGS AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: July 19, 2020, after the worship service there will be a Congregation Voter's Assembly meeting.

OTHER INFO:

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

FROM SANDRA WARDWELL TO THE CONGREGATION:

Thank you to my Beautiful Savior family for your prayers, thoughts and cards! My long awaited surgery went well and I am relieved of much pain. I thank God for giving me strength and patience. Thanks and blessings to all of you! - Sandra

GOLDEN FEET BY JANA SHIELDS

Jana Shields has sent Beautiful Savior Church a copy of her new book if you would like to read it, it can be reserved by signing up to check it out, from the office. If you would like to purchase a copy, you can go to Amazon.com Paperback: \$6.99. eBook: \$2.99; EBAY \$695 with free shipping. Or if you want multiple books for a group 5 copies -\$30; 10 copies \$50; this includes shipping. Send check payable to: Jana Shields, 6444 E. Spring #181, Long Beach, CA 90818.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

The Council meeting was held June 16th, 2020 via telephone. Highlights of the meeting are:

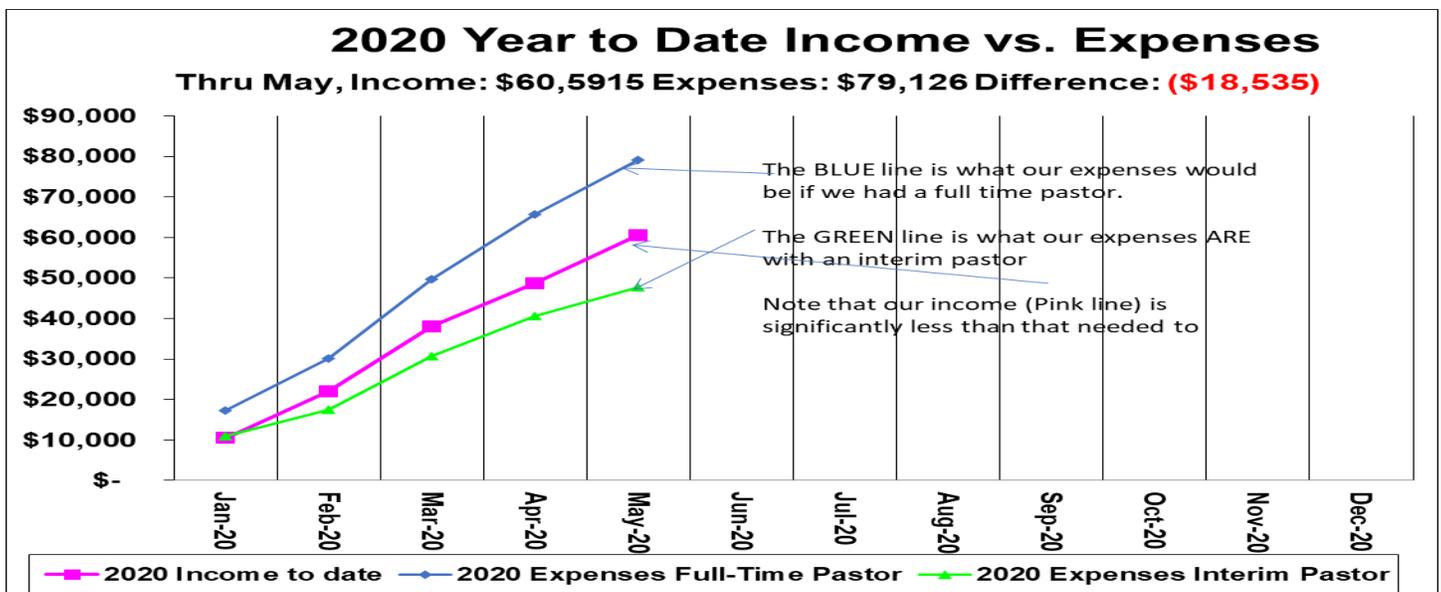
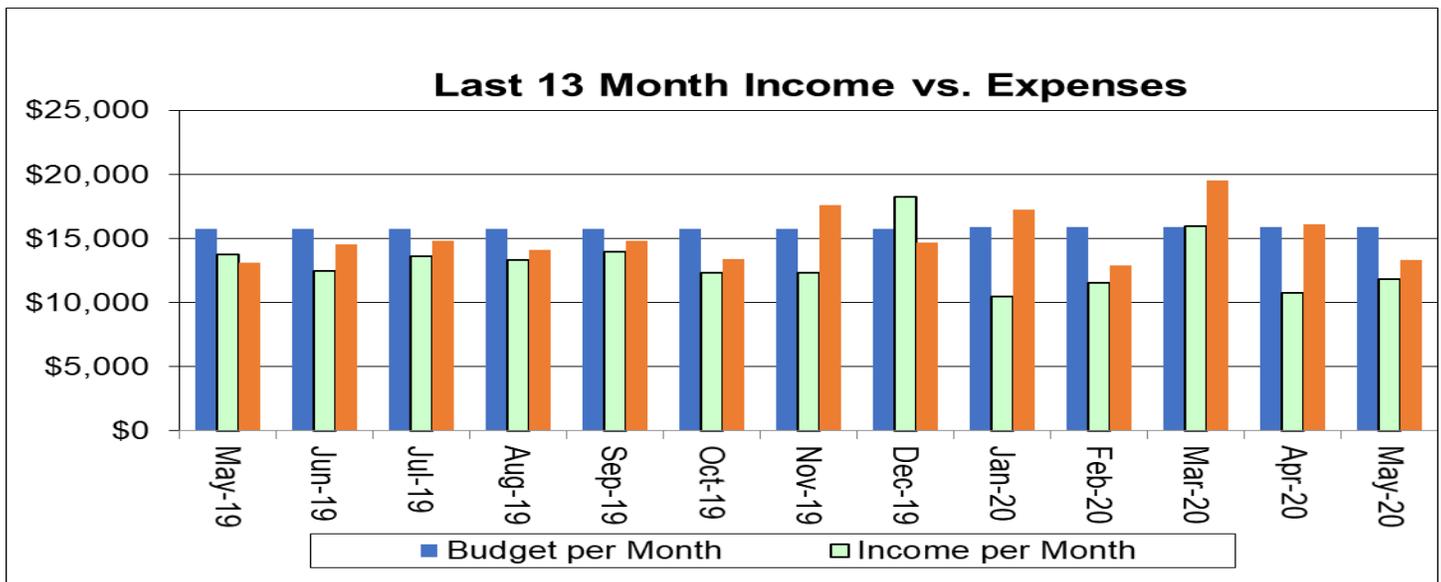
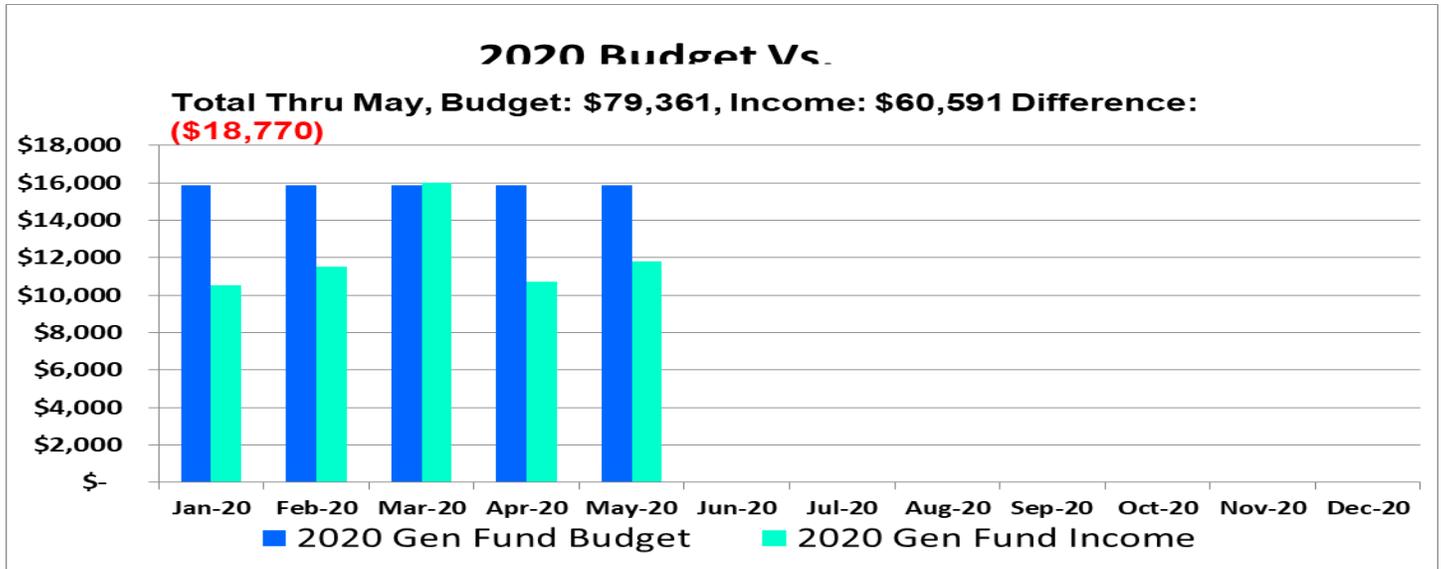
- President Cyndi welcomed those in person and calling in via telephone.
- Andrew Grant led the opening devotion.
- Treasurer Don Schumm reported the May deficit is – \$1,533.70 and the YTD deficit is -\$15,910.91. Pastor salary/benefit monies continue to be set aside. Currently meeting all expenses which have been under budget. Many thanks to Debbie O'Neill for her service as Treasurer.
- Finance reported Easy Tithe (on-line giving through BSLC web page) is being used.
- Sunday morning in-person Bible Class will resume the third Sunday in July.
- Elders reported the BSLC web page has been updated to show in person worship has resumed.
- Elders are discussing the pros and cons of offering communion every Sunday.
- Trustees and PTC will host a hot dog take out lunch June 28th. In person dining will be offered. Free will offering.
- Music Director Ellen Brown continues to use BSLC's many talented members for special music offerings. Jana Shields will visit on July 5th with her guitar. Many positive comments on Facebook about the music offerings including requests for more offerings by Glenn Brown.
- LWML/Women in Mission will not meet in July. A planning meeting may be arranged for August.
- Under new business, a letter of thanks and reports on the BSLC's financial status were received from Debbie O'Neill. The Council acknowledged her service and thanked her for the work she's has done.
- No Council meeting in July or August.

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

Special Announcement

Jana Shields, a long-time former member of this congregation and missionary, has written a book, 'Golden Feet: On Site Intervention'. The book is about the Path of Training for a Mobile Intercessor. It is available on Amazon.com or by contacting Jana directly at shieldsjk@verizon.net.

BOARD OF FINANCE:



WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML):



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Our BSLC LWML society will not be meeting in July. A planning meeting for 2020-2021 activities may be held in August. Any suggestions are always welcome!

The District mini-convention was held June 6th. The video can be found at the District website psdlwml.org under the District eConvention 2020 menu heading. The video is 45 minutes long and begins with the President's call to order. Pastoral Counselor Jenks presents the opening devotion based on Jeremiah.

The business of the convention included results of the on-line voting. The 2020-2022 budget of \$324,846.67 was approved. The amount for mission grants was increased to \$156,860. The grant applications total \$155,444 which means all grants will be funded. Mini-cultural grant funding of \$1500 was approved; both grants will be funded.

New officers were elected and include Chris Mahler of Christ Church Lutheran. She will serve as VP of Special Focus Ministries.

The convention closed with messages from outgoing President Bonnie and new President Nila. Pastor Scholz gave the closing devotion.

Thank you for your support of LWML! Sandra Wardwell

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:

No meeting in June.

Thank you, Bobbie, Dorothy, and Charlotte

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

No meeting in June.

Andrew Grant, Chairman

PASTOR SPALLEK:

The River of Gladness

God's blessings to you all. For the summer months this year I will be writing a series of meditations on selected passages from scripture relating the peace and the might of God to rivers. With the many rivers running through our state these images make us pause and reflect on our continuous dependence on His goodness for all our blessings. The first of these messages comes from the psalmist.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. (Psalm 46:3-4)

Rivers were important to the people of Israel. Jerusalem had no river and yet the Israelites had experience with some of the great rivers of the Middle East. First, during their time in Egypt with the Nile running through the land and then in Babylon, beside the mighty Euphrates. The Psalmist here draws on this yearning of the people for the peace and the refreshing water that a great river brings. And yet, in a symbolic sense, Israel did have a river. The River of God's blessings. In this passage the "River" serves as a reminder for the continual outpouring of the sustaining and refreshing blessings of God which made the City of God like a beautiful garden. God's continual presence among His people then serves as a reminder to you and me today, that He is never far from us, and that all good things come from Him. Today the "Holy Place where the Most High dwells" is within us and all around us.

What a comfort it is in the trials we face in this fallen world to know that God will help us. We may be shaken, but we will not be moved. The enemy may bring trouble and temptation, but like a great river that flows on and on without stopping, our Lord's love and mercy is ever with us. The night will pass. His blessings will once again be present as sure as the morning dawn breaks through the dark of night. The dawn of His deliverance dispels the night of danger.

Cherish this thought. Trust in His goodness. Seek His presence in your life; through scripture, through prayer, and through the worship and the comfort and consolation of your faith community. May He shower you with all you need. The river of God is right here among us!

Pastor Peter