



*November 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 for the month of October: 28 at church service, also streamed online; 8 at Adult Bible Study.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **November 8, Sunday**

The Arizona Caledonian Society will be using our field for their annual Veteran's Day Highland Games competition on Remembrance Sunday, November 8. Parking for the athletes will be in the east parking. Church members are asked not to park in that area on that Sunday.

### **November 15, Sunday**

### **After the service: Voters' Assembly Meeting – 2021 Budget**

#### **OTHER INFO:**

**SOLA FAITH:** NEW Website: <https://solaministries.org/>

Thank you again for being the Hands and Feet of Christ on Arizona State University campuses!

#### **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 \$6.95 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.**

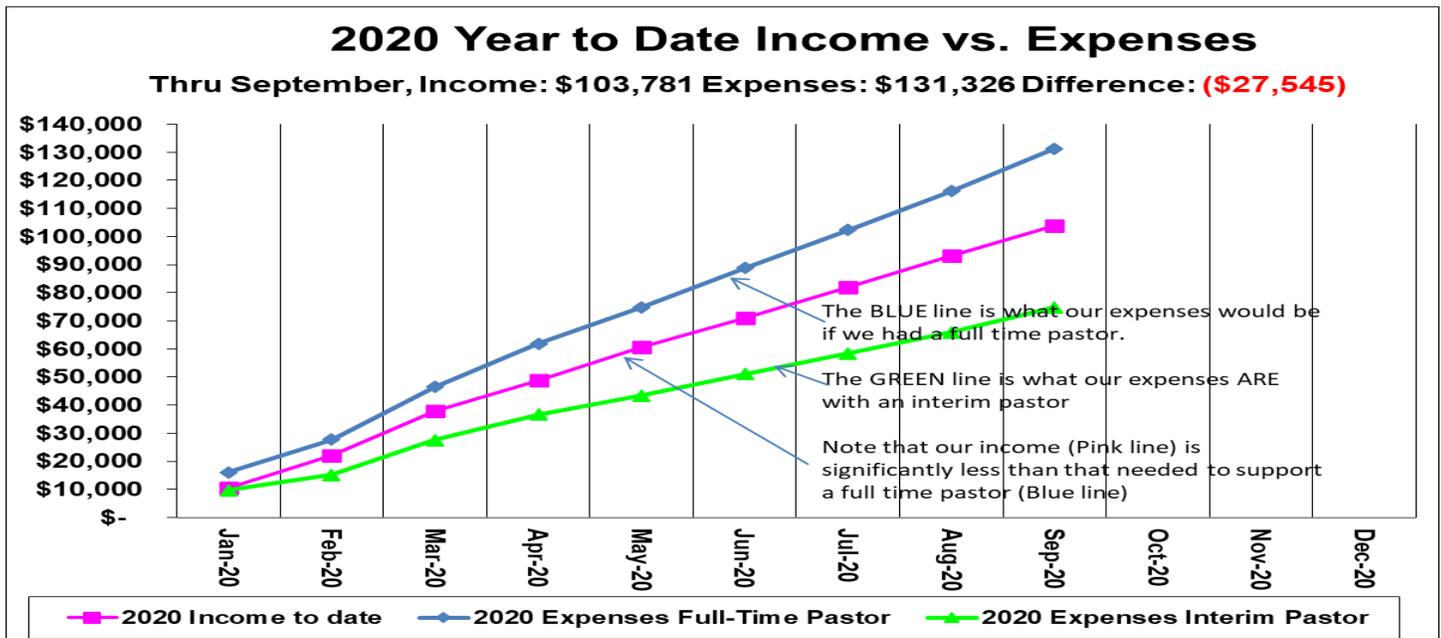
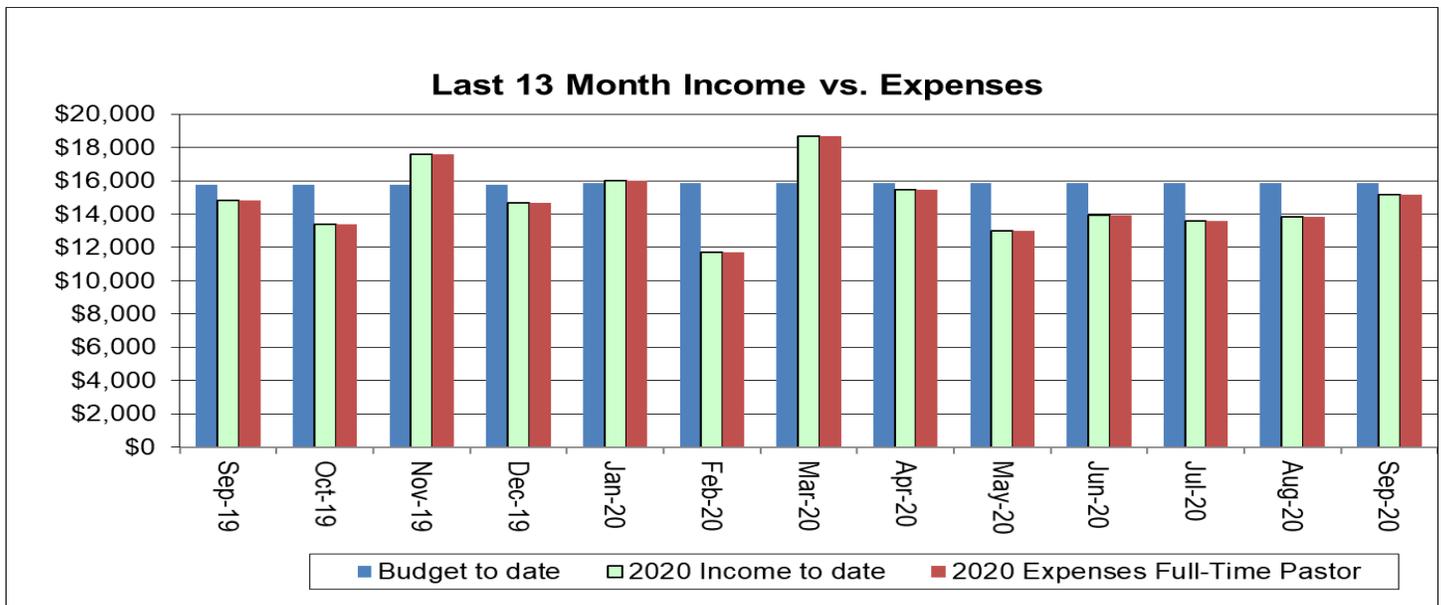
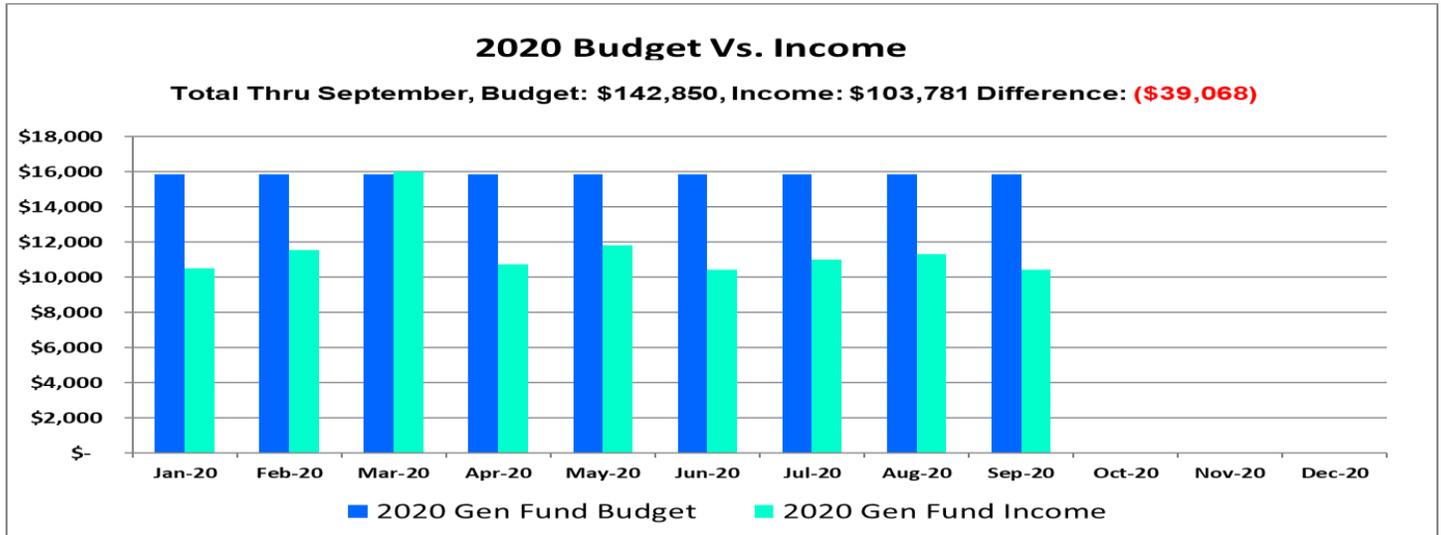
## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 2020 VOTERS AND COUNCIL MEETING**

The Quarterly Voters meeting was held Oct. 18th and the regular Council meeting was held October 20th. Highlights of those meetings are:

- Members of the Call Committee will meet with Pastor Frank and lay leadership at Mountain View Lutheran Church to discuss a partnership agreement to share Pastor Tim Anderson.
- Andrew Grant will serve as lay delegate to the District LCMS convention.
- The Fish Fry fundraiser served 75 meals and enjoyed music by Glenn and Brad.
- Treasurer reported Year-to-date, negative, (\$31,000), due to setting aside pastor expenses. Year-to-date balance would be \$24,000 positive if these funds were not set aside.
- Expenses through Sept 2020 are 94.3% of budget
- Campus Rejuvenation Fund balance is \$48,652.
- Several members are using EasyTithe, donating about \$1100 per month.
- Stewardship delivered items collected from the Water Drive to Justa Center in September.
- Trustees have replaced the broken upper windows in the kitchen and one toilet in the women's rest room.
- Music ministry is grateful for our talented volunteers. Plans are being made to have your favorite carols as pre-service Advent music.
- 60th anniversary celebration continues! Current projects are a devotion booklet and new banners. Ideas to Praise, Love, and Share should be sent to Ellen Brown and Debby Bergman.
- BSLC is providing the Tempe High football team with dinners for all 7 games this season. Debbie O'Neill is coordinating this effort. Food is packaged at BSLC. Debbie has also provided official 'Buffalo Food Crew' aprons for workers. Contact Debbie if you can help.
- LWML Zoom Fall Rally will be replayed at BSLC on Saturday, Oct. 31st at 10 A.M. All women are invited!
- AZ Caledonia Society will be using the field on Sunday, Nov. 8th for their Scottish games. They will be using the east parking lot beginning 9:30 A.M. Please park in the main lot for Bible class and worship service.
- Stewardship letters have been sent and pledge cards should be returned on Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 1st, or any November Sunday.

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](mailto:s.wardwell@asu.edu) .

**BOARD OF FINANCE:**



## WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML):



## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

The Zone Fall Zoom Rally was held Oct. 17th and was replayed at BSLC on Saturday, Oct. 31st. A Zone newsletter reporting on the rally has been sent to BSLC women.

No in-person meetings are planned until January 2021.

Thanks to your Mitebox and LWML envelope donations, five of the 17 District grants for 2020-2022 have been paid! And 14 of the 21 National grants for 2019-2021 have been paid.

Please pick up a copy of the latest LWML Quarterly in the church narthex and enjoy the articles, Bible studies, and what other LWML groups are doing.

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, [geneqlad@q.com](mailto:geneqlad@q.com)) or the church office (480 967-2660, [office@beautifulsaviortempe.org](mailto: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!

**PASTOR SPALLEK:**

### **The Reformation – An Event Still Worth Remembering**

October is a very special month for those of us in the Protestant tradition and for we Lutherans in particular. Every October, on the last Sunday of the month, we celebrate the anniversary of an event which has been called the beginning act of the Protestant Reformation. On that date in the year 1517, Martin Luther posted his “95 theses” on the door of the University Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

Over the years, many legends have developed over the purpose of this act and the content of these theses. In taking this action, Luther was following a tradition still practiced today in academic institutions of higher learning. He was calling for a debate – in this case, a debate on various points of doctrine he had in disagreement with the church of his day. These involved traditions established by the church as well as the authority of scriptural interpretation. Luther, who had spent years as an Augustinian monk, had recently become professor of theology at the university and wished to have an intellectual discourse on matters that concerned him and his students. Although legend has credited this as the act that broke official ties with Rome, that would not actually take place until 13 years later in the city of Augsburg, Germany with the adoption of the Augsburg Confession. Many reformers would follow Luther all throughout Europe, each bringing their own philosophy and attracting their own unique following.

But the fundamental questions faced by Luther then are ones we still struggle with today and thus are worth continued consideration and thoughtful dialogue. Let me pose what I consider the three most important. First, there is the matter of private interpretation of scripture. If this is totally the church’s responsibility, does that not reduce people to mindless robots? But on the other hand, if everyone reads and interprets for themselves, what’s to prevent the development of as many religious beliefs as there are people? Is that what God really wants? Second, what about Christian liberty? How do we set objective standards for Christian living and at the same time not bind people’s consciences? In a fallen and sinful world there must be “ought’s”, but how do we balance that with the reality that we have been freed from the law in order to live a life of grace and forgiveness? Third, how is God to be worshiped? True, we New Testament Christians don’t live under the ceremonial law of ancient Israel, but without that guidance, how can we have the assurance that we are worshiping God as HE desires to be worshiped, rather than just what’s familiar and comfortable and make us feel good? Opinions differ on these questions, every bit as much as they did in 1517.

I am nowhere near intelligent enough to solve problems like these that have been around for centuries, even millennia. But I do believe that we must be humble enough to have our own opinions and preferences informed by thoughtful dialog with one another. To his credit, Luther set out to do this, but the attitudes of his day (and at times his own stubbornness) got in the way. Why don’t we all rededicate ourselves to Martin Luther’s desire that we learn best and come closest to our God not when we plant our feet in the ground, but listen and learn from each other. Blessings on all of you!

*Pastor Peter*