



December 2020

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.

ATTENDANCE:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December

Pre-Service Advent Christmas Carol Sing-A-Longs!!

Sunday hymn-sing

Come early (9:40 to 10:00am) to sing your favorite Christmas Carols on the next 3 Sundays in Advent: Dec. 6, 13, and 20th.

Carol Requests may be put on a Carol Request

Form and put in the yellow box in narthex or email it to the office. Thank you!

Wednesday, Advent Worship will be held at 7 p.m. only (NO noon service). **The 7 p.m. service will be streamed online**

Board of Elders & Pastor Spallek

TREASURES FOR TEACHERS: Are no longer accepting the following: Toilet paper or Paper towel rolls, Egg Cartons, Tissue Boxes, Plastic Caps add all types of containers.

Dorothy McShee

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!

TO THE CONGREGATION FROM OUR NEIGHBORS:

Dear Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, thank you again for letting the whole community use your beautiful field. All of the neighbors love to come out and run, play, and walk on your grass. We enjoy hanging out under your olive trees, playing catch, and playing basketball on your courts. Our family really liked watching the Highland Games last weekend. What we love to do the most is to play catch there and run with our little dogs. We noticed not all the neighbors pick up their doggy's poops- so this weekend we decided to clean it up. We will keep doing it so that you keep letting our community use your field. Thank you for letting us use your land, paying the landscaping, and paying the water to keep the grass green. Thank you again!

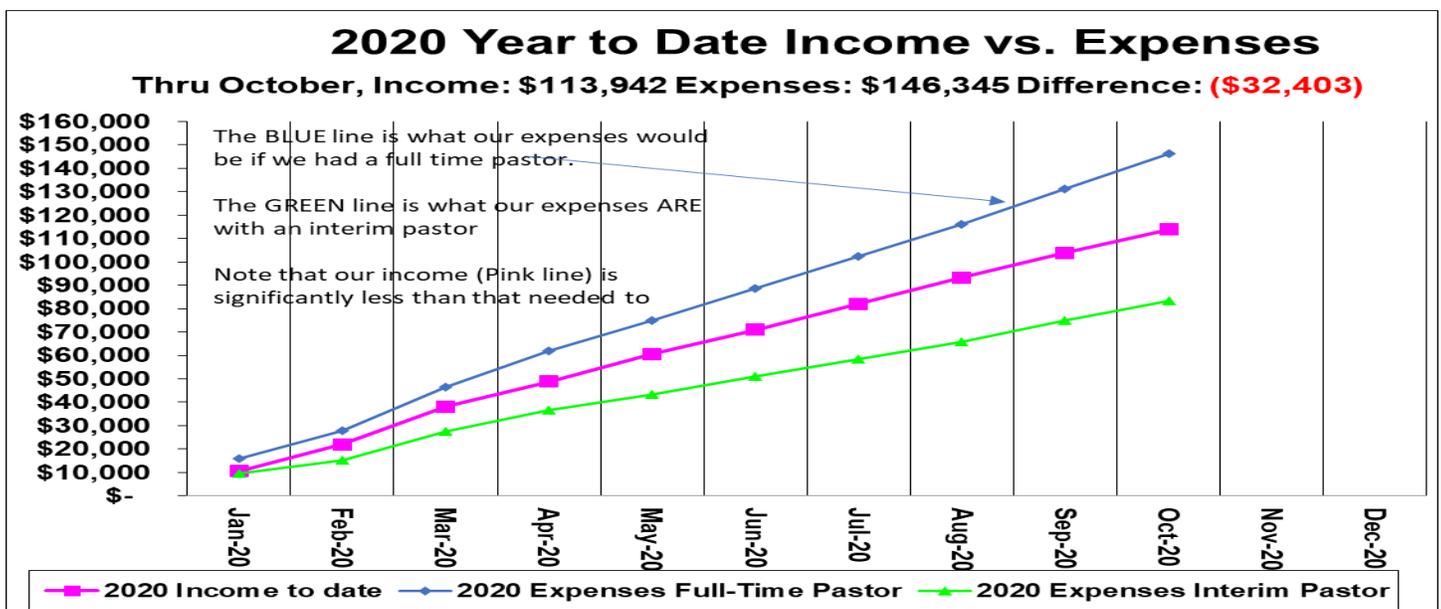
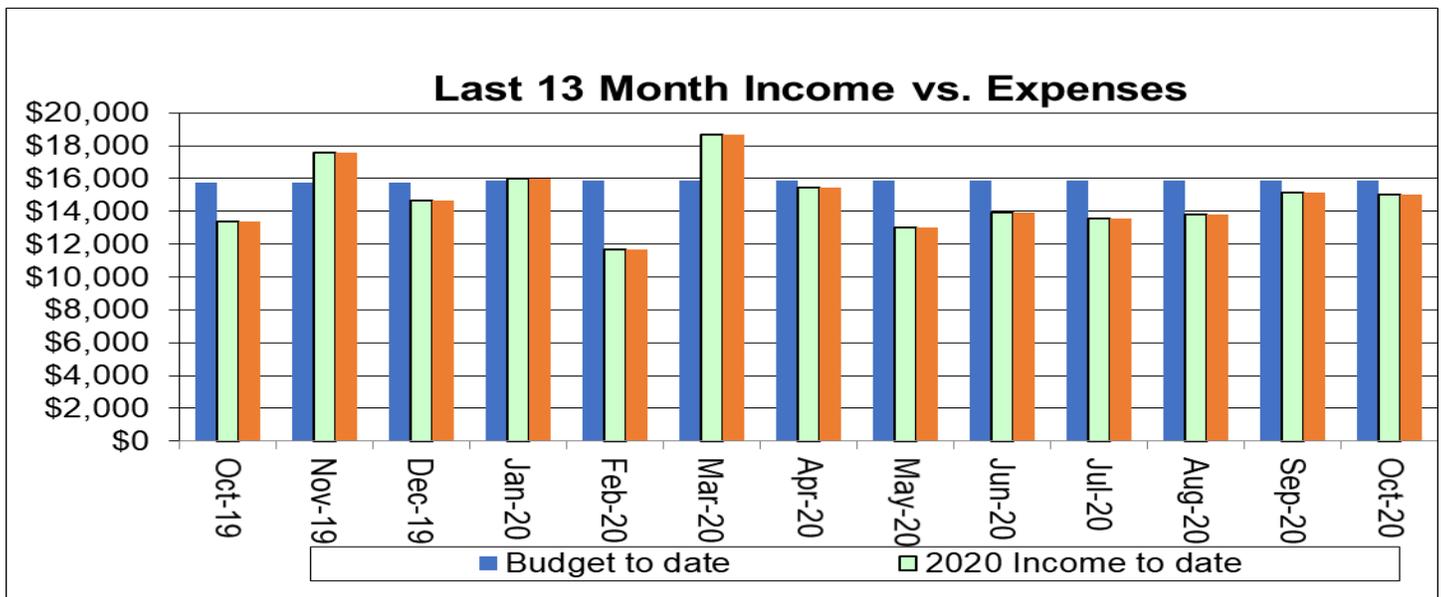
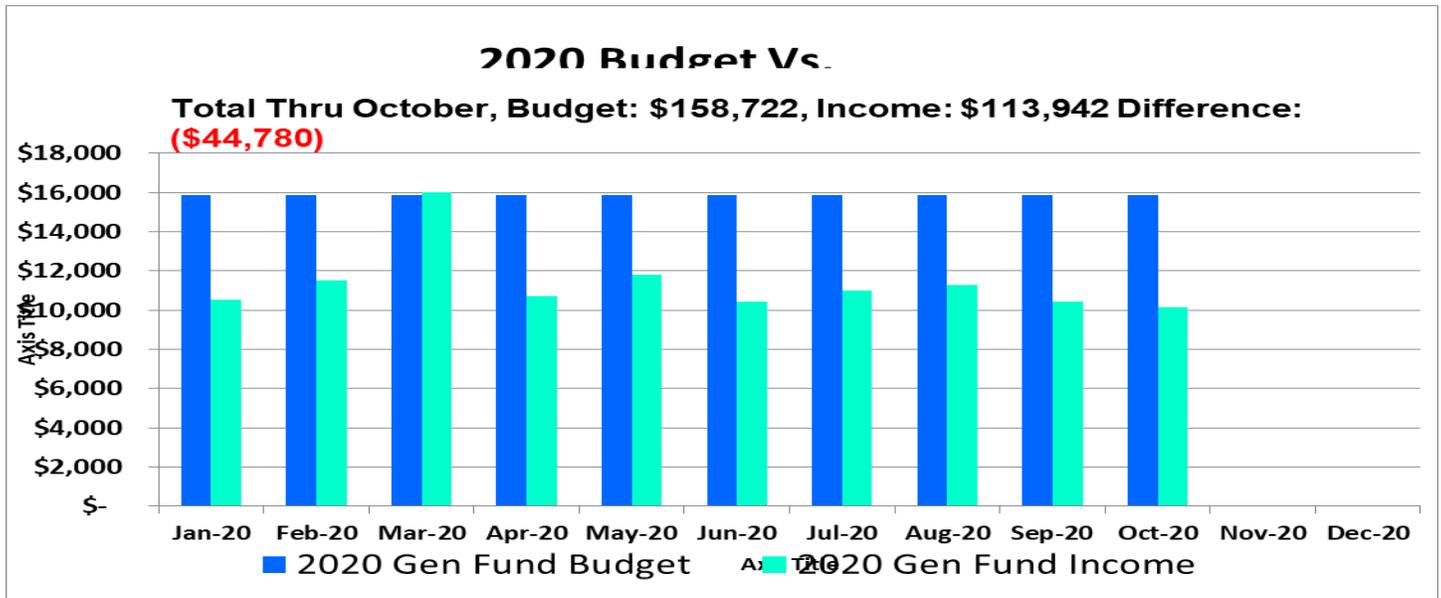
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 VOTERS AND COUNCIL MEETING

The Quarterly Voters meeting was held Nov. 17th and the regular Council meeting was held November 15th. Highlights of those meetings are:

- Voters approved the 2021 budget recommended by the Finance committee and the Council. Total budget is \$149,937, a decrease of \$41,128 from 2020.
- The Caledonian Society donated \$200 in appreciation for the use of the field for their Highland Games event.
- Stewardship members collected pledge cards in November
- Stewardship provided items to Tempe High for the homeless students
- Christian Education is working on the idea of producing videos on various topics that can be viewed on line
- Mid-week Advent services will be at 7 PM only – no noon services and no soup lunches or dinners
- Andrew Grant attended the Circuit Forum meeting regarding the 2021 District Convention
- Trustees report volunteer hours: 22 hours for various tasks, 7 hours by volunteer musicians, 140 hours for preparation of meals for Tempe High football team by the Buffalo Food Crew
- Carol sing alongs to be held before Sunday Advent worship services
- Everyone invited to help with church decorating Saturday Dec. 5th, 10 A.M.
- Call Committee is reviewing draft of sister congregation agreement

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 .

BOARD OF FINANCE:



WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML):



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

We will not be hosting a congregational Christmas dinner in December.

Please pick up the Winter 2020 Quarterly in the narthex. The theme of the issue is "Surrounded by His Grace". Articles about forgiveness, prison ministry, God's miracles in people's lives, and activities of LWML societies around the country. Bible studies are included along with information about the national convention in Lexington, KY next June. Please read this issue and then pass along to anyone you know!

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, gene glad@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!

PASTOR SPALLEK:

Christmas Greetings

Blessings and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once again, it's that time of the year! We've almost made it through another year together here at Beautiful Savior. And what a year it was! We just celebrated a day of Thanksgiving, and this month, we and all who follow the liturgical calendar, will begin a brand new church year with the season of Advent. A time in which we wait in eager anticipation to celebrate our Savior's birth. What a blessed occurrence that was - and still is! The almighty creator of all things. The one the apostle John says "*Through whom all things were made*" and of whom St. Paul writes, "*In him, the fullness of God dwells*" took on human form and lived among men. And we also marvel in wonder at the manner of his coming - in a humble stable, to a family of meager means. Not at all the arrival you would expect of a King, let alone one fitting for God himself! And as we view his ministry through the eyes of the Gospel writers, we see that same humbleness, through the love he showed to those around him, by the gentle wisdom of his teaching and his willingness to respond to the needs around him. It is truly fitting that we take time every year to meditate on this wonderful event. Despite all the hype you hear and see in our over commercialized world, the humble and lowly birth of this child, Jesus Christ, God in human form, is the best reason for our celebration. So let's all join in that celebration and lift our voices with the angels on that first holy night. Our God has not abandoned us to suffer our fate! He has provided the perfect path for us to be reconciled back to him. And he has done this in the person of his only Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Because of Christ, and Christ alone, there is now "*peace on earth, and good will from God to man.*"

I wish each of you and your families, a most blessed and wonderful Christmas season this year. May our Lord richly bless you and yours

Pastor Peter