



FEBRUARY 2021

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

60th Anniversary: “Praise – Love – Share”

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 December: 33 at church service, also streamed online; 7 at Adult Bible Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 17, 7 p.m.; Lenten Midweek 2 Worship will be held at **7 p.m. (service will be streamed online)** Board of Elders & Pastor Spallek

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!

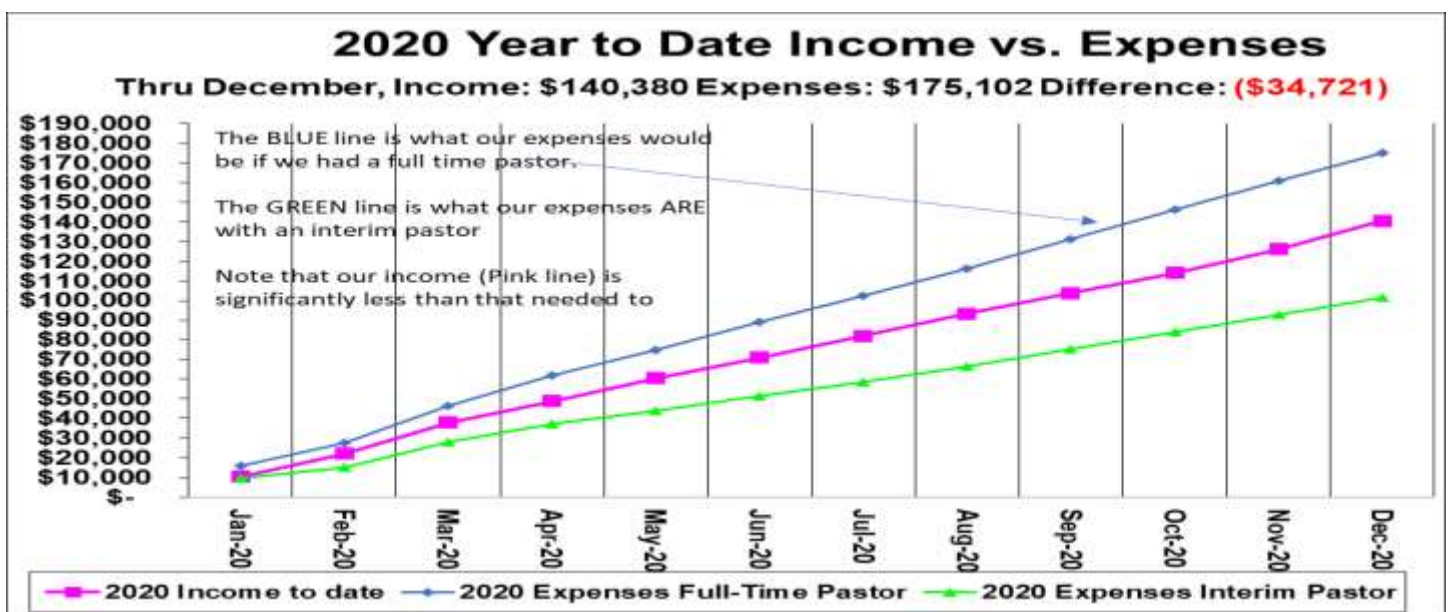
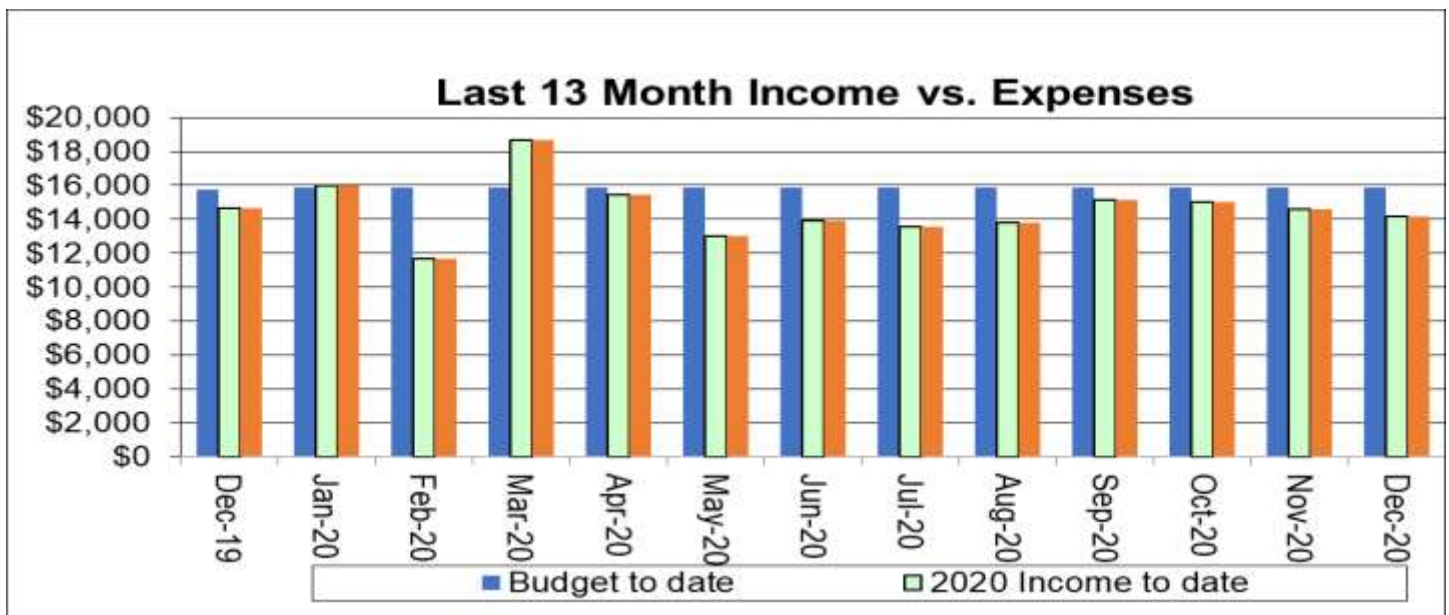
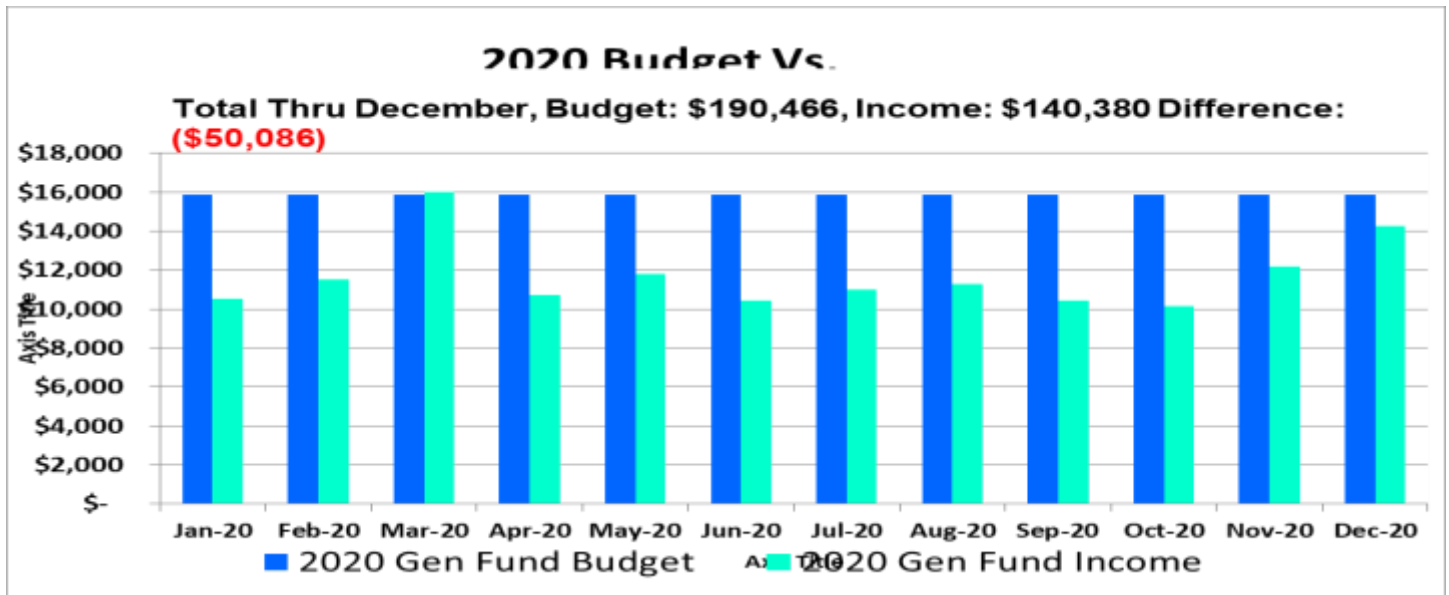
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 2021 COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETINGS

The regular Council meeting was held January 19th and the Quarterly Voters meeting was held January 24th. Highlights of those meetings are:

- Todd Hanley is the new football coach at Tempe High. Michael Carlin told him about BSLC donating dinners to the team and he was very receptive to continuing this tradition.
- Stewardship completely funded the Angel Tree program for homeless students at Tempe High with the anonymous donation received in 2020.
- Stewardship has learned Gillland needs food for their pantry. A list was handed out to bring specific items to church any time.
- Stewardship is keeping in touch with Holdeman about their need for snacks for the day students meeting in their gym.
- Justa Center needs funds to help the increasing number of homeless seniors. The Voters approved conducting quarterly fundraisers By Stewardship for them.
- Pastor Spallek will complete the Sunday morning Bible class study of John Jan. 31st.
- Pastor Spallek will meet with Pastor Anderson to introduce him to the shut-ins and review Beautiful Savior's practices.
- Elders are deciding Lenten service schedule.
- Chili cook off postponed.
- PTC announced they will not host a Tuesday pancake supper before Ash Wednesday. They cancelled the St. Patrick's corned beef meal.
- Trustees are asking for re-bids on the bathroom project.
- Trustees ask any member volunteering for any service activity at Beautiful Savior to please list their hours on the clipboard in the Trustee closet in the fellowship hour.
- Music Director thanked all volunteer musicians for their participation in the Advent and Christmas services and upcoming Dedication Service for Pastor Anderson.
- Music Director is coordinating the Dedication processional, recessional, and placement of choir and instruments to provide social distancing.
- LWML held an in-person meeting January 23rd to review activities. No in-person meetings will be held this spring.
- 22 Voters were present at the meeting Jan. 24th.
- Treasurer reported a negative balance for the year of (\$31,704). This is due to setting aside \$80,000 from pastor salary savings. The salary savings set aside will end in February because 2021 budget includes Pastor salary and benefits.
- Voters approved giving the \$2500 from the Rejuvenation Fund designated for Tempe High Food Boxes to Stewardship to use to help Gillland and Holdeman and Justa Center. Tempe High has a supplier for the food boxes and does not need these funds.
- Voters approved the request from Synod to delay the Synodical convention from 2022 to 2023 in order to give Districts time to hold their conventions due to covid considerations.

If you are interested in receiving the Council and Voters meeting information, 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) ALSO KNOWN AS WOMEN IN MISSION

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR NEWS

Our first in-person meeting since February 2020 was January 23rd. We discussed the following:

- A 60th anniversary project. This could be looking at the history of our LWML society at Beautiful Savior.
- Reviewing the items in the LWML cupboard under the mailboxes – what to keep, what to discard.
- How to thank our BSLC congregation for their support of LWML missions in 2020, since we were unable to host a Christmas dinner. . We have contributed over \$1700 in mites and also \$1100 to Camp Aloma.
- News from the District including plans for the 2022 District convention At Embassy Suites, Tempe. Our Society is serving on the Badges and Packets Committee.
- Assisting with a reception following Rev. Anderson's dedication service Feb. 7th.

DISTRICT MITEBOX MISSIONS

Please continue to make your Mite Box and LWML envelope contributions. Or contribute on-line on the Beautiful Savior web page (<http://www.beautifulsaviortempe.org>) The Pacific SW District Mite goal for 2020-2022 is \$156,860. Eight of the 17 District grants have been paid!! They include these Arizona grants:

- Atonement Lutheran School Art Easel Sets, Glendale, AZ \$3,000
- An Equine Endowment/Saddles of Joy Inc., Yuma, AZ \$7,700
- Operation School Bell/Assistance League of Yuma, Yuma, AZ \$10,000

DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS

The District LWML 39th Biennial convention will be in Tempe, AZ June 3-5, 2022. The theme is 'Treasured!' and is based on Matthew 13:44-46, finding a pearl of great value.

Convention Mission Statement: "Treasured by God's Embrace"

Mission goals are:

- Be assured that you are a treasure to our Lord.
- Be affirmed in His love for you.
- Be encouraged to take His love into the world.

Thank you for your support of LWML! We look forward to being more active in 2021. Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions

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, geneqlad@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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

The Stewardship committee took clothing to Holdeman school in early November. We had an anonymous donation of \$3,100 early in 2020 to be used to help the homeless kids at Tempe High school and in mid-November, we took sweatshirts, underwear, 20 hygiene kits, and school supplies such as paper, pencils, notebooks, hand held calculators, graph paper, etc. etc. to them. We also were able to totally fund their Angel Tree this December in the amount of \$1,950. This included \$40 VISA cards for each of the 30 students in this McKinney Vento program and \$25.00 grocery gift cards from Fry's Food stores for the families of these 30 students to buy food for Christmas. We also provided more underwear to them in January. We currently have only \$235 of that donation left so have used the money as the donor intended.

The big need at Holdeman is snacks for the 50 or so kids who, even though school is virtual for most of their students, have no safe place to be during the day or have no computer at home on which to work, so gather in their gym each day. Gilliland needs the same as well as helping to stock their food pantry, which is entirely bare right now. So, we passed out a list of items needed for that food pantry this last Sunday to our members and are hoping we will get a good response which we can then take to Gilliland. We also plan to shop at Fry's on Senior Wednesday to buy these items so that our money will go further when we get that 10% discount.

We found out at the Congregational Voter's meeting on Sunday, that the \$2,500 that has been put aside from our rejuvenation funds to help Tempe High with monthly food boxes for needy families, but which Tempe High does not seem to need help with (they already have vendors that contribute to this cause) will be transferred to the Stewardship committee to help with the food needs of Holdeman and Gilliland. We found that Holdeman also gives out monthly food boxes but they also declined our help with that since that project is involved with the Food Bank and there are too many rules and regulations to let an outside organization help. So right now, the big needs of these schools is for snacks and for supplying their food pantries.

We have heard that Justa Center is struggling and our committee asked the congregation at the meeting if they would be in favor of taking an offering quarterly so that we could give cash to that entity for them to use as is needed most. The congregation voted to do so. Our first collection will be in February or March. Watch for further news on when and how we take that offering.

Bobbie, Dorothy, Wendy and Charlotte

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED FOR GILLILAND FOOD PANTRY:

Rice, Pinto beans, Corn meal, Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter, Hearty soups, Canned meat, Powdered milk, Taco shells, Saltine crackers, Cereal, Oatmeal, Canned tomatoes, Canned vegetables, Canned fruit.

PASTOR PETER SPALLEK:

A Farewell Note

Has it really been 14 months? The calendar says so but it certainly doesn't seem that way. Back on Thanksgiving 2019 I led my first service here at Beautiful Savior. Little did I (or we) imagine the events that would characterize my time here with you. Over these months we've spent time learning and growing together, time rejoicing together, and time grieving together. I do thank our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ for the opportunity to serve Him and you during this chapter of my life.

Yes, we have indeed come a long way together. But God has a time and a place for everything. A time to begin and a time to move on to the next chapter. And that time for you and I is now. He has plans for your church, which you must prayerfully discern and follow, as I must do as well. I will continue in His ministry although I do not know yet all that is in store for me in the years to come. I will be active at Hosanna, my home church. I will continue to fill in on Sunday's from time to time. I plan to continue with my work at Sola (the Lutheran ministry to ASU students) as well as other ministries on campus. And of course I will spend much time with my family living here in Phoenix. Whatever other ministries He has for me (large or small) I await to find out. Interestingly, as the cycle of God's timing goes on, I now have a great-grandchild on the way. Our family continues to be blessed with a new generation emerging even as God calls some of us who have completed our earthly journey home.

So I will just bid you all a fond farewell now. I will come back and visit from time to time and possibly even fill in on a Sunday once in a while. I want to thank each of you individually and all of you collectively for the love, prayers, and warm, sincere condolences you showed to me and my family at Christina's passing. We are still working through our stages of grief but your support has been a great help and blessing. Finally, remember this. Whatever happens in this temporary existence we all walk, we will be spending an eternity together. We didn't earn that – Jesus bought it for us.

With fondness and much love to you all,

Pastor Peter