



**MARCH 2021**

Beautiful  
Savior  
Lutheran  
Church  
Newsletter

## **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: “Praise – Love – Share”**

### **HOW CAN I REACH BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR?**

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or check us out on the WEB: [www.beautifulsaviortempe.org](http://www.beautifulsaviortempe.org)  
Mail or in person at: 1337 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Tempe, AZ 85281  
Church offices are open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Average for the month of February: 38 at church service, also streamed online; 7 at Adult Bible Study.  
21 at church service Midweek Services

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **MARCH**

**Wednesdays 7 p.m. Worship, March 3, 10, 17 24, 2021 - Lenten Midweek**  
**(services will be streamed online at:**  
**[www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/](http://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/))**

**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!

## **OPPORTUNITY! *Love Music? Love to Sing?***

Here's your chance to have your say!

### **GLORIA??? YES!!!**

The newly formed Worship Planning Committee, which shall henceforth be referred to as **GLORIA** (as in Soli Deo Gloria) will **begin meeting in March.**

## **What's the purpose of this group?**

To select all the hymns, and special worship events for a 3- month period.

## **How often will they meet?**

The group will **meet quarterly** to plan for the upcoming season.

## **Who may attend?**

Anyone who is interested in music and worship; who is not afraid to share their opinion, and who is ready to work hard, while having a lot of FUN!

WOW, sounds great!!

## **When is the first meeting?**

**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 12pm in Fuerbringer Fellowship Hall.**

## **Will this be a “safe” meeting?**

\*Yes. All in attendance WILL be appropriately masked and socially distanced.

## **What services of interest will be covered in this meeting?**

All of April ~ May ~ June, 2021, which includes:

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunrise, Easter 10am Festival, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, Memorial Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

## **What if I can't attend the meeting but want to participate?**

If you cannot be there in person, please send your requests, suggestions, and fabulous ideas ahead of time to:

Ellen Brown, either by a phone call (602)315-1089 or a text to that number or an

e-mail to: [ellenbrown488@gmail.com](mailto:ellenbrown488@gmail.com). She'll be delighted to put forth your ideas and suggestions!



## ***Easter Gospel Baskets***

*Beautiful Savior LWML* together with *Thrivent Action Team* is working with Sharon Owens and the Campus Mission Coalition to provide Easter Gospel Baskets for the International Students at ASU. Sharon will distribute these on Maundy Thursday to the International students as she shares the GOSPEL story. Each item reflects how it relates to the Easter story.

The cost of each basket is about \$5. We are putting together 50 baskets. You are welcome to help sponsor one or more baskets. To make a donation, please put the monies in an **envelope marked LWML** with “**Easter Basket Project**” written on the front. A check should be made out to **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church** and in the memo note: **Easter Basket Project**. Please place the donations in the offering plate at church or you may mail it to the church office. We will be collecting monies until March 14. The baskets will be assembled Sat., March 27. Any monies left over will be used to purchase eggs for the students to color their own Easter Eggs. Thank you for your generosity and support!

For more information please contact *Debby Bergman* at (806) 282-7198 or [deb.bergman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deb.bergman@sbcglobal.net).

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

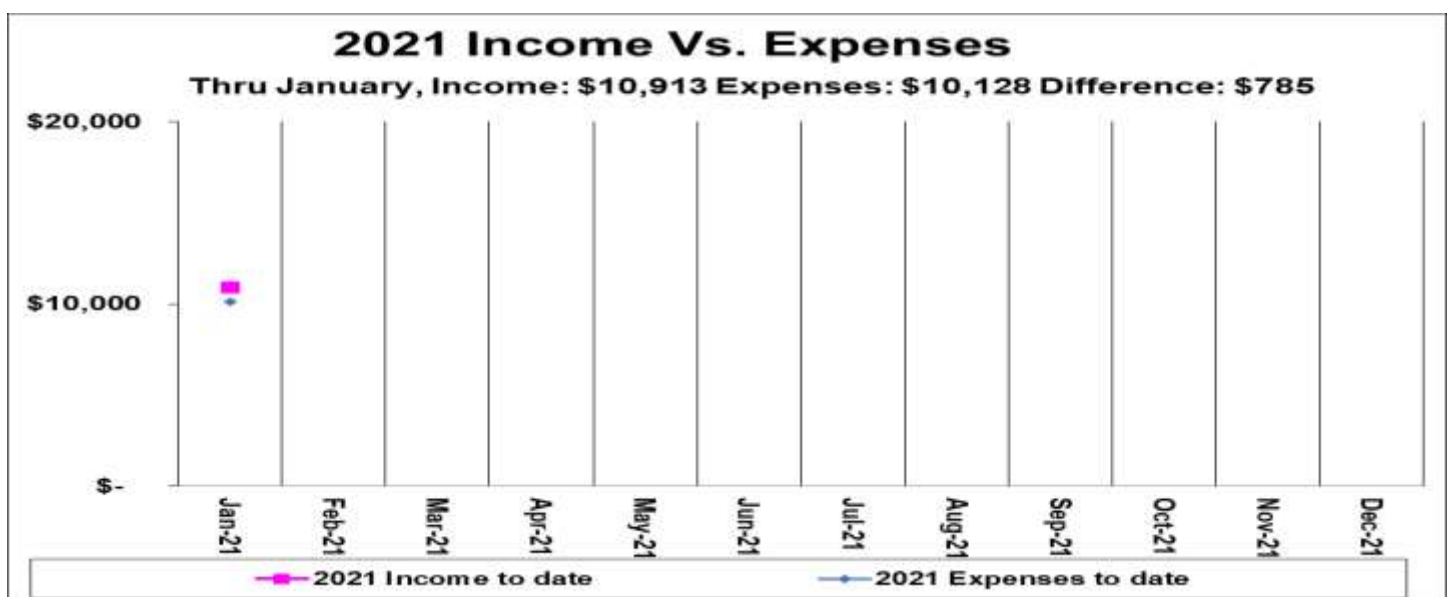
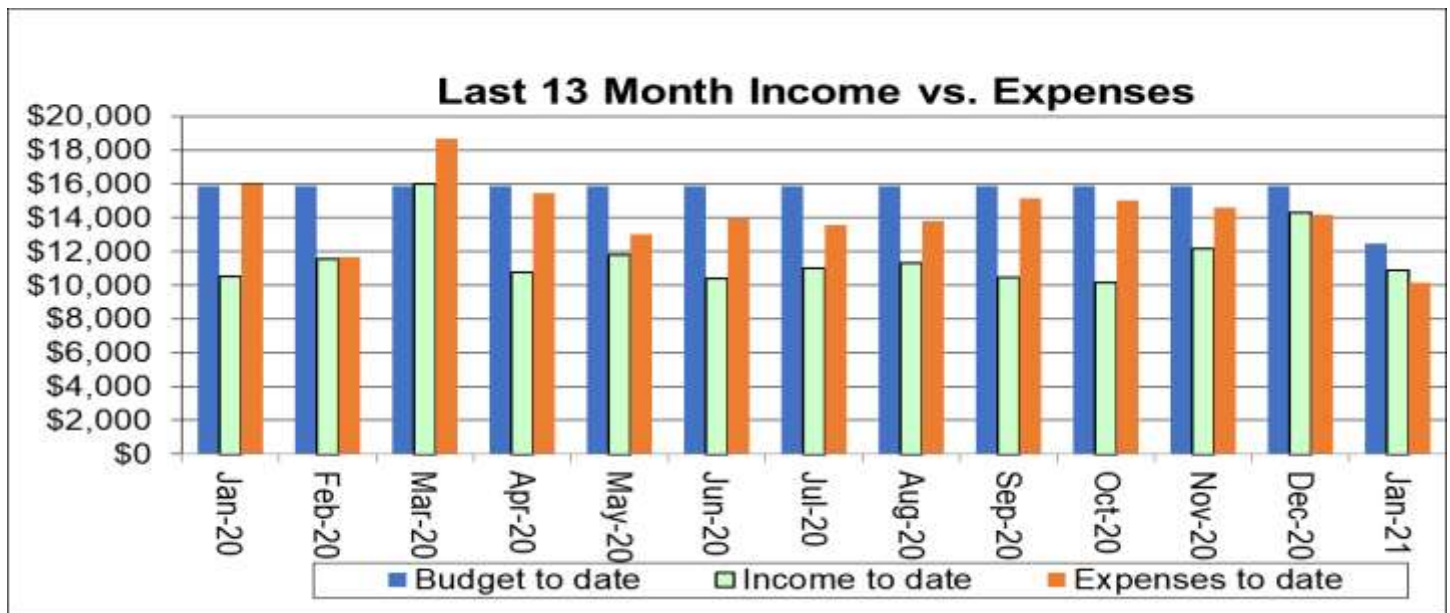
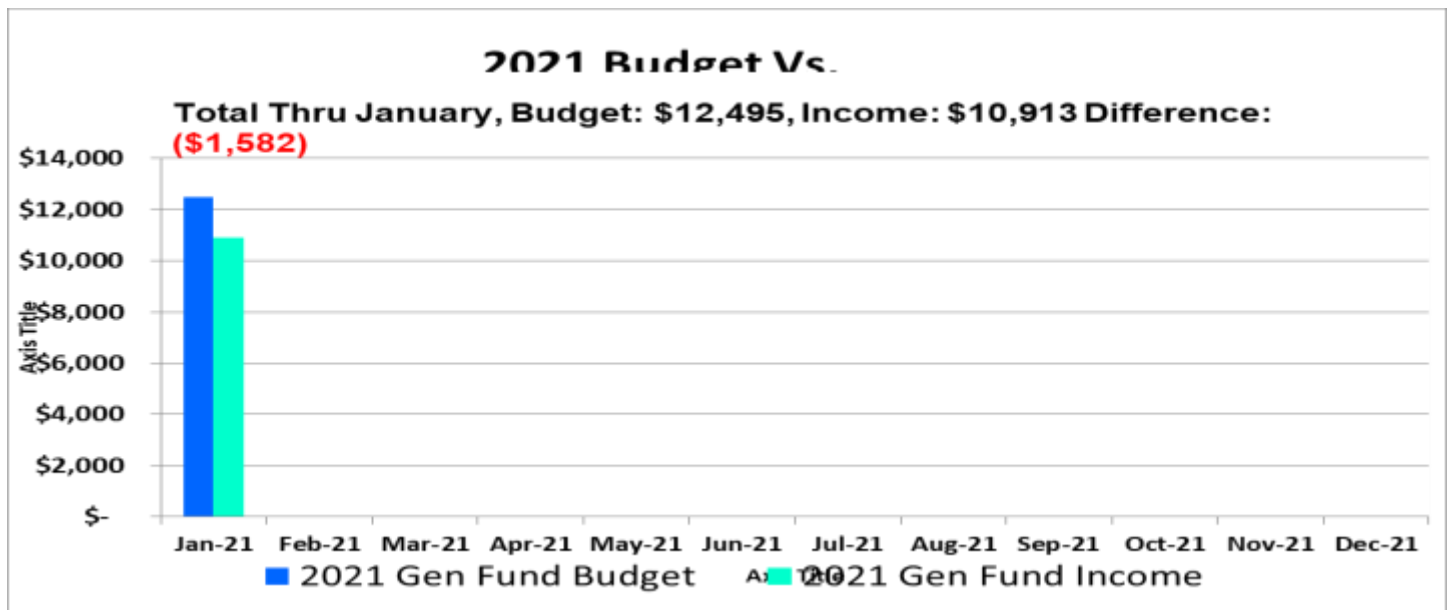
The regular Council meeting was held February 16th. Highlights of the meeting are:

- Ash Wednesday and mid-week services will be held on Wednesdays at 7 PM and will be streamed on Facebook. No noon services will be held and no soup suppers. The theme of the services will be ‘I AM’ statements.
- Pastor Tim will be doing a pulpit swap with Pastor Mark Friedrich every two months.
- PTC will not be serving a corned beef and cabbage in March.
- Treasurer reported January finished with a positive balance of \$793.
- Treasurer reported salary savings will no longer be set aside beginning in February.
- Stewardship provided snacks/food to Holdeman and Gililand per their requests. Board members will contact the schools each month for specific items needed for their food pantries and will shop for them on senior day at Fry’s.
- 2022 offering envelopes have been ordered.
- \$750 donated for Dedication service expenses.
- Finance Secretary prepared 2020 giving statements in January.
- Stewardship plans a special drive for Justa Center needs in March.
- The Braille project group continues to meet Tuesday mornings at Beautiful Savior to assemble large print Braille documents.
- Pastor Tim is leading an on-line Bible study Monday through Thursday, 4 PM. The study looks at a chapter in Exodus each day.

- Trustees noted 76 volunteer hours (Trustee members, Music Ministry participants, and others) for the month.
- Trustees are meeting with contractors to finalize upgrades to restrooms.
- Music Director Brown listed musicians and music provided in January and February including the dedication service for Pastor Tim. Thanks were expressed for the donations for the guest musicians.
- Thanks to Debby Bergman for creating the second of three banners recognizing BSLC's 60th anniversary.
- Director Brown is forming a Worship Planning Committee named "GLORIA". It is open to any congregation member who wishes to participate.
- The LWML Society will be assembling 50 Easter Gospel Baskets for Sharon Owens to distribute to ASU students. Debby Berman is organizing this effort.
- The National LWML has adopted a new mission statement to replace the one created in 1988.
- LWML National has reached its biennium goal of raising \$2.1 million!
- PTC plans to decorate the church with flowers on Easter Sunday.
- Rejuvenation committee spent \$4178 for sound equipment of which \$1150 was from specifically designated donations with the remainder coming from the Rejuvenation Fund.
- The LCMS national synod convention will be delayed by one year after receiving a majority of yes votes on the January ballot.

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

**BOARD OF FINANCE:**



## **WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML):**



## **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) ALSO KNOWN AS WOMEN IN MISSION**

Our LWML Society met January 23rd, 2021 with 8 members in attendance. Our society plans to meet in person beginning in September. Several members helped serve the refreshments at the Dedication service for Pastor Tim Anderson.

Sharon Owens of the LCMS Campus Ministry Coalition has asked us to contribute 50 Easter Gospel baskets for her students at Arizona State University. Debby Bergman is leading this project.

Sharon sent an update of the efforts of her team at ASU. Their welcome event drew 62 students – she was planning on 50! Her first Thursday Gathering drew 50 people and she had to turn away 35 students due to lack of space and food. So she began hosting 2 events on Thursdays.

### **NEWS FROM LWML ZONE**

The Arizona LWML Zones are not holding spring rallies. However we encourage our societies to participate in Zoom events held by Arizona societies and the District.

### **NEWS FROM LWML DISTRICT**

The District LWML is holding monthly Zoom Connections meetings open to all women in the District as a way to get to know each other and share ideas as we cannot meet in person. Contact me for more information.

Ten of 17 mission grants have been paid with half of the \$150,000 goal already raised. The fiscal biennium for these grants ends March 31, 2022.

### **NEWS FROM LWML NATIONAL**

The National Convention is scheduled for June 24-26 in Lexington, KY. The Executive Committee will determine if the convention can meet in person at their March meeting. Sandra Wardwell and Chris Mahler are the Delegate and Alternate for Zone 27/30. Arrangements are being made for email voting to select the mission grants and mission goal for the next two years.

The biennium mite goal of \$2.1 million dollars has been raised by mid-February, well ahead of the March 31st deadline. All 21 mission grants will be paid!!

### **NEW LWML MISSION STATEMENT**

A new Mission Statement was adopted at the Presidents Assembly in January, replacing the one written in 1988:

**As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.**

Five core values were identified with this mission statement:

- Christian Women – We live as redeemed children of the Triune God
- In God's Word – We live in joyful response to the Holy Scriptures
- Mission-focused – We answer God's call to share His Gospel at home and abroad
- Embrace diversity – We are sisters in Christ who value and benefit from each other
- Servant Leaders – We are called and equipped by God to serve others.

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

Sandra Wardwell (s.wardwell@asu.edu)  
480-334-4176

### **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](mailto:geneglad@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!

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT:**

The Stewardship committee is trying to meet the needs for food at the schools in our immediate community. In February, we provided snacks for Holdeman to use for those kids who are gathering at the school even though school is not in "in person" session, because some kids have nowhere else to go or have no computer. We also shopped for the food items to re-stock Gililland School's pantry. We also passed out a list of items needed and the congregation brought some of those non-perishable food items, too, that were taken to the school. We did our shopping on Sr. Wednesday at Fry's and will be doing the same thing the first Wednesday of March. Tempe High McKinney Vento program had need of spiral notebooks and composition notebooks and since we found them on sale, we delivered 200 of each to them along with some clothing items.

March will be the month that we will be collecting cash for the Justa Center on all 4 Sundays. If you would like to contribute, just use your "Designated Funds" envelope and write on it, "Justa Center."



Submitted by Bobbie, Dorothy, Wendy, and Charlotte

**PASTOR TIM ANDERSON:**

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Friends in Christ, it is so nice for my wife Annie and I to be able to greet you all in the name of our Beautiful Savior, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For those who have not yet had the chance to meet me, my name is Pastor Tim Anderson, and I am the new Pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church here in Tempe, AZ. In addition to serving Beautiful Savior, I also serve as Associate Pastor of Mountain View Lutheran Church in Apache Junction, AZ. I am here among you as part of a Sister Congregation Partnership as we strive to bring a new chapter of growth and revitalization to Beautiful Savior. I am here to work with you as we strive to share the Good News of Jesus with our friends, family members, neighbors, community, university and world. We are on our way, by the spirits guiding, as we lift each other up in prayer.

Often, when we begin a new chapter, we find ourselves pausing to think about where we have been. I know lately that I have thought long and hard about the Journey that has led me here, to you. I have thought about the Church I grew up in, how we went through a similar season of revitalization and rebirth, as a small congregation on Long Island turned the page and grew to become one of the largest Lutheran congregations in their area. They used the resources that God had already given to them to make connections within their community once again. They even took an evergreen tree on their property and started hosting a Christmas Tree-Lighting each and every year. They partnered with local schools and they made connections. Once again, that church started joyfully sharing the good news of Jesus with everyone around them. They were excited to be The Life Lutheran Church, and everyone could see it. They could have focused on the past, but instead they looked to the future.

Since becoming a Pastor in 2015, I have heard many church members talk about the good old days. The good old days at church, the good old days of Lutheranism, the good old days of Christianity in America. Now, here's the thing, I'm only 33 years old, and I don't know if I have ever known those "Good Old Days." I didn't grow up with that, I just didn't. In many ways I grew up in a time when the church was already struggling and failing. Growth at The Life Lutheran Church didn't happen until I was in my 20's. That is why I have always loved what God says through the Prophet Jeremiah.

When the prophet writes that God "knows the plans He has for you," he was writing to a people in captivity. They had been taken from their home in Jerusalem to Babylon. When they got there God told them to





unpack, to put down roots, that they would be there for a while. They would be there 70 years!!! It would have been easy to dwell on the good old days, it would have been easy to think that their best days as a nation were behind them, but instead God had them look forward. He said I plan to prosper you, to give you hope and a future. Things will get better and they did. They returned to Jerusalem, they rebuilt their temple, and all those youth who had been born in the times of captivity, born away from Jerusalem, they rejoiced as they worshiped their God at His temple, in the place they had set apart to worship Him.

Now, I don't want to diminish the "good old days." In fact, this Lenten season is a great time to focus on the past, where we have been. It's a great time to think back on the history of our church and even more so to look back on the history of our salvation. It's a time to focus on the story of Jesus and what he accomplished for each and every one of us at the cross. It's a great time to share our story. And I want you to share it because I want to know it! I want to know the story of Beautiful Savior the church this lent as we share the story of our Beautiful Savior and God. I encourage each of you to share it with me, the story of Beautiful Savior and your story of faith as well.

But then I want us to look forward and trust, really trust. Trust that God plans to prosper us as a church and give us hope and a future. I already see it. God is already working in and through us to make connections with our local schools, to make connections with community organizations, to make connections as we make the scriptures more readily available to those with poor vision and to the blind. And the community is already looking to connect with us! Sister ministries are asking to partner with Beautiful savior, to use our space, to engage the world with the Gospel.

This Lenten season we look back, but at the end of that journey we see the empty tomb, we see woman running to share the good news. We see Peter and John and all the disciples running to share the good news. Seeing and believing that Jesus is alive. That is a message they shared again and again until you and I heard it, from our parents, from our mentors, from our church. Now we get to go and share it. We get to go and get people excited to gather here, in this place, set apart to worship God for all He has done and all He still plans to do. So, invite your friends, invite your family, invite members of the church you haven't seen in a while to be part of what we will do here together. We will strive to encourage those held captive to the pain of this life to trust in the hope and life to come because the tomb is empty. Together we will proclaim life, life everlasting with our Beautiful savior.

I ask you to pray that God would lead us on this journey over the next few years. He already knows the plans he has for each of us as individuals, but He also knows the plans He has collectively for us as a church. My wife Annie and I look forward to working together with you and I look forward to getting to know you all as your Pastor.

Pastor Tim