



MAY 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 April: 39 at church service, also streamed online; at 9 Adult Bible Study.
at church service Midweek Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAY 2021



**Sunday, May 2, 2021 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
after the worship service in the fellowship hall.**

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!

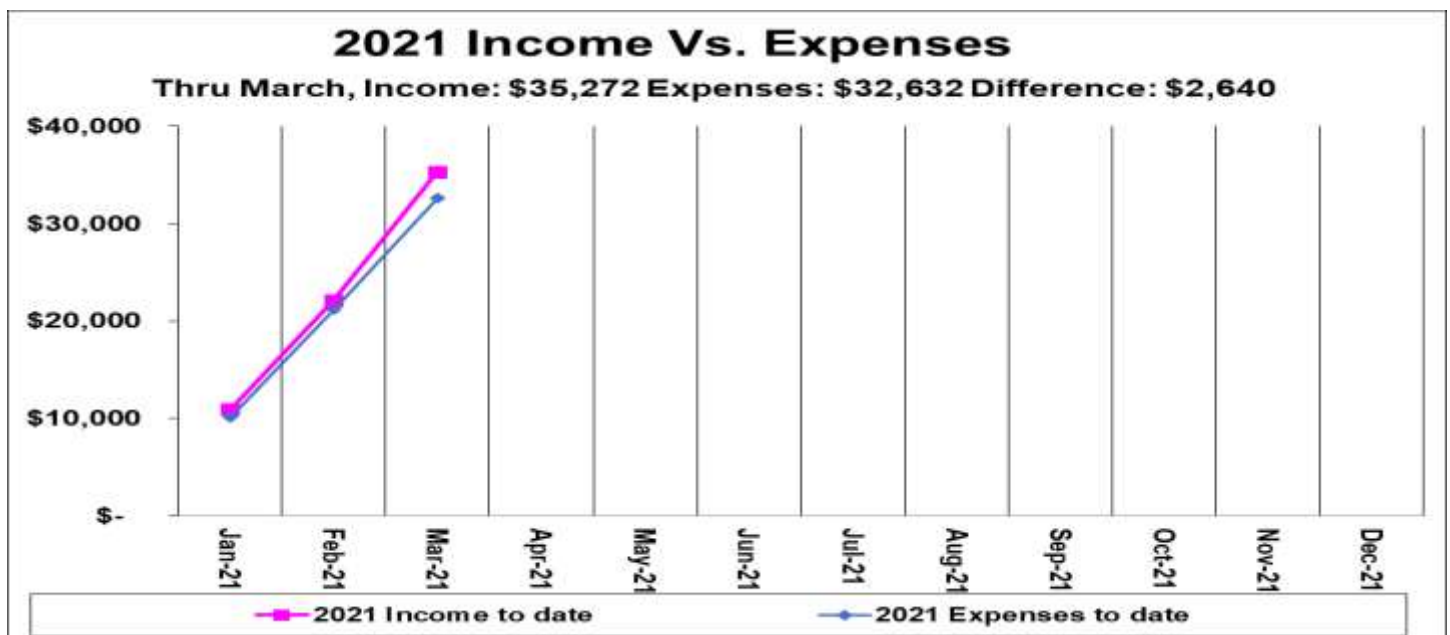
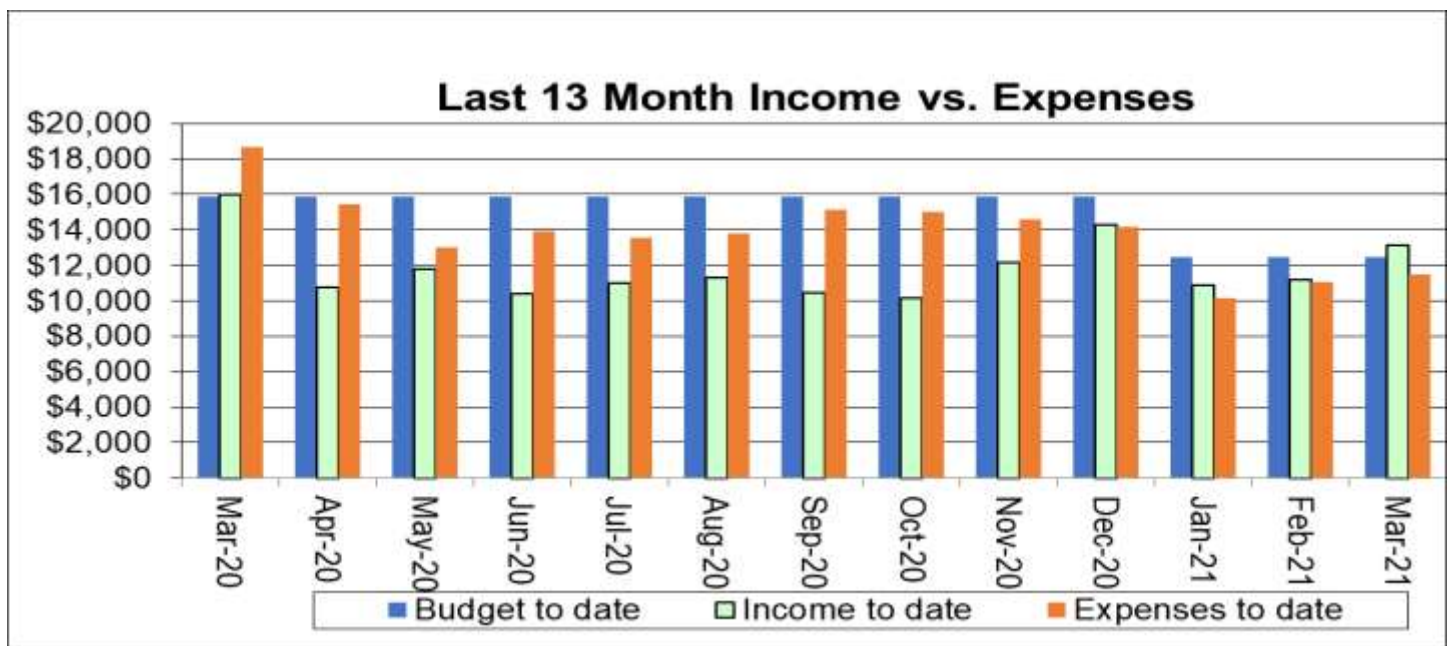
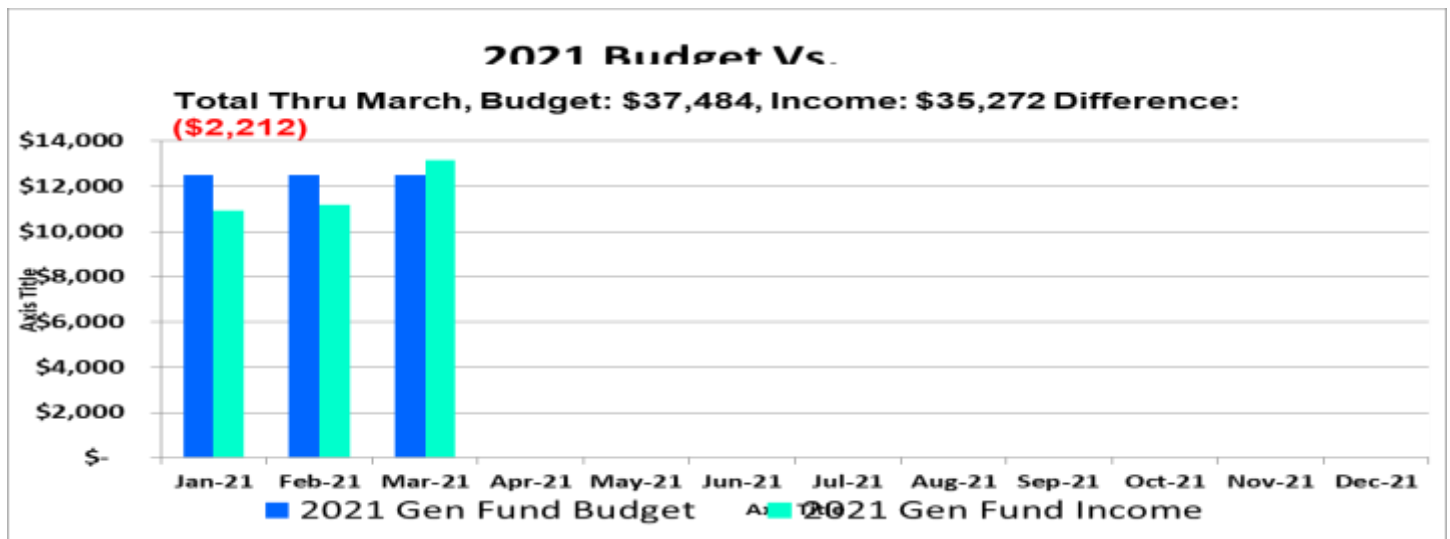
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 2021 COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETINGS.

The regular Council meeting was held April 20th and the Quarterly Voters meeting was held April 25th. Highlights of those meetings are:

- Pastor expressed his appreciation for the trust and cooperation he has experienced while he has been with Beautiful Savior and especially for the support for the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter services.
- President Cyndi filed a police report concerning the damage done to the field by some one driving over it after irrigation.
- Trustees will consider signage for the field to indicate it is private property belonging to BSLC. Neighbors are invited to enjoy it and be respectful with their use of it.
- GLORIA worship committee is meeting every two months to plan worship service music. All are welcome to attend or submit suggestions.
- Pastor reported 2 couples have expressed joining BSLC. He will work with the Elders to create a membership/orientation class.
- March finished with a positive balance of \$1,710. Expenses were under budget by \$1,036, with income under budget by (\$669) resulting in the surplus for the month.
- For the year to date, we have a surplus of \$2,659.
- Our expenses in March totaled 91.7% of budget and the total for the year is at 87.0%.
- The Campus Rejuvenation Fund (Matching Funds) balance at the end of March was **\$41,925**.
- Two members have volunteered for the Audit Committee
- Board of Stewardship collected \$200 for the Justa Center and purchased and delivered the items they requested. Another fundraiser will be held during the month of June.
- Pastor Tim will be starting the book of Acts during his Sunday morning Bible Class. He has started the book of Isaiah for his weekday afternoon class.
- Trustees reported the bathroom remodel project will be started in late April or early May.
- Trustees have scheduled a work Saturday for May 15th at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and select a task from the list and materials provided.
- The New Caldonian Society would like to use the field for their monthly practice meetings. They are interested in scheduling their games for a Sunday in November.
- Stewardship reported the donor who gave \$3100 last year to be spent on Tempe High homeless students plans to donate \$8000 this year to help students at Tempe High, Gililand, and Holdeman.
- Pastor has sent 10 followup letters in April to visitors. Please encourage visitors to sign the guest book and/or fill out visitor cards.
- Election of officers conducted at Voters meeting. Installation will be in June.

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

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

The National LWML Convention will be held in person in Lexington, KY June 24-26. A new mite goal and mission grants will be selected.

Your LWML Mite contributions have paid for these Arizona Mission Grants:

- **Atonement Lutheran School Easel Art Sets - Atonement Lutheran School, Glendale AZ 3,000**

Artwork reflecting God's glory and the beauty of his creation, this is what Atonement Lutheran School envision through an enhanced art program. Through this Grant, they could purchase 25 wood table easels containing compartments filled with art supplies, paving the way for students to give witness to their faith through art.

- **Equipping, Encouraging & Empowering in the Name of Christ, Christ Cares Ministries, Phoenix (Christ Church Lutheran) 10,000**

By preparing Church workers and teachers and others to reach out to those suffering from mental health issues, such as depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts, God provides opportunities to serve and plant Gospel seeds. Grant funds will allow Christ Cares Ministries to equip people to reach out in their communities offering emotional and spiritual encouragement, practical help and hope for the future.

- **An Equine Endowment, Saddles of Joy, Inc. Yuma, AZ 7,700**

Saddles of Joy is a therapeutic riding facility in Yuma Arizona that provides equine therapy to people of all ages who have all kinds of disabilities. We need an additional trained for riding and driving draft mix to accommodate the needs of our community due to our aging horse population.

- **Operation School Bell (Assistance League of Yuma), Yuma AZ 10,000**

In accordance with our mission to transform the lives of children, the Assistance League of Yuma requests a grant of \$10,000 for the purchase of new school clothing and shoes for 76 of the 1,400 Kindergarten through 8th Grade children to be served from impoverished homes throughout Yuma County.

Our BSLC society will meet in July to plan for our activities in 2021- 2022. We plan to resume in-person meetings of our society at Beautiful Savior in September

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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, 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:

Stewardship committee has provided food for the Gilliland food pantry in February and March. They seem to be well stocked now. We have also provided snacks for both Gilliland and Holdeman the past couple of months. We also have supplied four \$25.00 gift cards for two 8th grade students who have good grades and two gift cards for two students who have shown kindness to other students for their awards ceremony.

Tempe High McKinney Vento program was in need of hygiene supplies for their students so we took an abundance of body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, etc. to them. We also supplied five \$25 Walmart gift cards to the 5 male students who are graduating. They already had gifts for the girls, hence, providing a gift for the boys only.

We collected \$200 during March for the Justa Center. We delivered to them body wash and shampoo and laundry detergent pods. We also provided them with the very large cans of beans---pinto, chili, and ranch----and tortillas which they turn into a hot breakfast for those who come to the center.

We are very grateful for the \$8,000 donation we have received to help primarily Tempe High but also the other 2 schools.

Bobbie Littou, Dorothy McShee, Wendy Sievers, and Charlotte Grefe

PASTOR TIM ANDERSON:

A Spirit Filled Month for Mom.

By Pastor Tim Anderson

May can be a weird month for the church. It is a time when we celebrate Mother's Day and the blessings that God has given to us through our moms and the other women in our lives. That being said, May is also a time when during most years, the church celebrates Pentecost. The day when the spirit came down onto the apostles as they went out into the streets of Jerusalem to proclaim the Gospel to all who gathered in the city. The news of what God had accomplished through his son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Now, on the surface, these two things don't really look like they go together, the love of a mother, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Honestly, because of that, I wasn't even sure I wanted to write about Mother's Day in this May Newsletter at all! I wanted to focus on Pentecost. But the other morning, as I was meeting with Gloria, our new worship planning team, we came across a hymn called "For all the Faithful Women," and the lyrics of the song have been on my heart and mind ever since.



For All the faithful women who served in days of old, To You shall thanks be given; To all, their story told. They served with strength and gladness in tasks Your wisdom gave. To You their lives bore witness, proclaimed Your power to save.

"To you their lives bore witness, as they proclaimed Your power to save." That is the story of not just the apostles and the disciples on Pentecost, but the story of all believers, male and female alike. According to the hymn, it's the story of faithful women throughout the generations. It is a story reflected in the lives of Miriam, Martha and her sister Mary, Hannah, The Women at the well, Ruth, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of our Lord, Dorcas, and Eunice and Lois. Each of these women, and countless more, demonstrated faithfulness in their own way, but they all bore witness to God. Led by the spirit, they all proclaimed the mighty salvation of our God.

That is also what the story of Pentecost is all about, proclaiming the power of God to save. *"Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language... them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."* (Acts 2). When the spirit filled that room, when the tongues like fire divided and landed on the heads of the disciples, it all happened so that they could tell people from all over the world, what God has done in Christ. It was all so that the disciples could tell the message that Christ had died, rose, and will come again. It is the same message that we proclaim today.

It is the message that has been taught to us by mothers, as well as fathers, but also by faithful followers for generations. From the women who served as Sunday school teachers, to pastors' wives, to deacons and deaconesses, to D.C.E.'s, to Altar Guild ladies, and to members of the LWML. I think back on my own life and I see faithful women standing there every step of the way, teaching me about the love of Jesus and about the mighty power of God to save. I see teachers like Ellen Farber and Nancy Garbowski. I also see mentors and prayer warriors like Carol Long, Christina Gust, Teresa Hessel, Elizabeth Travis and now my mother-in-law Janice Tiberg. Women who have poured into me and taught me the faith, just like all the faithful women of long ago. Mother or not, they were maternal to me, by showing me the love of my Savior. But most of all I see my own version of Eunice and Lois, St. Timothy's mother and grandmother. For me that was Nancy, my mom, and Marianne, my grandmother. They took me to church, raised me in the faith and raised me to

become the Pastor I am today. As we continue to reach our community and revitalize our congregation, I pray each of you, man and woman alike, would be inspired by your own Eunice and Lois, who as our hymn states...

For Eunice and for Lois we sing our thanks and praise. Young Timothy they nurtured and led him in Your ways. Raise up in every household true teachers of Your Word whose lives will bear clear witness to Christ, our risen Lord.

This May, remember that our faith, our congregation, our Christian bond and our trust in Jesus is built on the backs of our moms and our dads, of all the saints and all the women of faith who have gone before us. It is built on the backs of our Sundays school teachers, our D.C.E.'s, our Altar Guild, our LWML and every other female leader in the church as much as it is built on the backs of our Pastors and male leaders. My prayer is that we continue, men and women alike, to be about the work they started. Proclaiming the mighty power of God to Save. Standing on their shoulders, the shoulders of the apostles, the saints, and all the faithful women, I pray that we continue to strive to reach our community here in Tempe, so that one day, future generations will write verses about our lives, lives that proclaimed God's power to save, not because of what we've done, but because of what God has done in us.

Happy Mother's Day, Happy Pentecost and most of all have a happy witness to all that God has done for you. Amen.

Pastor Tim