



June 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 attendance for the month of May: 35 at church service; 7 at Adult Bible Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vitalant Blood Drive: Sunday June 13th from 11AM-3PM. Sign up here at Church or by calling the church office.

New Sunday Bible Study: "The Book of Acts" Sundays from 8:30-9:30am in fellowship hall.

New Midweek Bible Study: "Psalms & Sandwiches" This group will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 12:30 for Lunch with Pastor and to go through the book of Psalms. We will meet for the first time on June 9th at 12:30pm at Munch-A-Lunch (Across the street from Church on Priest).

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!

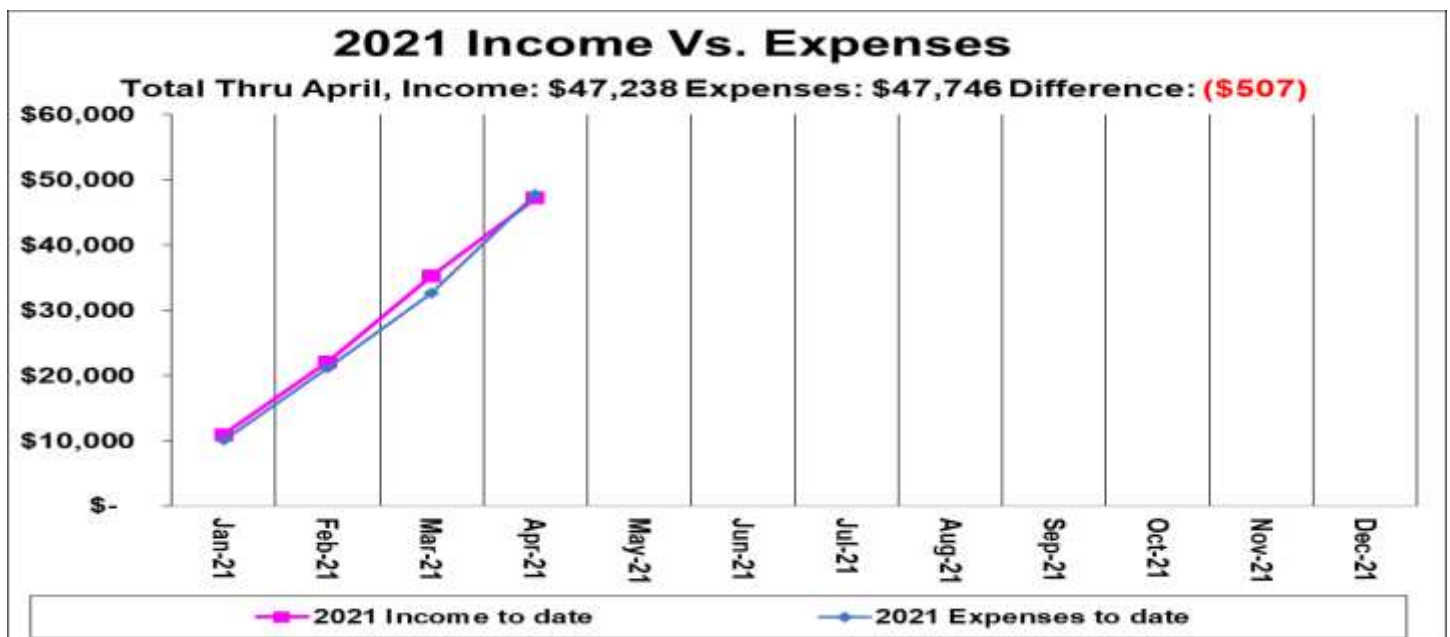
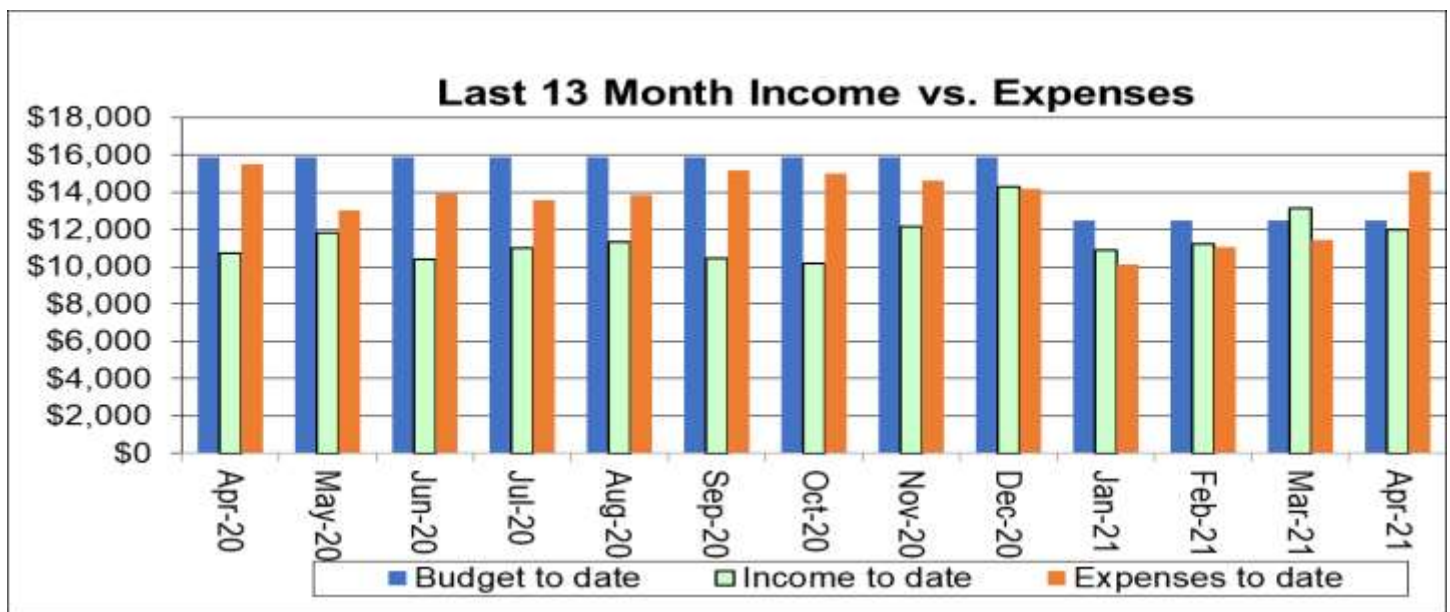
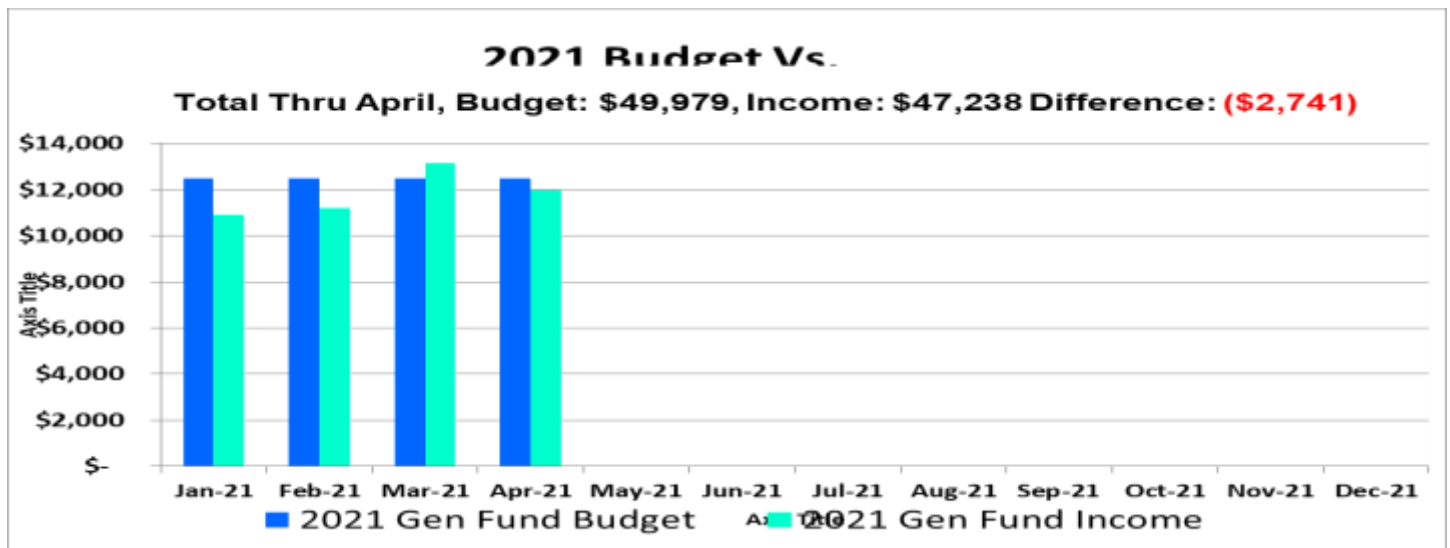
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Council meeting was held May 19th. Highlights of the meeting are:

- Pastor is looking forward to summer and the opportunities to begin mid-week Bible study class, a family VBS, a men's breakfast group, 20s and 30s group events, game nights.
- Pastor would like to expand our care ministry to members who need assistance (meals, rides, buddy checks, comfort) during difficulty times.
- Look for a logo contest to create a BSLC logo for use on t-shirts, business cards, letterhead.
- Pastor on vacation June 20-30.
- Letter to be sent to neighbors concerning respectful use of the field.
- Trustees considering signage for the field so users know it is church property.
- Treasurer reported our year-to-date balance (Income minus expenses) is -\$487.89.
- Treasurer Don will be away June 15-30. Debbie will be back up if checks need to be written.
- Stewardship restocked the Gililand food pantry and also provided 4 \$25 gift cards to be awarded to students for displaying academic excellence and kindness to others.
- Fundraising drive for Justa Center in June.
- Elders have set Oct. 16th as the Fish Fry date.
- Pastor and Elders stated wearing masks in worship service is individual choice
- Trustees reported 27 volunteer hours.
- Bathroom remodel to begin last week of May.
- New OFFICE sign installed next to office door.
- Thanks to all who participated in work Saturday May 22nd!
- A/C unit serving sacristy and north side Sunday school rooms to be replaced.
- Music Director reported 12 volunteer hours. Using choir more often.
- Jana Shields will be providing music June 20th.
- LWML National Convention in Lexington, KY is June 24-27 and will be live streamed.
- Positive Thinking Committee hosting a hot dog cookout July 4th after worship service.
- Revitalization Committee has met 3 times and completed a walk through of the property, working on a 3-year plan, and creating service opportunities.
- Blood drive Sunday June 13th.
- Kitchen/refreshments committee planning Biscuits and Gravy lunch after June 6th worship service to honor June birthdays and anniversaries.
- Memorial for Gene Southwick June 1st, 11:30 AM.
- GLORIA will meet June 14th, 10 AM to select music for the summer months.
- Next Council meeting June 15th.

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:



BSLC Newsletter- Hymn of the Month, June, 2021

Our Hymn of the Month for June is “I Am the Resurrection” by Ray Repp and his friend Dave Hoffman. It is described as being in a “folk-rock” style and was originally accompanied by guitars as a part of a Folk Mass from 1966.

This very exciting song from the 60’s exemplifies one of the “I AM” themes on which Pastor Tim preached during Lenten Wednesdays this year. It is based on the story in John 11, which tells of Jesus, raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. Jesus reassures Lazarus’ sister Martha: in verse 25: “I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; 26, And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

Ray Repp, born in 1942 in St. Louis, was a young Catholic seminarian when he wrote this song. (he left seminary prior to be ordained.) He has been described as a social justice advocate. He died on April 26, 2020 in Palm Springs, CA of complications due to cancer. He was 77. He wrote many songs in folk-style.

“I Am the Resurrection” was published in the 1965 Folk Hymnal for Young Christians, Vol. 2.

It was also included in a 1967 recording “Come Alive” released by Friends of English in the Liturgy (FEL) and copyrighted in 1967 by Repp’s Company, Otter Creek Music. It was used in the 60’s in funeral liturgies of some American soldiers who died in Vietnam. In the 70’s-90’s, it appeared as an energetic Bible-camp song. More recently, you can see it on Youtube, being sung and played in church liturgy.

At Beautiful Savior, you were introduced to this song on May 9th when it served as our Closing Hymn, with the Congregation singing the Refrains and our Praise Team Singers doing the stanzas.

You will hear this song 3 more times in June: on the 6th played by the piano during Communion; on the 13th, played by the Praise Band as the Postlude; and sung by everyone on the 20th, when Jana Shields visits BSLC with her 12-string guitar, providing the perfect accompaniment for this song.

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 24-27. A new mite goal and mission grants will be selected and new officers will be elected. There will also be Bible studies, speakers, music, and more.

The convention will be live-streamed through the LWML website (www.lwml.org) . Click on the News & Events menu and then click on Convention Central for instructions on accessing the livestream.

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.

Thank you for your support!

Sandra Wardwell, President (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) 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 provided food for the Gililland Food Pantry again in May, taking advantage of Fry's Senior Day to do our shopping.

We also funded a \$25.00 Walmart gift card for four 8th grade students at Gililland who were picked by their teachers to be outstanding in academics or in kindness shown to fellow students. We made up personalized cards for them with their name in the body of the card and signed by "Your supporters at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church." The gift card will be put in with the greeting card and presented to them at an awards assembly.

We also spent \$50.00 to help fund a "fun day" at Gililland to cap off their school year. We bought water and a couple of boxes of packages of various chips.

In June, we will once again be asking for offerings for the Justa Center in Phoenix who cares for the homeless seniors. The offering can be given any Sunday in June by using your Designated Funds envelope and writing "Justa Center" on it. We will then call them to see what their most urgent needs are at that time.

We were curious as to how much we have spent during this past school year on the 3 schools and on the Justa Center.

1. Holdeman School \$ 275.
2. Gililland School \$1,335. (Much of this is from the money set aside by the Rejuvenation Committee for food boxes for Tempe High but when that project didn't materialize, it was given to the Stewardship committee)
3. Tempe High \$3,810. (The money for this program is funded by a grant from a donor) (McKinney/Vento program)
4. Justa Center \$ 560. (This was money given by the congregation and shopping done by Stewardship)

This puts us as having put nearly \$6,000 into our community in 9 months. Granted, it is not all from the budget of the Stewardship committee but it is all administered through the Stewardship committee.

Bobbie, Dorothy, Wendy, and Charlotte

PASTOR TIM ANDERSON:

Pastor Tim

Some Psalms with your Sandwich

By Pastor Tim Anderson

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2)



My Grandfather always just seemed to have a quiet and steady demeanor about him. I remember how even friends would come over and comment that he seemed so wise and that they just wished that my grandmother would let him talk and get a word in. But that was my grandfather, a constant, quiet, wise, and steady man. The kind of man where you always wonder what he's thinking. He didn't go where others went, he didn't do what others did, he knew who he was and he had an innate sense of right and wrong. Now that doesn't mean he was a perfect man, far from it, but as we get ready to celebrate Father's Day, I've been thinking about him, this man who in many ways was a father to me, even though he was my grandpa. Because I grew up in a broken home, he was the one who taught me what it meant to be a man, and most of all what it means to be a son of our Heavenly Father. Grandma might have been the one to invite me to sit and read her morning devotion with her, but Grandpa seemed to breathe the scriptures with every breath, so much so that the other guys at his fire department used to call him Chaplain Morty.

And as I was thinking about that, I found myself stumbling upon the verse above, from psalm 1. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, David tells us that the blessed man is the man who delights in the law of the lord. Delight in the law, What? Why? What does that mean? Are we supposed to be happy for speed limit signs? Are we supposed to enjoy every single way that God's word seems to say don't do this and don't do that? Are we supposed to walk around repeating the Ten Commandments all day long while thinking about how we have failed each command? No. That's not it at all. When God says that the blessed man delights in God's law, the word for law is Torah, which is better translated as God's word, God's teachings, God's instructions. The blessed man, and the blessed woman too, delights like a son or daughter, or like grandson or a granddaughter, in being taught what it means to be a child of the king.

Which gets me excited to talk about all that is going on here at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. I am excited by the number of things that are happening at our congregation as

we continue to reach our community and grow our ministries here at church. I am excited by the ways we will grow together and delight in the instructions of our God. As we move into the summer, I want to share with you some of the things we have been doing with our revitalization team and some of the things we hope to accomplish by fall as we live out our mission to “Serve the Lord, extend the gospel, and make Jesus alive in the community.”

We laid out some goals last month, that will help us dive into God’s word on a more consistent basis. We also laid out goals that will help us better serve our community. This month, we will be starting a Midweek Lunch Group “Psalms and Sandwiches” that will meet on Wednesdays to dive into the book of Psalms together at local restaurants. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm. For our first time, we will meet at Munch-a-Lunch (across the street from church) on June 9th at 12:30.

We will also be starting a Men’s Prayer Breakfast once a month on a Saturday morning. This group will gather from breakfast, prayer for one another and talk about ways they can serve the church. We hope to meet for the first time in July, and I encourage you to look for information about that in your weekly bulletin. This August, I would like to start meeting with friends and younger members of the congregations by starting a new 20-30’s group.

Finally, as we serve and reach out into our Tempe community, we are going to work on a Logo contest this summer and begin to design a more identifiable symbol for our church that can be used on t-shirts, coffee mugs, and other items. Our goal is to raise excitement among the congregation and in the community about what is happening here at BSLC. We also hope to bring different activities to our church this summer so that we can invite friends and family to be a part of our congregational life. These events will include a Family VBS, a Blood Drive on June 13th, a Paint Night Party and maybe even a church outing to a diamondbacks game.

As we meditate on God’s word together, and live life together, let us do so with joy, giving thanks to all the men who reflect God’s love, light and life into our lives and also as we seek to bless others by living our lives according to God’s word, living and loving the way the Word made flesh, Jesus, lived and loved us. I look forward to seeing you on June 9th if you can make it, so that we can get some psalms with our sandwich.

Pastor Tim