



August 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 July: 34 at church service; 7 at Adult Bible Study; at Midweek Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship for August & September, (recognizing Anniversaries & Birthdays for the month).

Aug. 1st: Waffle Bar with all the fixings & chicken. After worship: in Fellowship Hall

Sept. 5th: “Sack Lunch” & Floats

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

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. Aug. 11th will be the next Bible Study, location TBA.

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!

Our Hymn of the Month for August, 2021, title is:

“I Am the Bread of Life” by Sr. Suzanne Toolan, SM

TUNE: BREAD OF LIFE.

Written in 1964, this beautiful hymn has become a staple of the contemporary collection of songs used at communion and funeral services. It appears in 31 hymnals and has been translated into 20 languages including the very popular version in Spanish. It is based on Biblical texts from John 6: 35-58; and 11: 25-27. It has been copyrighted by G.I.A.

Publications, Inc., (which publishes music of the Catholic church) since 1966. It is used in the Worship hymnal for Catholics, the Episcopal's The Hymnal 1982, ELCA's Evangelical Lutheran Worship, and the Lutheran Resource for Worship With One Voice (WOV).

The hymn is arranged in 5 stanzas which quote the scripture in a modern vernacular. Stanzas 1-3 refer to Jesus as the Bread of Life and speak of the saving power of the Body and Blood of Jesus. “I am the Bread of Life, You who come to me shall not hunger.” These stanzas are why the hymn is so popular at celebrations of Holy Communion (or the Eucharist). Each of the 5 stanzas is followed by a Refrain which consists of the phrase “And I will raise you up, on the last day” repeated three times. This refrain and stanza 4: “I am the Resurrection, and the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever.”, constitute the Christian's promise of eternal life, thus the hymn's popularity at funeral and memorial services.

About the Composer: Suzanne Toolan was born in 1927 in Lansing, Michigan and moved with her family to Hollywood, California at the age of 17, where she began studying organ and choral work. After graduating from college in 1950, with a Masters degree in Humanities, she joined the Sisters of Mercy (SM), and set out on her duties as music teacher and director of the chorale at Mercy High School, later directing choirs in colleges, parishes and seminaries. She continued her music study in composition at Michigan State University and liturgical studies at Notre Dame, did choral work with Robert Shaw at San Diego State Univ., and earned a second Masters degree from San Francisco State. She brought music and prayer from the French Taize Community to the Mercy Center in California in 1982. She enjoyed composing songs and spent her time between classes at the high school writing music. One day, after writing “I Am the Bread of Life” she decided it was not worth saving, tore it up and threw it into the waste basket; but a student who was with her that day inspired her to retrieve it and keep it. She first presented it at a diocesan music educators conference in 1966 and it has become increasingly popular since then.

Sister Suzanne is now 93 years old, and although retired from her teaching duties, she is the resident liturgist and directs Taize prayer at Mercy Center, a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in Burlingame, CA. She is a quiet woman of gentle manner who values prayer in all the

dimensions of her life. She attributes the popularity of this hymn to its “message of resurrection, which is so strong in these words of Jesus. We so need that message of hope.” On her 80th birthday, she released an autobiography entitled I Am the Bread of Life (co-authored with Elizabeth Dossa) which is the story behind her beloved hymn. She has also composed the hymn entitled: “I Will Sing of Your Faithfulness.” You can see and hear an interview with Sr. Suzanne Toolan on youtube.com and hear many recordings of her hymn, “I Am the Bread of Life.”

At Beautiful Savior, you’ll be introduced to this song on August 1 when it is used as the Opening Hymn; on on Aug. 8th in the Praise Medley; on Aug. 15th as the Hymn of the Day; on Aug. 22nd, when you will hear it as the Prelude, and finally on Aug. 29th, as the piano Voluntary.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 2021 COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETINGS

The regular Council meeting was held July 13th and the Quarterly Voters meeting was held July 18th. Highlights of those meetings are:

- Psalms and Sandwiches mid-week Bible Study has started, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month
- Pastor will be developing a 6 week New Member class with the following schedule:
 - Week 1 – History and mission of Beautiful Savior (will need congregation members to help with this class)
 - Weeks 2-4 – What we believe
 - Week 5 – What do we do (need descriptions of the activities and responsibilities of BSLC committees and groups)
 - Week 6 – Where we are going with you (new members) and learning your spiritual gifts
- Stewardship collected \$567 for the Justa Center during the June donation drive and has purchased and delivered the items they needed
- Trustees scheduled a Work Saturday October 9th to clear out items being stored in the various areas of the church and sheds
- Bathroom renovation to be completed with a new contractor
- Hymn of the Month for August will be “I Am The Bread Of Life”
- GLORIA scheduled to meet Aug. 23rd 10 AM
- LWML National Convention in Kentucky had 2700 in attendance
- Positive Thinking Committee (PTC) and Trustees hosted Barbecue Lunch after July 4th Worship Service
- Oct. 16th is the scheduled fish fry date
- An afternoon service will be planned for Oct. 17th to be a combined 60th anniversary wrap up and Reformation service.
- President reported less damage to field after irrigation due to letter composed by Pastor and sent to surrounding neighborhood.
- A Care Team headed by Phyllis Schinke will not only organize memorial events and receptions but would assist members who need meals, rides to appointments, etc. Contact Phyllis with your ideas.
- BSLC leadership has submitted a quarterly report to Mountain View Lutheran Church about Pastor Tim activities per the sister congregation agreement.
- Please do not bring food donations for Sunday refreshments. Debbie O’Neill is in charge of organizing refreshments and making sure they are safely prepared.
- Funds in all accounts June 30th equaled \$144,606.80.

- For the April-June quarter, we had a deficit of (\$2,169.01) due mainly to paying the annual insurance bill in April.
- \$2000 from the funds raised by the Fish Fry and the Chili Cookoff events was provided to Sharon Owens to sponsor 50 ASU students to attend Camp Aloma in May.
- 106 hours were volunteered during the quarter including musicians' time and those who participated in the work Saturday event May 22nd.
- Suggestion has been made to designate a specific storage room; perhaps the choir/music room. The music room contents would be relocated to the main church building.
- The regular palm tree trimmer has gone out of business. Looking for a new trimmer but will also get an estimate for cutting down the palm trees.
- The A/C unit over the sacristy has been replaced. Don Schumm will take care of finishing the roof work around the unit.
- Music Director Ellen Brown is asking members to think about making a list of your 3 favorite hymns and a couple of your favorite Bible verses for our 60th Anniversary wrap up celebration in October
- The July 20th LWML planning meeting has been postponed to August.
- PTC purchased a new barbecue since the old one no longer worked.
- Ideas for Rejuvenation Fund projects should be submitted to Don Schumm for the committee to consider.
- The Revitalization Committee members are Pastor Tim, Cyndi Calender, Andrew Grant, Phyllis Schinke, Don Schinke, Gretchen Adickes.
- The Revitalization committee is working with the BSLC Mission Statement: "Serving the Lord, extending the gospel, and making Jesus alive in the community." Four areas of planning have been identified:
 - Teaching: Bible Studies: Psalms and Sandwiches, 20s/30s Group
 - Preaching: continue using the 3-yr Lectionary, Study of Lord's Prayer and Nicene Creed
 - Serving: Vitalent blood drive, We Care committee; game night in August
 - Outreach: work with groups in Tempe, Caledonian Society, Fall Festival
- Next meeting Of the Revitalization Committee date will be in bulletin. Anyone can attend.
- Internet engagement:
 - increased from 35 to 150
 - 23 people per service each week
 - 10 comments or likes each week
- Voters approved allowing wine to be served in fellowship hall at small events with use closely monitored.
- Debbie O'Neill has contacted the new football coach at Tempe High who will be happy to have Beautiful Savior prepare and serve meals for home games.
- Pastor and several BSLC members will visit the La Mesa Table events held the next two Tuesdays to see how these events (meals and worship) are conducted. The group wants to start a Tempe location and we should be part of that. La Mesa Table meets at 805 N. Country Club, Mesa at 6 PM on Tuesdays to provide meals to homeless followed by a worship service.
- Pastor Tim would like to grow our partnership with the ASU Sola Ministry with Pastor Spallek and domestic students.

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.

Thank you for supporting the Camp ALOMA adventure!

In early May, ASU's Connecting International Communities cherished several nights sitting by the campfire at Camp ALOMA. For most of the students this was their first experience camping, their first experience eating Smores, their first experience seeing the majestic galaxies on a clear night, their first experience singing camp songs and prayers before a meal, and their first experience having daily devotions.

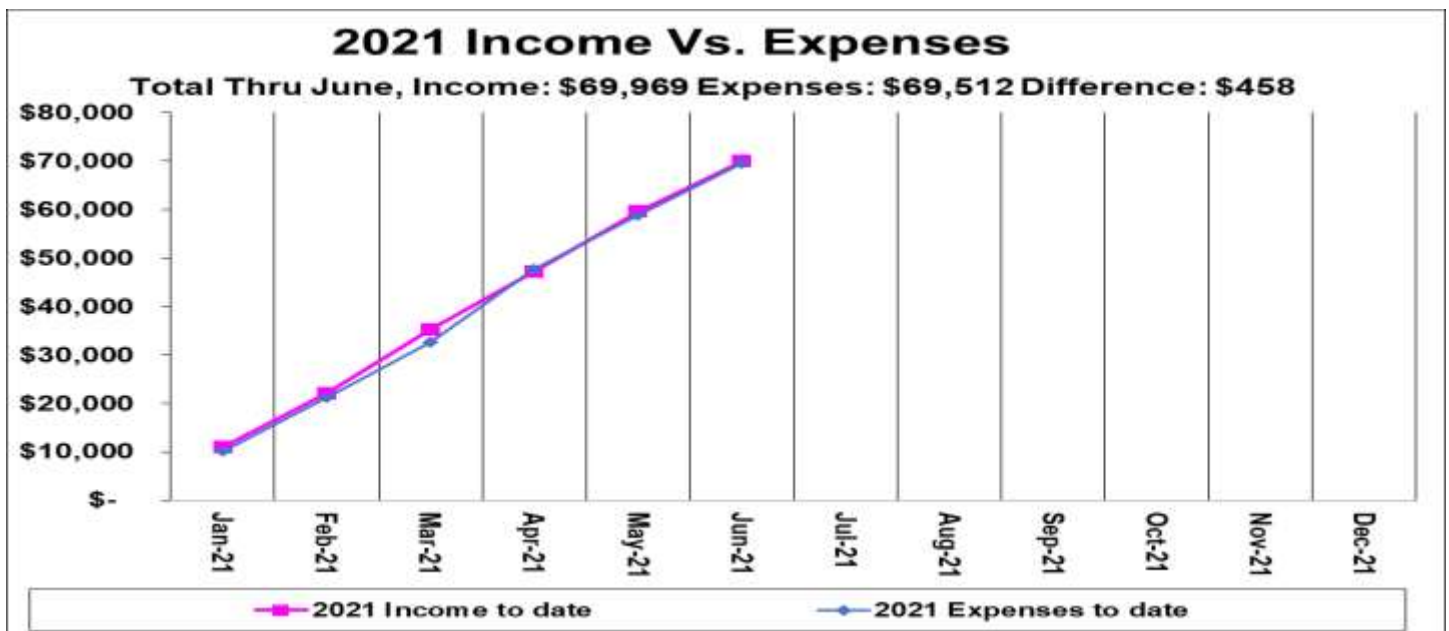
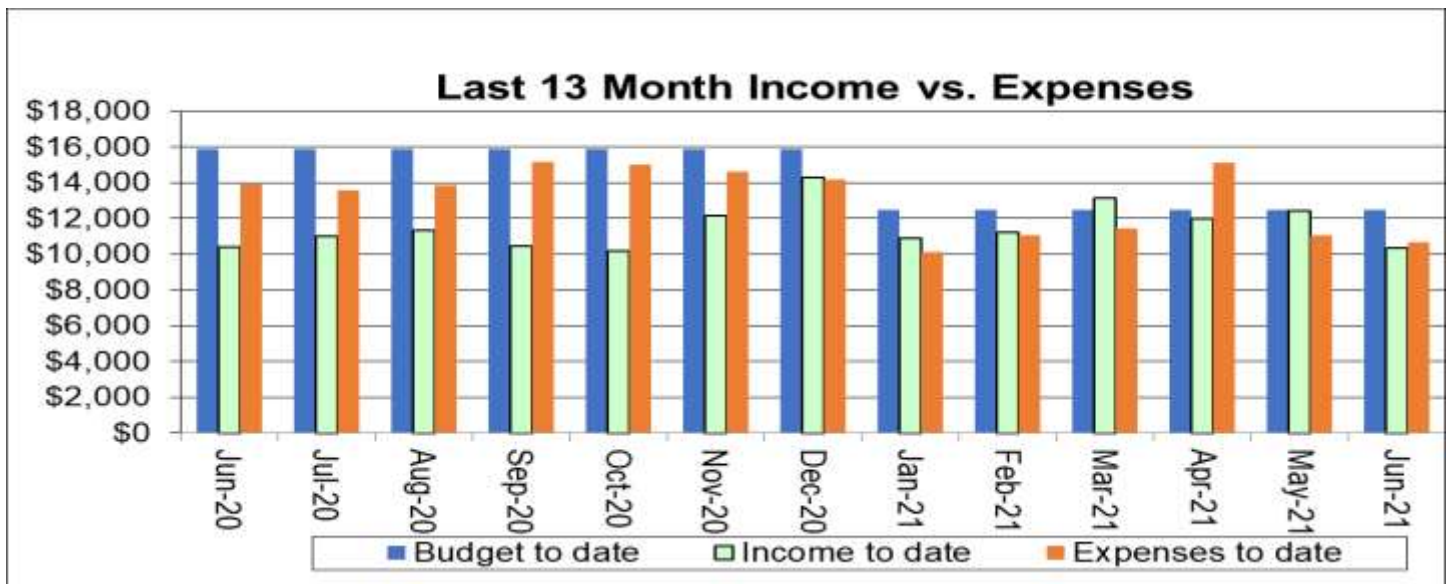
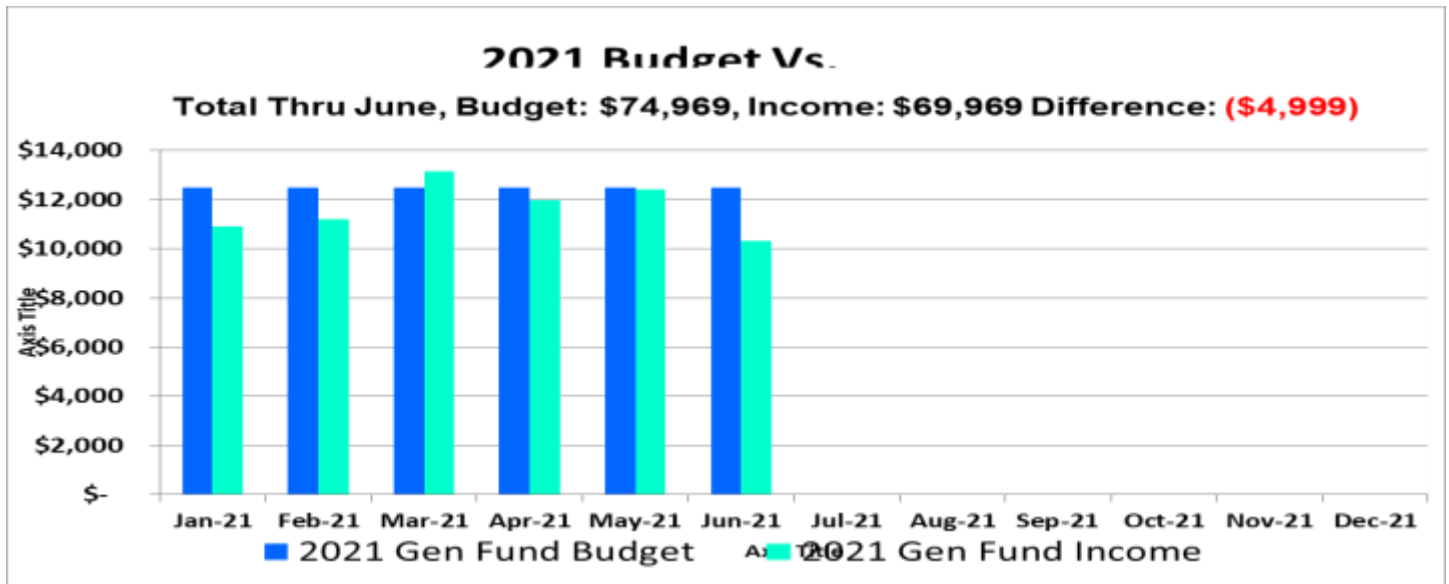
As we think of the Holy Spirit and His work, we often use fire as a representation of the power and presence of Him, yet the Holy Spirit's power is much greater than any flame. He was involved in the creation of the universe and the galaxies the students were mesmerized by (Genesis 1:2). Throughout the camping adventure He was calling and enlightening students through creation, songs, prayers, testimonies, and devotions.

Thanks to your generosity of sponsoring students, I was able to witness the Holy Spirit working in the lives of these international students.

Please continue to pray that they will come to know the one true God, and Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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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.

Our BSLC society will have a "Bring Your Own Lunch" August 12th, Thursday, at noon to plan for our activities in 2021-2022. We plan to resume in-person meetings of our society at Beautiful Savior in September. All BSLC women are invited to attend.

Plan to attend the LWML PSD Convention on June 3-5, 2022 in Tempe, Arizona! The Convention will be held at Embassy Suites at Rural and the 60. Come and be reminded that you are a treasure to our Lord - a pearl of great value! Come and feel His love for you and be encouraged to take His love out into the world. Worship our Lord, laugh with LWML sisters, vote on new officers and mission grants, enjoy great food, sing praises to our Lord, and have some fun!

Thank you for your generous support of Mission projects!!!

Please let me know if you have questions/suggestions about the work of the Women in Mission!

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BSLC/LWML PRAYER CHAIN:

Thank You to all members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran/LWML Prayer Chain who have so faithfully responded to all the Prayer Requests. Prayer is powerful and God loves to hear from all of us.

Our Prayer Chain consists of both men and women. Just like God's mansions have room and will welcome all believers, so the Prayer Chain has room and welcomes all who would pray for those who want us to pray for/with them. To **become a member** of the Prayer Chain, or to **request a prayer** by the Prayer Chain, call or e-mail Gladys Meyer: 480-258-0889 or 480 897-2236 or e-mail geneglad@q.com. OR email office@beautifulsaviortempe.org Prayer requests are submitted to the members of the Prayer Chain by e-mail unless a telephone call is preferred. When offering to be a member of the Prayer Chain, please make known your preference—receive Prayer Requests by e-mail or by telephone?

Thank you to all members of BSLC for your support of the Prayer Chain.

Gladys Meyer

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

The amount that the congregation gave for the quarterly Justa Center drive was \$567.00. We commend and thank the congregation for its generosity!! When we called the contact person at Justa Center, we were given a list of their most urgent needs. Therefore we supplied them with ten 30 pack rolls of toilet paper, ten containers holding 152 tabs each of laundry pods, 5 cases of water (48 bottles each,) five 6# cans of chili beans, five 6# cans of ranch style beans, ten 6# cans of sausage and gravy, and ten packages of large tortillas. We had a minimal amount left to spend so went to one of the dollar stores and got a few tubes of sun screen, packages razors, and 3 in 1 body wash. Bobbie and Charlotte delivered these items on Thursday, July 15th. Gladys Meyer accompanied us and was given a short tour through the facility. The next time we will be collecting for Justa Center will be in September so we will be making a trip down there mid-October so if any of you would like to ride along and see the facility, just let us know early in October.

All things are quiet on the school front during summer vacation but we expect to get active with them again after the fall term starts.

Bobbie, Dorothy, Wendy, and Charlotte

Are you Equipped?

Pastor Tim Anderson

Last month I turned on my TV to watch one of my favorite events of the Summer, the Home Run Derby as part of the festivities of the Major League Baseball's All-Star Game. As I watched, the announcers kept talking about the game being in Denver and how the location of Denver equipped the balls to travel farther, further, and faster in the thin air. For normal games in Denver, they have to keep the Baseballs in a humididor, like a cigar, so that they play normally, the way they would in any other ballpark. However, for this event, they wanted the Baseballs to be equipped to travel farther and farther, as some of the best hitters in the game started swinging for the fences.



Then, there were the players themselves, each one equipped and ready for the event due to hours of training. They also were equipped with the tools and equipment they needed. One of my favorite players, Pete Alonso, who once again won the derby, actually brought eight different bats with him. During an Interview, he even talked about how he hikes the Rockies in the off season. The altitude in Denver did not bother him. He was equipped with the skillset needed and the tools needed to take home the crown.

Outside of baseball though, there are plenty of times in life when we need to be equipped for the task at hand. We wouldn't put a teenager behind the wheel of a car without first equipping them with the skills they need to drive a car. We wouldn't ask someone to build a house without equipping them with the tools and training needed for success. And yet when it comes to being a part of the church, when it comes to being a Christian, I often wonder do we feel equipped to share our faith and to talk about why the faith we believe matters so much to us. As a pastor I wonder all the time, how can I better equip each of you?

You see this August, we continue to read from the book of Ephesians in worship, and as I was looking at those readings something in Ephesians chapter four caught my eye. It reads, "Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

In other words, leaders in the Christian church are given to the church, to Equip and help us obtain a maturity that will lead to more unity and more knowledge of Christ. Gulp. I mean that's a lot of pressure, but its pressure that in my role as your Pastor, I take on gladly, as part of my role here at Beautiful Savior is to Equip you, each of you, all of you, to share the old, old story of Jesus and his love. To be people who boldly proclaim Christ to family, neighbor, community and Friend.

But maybe that leaves you feeling like your being asked to win the Home Run Derby or take home the Gold at the Olympics this month. Maybe you think how can my faith ever reach that level of maturity? Can't I just come to worship, go home and get on with my life, Pastor isn't that enough, why are you always asking me for more? That's totally a fair question. I ask because your neighbor needs to hear about your faith, your family member needs to, Temple needs you speaking out about your faith in a way that communicates the Hope we share, the Unity we have among us with a faith that communicate a level of knowledge about God's heart. A heart that is full of the grace, mercy and peace that he shows us all.

I pray in my frailty, in my humanness, even in my sins and mistakes, that I can lead Beautiful Savior to a Unity like that, that I can equip us to be united like that, united in mission and united in purpose. I pray that God leads us because so often the world is not introduced to a united church. Instead, those who look at us can see the infighting between denominations, between congregations, and even between members. That's no way to grow the body of Christ.

So how do we grow and come to know more about Christ, his heart and his mind. Well, I invite you to start in his word. That is why we have grown our Bible Studies and will continue to do so. I invite you to take part in our Sunday Bible Study at 8:30 every Sunday morning. I also invite you to Psalms and Sandwiches on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at local area restaurants. I invite you to watch our weekly bible studies on our Facebook page by going to, <https://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe> every Monday to Thursday at 4:00pm.

And I want to encourage you to be Equipped by the excitement we've had around here lately to invite a friend, family member, or neighbor to come and join us. To come and join you in Bible Study, in worship, or at any of our community events this fall. Let's take the excitement we feel to be Beautiful Savior and use it to Equip us to talk about who we are, what we do, and the best things about us. Let's Equip and encourage one another, as we work to show our community a unified, mature, grace centered church that focuses on the Hope of the resurrection and the love of God shown to us as we reflect that love to one another.

Help me to help you, as we equip one another with the Love of Christ.

Pastor Tim