



July 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 June: 34 at church service; 7 at Adult Bible Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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. We will meet for the first time on June 14th at 12:30pm at (to be announced).

July 4 After church, hot dog luncheon

July 18 10:00 Installation of officers
11:30 Quarterly Congregation Voter's meeting.

July 25 9:30 am. Annie Anderson's installation at Hosanna LCMS, Mesa

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!

Hymn of the Month, July, 2021

By Ellen Brown, Dir. of Music.

Our Hymn of the Month for July, 2021, is titled:

“In Christ Alone” by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend.

Written in 2001, with text mainly by Getty and music mainly by Townend, it is described as a “Contemporary Christian Hymn”. It is the first hymn composed together by the now famous team of Getty & Townend. Both are church music worship leaders, who met at a worship event in 2000 and determined to try their hand at writing together. “In Christ Alone” is perhaps the most popular hymn of the century, published in 11 hymnals, and built around the theme of the “Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ and the Implications for Us.”

The hymn first became popular in Ireland, then the United Kingdom, then in the U.S.A. and then internationally. By 2008 it had risen to the “Top 25 CCLI Songs” in the U.S.A. (CCLI is a music licensing company which tracks usage of contemporary music in worship.) It has been recorded by many artists and translated into many languages.

About the composers: Englishman Stuart Townend was born in 1963 in Sowerby Bridge, England, where his father was Vicar at Christ Church Anglican. He began studies in piano at age 7 and started writing songs at 22. In 2017 he has received an Award for his work in Worship Music from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Keith Getty was born in 1974 in Northern Ireland. His roots are in the Presbyterian Church where his father was a pastor in Belfast. He began his musical studies in guitar at age 11 and flute at age 13; received a BA in music from St. Chad’s College, Durham University; and studied flute with James Galway, who also aided his progress in orchestration and conducting. He married singer Kristyn in 2004, and they now spend their time between Northern Ireland and Nashville.

Getty & Townend refer to this piece as a “hymn” rather than as a “song”, describing its Biblical narrative as a way of passing traditional history from generation to generation through congregations singing hymns of faith.

Other songs written by this dynamic duo include: “Speak, O Lord, As We Come to You (2006); “Oh to See the Dawn” (The Power of the Cross) (2005); and “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us.” (1995)

At Beautiful Savior, you were introduced to this song on June 27th when Donna Evans sang it as Special Music for the day. In July you will hear this hymn on the 4th, played by the piano during Communion; and then have a chance to sing it as a congregation on the 11th, as Hymn of the Day, accompanied by the Praise Band; on the 18th as the Opening Hymn; and on the 25th as the Closing Hymn. We predict that it will soon be one of your favorite faith-sustaining hymns, too!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

“Serving the Lord, extending the gospel, and making Jesus alive in the community.”

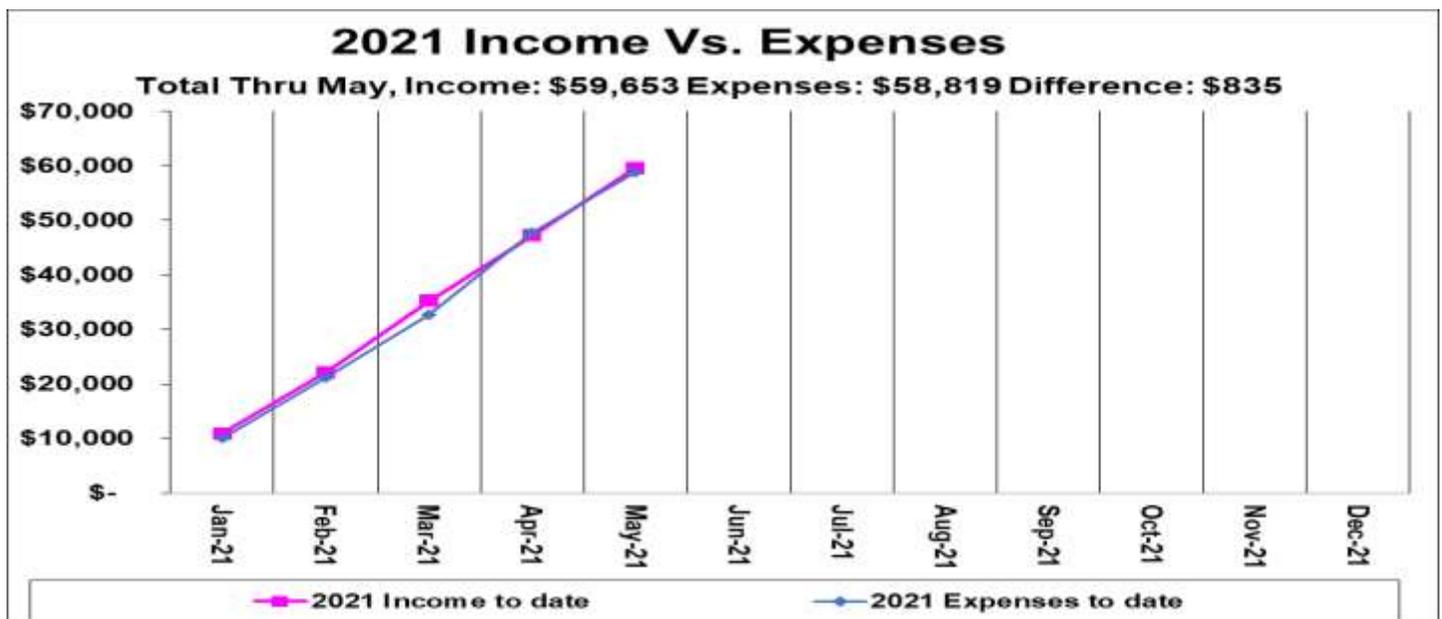
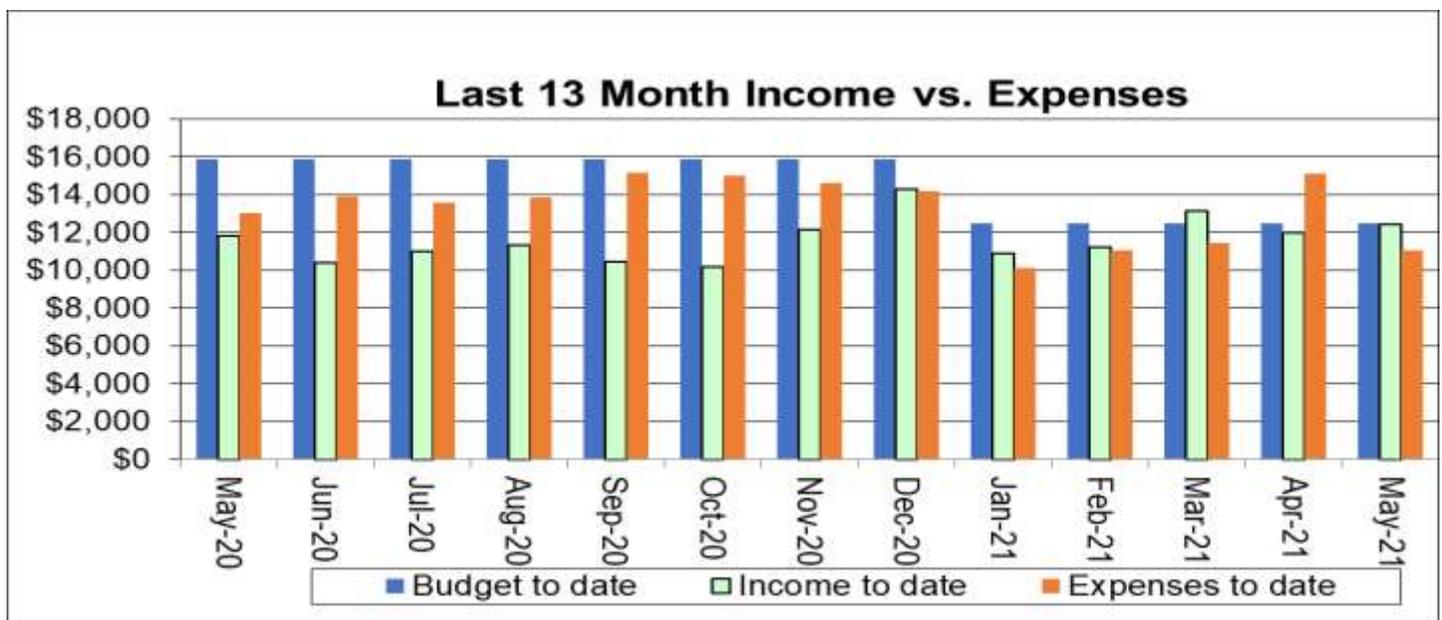
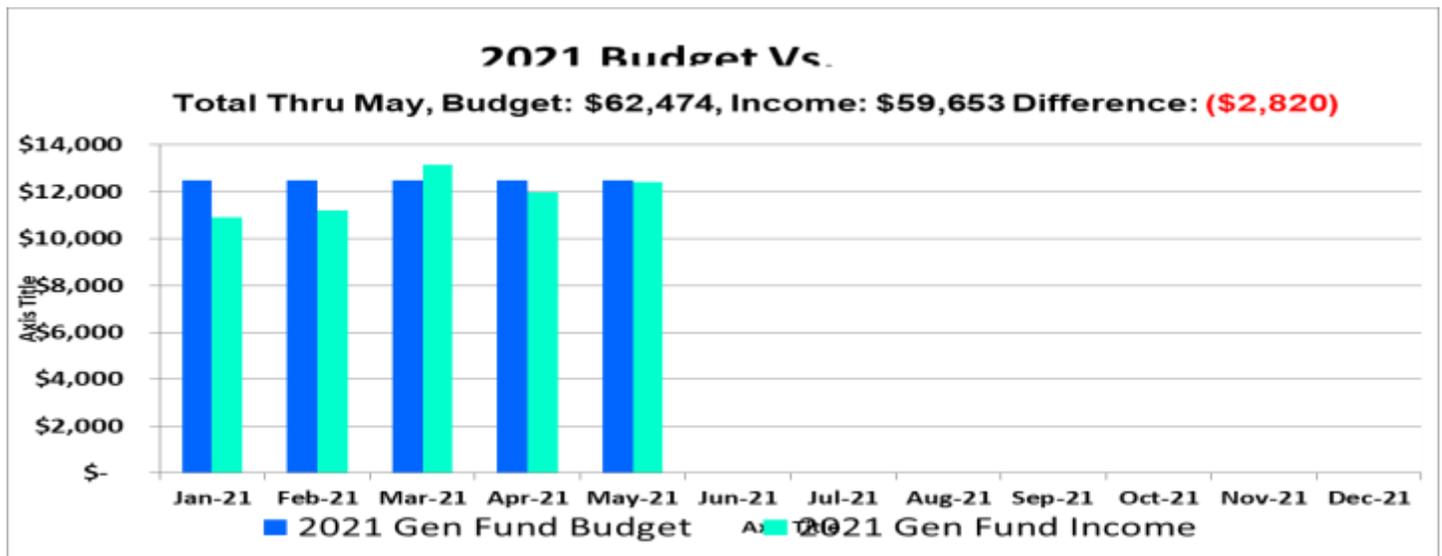
The regular Council meeting was held June 15th. Highlights of the meeting are:

- July 4th Hot Dog cookout after worship service.

- Pastor said 9 people were in attendance at the first Psalms and Sandwiches bible study class June 9th.
- Pastor has met with Pastor Spallek about a partnership between BSLC and Sola Ministries. Sola would like BSLC to host lunch for students the first 3 Sundays of the fall semester in August.
- The revitalization team has met several times with the next meeting planned in July. The team is developing plans in three areas:
 - Teach: In addition to Psalms and Sandwiches, a multi-congregation 20s-30s group will be started in the fall.
 - Serve: create a new care team ministry, that will connect with those who are homebound or hospitalized and also work to provide cards of encouragement, meals for members in need, and put on funeral receptions. We also hosted the blood drive at church here this last Sunday. We came close to hitting their goal of collecting 11 units, as we had ten donations.
 - Outreach: events the church can host to invite friends and neighbors to.
 - Pastor asked the committee at our last meeting to come up with a list of five community organizations or agencies that we need to be talking to as a congregation to get a better feel for the needs of our community. I encourage members of the council and the congregation to do the same as we think about new ways to serve our neighbors.
- President Cyndi presented news about Camp Aloma. Summer camps have started. They have an on-line wish list on Amazon to encourage donors to fund specific items the Camp needs. See the Camp ALOMA website: <https://campaloma.com>
- May finished with a positive balance of \$1,346. Expenses were under budget by \$1,342.
- For the year to date, we have a surplus of income relative to expenses of \$858.
- The Campus Rejuvenation Fund at the end of May was \$38,047.
- The A/C unit in the sacristy is being replaced.
- The Audit of the 2020 books was completed in May. The committee members were Don Calender, Bobbie Littou, and Andrew Grant. Don read the audit report. No discrepancies were found.
- The treasurer prepared and submitted a quarterly Financial report to Mountain View Lutheran Church per the sister congregation agreement.
- Board of Stewardship collected funds for Justa Center in June.
- Jana Shields gave a presentation about Friends' House at Drake Park during Bible Class hour Sunday June 20th.
- Trustees reported 59 volunteer hours during the month.
- Musicians volunteered 12 hours.
- The Gloria team met June 14th to select hymns for the July and August worship services.
- Livestreaming of the National LWML Convention Sessions June 24-27 can be found at <https://livestream.com/thelwml> .
- Wrap up date for Anniversary celebration will be Oct. 17th. Fish Fry is Oct. 16th. Perhaps have a special service in the afternoon of the 17th and invite other churches.
- Pastor will be at Hosanna Sunday, July 25th for Annie's installation
- Installation of officers will be during the July 18th worship service. The quarterly voters meeting will follow the worship service.
- Psalms and Sandwiches Bible Study sessions are scheduled for July 14th and 28th.
- Next Council meeting July 20th.

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 24-27. 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: lwml.org The link to the livestream website is on the main page. From the Thursday night opening worship service to the business and mission speakers on Friday and Saturday, to the closing worship service on Sunday morning ... live broadcasting will be available. If you are unable to attend the convention in person, why not organize a livestreaming get-together and watch as a group? Your group would enjoy watching Billie Reneé and Cumberland Gap sing Bluegrass music on Saturday night! And if you miss the live version, you can still watch the recorded sessions on the website above.

Our BSLC society will meet in August 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.

Copies of the District Women of the Word (WOW) newsletter are available in the narthex with the latest edition of the Quarterly. The WOW contains information about the National convention later this month, the District retreat in Las Vegas in October, and the projects societies throughout the District have been doing, including sister congregations Mountain View Lutheran Church and Beautiful Savior! Please pick up a copy and read and share. Check out the article on Spuds and Splits!

LWML Mite and Mission Donations from Beautiful Savior:

- Mites: in 2020 and 2021, Beautiful Savior has sent \$1493.40 to the LWML District.
- In 2020, Beautiful Savior LWML sent \$1100 to Camp Aloma.
- In 2021, donations in excess of costs of \$137.77 for the Easter Basket Project were sent to Sharon Owens' campus ministry program.

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!

Sandra Wardwell, BSLC President, 480-334-4176, s.wardwell@asu.edu

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: No report for June 2021

PASTOR TIM ANDERSON:

What does it mean to be Free?

This Month we celebrate a holiday that really has with our faith, but one that I have a hard time it comes to being a Christian in America. We Fourth of July, our Independence Day. This is in 1776, Congress signed the Declaration of Independence. On that day, America was born, our own, we were free from the tyranny of Britain. at last.



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But what does it mean to be free? The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness." And with that we looked at Great Britain, and said... were out of here. We can make it on our own! we don't need an oppressive king anymore! Most of all, we don't want your tea!

So, for almost 250 years, we've been going about this social experiment known as the United States of America, and we, its citizens, have asked our country to give us the ability to seek life, liberty and happiness. I guess it's only happiness' pursuit because some people are never happy. But anyway, during those 250 years, men and women have gone to war and fought for our freedom, fought for our right to have life, liberty and happiness and have died defending those rights. Now I'm sure that other soldiers in other nations have fought for their countries and died, but we were taught that somehow, it's different for us Americans, that our soldiers fought and died to keep us free. Even my grandfather, who is pictured above holding my brother and I, fought and served in World War 2. He would have been part of the invasion of Japan, if Truman hadn't of dropped the Atomic Bomb.

Now as much as I love being an American and the freedoms I have living in the country and in this land, I also know that being an American does not mean I am completely free. I still have to live in a way that shows love, care and concern for my neighbor. I'm not free of the brokenness of our systems. I'm not free of living under the law of the land. I mean If I drive like a maniac down highway 60, I'm not free of the speeding ticket I might get. If I get that ticket, I'm not free from paying it. As Americans, we asked one another to live in such a way that shows compassion and care to the people around us. As Martin Luther himself once wrote, 256 years before the United States Declaration of Independence was signed "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all."

Now, maybe I'm tipping my hand. You see as I wrote earlier, I am a Christian in America. Which means I live, you live, as both Christians and Americans. We live with a dual citizenship. As much as being an American can at times line up with what it means to be Christian, at other times it doesn't. And that's true regardless of your political affiliations. As fully forgiven children of God, Christians are no longer compelled to keep God's law to obtain salvation (nor are we required to keep any law really); however, we freely and willingly serve God and our neighbors.

Freely and willingly... that for me is the problem. I don't always feel quite so free and willing when it comes to helping my neighbors. I'd rather complain about them than actually help them. When my neighbor sits on his porch swing all night smoking and keeping me awake, I don't feel much like making his life easier. I want what I want, what makes me happy. So, when others get in the way of what we want, its hard to see serving them as freedom. But it is what I am called to do in Christian identity. I am called to care for my neighbor, not for God's sake, not even so much for mine, but because my neighbor needs me.

Now, apart from civil laws and serving my neighbors, the truth is as an American, I'm still not fully free. I'm not free of the pains of this life. Pains that come to us humans regardless of what country we live in. I'm not free of aging, I'm not free of heartache or pain. I'm not free of the influence of sin. I am not free of the impact of evil, the impacts of the devil, and most of all I'm not free of death. Neither are you. I guess there are just some freedoms we can't get here in America. We aren't free from death.

Which is why I guess, as much as I love being an American, as much as I love not having to submit to Queen Elizabeth or care about the British royal family, I'm still glad to have a king. A king named Jesus. A king whose whole life and purpose is to serve his very subjects, to turn the whole world upside-down so that we can be free of the very things that seek to destroy us, the things that take away our life, our liberty and our happiness. He frees us from Death by giving his life and rising again so that we can have life in his name. He gives us freedom by freeing us from the power of sin over our lives, pointing us again and again to follow his ways, and yet telling us of a day when all sin and evil will be left behind. A day when we will shine like the sun. He also brings us happiness in knowing that we will be with him forever, and with his church, singing praises, and enjoying a feast much bigger than any of our July 4th burgers and hotdogs.

So, as I give thanks for my independence in this country, I am thankful for my interdependence on Christ, my king and on you my brothers and sisters, as we point one another to what he has done. One day we will be at his feast, celebrating how he has made us Independent of sin and death at last. Where "Shadowed beneath His hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land."

Pastor Tim

