



September 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 August: 33 in the church service; in Adult Bible Study; 8 at Midweek Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Fellowship for September, (recognizing Anniversaries & Birthdays for the month).
Sept. 5th: “Sack Lunch” & Floats**

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. 8th 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 September, 2021, is titled
“Healer of Our Every Ill” by Marty Haugen
TUNE: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

This quiet hymn of hope was written in the winter of 1985-1986, by Marty Haugen, when he and his family were in residence at Holden Village, a retreat in the Cascade Mountains of the state of Washington. When the space shuttle Challenger crashed on Jan. 28, 1986, the folk of Holden Village learned of it two days later, and held an evening service of remembrance. Marty Haugen composed “Healer of Our Every Ill,” as an expression of the community grieving together. It has been copyrighted by G.I.A. Publications, Inc., (1987) and can be found in 27 hymnals, including Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), and the Lutheran Resource for Worship With One Voice (WOV).

The hymn features a Refrain: “Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.” This refrain is followed by 4 stanzas. The 1st is a prayer for healing of body, mind and spirit; the 2nd is about the joy of God’s grace; the 3rd exhorts us to share love and kindness to our brothers & sisters in Christ; and the 4th prays for God to teach us His way of healing and for the Spirit to put compassion in each heart. What a wonderful hymn to express the Biblical texts which we read in September, about Jesus’ healing miracles; and during the time when we remember the events of Sept. 11th, 2001.

About the Composer: Marty Haugen was born in 1950 in Wanamingo, Minnesota. He studied piano, violin, trombone and organ through high school and played the organ in the American Lutheran Church which his family attended. He earned a BA in Psychology from Luther College and a degree from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. His first position as a church musician was in a Roman Catholic parish during the time when liturgy was undergoing many changes under Vatican II. He later earned an MA in pastoral studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

He has composed more than 400 pieces of sacred music and liturgy for both Roman Catholic and Protestant congregations, and has recorded many CD’s. For the past 35 years he has traveled across North America, Europe, the Pacific Rim, Asia and Central America presenting church music workshops and concerts, and promoting the Renewal of Worship and the Role of Music in our Faith /Life Journey. He is currently a member and composer-in-Residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) of Minneapolis, Minnesota. You may be familiar with some of his more famous compositions: “Gather Us In;” “Eye Hath Not Seen;” “Shepherd Me, O God;” “We Remember,” and the “Mass of Creation.” In our LSB Hymnal, hymns # 445, 720, 771 and 932 are by Marty Haugen; and in the hymnal With One Voice, you will find 10 of his songs, including our Sept. Hymn-of-the-Month, #738 “Healer of Our Every Ill.” His newest collection of songs and CD is entitled: “Choose to Hope”, available @ giamusic.com. His composition “Child of Wonder” has been made into a book with illustrations by Artist Stephen Nesser. (Also available from GIA Publications.)

At Beautiful Savior, you’ll be introduced to “Healer of Our Every Ill” on Sept 5th, when it will be sung as Special Music; on Sept. 12th, played during the Offering; on Sept. 19th when it will be the 2nd Distribution hymn; and on Sept. 26th, when it is played as the Prelude.

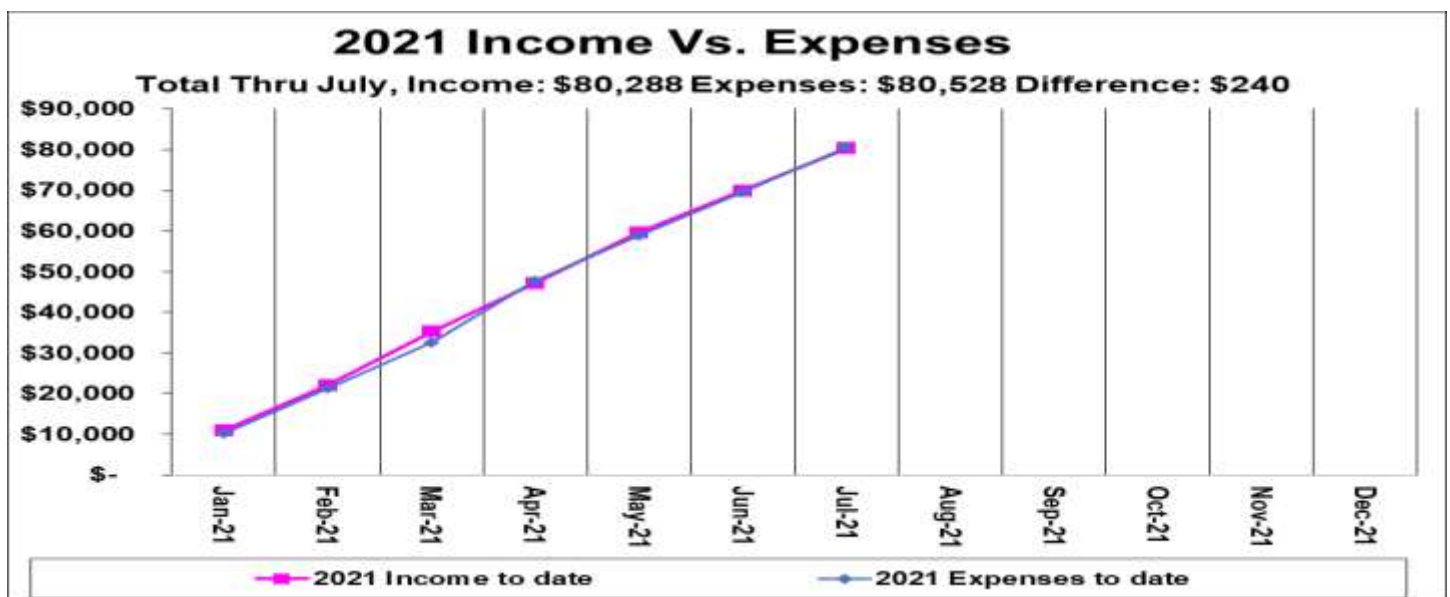
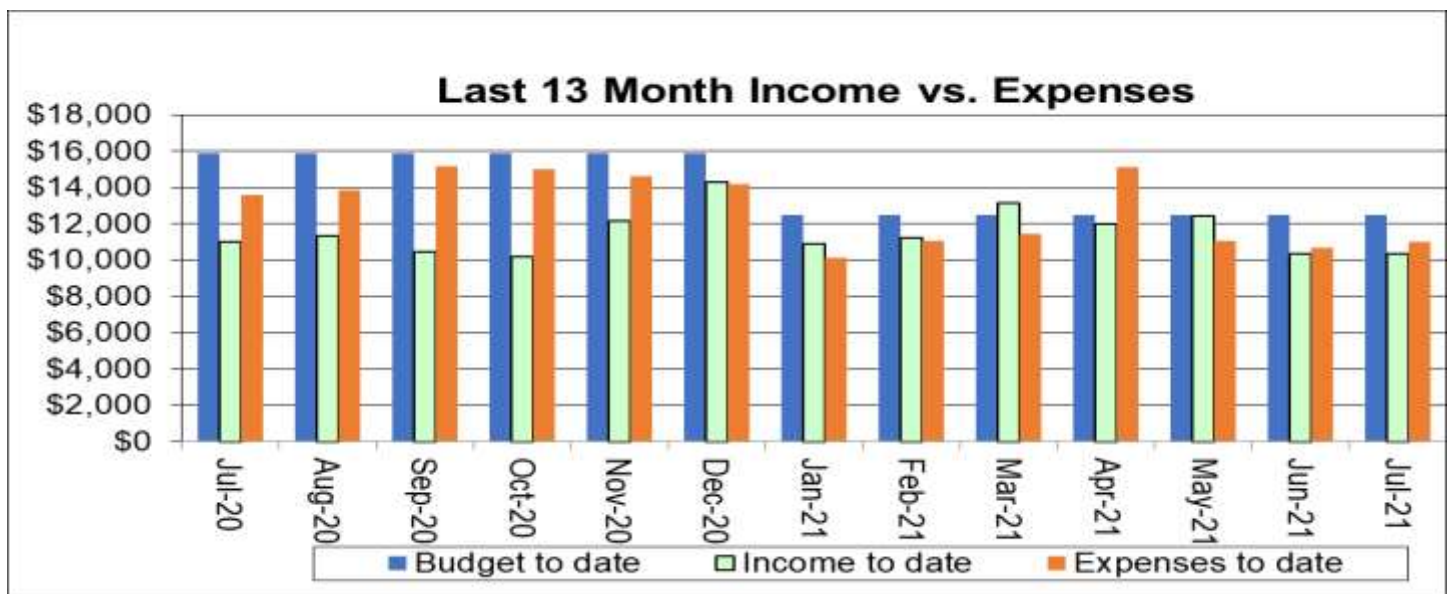
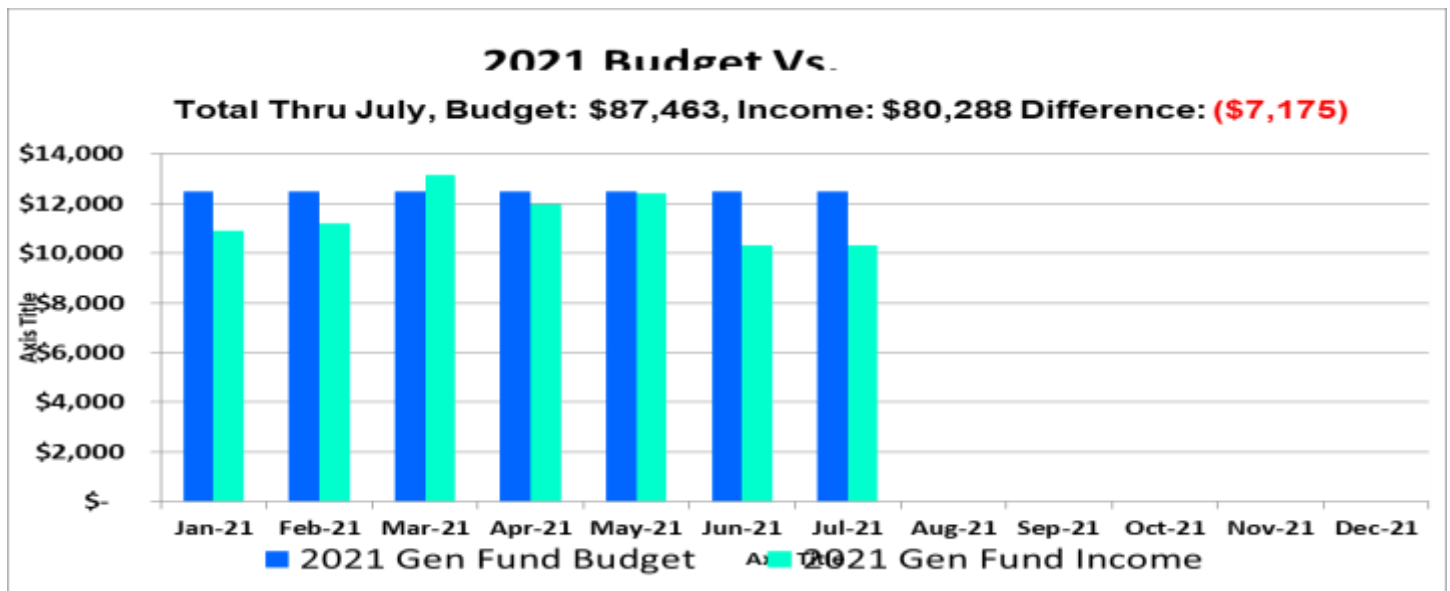
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Council meeting was held August 17th. Highlights of that meeting are:

- A New Member Class will begin Sunday, Aug. 29th following worship service. This is a 5 week class.
 - o Week 1 – History and mission of Beautiful Savior
 - o Weeks 2, 3, 4 – Catechism
 - o Week 5 – What do we do and what your talents are
- The La Mesa Table team leaders will be meeting with the revitalization team Aug. 25th to describe their plans for a Tempe facility.
- Vitalent would like to hold a week day blood drive. Please let Pastor Tim know if you would be interested in participating.
- Pastor Tim will be meeting with Tempe Mayor Corey Woods to describe Beautiful Savior's ministry to the community.
- Pastor Tim will be attending the District Pastors Conference in Scottsdale, Oct. 3-5.
- Treasurer reported \$142,763 in all accounts • Matching funds balance is \$33,192.06; bathroom remodel almost finished
- July ended with a negative balance (\$693.26); however, year to date has a negative balance of (\$103.32). Members are continuing to donate when missing Sunday worship services.
- Treasurer provided a graph comparing 2021 income to 2020 income at the request of Pastor. Income for 2021 closely matches 2020.
- Budget process will begin in October; Jan-Sept 2021 data will be distributed to the boards for constructing 2022 budget requests
- Stewardship purchased school supplies and clothing items for 15 needy students at Tempe High.
- Beautiful Savior will be serving dinner to the Tempe High football team prior to home games. The first game is September 10th.
- The Board of Christian Education has been working with Pastor Tim to prepare a Beautiful Savior history for the New Member class. All BSLC members interested in learning BSLC's history are invited to attend this class Sunday Aug. 29th following the worship service.
- Trustees reported 30 volunteer hours were contributed by BSLC members.
- Cabinet doors for the bathrooms will be ordered by Trustees. Trustees will also stain and attach the doors.
- The new A/C unit over the sacristy has been installed with some roof repair also done. Cost is approximately \$6900.
- A new water heater for the kitchen has been purchased and installed.
- Musicians contributed 13 hours of their musical talent. Thanks to Wendy Sievers and the praise band Bergmans for substituting for Ellen Brown while she was absent.
- Gretchen Adickes has joined the Revitalization Committee.
- Women in Mission will meet Wednesday, Sept. 15th at noon to plan for Fall events including LWML Sunday to be held Sept. 29th.

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 September meeting of Women in Mission will be Wednesday, Sept. 15th at noon. Please bring your own lunch. All BSLC women are invited to attend! This will be a time for socializing and planning special events.

LWML Sunday – September 26th, 2021

This year's theme is "Our hearts in His hand" based on 1 Peter 4:8: "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly". Communion will be included in the worship service.

Volunteers are needed to be greeters, ushers, and readers. If you would like to help, please contact Sandra Wardwell, 480-334-4176, s.wardwell@asu.edu . Thank you!!

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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 geneqlad@g.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:

We heard from Lily, of the Tempe High McKinney Vento program the second week of August with some needs that she had for her students. That resulted in 200 spiral notebooks, 200 composition notebooks, 200 mechanical pencils, women's underwear in all sizes and women's socks being delivered to the school on August 12th. We have not heard from the point people at Holdeman or Gililand but we will contact them before the end of August to see if we can be of help to them. Now that the school term has started again we expect to be working with them as usual.

September is the month that we will again be collecting for the Justa Center. Once again, please use your Designated Offering envelope and mark it "Justa Center" and put it in the offering plate any Sunday in September if you would like to contribute to this ministry. We will be delivering the needed supplies to them the first or second week in October so if you would like to go along with us to see firsthand where your money is going, please contact one of us or the church office so that you can be included.

Three of us were able to meet after Bible Class on the 22nd of August. In the future, we will have our regular monthly board meetings on the second Sunday of the month at 9:30 A.M.----immediately after Bible Class

Bobbie, Dorothy, Wendy, and Charlotte

Pastor Tim

Being Beautiful Savior By Pastor Tim Anderson

The other day, I got a really cool package in the mail, one I had been waiting for months to receive and one that I am excited to share with the congregation. What arrived in the mail was the photo album that my wife put together from the dedication service we had back in February when I began serving as Pastor of Beautiful Savior. And as I was going through the photographs, I couldn't help but think about how much has changed for me and for us in the last half a year. How far we have come together. God truly has been working here among us at Beautiful Savior

Pictures have the ability to do that, they help us remember and they help us see where we were at a moment in time. They show us what we looked like, who else was there, what we were wearing. They also show us old familiar faces who maybe aren't here anymore. Photo's help us to see who we were and who we are now. They can even help us learn more about ourselves and our own history. For me, the more I look at the old pictures here at church of who were, of who we have been throughout our history, the more I've become inspired. I've become inspired by who we were and also by who we are here at Beautiful Savior.

So why am I bringing this up, why all this talk about pictures? Well, because this month we are beginning our New Member Class called "Being Beautiful Savior." Yet this is a class that all members are invited to attend. My hope and my goal is to offer the class anywhere from four to six times a year. It will be a five-week class that will look at who we are and what we believe.

A big part of answering the question of who we are is going back through our history, especially the early years of Beautiful Savior. It was a time when we were really moving for the sake of the kingdom of God here in Tempe. A time when we were growing and building and starting new things every single month and every single year. A time when couples clubs and bowling leagues were being formed. A time when we kept building and adding to our church by completing four building projects in under twelve years. It was a time when the Pastor and the people were challenging one another, even with sassy announcements in the bulletin, and challenging one another to make Beautiful Savior, the best congregation it could be.

So, I guess I want us to look back in order to go forward, although that's hardly a new idea. Each week as I work on putting this class together, I am finding inspiration from our history and the history of Lutheranism here in our country and around the world. I am finding myself inspired by Martin Luther and a church that was willing to stand for the truth of the gospel when the powers of the world were trying to stomp them out. I am Finding myself inspired by the stories of Lutheran immigrants coming to America, being met in seaports by Lutheran Missionaries, who offered those immigrants free meals, and found them land to build their communities and churches on. I am inspired by how the Lutheran church in America met the needs of each community by building schools, hospitals, shelters, and nursing homes. I am inspired by the Lutheran church seeing a need for a missionary to be sent here to Tempe to build a congregation in the community and to serve the students of ASU. I find myself inspired by the best qualities of Rev. Fuerbringer and the early leaders of our congregation. I am not them and they are not us, but as we prepare to celebrate 60 years,

maybe we can learn again from the first 60 days, 60 weeks, 60 months and yes of course all 60 years. Let's together once again learn and discover what it means to be Beautiful Savior.

As we look back in order to move forward, I also want to remind us of Scripture, where King David looks back in order to be inspired and look forward in Psalm 22. "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" In a season of despair when David was asking God, why are my best days behind me? God, why have you left me out here all alone? God, where are you? It feels like nothing is going right! David was able to look back to glean hope for what was to come.

When David was on the run from King Saul, or in hiding because Absalom his son wanted to take his throne, David always turned his mind back to the faithfulness of God in the past. He reminded himself that "In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame." David reminded himself of God's faithfulness in the past and it helped him move forward with hope and inspiration and faith in God for the future to come.

My prayer for our congregation, for this class, for this fall and for the next 60 years of ministry at Beautiful Savior is that we would remind ourselves of the faith of our fathers. It was a faith that got this congregation up and running and the faith to continue to believe that God will be here, inspiring us, for decades and centuries to come. Let's continue to be Beautiful Savior and rediscover what being Beautiful Savior is really all about.

See you Sundays after fellowship as we get re-inspired

Pastor Tim

