



*October 2021*

Beautiful  
Savior  
Lutheran  
Church  
Newsletter

## **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"**

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To view our services and Pastor Tim's daily bible study go to  
[facebook.com/beautifulsaviorlutheranChurchTempe/videos](https://facebook.com/beautifulsaviorlutheranChurchTempe/videos)

Mail or in person at: 1337 W. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 October: 33 in the church service; 10 in Adult Bible Study

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**New Member Sunday on October 17<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. service**

**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. October 10 will be the next Bible Study, location TBA.**

**After the service: Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Quarterly congregation voters' meeting**

**OTHER INFO: SOLA FAITH:** Website: <https://solaministries.org/> Thank you again for being the Hands and Feet of Christ on Arizona State University campuses!

Hymn of the Month, October, 2021.

By Ellen Brown, Dir. of Music

Our Hymn of the Month for October, 2021, is titled  
“Grace Alone” by Scott Brown & Jeff Nelson

This lovely hymn, by Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson was written in 1998 and copyrighted by Maranatha! Music/ ASCAP, now Universal Music-Brentwood Benson Publishing and is licensed under CCLI. It can be found in 7 contemporary hymnals.

The hymn features the Refrain: “Grace Alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; We will go forth in Grace Alone.” This refrain follows two stanzas which name things we do or attempt to do, which are affected and promoted by the grace of God. Mountains to climb, sorrows turned to praise, souls to reach, hearts to teach: what a perfect text to express the “grace alone” cited by Martin Luther. A message of hope, coming to us directly from the Bible. Yes, a perfect text for an October month of Reformation celebrations!

About the Composers: The words and music of this modern hymn were written by two amazing American musicians: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson.

Scott Brown was born in 1952 in Philadelphia, PA. He is a pastor, worship leader, recording artist, songwriter and author. During the first part of his career in sacred music, he worked with Campus Crusade for Christ and Promise Keepers; teamed with Billy Smiley of the Christian rock band Whiteheart to release the 2006 album Hymns, the Old Made New. He has recorded 25 albums for Sparrow Records, and his songs have been “covered” by such famous singers as Amy Grant, Sandi Patty, Pat Boone, Mark Lawry, and opera star Placido Domingo. He currently lives in San Diego, CA, and serves as a Legacy Pastor and speaker with the

Legacy Coalition International Grandparenting Ministry, calling his ministry: “Music With a Mission.”

Jeff Nelson, was born in 1958 in Houston, Texas and is a graduate of Baylor University. His career has taken him into songwriting, worship leading and recording artist. This producer of Christian music has played piano since his days in high school.

He says “(I) probably feel closest to the Lord when I’m playing piano.” He has recorded dozens of songs released in the US, Korea, and Japan, and now resides in Nashville, TN with his wife, twin sons, and 4 grandchildren. His most recently released albums are called Prayer Songs and are inspired piano improvisations on prayers.

At Beautiful Savior, you’ll be introduced to “Grace Alone” on

Oct. 3rd, when it will be sung as the Closing Hymn; on Oct. 10th, when it serves as Hymn of the Day; on Oct. 17th when it is played as a piano solo, introducing Holy Communion distribution; in the Oct. 17th afternoon Reformation Celebration; on Oct. 24th as a Piano Voluntary; and on Oct. 31st as a Postlude.

The regular Council meeting was held September 21st. Highlights of that meeting are:

- SOLA ministry at ASU will hold a joint ministry project called 'Feed My Starving Children' the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Beautiful Savior
- Pastor met with Tempe Mayor Corey Woods
  - 20% of Tempe's population is below the poverty level
- Pastor Tim will be on a panel at the Pastor's conference in October about revitalization • New Member classes going well. Pastor would like to start another series of classes at the end of November.
- President Cyndi met with new congregation president at Mountain View.
- Treasurer reported checking and savings accounts total \$142,640.95
- Bill for new A/C over sacristy has not been received
- August finished with a positive balance of \$401. Expenses were under budget by \$1,886, and income was under budget by \$1,486 resulting in a small surplus for the month. Income included a rebate of \$261 from the insurance company.
- For the year to date, we have a small surplus of income relative to expenses of \$297.
- Our expenses in August totaled 84.9% of budget and the total for the year is at 91.1% of budget.
- The Campus Rejuvenation Fund (Matching Funds) balance at the end of August was \$33,192 after paying for the bathroom remodeling costs (to date). A request for suggestions for new projects will be made at the October voters meeting.
- Budget process will start in October and Voters will review in November.
- Kitchen water heater replaced due to leaking.
- Stewardship board members cleared out the donated items in the Sunday School rooms. Items were taken to Gililand and Holdeman schools and will be taken to Justa Center after the September fundraising drive is completed.
- Stewardship purchased additional items requested Gililand and Holdeman schools . Pastor Tim and Charlotte took items to Holdeman and Pastor met the staff there.
- Gililand is requesting help with their food pantry; the Board will resume that task in November and December.
- Stewardship board members spent 10 hours sorting clothes donated to Tempe High.
- Pastor Spallek will lead the service Oct 10 as Pastor Tim will be away
- Plans for the Fish Fry were reviewed. This fundraiser will benefit Camp ALOMA.
- Elders recommend serving communion in the worship services on 5th Sundays
- Trustees reported 56 hours of volunteers serving Beautiful Savior.
- The bench near the crosses in the west lawn was broken and has been replaced with a metal bench. Discussion recommended chaining the bench to prevent theft.
- Reminder to put away all open packages of food in the kitchen. Ant activity has increased.
- Electricity will be extended to basketball court.
- When weather cools, trustee will clear out the old garden patch on the South Lawn.
- Music team GLORIA meeting scheduled for Oct. 25th.
- Plans for Reformation service Oct. 17th, 3 PM include Men's choir from St. Luke's
- Music Director Ellen has chosen hymns of the month for September and October and will submit write ups to Newsletter.
- The third part of the CCLI music license has been purchased. This third part is 'Song Select' which allows us to use up to 200 new songs per year. This will give us access to newer music to use in the

casual Sunday services.

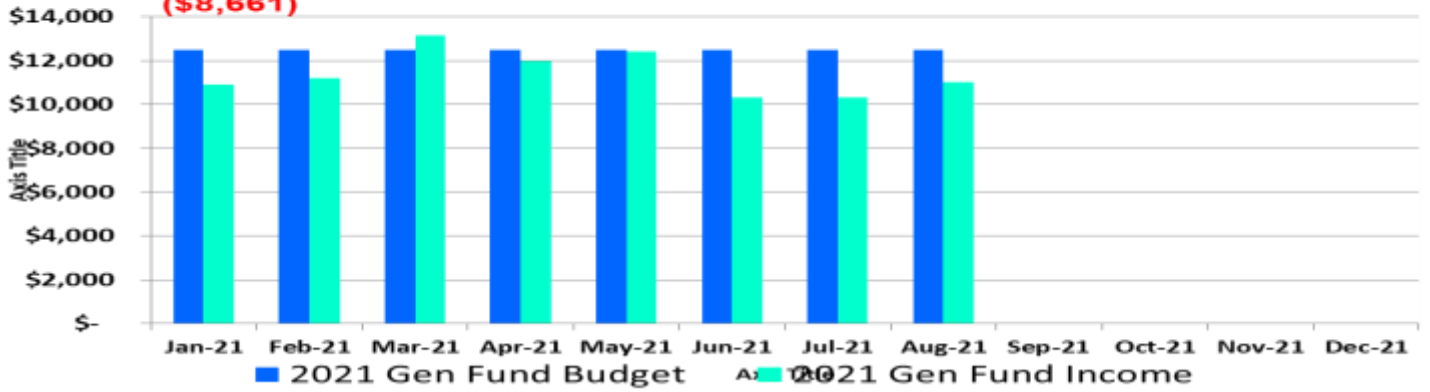
- Continue to look for a guitarist
- LWML preparing to host Fall Zone Rally at Beautiful Savior Saturday, Nov. 13th.
- Revitalization Committee Presented a proposal to partner with La Mesa to use our facility for a Thursday evening meal and program similar to their Tuesday program in Mesa for the homeless.
- Fish Fry Saturday, Oct. 16, cost is \$20. Encourage everyone to attend but if cost is a problem talk to Pastor.
- Pocket calendars for 2022 with a Beautiful Savior cover will be made and donated for distribution to Beautiful Savior members as an anniversary memento.
- Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 1 to 4 PM
  - o Will have games, pumpkin patch, decorated car trunks.
  - o Need to identify Thrivent members who can apply for Thrivent action cards to support this event
  - o Watch for email questionnaire and please respond.
- Next Council meeting is Oct. 19th.
- Next regular quarterly Voters Meeting is Oct. 24th following worship service.

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](mailto:s.wardwell@asu.edu).

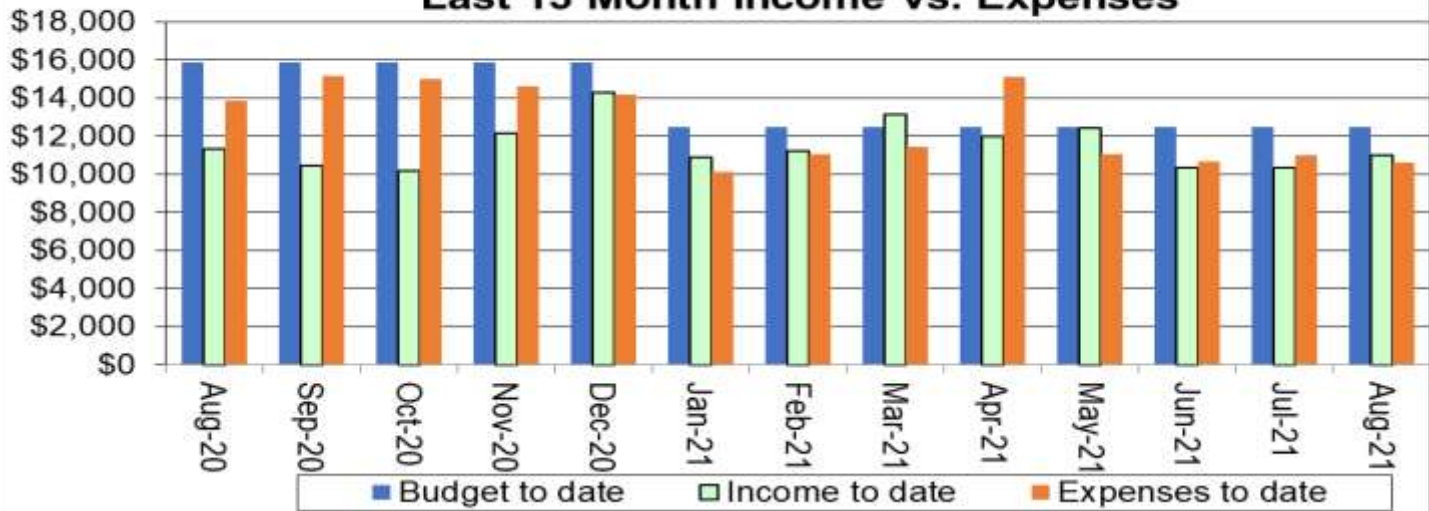
**BOARD OF FINANCE:**

### 2021 Budget Vs.

Total Thru August, Budget: \$99,958, Income: \$91,297 Difference: **(\$8,661)**

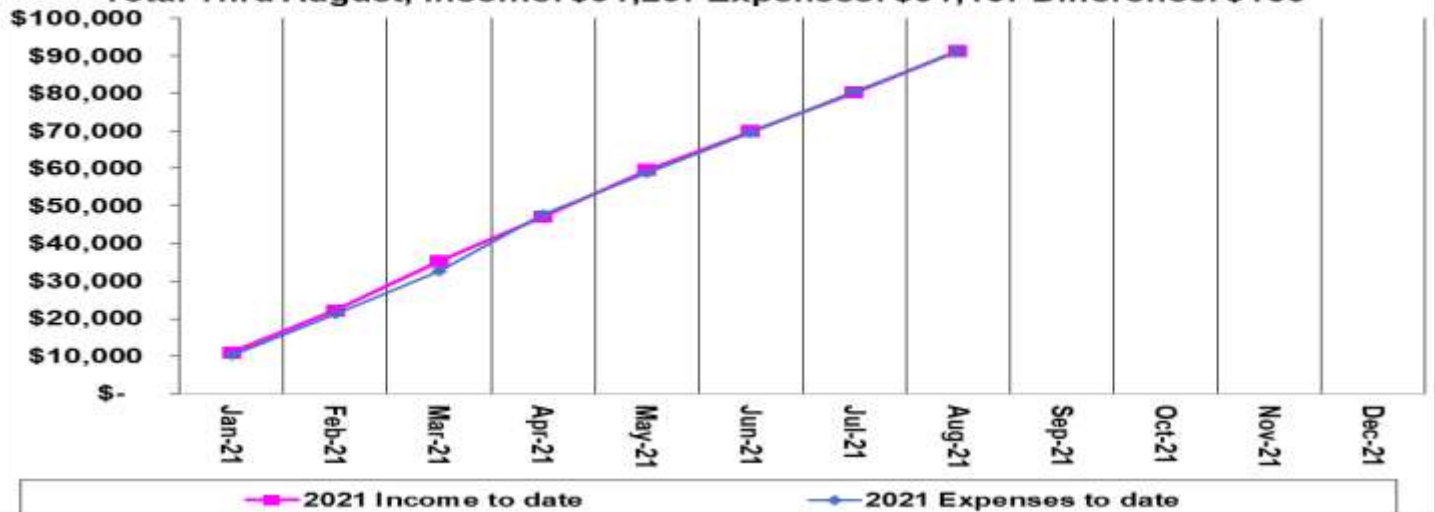


### Last 13 Month Income vs. Expenses



### 2021 Income Vs. Expenses

Total Thru August, Income: \$91,297 Expenses: \$91,137 Difference: \$160



WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML):



**NEWS FROM BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR'S WOMEN IN MISSION  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

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

**Thanks to all who participated in celebrating LWML Sunday September 26th! We are happy to  
serve Beautiful Savior congregation whenever we can.**

**HISTORY OF THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE AT  
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1962-2021**

The BSLC Women's guild officially began Jan. 1962 and became a recognized society of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in Jan. 1963. Opportunities for education, inspiration, service and support were made available to all women of the congregation. These included monthly meetings with devotions, music, and special speakers; furnishing the kitchen and providing items for the altar; corresponding with missionaries; connecting with ASU students; visiting a local nursing home; raising funds for mission grants using Mite boxes; caring for ill and home bound members; and connecting with other LWML women at the Zone, District, and National levels.

**Special Events**

- BSLC women hosted 6 Zone rallies.
- Organized mother-daughter banquets, congregational dinners and picnics, father-son cookouts.
- Surprise baby showers after monthly meetings
- Trading stamps collected to purchase kitchen items
- Recent event history included Christmas dinners • Celebrating Christian Women in May as a zone-wide event.
- Sent delegates to District Conventions Fun Facts
- Registration fees for Zone rallies were \$1.25 and included lunch!
- Donuts purchased for Lenten service refreshments cost 50 cents per dozen in 1962!
- BSLC women could join the BSLC Voters Assembly beginning January 1973.
- Monthly meeting attendance records from 1964 to 1973 listed as many as 41 members of the Society

- Supported BSLC's Jana Shields through Wycliffe Bible Translator training and at Friends' House at Drake Park as our local mission project
- Currently support Camp ALOMA as our local mission project
- Altar flowers cost \$6.24 in the old days!

### Upcoming Events

LWML Zone 27/30 Fall Rally will be at Beautiful Savior Saturday, November 13th, 9 AM to 1 PM. All women are invited to attend. The speaker will be Kay Siebert of Christ Church Lutheran talking about Mental Health First aid.

Reservation Deadline is November 6th in order to make lunch arrangements. More details to follow!

The 39th Biennial Convention of the Pacific Southwest District of the LWML will be held in Tempe, June 3-5, 2022 at the Embassy Suites Hotel located at Rural and the 60. The Convention theme is "Treasured" based on Matthew 13:44-46? You are a treasure to God – a pearl of great value. Come to the convention and be encouraged to share this message of God's love with the world.

Questions about LWML? Contact Sandra Wardwell, email: [s.wardwell@asu.edu](mailto:s.wardwell@asu.edu) or call 480-334-4176.

### 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 [genejad@q.com](mailto:genejad@q.com). OR email [office@beautifulsaviortempe.org](mailto: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

“Happy Anniversary”

By Pastor Tim Anderson

As we go into the month of October here at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, maybe you have noticed all that we have going on as a congregation and I wanted to take the time to write about what we have planned this month as we conclude our 60th anniversary with a celebration and reformation service and as we look back in order to inspire us going forward.

On Sunday October 17th at 3:00PM, we are inviting the other LCMS Lutheran Churches of the East Valley to gather with us as we give thanks to God for the blessing of 60+ years of ministry in the East Valley and for our over 500 years of Lutheran History and Heritage around the world. In fact, this year marks 500 years since the Diet of Worms, a court date and hearing where Luther had to appear before Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor to speak about everything he had written in since posting the 95 theses on the doors in Wittenberg. We give thanks to God that Luther did not repent of his works, ask he was being asked to do, but instead defended his beliefs, believing that he was trying to reform the church and bring the centrality of the church’s teachings back to grace, back to the cross, and back to the empty tomb. “Luther said that unless He was convinced of his errors by Scripture or by reason, his conscience was bound by the Word of God.” He ended his statement with the words, “Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”

So, we honor our Lutheran heritage and give thanks to God for men like Martin Luther, Phillip Melancthon, C.F.W. Walther, among others. We give thanks for Rev. Ken Fuerbringer who continued to stand upon the clarity and beauty of a pure Gospel proclamation, until with the help of the Pacific Southwest District, he planted a congregation here at 1337 W. 11th St. Tempe AZ, to deal with the needs of the community and “to address the needs of the Immediate Situation.”

As such, since 1960, we’ve been here in good times and in bad, in seasons of growth and in seasons of struggle and conflict, doing the best we can as broken people to bring the clarity and the purity of the Gospel to our neighborhood and the world. We have taken the Gospel and our Lutheranism, out of Wittenberg, bringing it here to Tempe and beyond. We were the first Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in the East Valley, and we were instrumental in helping to launch other ministries like Saint Luke in Mesa, Gethsemane, Alleluia Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Ministries at ASU, and Camp Aloma. Our Daughter congregations have also helped to launch new ministries. Much of what has happened in the Lutheran Church in the East Valley, in places like Tempe, Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert and Apache Junction all started right here at Beautiful Savior. So, we honor, celebrate and rejoice, as we look forward.

Because an Anniversary, or a birthday, isn’t just a time to look back on what has been, but it is a time to look forward to what is still coming. I remember as a Kid looking forward to birthday’s, like my 18th birthday, my 21st birthday and my 25th birthday, because with each one I got to think about how much I had matured, but even more so I got to think about what I was now able to do. At 18 I was a legal adult. At 21, I was well... I was 21. At 25, I was able to rent a

car all on my own. Each time, I was aware of what I was now able to do even as I thought back on what I had already accomplished.

Now a church anniversary, at least in my mind works in the same way. We give thanks for what has been, honoring both the good times and the bad, because it has brought us to this exact moment, exactly as we are. But then we think of what we can do, right here and right now, because of our circumstance, because of who we are, and because of what God has called us to.

The Beauty of an anniversary is that it is not a funeral. It's not just looking back at what has been and no longer is, instead an anniversary celebrates what can still be, and what is happening right here and right now.

And so, Happy Anniversary, our church is very much alive, kicking and reaching out in ways that prove we're not done yet. This month alone in addition to our anniversary, we will be celebrating our annual Fish Fry on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm and we will be having a "New Member Sunday" on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. On the 17<sup>th</sup> we plan to have Eight individuals join Beautiful Savior. These Eight have shown a desire to join our congregation and that is on top of last month's baptism. That means that this year alone our church has already grown in membership by over 10 percent.

Also, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be having our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Festival for the community. The Revitalization team is hard at work to organize our congregation for this event, as we send out postcards, organize a Trunk-or-treat, games, and a pumpkin patch, and welcome our neighborhood to our church while sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. And who Knows, maybe, just maybe, Martin Luther will make an appearance like he did last year when he had to (Pastor Tim dressed as Martin Luther)mask up in order to tell Lutheran Students at Christ Greenfield School all about the Reformation.



It is truly a great time to be Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church , to celebrate our heritage, to continue to assess the news of our neighborhood, our congregation, and the immediate situations around us, and to be firmly rooted here, knowing that this is what God has called us to, we stand here, God help us too as we reach each man, woman and child created in his image. We are called to do nothing else. God help us, and I mean truly help us. Amen.

Pastor Tim

