



November 2021

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

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Phone: 480-967-2660; Email: office@beautifulsaviortempe.org
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To view our services and Pastor Tim's daily bible study go to
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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 October: 42 in the church service; 10 in Adult Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Fellowship for November 7th, (recognizing Anniversaries & Birthdays for the month).

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. November 10th will be the next Bible Study, location Yvonne's Café, 1725 University.

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

BSLC Newsletter

Hymn of the Month, November, 2021.

By Ellen Brown, Dir. of Music

Our Hymn of the Month for November, 2021, is titled “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” with words and music by Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin.

*In November, we traditionally think about “giving thanks” and the **November Hymn-of-the-Month, “10,000 Reasons” says it all.***

First recorded by Matt Redman in 2011 on his album of the same title, it has been translated into many languages and sung ‘round the world. In 2013 it received 2 Grammy awards, 2 Gospel Music Assn. awards, and 2 Dove awards!!

Psalm 103 was the inspiration for this song with the verse “Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.”

In the song, we are reminded of what King David wrote about God’s mighty love: He is rich in love, slow to anger, His heart is kind, He is filled with goodness.” The 3rd stanza of the song goes on to say: “And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years, and then forevermore!”

As you listen to and sing this wonderful worship song, think of All the 10,000 reasons which you have for praising the Lord!

About the Composers: The words and music of this modern hymn were co-written by the English singer-songwriter Matt Redman, and Swedish songwriter Jonas Myrin.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING

The regular Council meeting was held October 19th. The quarterly Voters meeting was held October 24th. Highlights of those meetings are:

- Oct. 16th Fish Fry had 100 in attendance and raised \$2000 for Camp Aloma.
- 74 attended the Anniversary/Reformation service Oct. 17th.
- September finished with a negative balance of (\$1,032). Expenses were under budget by \$1,194, but income was under budget by \$2,226 resulting in a deficit for the month.
- For the year to date, we have a deficit of income relative to expenses of (\$776).
- Our expenses in September totaled 90.4% of budget and the total for the year is at 91% of budget.
- The Campus Rejuvenation Fund (Matching Funds) balance at the end of September is \$32,015 after paying for the bathroom remodeling costs (to date).

- New A/C Unit over sacristy has been paid.
- Finance reviewed the Dedicated Funds and Council approved the suggested changes. This will clarify the actual amount of cash in checking and savings accounts.
- A revised budget schedule was presented. Voters will meet Nov. 14th to review and approve the 2022 budget.
- Stewardship received \$455 for Justa Center from the September drive. Items have been purchased and delivered.
- Stewardship has been in contact with the schools and will be planning to purchase clothing and provide items during the holidays.
- Trustees reported 76 volunteer hours. Looking for bids to redo sidewalk from church to choir room and to add a new sidewalk from Patio to north parking lot.
- Contractor for Gililand school project has asked to use East parking lot for workers. Will also construct a little league ball field in corner of our field for Gililand students to use.
- Music Director Ellen looking for a guitarist to supplement music program.
- Thanks to all who participated in the Anniversary/Reformation service.
- Voters dispensed with review of Board and Committee reports with the exception of Treasurer and Finance reports. Budget process is underway. Finance will meet Nov. 2nd to review proposed budget; Council will meeting Nov. 7th to review proposed budget; Voters will review and approve budget Nov. 14th.
- Voters were given copies of the partnership proposal with La Mesa. They would like to serve a meal to the homeless and needy people of Tempe every Thursday. They also include a worship service that people can attend. La Mesa has their own team of people to set up, serve, and clean up. Voters will be asked to vote on this proposal at the Nov. 14th meeting.

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.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH VOTERS MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2021 Draft Meeting called to order at 11:25 AM by President Cyndi Calender. Pastor Tim gave opening devotion from Revelation about the multitude worshipping around the throne of the Lamb. We are part of that ministry.

Roll Call

- 23 voting members were present.

Acceptance of New Members

- M/S/C to accept Beth and Alan Hutson into voting membership.

Approval of previous minutes

- Minutes of July 18, 2021 Quarterly Voters Meeting approved as printed

Motion made, seconded, carried to dispense with Board and Committee reports except Treasurer and Finance.

Treasurer's Report

- Account balances:
 - LCEF Savings: \$43,110.41

o WF Savings: 33,192.61 – Matching/Rejuvenation Fund
o WF Checking: 66,028.19
\$142,331.21

- Third Quarter Profit & Loss (Income – Expenses): -\$1314.92
o Income was 84.3% of budget
o Expenses were 87.8% of budget
- Year-to-date Profit & Loss: -\$ 729.39
o Income was 90,3% of budget
o Expenses were 91.0% of budget Board of Finance Report
- Dedicated Funds - changes proposed by Finance and approved by Council
 - o Dedicated funds are restricted funds; they are contributions to be used for specific purposes, not for day-to-day operating expenses.
 - o Operating Funds and Dedicated Funds are in the Wells Fargo checking account.
 - o Full-time Pastor salary and benefits amounts were listed as dedicated funds during the months we were without a full-time pastor (\$83,491.74), resulting in a Dedicated Funds total of 2 \$103,272.37. This was not a true reflection of actual cash in the checking account.
 - o Pastor salary and benefits amounts no longer needed to be set aside when Pastor Tim became our pastor. His salary and benefits are currently paid from the actual Operating funds in the checking account.
 - o The Saved Pastor's Benefits and Saved Pastor's Salary Funds have been closed, essentially forgiving the loan BSLC made to itself.
 - o Several other dedicated funds that have not been used for several years have been moved to other funds.
- o Result: The Wells Fargo checking account now accurately reflects the Operating (or General) Fund and the Dedicated Fund totals! Dedicated Funds: approximately \$19,000!
General Fund: approximately \$46,000
o Note: No interest is received on the money in the WF Checking account! General fund expenses are approximately \$20,000 per month! Council approved moving \$25,000 from the WF Checking account to the LCEF Savings Account where it will earn interest.! At year's end, Treasurer will determine if funds should be transferred from LCEF Savings to WF Checking OR from WF Checking to LCEF Savings depending on negative or positive balance for the year.
- New A/C unit cost \$6700. \$2800 in labor was donated by installer, Pat Nielsen. An acknowledgment letter of his donation was provided to Pat. The cost of the unit was paid from LCEF savings and will be repaid to savings from the General fund at \$200 per month.
- Bathroom remodel almost complete
- Budget process is underway.
 - o **Voters meeting Nov. 14 to review and approve budget.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- Thanks to Joe Carlin for trimming low hanging branches of trees on west lawn that were blocking sign.
- Elders thanked all who worked to make the Fish Fry happen, especially Debbie O'Neill for organizing the menu and running the kitchen.
- Many thanks to those who made the Reformation service happen:

- o Marsha – bulletins
- o Ellen – music
- o Debbie – reception and robing room for Pastors

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fall Festival, Sunday, Oct. 31st, 1 to 4 PM o 1000 postcards have been sent to addresses around the church
- Budget Meetings
 - o Finance meeting – Tues, Nov. 2nd
 - o Council meeting – Sun, Nov. 7th
 - o Voters meeting – Sun, Nov. 14th
- LWML Zone Fall Rally – Sat., Nov. 13th

NEW BUSINESS:

Partnership proposal from La Mesa Ministries to Launch La Mesa Tempe Thursdays at Beautiful Savior – Vote to be taken at Nov. 14th Voters meeting

- Video presentation describing the program currently in place in Mesa.
 - o La Mesa reaches out to the homeless and underhoused community once a week (Tuesday) offering a meal, food to take with them, and a short worship service. The facility in Mesa serves as a resource center Monday through Friday offering financial management classes, connections to community resources, and finding sustainable housing.
- La Mesa intends to come into Tempe using a food truck until they find a facility offering space for seating and a worship service for the homeless
- 20% of population of Tempe is below the poverty line.
- La Mesa staff have visited our facility and think it will fit their needs. They would need some storage space here. They bring in all the food for the meal and package it here. They clean the facility and will monitor the bathrooms and narthex.
- We would create a Memorandum of Understanding with them specifying the responsibilities of La Mesa and Beautiful Savior and ability to terminate the partnership.
- The La Mesa director formerly led the Phoenix Homeless Task Force and is well aware of the resources and agencies in the east Valley working with the homeless.
- If it isn't God's will for the congregation to work with La Mesa, we should seek out other opportunities to use our facility to help those in need.
- Members are encouraged to visit La Mesa Tuesdays to see how the program works.
- Discussion shared concerns about safety and liability issues with nearby schools.
- Homeless people would find their way to Beautiful Savior.
- La Mesa would inform neighbors about their event.
- Questions raised about covid procedures, liability insurance, use of the facility by others.
- Pastor encouraged us to do something that we will be known for. This is an opportunity.
- President Cyndi closed the discussion by asking everyone to pray about this opportunity and vote on it at the Nov. 14th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM followed by prayer from Pastor.

CARE TEAM

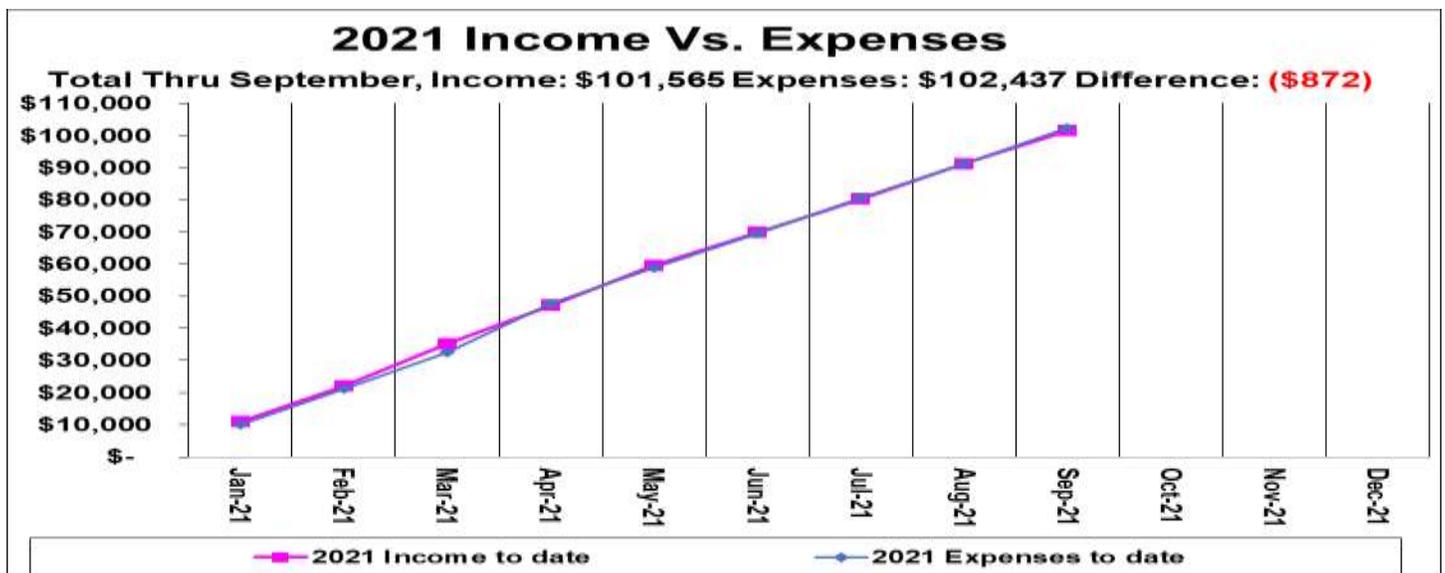
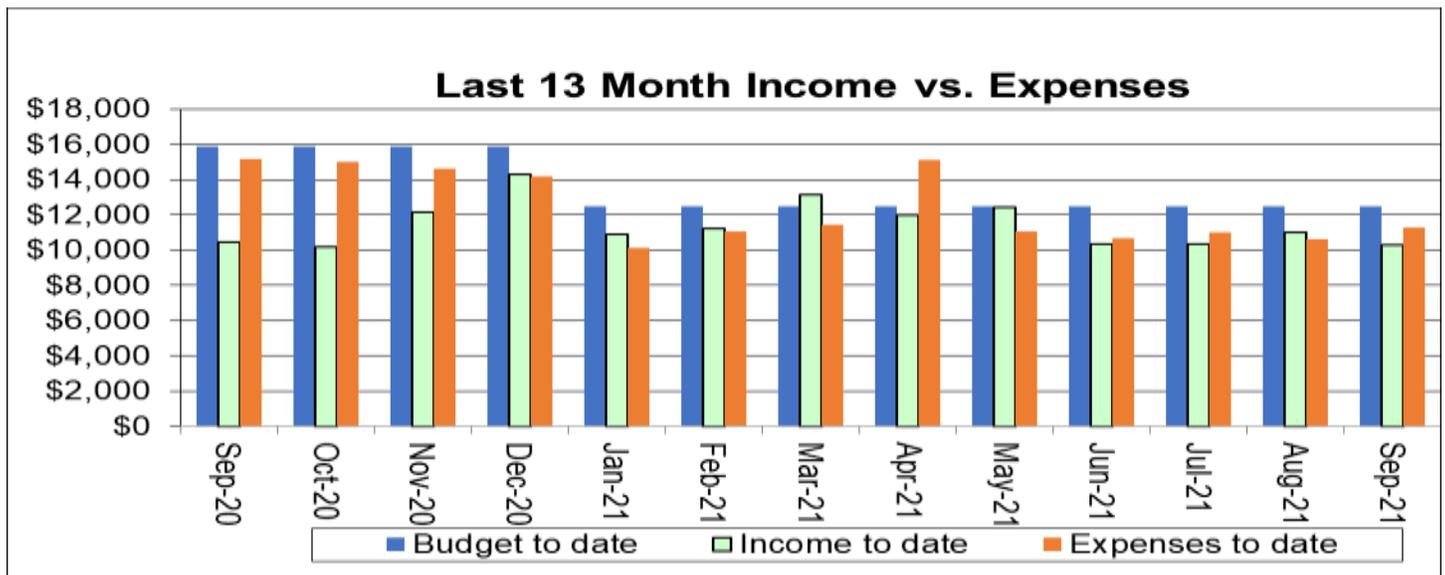
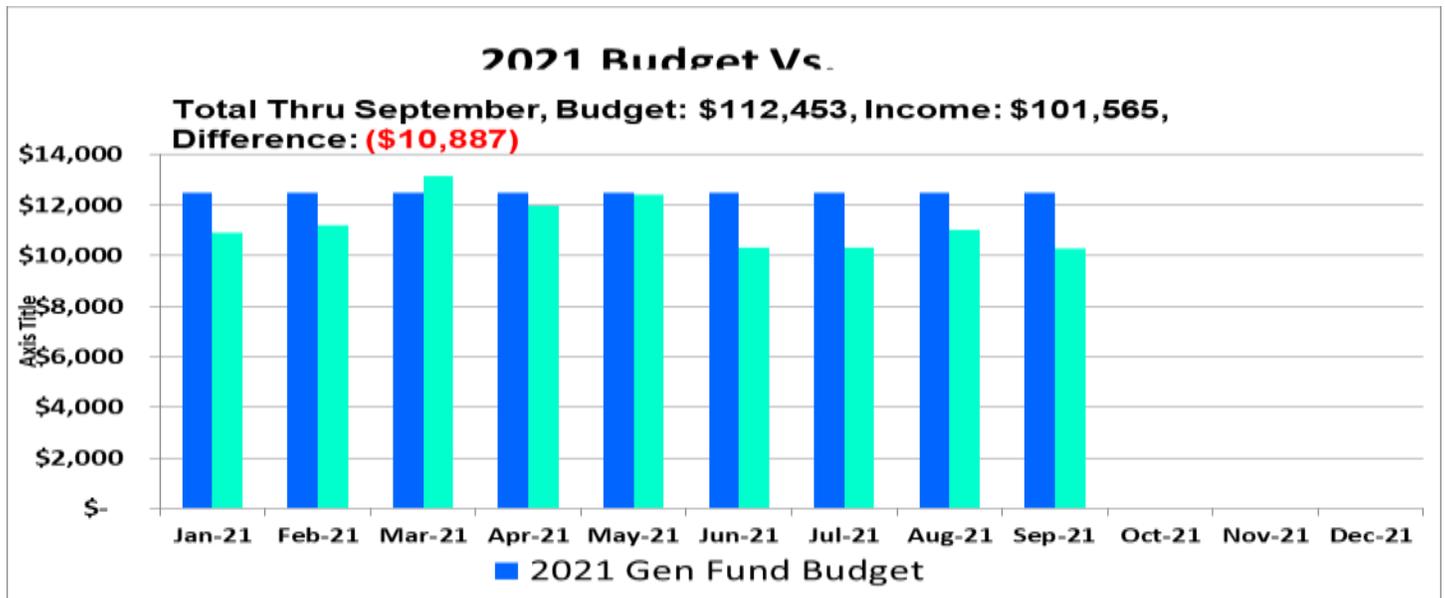
The Care Team is a result of the revitalization team; the purpose of the Care Team is to contact BSLC members in need by letting them know that they are missed, loved and that BSLC is thinking about them.

We plan on doing this by contacting members by phone, visiting the home bound, people in care centers, sending "thinking of you", birthday, and anniversary cards, offering rides, possibly cooking a meal; anything that is needed. We are in the "beginning" stage so we are not quite certain how far this team can reach but feel the possibilities are endless.

If you would like to join our Care Team or if you know of any BSLC member you feel should be contacted please either contact one of the Care Team members or let Pastor Tim or Marsha know.

At this time the members of the Care Team are Pat Carlin, Gladys Meyers, Katheryn Odle, Debbie O'Neill and Phyllis Schinke

BOARD OF FINANCE:



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.*

LWML

Fall Rally



Zone 27/30

Saturday, November 13, 2021 • 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

1337 W. 11th St., Tempe

Speaker: Kay Siebert

“Bringing Mental Health First Aid to Your Church and School”

Kay Siebert is the recipient of a 2020-2022 \$10,000 District Mission Grant.

Come and find out how you and your church and school community
can benefit from Mental Health First Aid Classes.

We invite all women to join us for devotions, singing, Bible Study,
accomplishing the business of the Zone, and renewing friendships.

Ingathering: Diaper Drive for Christ Cares for Kids. Size 5

Registration: \$15 person (includes lunch) • \$10 per person (no lunch)

RSVP by November 5th to Sandra Wardwell:

s.wardwell@asu.edu or 480-334-4176

Yvonne's Cafe, in Tempe is preparing the luncheon.
Sandwiches, sides and cookies will be individually wrapped
and labeled. They can accommodate dietary restrictions.

When you contact Sandra, please indicate the following:

Lunch No Lunch

Sandwich: Turkey Ham Roast Beef Vegetarian

Special Diet: Gluten free Other dietary restrictions

Questions about LWML? Contact Sandra Wardwell, email: 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 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:

September/October 2021 Since the last Council meeting, the Stewardship Committee spent \$476.72 for items for the Justa Center. \$455.00 was from donations from the congregation and \$21.72 from Outreach Funds. We purchased the following items: 7 Kirkland laundry soap pod containers w/152 pods in each, 212 rolls of toilet paper, 20 cans of each of the following: tuna, chicken, corn and green beans, 8 corn tortilla packages w/100 in each, 8- 6.9 lb cans of canned country sausage gravy, 10- 6.9 lb cans of chili con carne and beans and 9 boxes of saltine crackers, plus items that were collected previously that were stored at the church, including jackets, a blanket and various clothing items. There were also various sundry items-soaps, toothbrushes, etc. Sue Jimenez donated pill containers and soap that she had collected. All items were taken to the Justa Center and they were very thankful. Dorothy McShee and Bobbie Littou delivered the items and toured the facility. The pledge letters and envelopes were printed by Marsha and were sent out 10/13. Sunday, Nov. 7 will be designated as Stewardship Sunday when the pledge cards may be returned. The Stewardship committee intends to provide lunch for the congregation which will be sandwiches from Costco, chips, and drinks. Since this is the first Sunday of the month, dessert will be the cake for birthdays and anniversaries.

Bobbie attempted to contact Lily Gomez from Tempe High to ask if we could provide sweatshirts, leggings or other clothing items since the weather has cooled down and these items may be needed for the students.. Dorothy McShee has donated a sleeping bag and Bobbie will take that to Tempe High along with clothing donated by her granddaughter. As you know, members of our committee have had health issues lately, but all are on the mend so hopefully we will have a committee meeting in November as we need to discuss our intentions for donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Finance Committee has decided to transfer the budget item for the food pantry to Stewardship since it has not been used for quite a while. Therefore, the amount designated for this, \$950.59, has been moved to the Stewardship budget for which we are very grateful. We intend to use this to purchase food items, etc. for Gilliland, Holdeman and Tempe High when we can get a response from them as to their needs.

Stewardship Committee--Bobbie Littou, Charlotte Grefe, Dorothy McShee and Wendy Sievers

The Forgotten November Holydays

Pastor Tim Anderson

In just a few days Pumpkin Spice Latte's and fall flavors will begin to step aside at Starbucks and other coffee shops as Peppermint Mocha's and Gingerbread lattes will begin to take their place, and for this coffee lover, (or some might say Addict), I could not be more excited. I love the flavors, smells and feelings of Christmas. It is one of my favorite times of the year, but I struggle mightily in the month of November, because a lot of people have different ideas as to when the Christmas Season begins. To me, it's as if the Holidays or Holy Days of November are being completely forgotten, as the Christmas season pushes earlier and earlier. Even Hallmark has begun their Christmas programming, with titles such as "You, Me and The Christmas Tree." I could be wrong but I don't think that's the tree is the third strand that Ecclesiastes 4 is talking about when we hear that a cord of three strands is not easily broken.

Now I try not to whine this much in our monthly newsletter, but it really is something that has bothered me for a while and I don't know when we began to skip everything November has to offer. This year is seeming to be so much worse as all the fear mongering about not being able to buy Christmas gifts do to the supply shortages has only pushed the commercialism of Christmas earlier and earlier into October. But I NEED the weeks of November and December. I need the blessings they bring to us as the church. And yes, I do mean thanksgiving, but I also mean the blessings that come from All Saints Day and from observing Advent, the longing and waiting and watching for our newborn king. Yet Advent is also when we wait for the return of our king, our lord and savior Jesus in glory. There is so much that happens during these final two months of the year and as much as I can't wait for my Peppermint Mocha's and we all know that I will definitely drink them anyway, I want to wait a few more weeks until I start singing "Silent Night," or even "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer."



This year, I want to encourage you to take your time, and be with us for the moments of Thanksgiving and praise. I want to encourage you to stop, ponder, and give thanks for all that God has done to bring us through the Pandemic, and these past two years. We have lost plenty in the last 20 months, civility in our country, time with

loved ones, homes, jobs, some personal freedoms, and some of us have even lost those that we love, and yet we still have so much to be thankful for. We can be thankful for the promises of God sealed for us in the waters of Holy Baptism. We can give thanks for the ability as the church to gather in a variety of means, as volunteers and pastors worked tirelessly to bring God's word to the world, even digitally, when we weren't able to be together. There is so much to be thankful for, and we at Beautiful Savior have the ability to thank God for our 61+ years of ministry in this place, for the ability to finally celebrate that anniversary and for the blessing of seven new members to our congregation this year so far.

Most of all I pray that we remember to give thanks for the victory won in the cross and for what that means for us. I said the Holy Days, plural, of November are being forgotten and I mean it. Nov. 1st is All Saints Day, a day when we remember and give thanks to God for all those who have gone home to be with the Lord, all those who rest from their labors here on earth. And for a holiday that the Christian Church has celebrated since the 4th century, I don't really know when and why we sort of stopped. Especially as Lutheran Christians, Nov. 1st should hold specific significance, as Luther chose "All Hollows Eve" in other words the evening before All Saints Day, to post his 95 Thesis. This holiday used to be as big as Christmas and Easter. It is the day when the story of salvation is centered on us. All Saints day is all about what Christ's life, death and resurrection means for us, and for those who have died in the faith. As Revelation 7 tells us,

Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Please would you consider joining us in Church on November 7th as we begin our slow and intentional walk through the Holiday's and Holy Days at the end of the Year. Help us remember those whose victory is won, and let us remind each other of the hope we have in Christ. As we honor and remember we will light Candles and place them in the Baptismal font for anyone whom the Lord has called home in the last two years, and we will also toll a bell for all saints and believers in all times and places who have received the crown of everlasting life. As we give thanks for all that we have in this life and the next, celebrating Christ our King and looking forward to his return as we look back once again to that babe in the manger, as the Angels sing, Glory to the Newborn King.



Pastor Tim