



March 2022

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

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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 February: 45 in the Sunday church service; 8 in Adult Bible Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Bible Study: Sunday Bible Study on Parables. Sundays from 8:30-9:30am in fellowship hall.

March 6th, Fellowship hour (recognizing of Anniversaries & Birthdays for the month).

Midweek Bible Study: Will Psalms and Sandwiches will not meet during Lent will return April 27.

Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) Pancake Dinner: Tuesday March 1st from 5-6pm. Hosted by the Trustees and the PTC, proceeds will support the ministry work of Beautiful Savior. Please invite your friends and family.

St. Patty's Day Celebration: On Wednesday March 16th, we will be offering Corned Beef and Cabbage meals for both Lunch and Dinner before our Midweek Lent service. Join us for lunch at 11:00 am or for Dinner at 5:00 pm. Worship that evening will be on the back patio at 5:30 pm

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, March 2022,

By Ellen Brown, Dir. of Music

Our Hymn of the Month for March, 2022, is titled “You Are My King (Amazing Love)” with music and words by Billy J. Foote.

Our hymn-of-the-month for March, 2022, recaps the chorus of a hymn written by Charles Wesley in 1738, “And Can It Be, That I Should Gain”. In the 1990’s, Billy J. Foote, a Texan guitarist and worship leader, had been experimenting with songwriting, and “You Are My King” was his 3rd song. He shared it with his friend, Sam Perry. Sam was leading worship for the very *1st Passion Conference* (a collegiate Christian worship conference). Sam performed Billy’s song at the conference, and when students returned to their homes, they took the song with them, and it went global. Known more familiarly as “Amazing Love”, “You Are King” was originally released in 2001 on an album by Phillips, Craig & Dean; then on the Newsboys Adoration: The Worship Album, in 2003. It has been covered by Chris Tomlin, Marantha!, and Hillsong and many other Christian singers.

About the Composer: Billy J. Foote is an American worship leader and songwriter. He began playing guitar at a young age, traveling and performing at revivals with his evangelist parents. In 1990, after graduating from East Texas Baptist University, he started leading worship as a singer/guitarist, eventually adding a bass player and drummer to the group, with his wife Cindy joining him on vocals. Unfortunately, around the year 2,000, he was struck by a neurological condition called hyper-dysphonia, which causes the vocal cords to spasm. He and Cindy continued touring and recording with Cindy assuming the lead vocals. After touring for over 21 years, Billy & Cindy now reside in Amarillo, Texas with their three daughters, who came to them through international adoptions. You may also be familiar with some of his other well-known songs: “Sing to the King;” “You are God Alone.”

Billy & Cindy have released several albums, all available on iTunes and other online music stores. He also co-wrote “God of Grace” with Nicole Serrano, recorded by Red Rocks Worship. A Lyric Video of their performance can be found at https://youtu.be/HOSf_2sTR98.

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)” will be featured several times at Beautiful Savior throughout the month of March.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 2022 COUNCIL

The regular Council meeting was held February 15th. Highlights of that meeting are:

- Pastor submitted a written report containing updates on worship statistics including on-line viewership
- Lenten Midweek theme will be "Sent By Our God and Savior"
- Bible study continues Sunday morning; Psalms and Sandwiches will not meet during Lent; 4 PM online Bible Study has restarted with a topic of 28 ways God loves you
- New member classes are being offered; 4 members from other churches have expressed a desire to join our congregation
- Pastor gave a presentation at the Best Ministry Practices event, Saturday, Feb. 19th entitled "Church Revitalization through Partnerships" • January ended with a deficit of \$589.22
- January income was 86.4% of budget; January expenses were 91% of budget
- Treasurer set up Wells Fargo bill pay accounts to electronically pay bills
- Beginning February 2022, Wells Fargo will lower the number of free transactions from 200 to 100. 98 transactions occurred in January.
- W2s and 1099s have been issued.
- Easy Tithe has been updated with a unique web identifier for donors to contribute funds.
- Treasurer records older than 7 years to be discarded due to storage limitations.
- Stewardship Board members Charlotte and Bobbie and Pastor met with Tempe High personnel to discuss needs of the McKInney Vento homeless students.
- Stewardship also met with Holdeman staff to determine the needs of the students.
- Stewardship will meet with Gililand staff March 7th.
- Christian Education members will meet with Pastor to create 3 Sunday School lessons to be used when children attend church.
- Employees of the company doing the Gililand School construction work will be using Beautiful Savior's East parking lot during the week beginning in April.
- A shed area has been prepared for La Mesa's use. They will be presenting a dinner and worship event for Beautiful Savior members April 7th.
- BSLC members volunteered 77 hours doing work around the church.
- Repair of fellowship hall roof has begun.
- Director Ellen presented the activities of Music in Worship for mid-Jan to mid Feb 2022.
- Very pleased to have Christy Arnold on guitar joining casual Sunday musicians
- In the on-going battle with pigeons, Don Schumm is considering a mesh tarp to drape over the air conditioner roof area. • Skip working to put lights on patio.
- Revitalization Committee working on calendar of events for 2022:
 - o Partnership Picnic – Feb. 27, 2 PM
 - o Shrove Tuesday – Mar 1, Food served 5 to 6 PM o Soup lunches and dinners before mid-week Lenten services
 - o Pastor's 35th birthday – March 13
 - o March 16 mid-week evening service – dinner 5 PM, Worship on patio 5:30 PM
 - o April 7 – La Mesa trial run at Beautiful Savior – 6 PM dinner, 6:30 PM worship
 - o Mother's Day, May 8th – men provide refreshments
 - o Father's Day – June 19th – women provide refreshments
 - o LCMS District convention Las Vegas – June 22-24
 - o July 18 – National Youth Gathering
 - o Looking for someone to help with logo design
- President Cyndi asked Council members to review job descriptions and who reports to whom in order to update Constitution and by-laws by April 1st.
- Council meetings to move to Monday evenings.
- Proposed creation of Health and Wellness Committee.

If you are interested in receiving the Council meeting information, please contact Sandra Wardwell at 480-334-4176 or s.wardwell@asu.edu

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CARE TEAM

The Care Team has been sending out cards for monthly anniversaries and birthdays; we are also making calls to some of our shut-ins and sending thinking of you cards. If you would like to join our group or if you know of someone who would like to receive a call or card from the Care Team, please let us know or you can let Marsha or Pastor know.

Members of the Care Team are: Pat Carlin, Gladys Meyers, Katheryn Odell and Phyllis Schinke. At this time the members of the Care Team are Pat Carlin, Gladys Meyers, Katheryn Odle, and Phyllis Schinke.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education is regrouping at this time; a meeting has been set-up with Pastor Tim to begin making plans. The Trustees set up a Sunday School room for us in the first room off of the Cry Room. We are in the process of getting supplies and teachers for 3 lessons to be prepared. If you would like to serve on this board please let Pastor Tim, Marsha, Skip McFadden, Gladys Meyers or Phyllis Schinke know

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

The meetings that we had with Lillian, her supervisor, David, and the person who is going to take over the program for the 2022-2023 school year, Veronica, resulted in our buying and delivering the following: 13 sweatshirts, 4 packages of 6 in a package mens' white and black socks, 17- 3 ring binders, 50 folders, 50 composition books, hygiene products like shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. (50 of each item) and 50 each of about 15 items for the weekend backpacks that go home with the kids so they have something to eat on the weekend. Providing for the weekend backpacks is something new for us to provide.

Our meeting with Leticia and the principal of Holdeman Elementary, Jeff Shores resulted in delivering the following: 10 acrylic paint sets (12 small jars of paint in a set) and 300 small paint brushes that the students can use to paint fish on river rock for a project they are doing to beautify the campus. We also provided 4 packages of backpacks in different colors (24 in each package, so 96 backpacks.) We talked to them about Pastor Tim's idea of holding some kind of activity for the entire school and treating the kids and staff with an ice cream treat afterwards. The idea of having an assembly where the teachers took turns talking about a value that is important for young kids to learn, such as, honesty, kindness, fairness, helpfulness, good manners, etc. was appealing to them and we will follow up on that in April. We also delivered a prepaid VISA card in the amount of \$300 to provide eyeglasses to kids who need them or for kids who have broken theirs and their parents can't afford to replace them. They have a website they can access to order these directly once they have an optometrists' prescription.

The cost of the items we supplied to the above schools is \$2,100 and still have about \$200 of last year's grant left before we go into the very generous grant of \$10,000 that we received for 2022.

We will be meeting with Cameron and the Gililand asst. principal, Mr. P, on Monday, March 7th.

Bobbie is trying to arrange a meeting with Tempe Community Action Agency in March to see if they have needs we could meet.

Our committee met on Sunday, February 13th with 3 of the members in attendance.

Bobbie, Dorothy, Wendy, and Charlotte

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.

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Beautiful Savior LWML will assist Sharon Owens with the Campus Mission Coalition (International Ministry) at ASU by purchasing items for the ***EASTER BASKET GOSPEL***. We will provide 50 baskets to be distributed to the students. Each basket will tell the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Each item is described below. Your monetary donations are welcome to help defray the costs. If you write a check, please make it payable to BEAUTIFUL

SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH and in the memo line write: LWML EASTER BASKETS. Each basket will cost about \$9 each. (Date and time to assemble the baskets to be determined.) The baskets will also include an invitation to worship with us at Beautiful Savior.

EASTER BASKET GOSPEL

- **EASTER BASKET** -- woven together like a crown of thorns;
- **EASTER GRASS** -- hay in the manger for baby Jesus;
- **SILVER-COVERED CHOCOLATE COINS** – betrayal of Jesus by Judas;
- **CHOCOLATE CROSS** – Jesus’ death was not sweet;
- **ONE HOLLOW PLASTIC EGG** – the empty tomb;
- **PEEPS** – Disciples (friends or ”peeps”) who saw Jesus after He rose from the dead;
- **JELLY BEANS** – follow the color of the Gospel story:

JELLY BEAN PRAYER

RED is for the blood He gave

GREEN is for the grass He made.

YELLOW is for the sun so bright.

ORANGE is for the edge of night.

BLACK is for the sins we made.

WHITE is for the grace he gave.

PURPLE is for the hour of sorrow.

PINK is for our new tomorrow.

For more information, please contact Debby Bergman at (806) 282-7198 or deb.bergman@sbcglobal.net

***“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish
but have eternal life.” John 3:16 NIV***



THRIVENT ACTION TEAM for the LWML District Convention.

We were approved to use Action Team Project Dollars to purchase Stretchy Pearl Bracelets, Gold Foil Chocolates and Purple Mesh Bags for the District Convention in June 2021. The theme for the convention is “**Treasured**” based on Matthew 13:44-46 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on

finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Come and be reminded that *you are a treasure to our Lord!*

We will be “stuffing” packets and bags on Sat. May 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Beautiful Savior. Please mark your calendar and join us! For more information about the Convention, please talk with Sandra Wardwell or Debby Bergman. We thank THRIVENT for their donation and funding these resources.

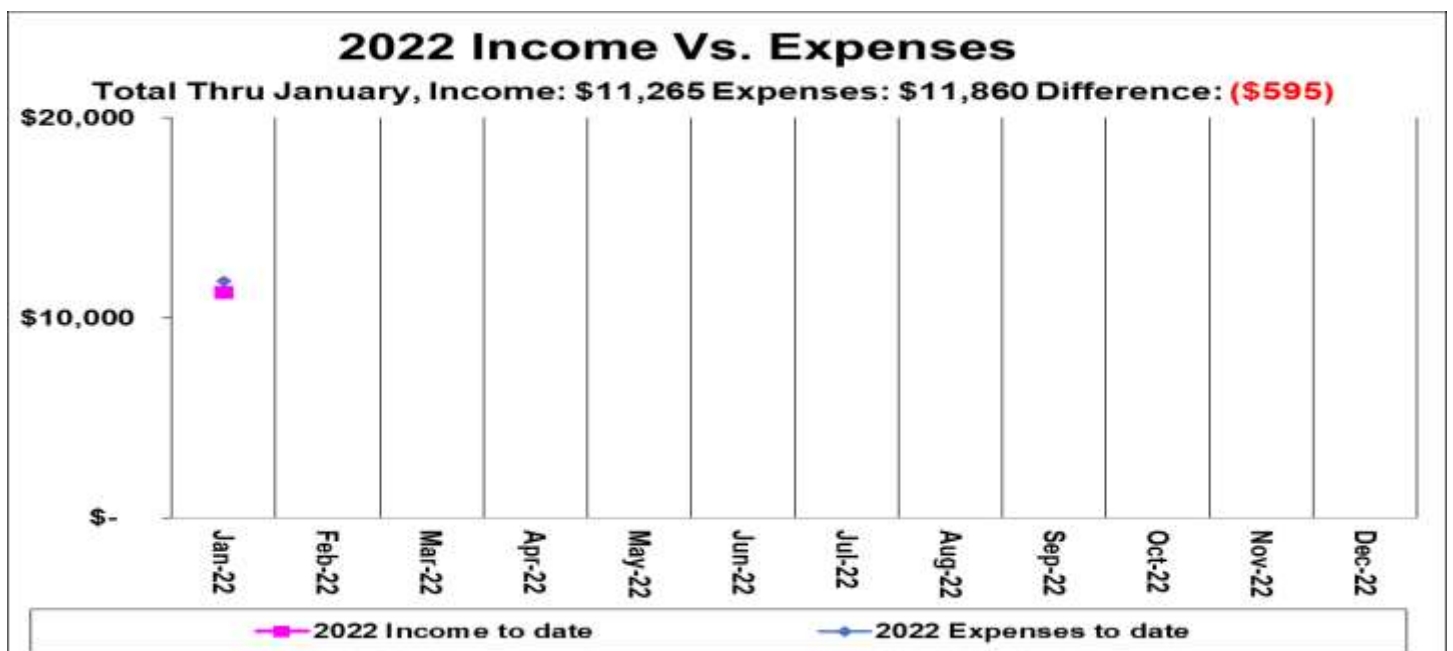
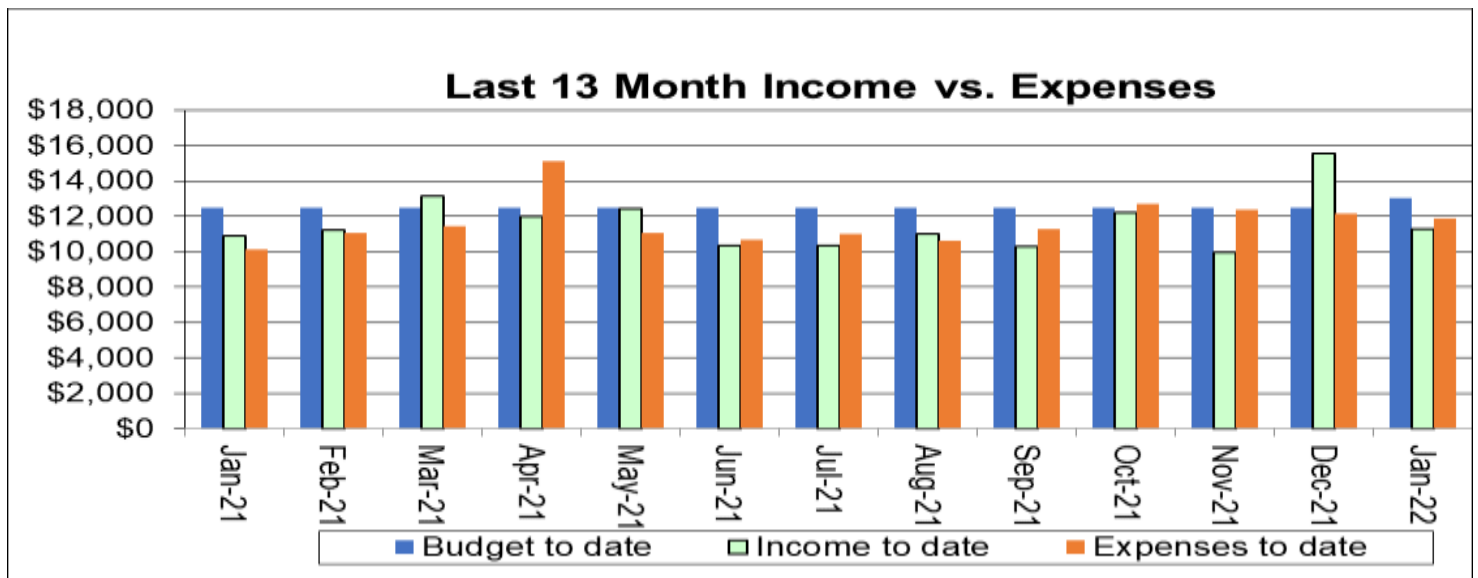
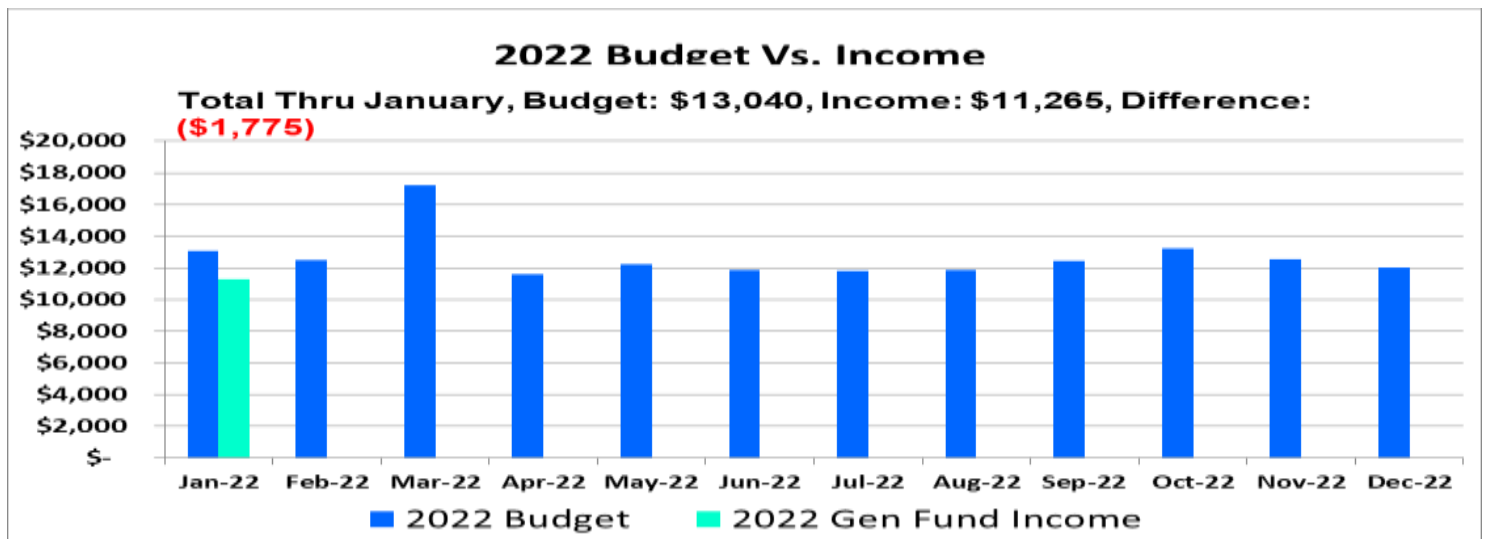
DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

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- **Fast from hurting words and say kind words**
- **Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude**
- **Fast from anger and be filled with patience**
- **Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope**
- **Fast from worries and have trust in God**
- **Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity**
- **Fast from pressures and be prayerful**
- **Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy**
- **Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others**
- **Fast from grudges and be reconciled**
- **Fast from words and be silent so you can listen**

BOARD OF FINANCE:



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 gene glad@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

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From Pastor Anderson:

Sent By Our God And Savior

Pastor Tim Anderson

One of the best books on Christian life and discipleship I ever read was from a Pastor I knew from my time in St. Louis, “Loved & Sent” by Rev. Jeff Cloeter. At the time I knew Jeff, he was planting a church in the Central West End Neighborhood of St. Louis and trying to reach a younger and urban demographic that would cross ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic divides. But through the experience of meeting Jeff, being involved in his ministry, and finally years later reading his book, I have come to understand and agree with his premise and assumption that the Christian life boils down to two words. Loved. Sent. We are Loved by God and Sent by God to serve our family, friends and neighbors in the world.



Now those two words sound easy enough, but in reality, they are as tough as can be. People of all times and places have struggled with Love. We have loved self over others, we have lusted after and loved things that did not belong to us, we have let love lead to war, we have let love drive us mad, and we have at every corner failed to love the way that we are loved. That is what makes the season of Lent so beautiful, it is a time to reflect on our inability and God’s ability. Our inability to get it right, and God’s ability to perfectly restore. Our inability to love anyone more than self, and God’s ability to live a self-sacrificial perfect life through our Lord and our Savior Jesus. That’s what being Loved is all about. “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” That’s what Christ does, for us. That’s what he did for us. even though we weren’t looking for it, didn’t want it, and acted like enemies of God. Jesus came to defeat the realities of not just hatred, but apathy, self-centeredness, and pride. He came to defeat sin, death and the devil and give life to dusty people like us.



And dusty we are. This lent we begin by hearing the words, “remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” King David writes in the Psalms that, “The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.” Now some of us get more than 80 years, we even have had members here at Beautiful Savior live to be over 100, but the point remains the same. Life is fleeting. Earthly life is temporary, and we are placed here for a reason. Even though our days of this earthly life can be, and often are, really hard, we are called to this place. We are called to this season. Jesus once gathered his disciples together and sent them out into the world to proclaim the kingdom of God. He still does, but this time he sends us. We don’t magically go to heaven the

moment we are baptized, because ultimately, we have work to do here on earth as the hands and feet of Jesus. We are loved, we are called, we are gathered, and we are sent.

Which is why this Lenten season is all about being sent. As God sent his Son from his heavenly home to be born among us and sent to us for our salvation by dying on the cross of Calvary and raising again three days later, so we too are sent. We are sent to proclaim him, sent to show his love even imperfectly to a world that needs his perfect love, grace and forgiveness. We are called to be agents of Mercy, Love and Peace. We are called to build up the body of Christ, to support one another, and shine his light into a darkened world. And this lent, we focus on how little time we truly have to do exactly that, while also believing that until we die, or He calls us home, we are not done. We are not done proclaiming, reflecting, and showing the love of Christ to our family, our neighbors and our world.



This lent we focus on being sent by our God and Savior, and we will gather each week to hear how he prays for us, how he sends us, how he warns us, how he serves us, and how we are to reflect his love to others. We will focus on what it means to be the church gathered and scattered. We will focus on the one who serves us, the one who saves us, the one who lives self sacrificially so that we can have life and share his love with others.

Because while life begins and ends in dust, the Christian message does not. We don't say that the only two truths are death and taxes, NO, instead we proclaim the truth of Christ and the resurrection promise that comes from him. If we know this and believe it, then we need to see that we are equipped, that we are sent, that we are the ones to bring that message of love, of grace, of forgiveness, and of pardon to a world that needs Jesus, today and every day.

So, who are you being sent to, and what are you being sent to say? We will talk about it this lent, but the answer up front is simply Jesus. Before we ask someone ever to join us in church, can we tell them about Jesus. Can we tell them of a self-sacrificial love so different than any the world has ever known? Can we challenge family and friends who once were in the church and no aren't if that message of Jesus has changed in their lives, or somehow become less important, and can we sincerely ask if we as the church have gotten in the way of them seeing their Lord and Savior. Let's go bring Jesus to those God has placed along our path, and in doing so see that we, now, are sent to our world to proclaim his name until we return to dust, knowing that even then, that's not the end.

