



SEPTEMBER 2022

Beautiful
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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 August: 40 in the Sunday church service; 9 in Adult Bible Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Bible Study: Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am for our bible study “In All Things”.

September 7th at 9:00 a.m. Psalms and Sandwiches, Breakfast Edition. Psalms and Sandwiches Midweek Bible Study, at . We will meet on Sept. 7th & 21st.

Church Members and others who wish to “give electronically” can now do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe.

On the giving page, click on "Fund" and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down list.

The funds are: General, LWML, Missions, Air Conditioners, and Memorial for Maebell Beard (active through September 30).

Then follow the directions to complete your transaction.

Fellowship for September: Sept. 4th: Sack Lunch” & Floats

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

PRINTED COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER, CALENDAR/SERVANTS QUARTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

BSLC Newsletter

Hymn of the Month, September 2022

By Ellen Brown, Dir. of Music

Our Hymn of the Month for September, 2022, is titled “Above All” with words and music by the team of **Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche**. Composed in 1995, it was “covered” by famous Christian recording artist and composer Michael W. Smith, who played it on piano and sang it at the 2001 inaugural prayer service for President Bush. It’s also included on his album “Worship,” which sold over 1 million copies.

“Above All” is set in the key of A major, in 4/4 meter, with a lilting tempo of quarter note=62 and easily accomplished chord structure for pianists and guitarists. Its simple two-part form features Verse 1 followed by a Chorus. This repeats to Verse 2, again followed by the Chorus. The melody of the verses is quite syncopated, remaining in the singer’s lower ranges. At the chorus, the melody rises to an emphatic impassioned declaration in the singer’s upper range: *“Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone”*, then gently descends to the important concluding words: *“You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.”* And it is here, at the end of the chorus, where we are presented with the song’s title and meaning: “Above All.”

Verse 1. lists all that Jesus has risen above: powers, kings, nature and all created things, wisdom and all the ways of man. Verse 2 cites: above all kingdoms, thrones, wonders the world has ever known, all wealth and treasures of the earth: summarizing “There’s no way to measure what You’re worth.” Then follows that exciting Chorus, “You thought of me, Above All.”

About the composers.

Lenny LeBlanc, American musician and songwriter, was born in Massachusetts in 1951. His family moved to Florida, where, as a teenager, he got a job as a dishwasher to earn money to buy his first bass guitar. Eventually, he toured and did back-up work with rock bands, and is famous for composing the hit “Falling.”

In 1973, he moved to Alabama. However, in 1980, his life underwent a huge change when, through the influence of a long-time friend, he was introduced to Jesus and the Bible, and became a born-again Christian. Since 1987 he has worked at his own studio in Muscle

Shoals, Alabama. From 1976 to 2012, he recorded 19 albums, and received a DOVE award in 2003. With his wife Sherrie, he now resides in Florence, Alabama, where he continues to compose and record Christian music and to build furniture. He says: "It's amazing what God has done in my life."

Paul Baloche, born in 1962 in Camden New Jersey into a Catholic family, is an American Christian artist, worship leader, and singer-songwriter. He was living in Lindale, Texas, sitting at the piano in his church, thinking about God's greatness, when the song words for Above All formed in his mind. Not satisfied, though, he shared his idea with Lenny LeBlanc, and together they penned the now-famous hit. After serving as worship pastor at the Community Christian Fellowship in Lindale for 26 years, he and his wife Rita (also a Christian songwriter) moved to NYC where they have resided since 2015. He composes on piano and guitar, preferring the guitar when leading worship. He has recorded 12 albums, one with his son David, created a series of worship guitar instructional videos, and won numerous DOVE awards. You may be familiar with his songs "Open the Eyes of My Heart," "Hosanna," and "Today is the Day."

At Beautiful Savior, you'll hear "Above All" as a Special Music solo on Sun. Sept. 4th; sing it as the 3rd selection in the Praise Medley for casual worship, Sept. 11th; played by the piano during Holy Communion on Sept. 18th; and played as an organ prelude on LWML Sunday, Sept. 25th.

You may enjoy listening and singing along at the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_cxhf5lSeg

We know you'll be blessed by the September Hymn of the Month.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 2022 COUNCIL MEETING & VOTES MEETING

The Quarterly Voters meeting was held August 7th and the regular Council Meeting was held August 17th. Highlights of those meetings are:

- Pastor expressed his appreciation for our patience during this busy summer of trips for convention and youth gathering.
- Thanks to all for supporting Vacation Bible School. Three to six students were in attendance each of the 5 days. The props were used by four churches and donated to Treasures for Teachers.
- Fifteen people have joined the congregation this past year.
- Pastor will be meeting with the regional LCEF representative at the Pastors conference in September to discuss the feasibility of doing a capital campaign.
- Pastor encourages us to think about how our buildings could be used during the week to attract people and provide income.
- Treasurer reported Fund Balances as of July 31st: LCEF Savings \$70,546.07; Wells Fargo Savings (Matching Funds) \$27,162.34; Wells Fargo Checking \$32,577.60.
- July ended with a negative balance of \$858.04

- Year-to-Date balance at the end of July was a negative \$4,443.81
- Total cash on hand July 31st was \$130,286.01.
- June electric bill was \$700; the July bill is \$1100. The water bill was \$654 because two irrigation valves for the desert plants next to the north parking lot stuck on. They have been repaired.
- In summary, we are averaging monthly negative balances of \$500. Beginning Feb 2023, we will need approximately \$650 more as Pastor's salary commitment increases to 75% from 66%.
- EasyTithe has been updated to add two giving categories:
 - a) Memorials for Maebell Beard (available until Sept 30th)
 - b) Air Conditioner Replacement
- Stewardship has been busy getting supplies (backpacks, clothing items, shoes) to the schools.
- Trustees installed 3 'cleanup after you pet' signs around the field.
- 170 volunteer hours were given for the VBS event, including moving materials from Mountain View, set up, and take down as well as serving during the 5 day event.
- The three month trial period for La Mesa has ended. Voters approved continuing the La Mesa outreach program until July 2023 when it will be re-evaluated.
- *The Voters Assembly approved the replacement of three A/C units (sanctuary, fellowship hall, choir room) not to exceed \$45,000 at the August 2022 meeting. (The Office unit was replaced in 2008 and was not included in the motion.) No time frame was given for the replacements. The Council approved a motion requesting Skip, Trustees, Finance, and Music Director propose a plan for implementation of these replacements with a timeline and plan for funding. The eventual replacement of the A/C unit over the south side classrooms should also be considered.*
- Elders reported one transfer out; will have a two week rotation schedule; are revisiting the idea of security instruction and training; approved vacation times for Pastor (Sept. 30-Oct. 8) and Marsha (Aug. 23 and Sept 20).
- Volunteers for the Fish Fry committee are needed. The Southwick family will pay for the Alaskan fish.
- The Highland games are scheduled for our field Nov. 11th. Trustees offered to organize food.
- Reminder to please be sure front glass door is securely closed.
- Jana Shields will be guest musician in September.
- Women in Mission has scheduled activities for the 2022-2023 year. First meeting is Monday, Sept. 19th, 10 AM.

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.

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 geneglad@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

OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

The trustees are registered with Planet Green which is a company that pays to recycle your old printer cartridges. There is a blue plastic box in the second Sunday school room that you can put any cartridges you want to donate. The funds from these recycled cartridges go into the general fund. Thanks for donating to this cause

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education is scheduling their meetings for the second Sunday of the month after services. We will be having our first meeting on September 11th after fellowship. We are welcoming Natalia Goschie, Darlene Haynes, Gladys Meyer, and Phyllis Schinke to the Board. If you wish to serve on this board, please either see Pastor Tim or Phyllis Schinke. Christian Ed members are Natalia Goschie, Darlene Haynes, Gladys Meyer and Phyllis Schinke

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (also known as WOMEN IN MISSION!)

All Beautiful Savior women and friends are invited to come and 'Try LWML For a Day' Monday, September 19th at 10 AM. Our program includes a Devotion, Impressions of the District convention held in Tempe in June, upcoming events, what the Mite box does, good fellowship and, of course, food! This is an opportunity to not only learn about the work of the LWML but to enjoy some fellowship and spiritual growth and how we can serve Beautiful Savior and our community. Please reserve your place with Sandra Wardwell at 480-334-4176 or s.wardwell@asu.edu.

The Summer issue of the Quarterly is here! Please pick up a copy from the narthex, read, and return so others may enjoy it. We also have a large print copy. No pictures, but the same stories and articles!

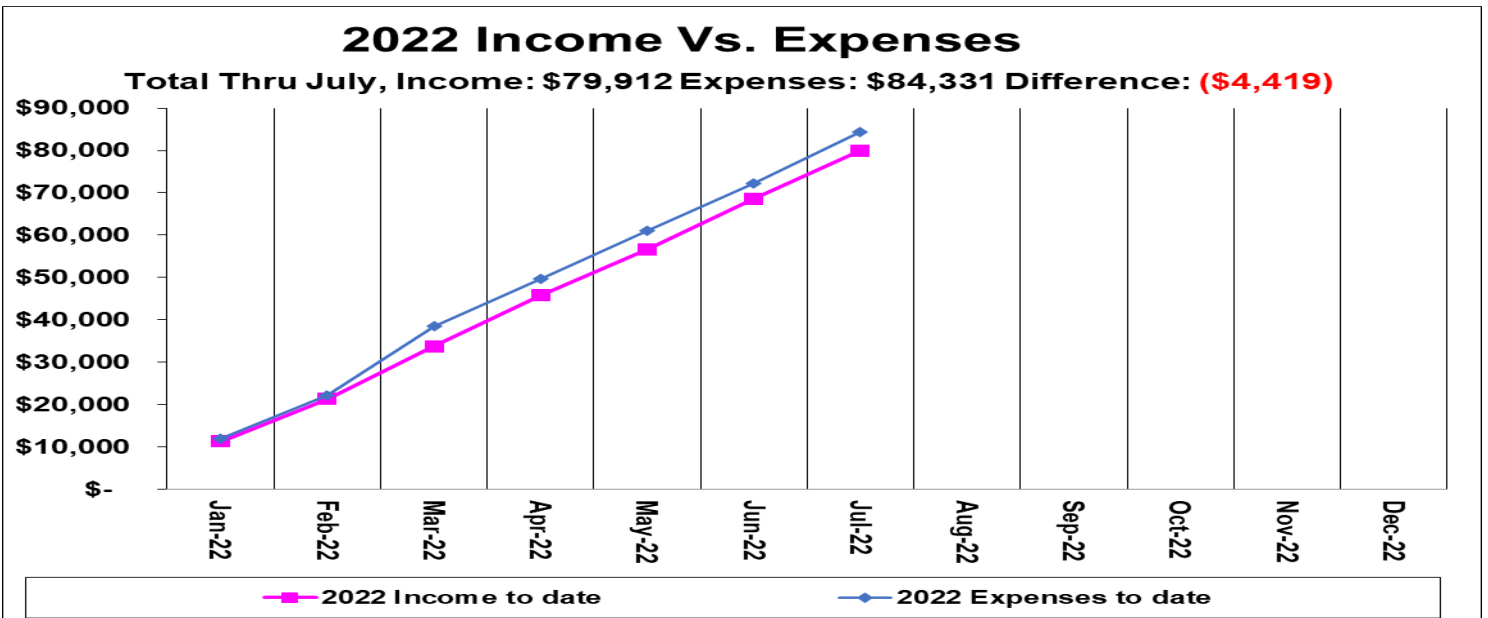
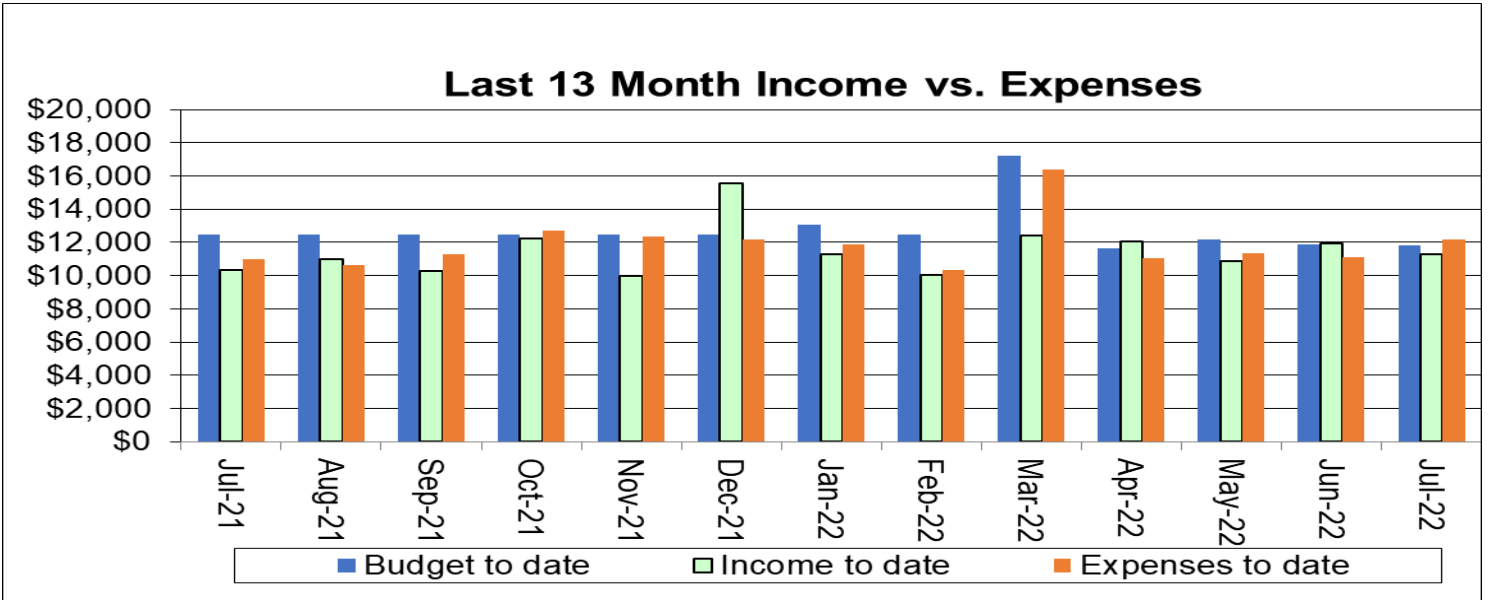
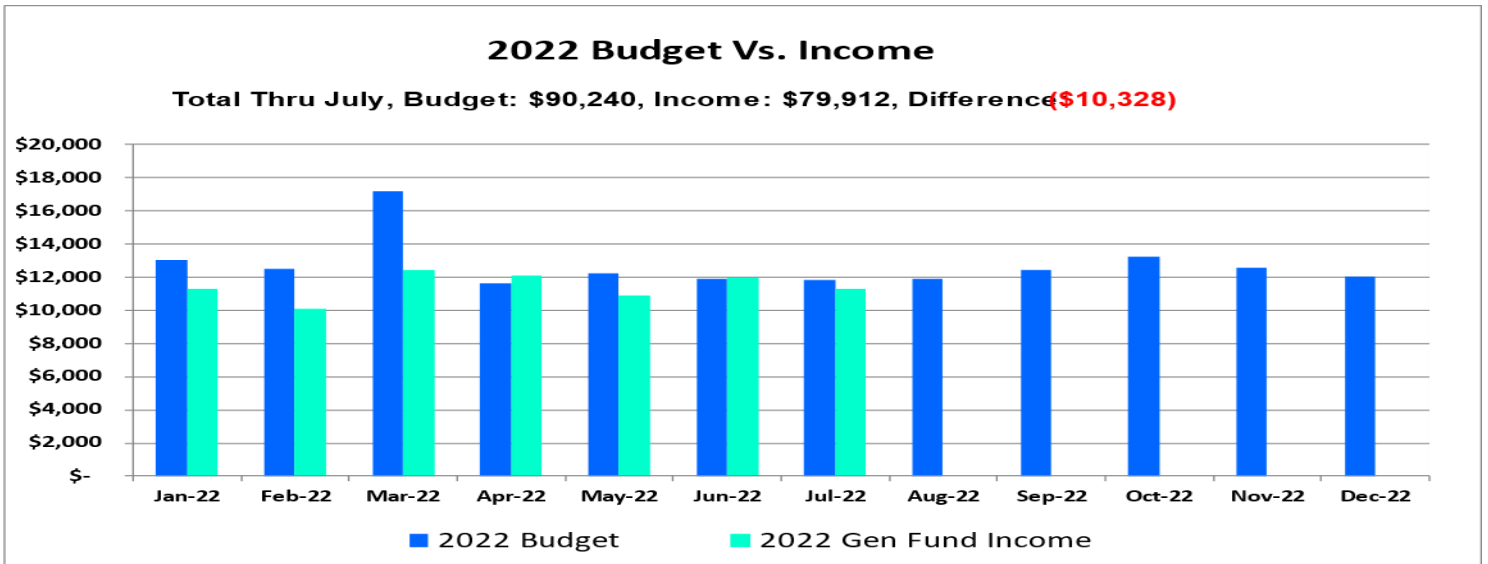
Looking Ahead:

LWML Sunday will be celebrated September 25th.

LWML Zone Rally will be Saturday, October 15th at Christ Church Lutheran.

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

BOARD OF FINANCE:



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER REPORT

The Stewardship committee met for its monthly meeting on August 14th with 2 of its 4 members present.

Stewardship committee is in somewhat of a lull since supplying all the schools with what they needed before the new school season opened. The latest thing we provided was 100 pair of girls' leggings to Holdeman School which will be needed when the cooler weather sets in. We will call the schools in September to see if they have identified any needs with which we can help them.

Bobbie, Dorothy, Wendy and Charlotte

DO YOU HAVE A FRY'S REWARDS CARD?

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM?

A PORTION OF YOUR PURCHASES WILL GO TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR EVERY TIME YOU USE YOUR CARD AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!

The Board of Stewardship encourages you to take advantage of this easy way to earn funds for BSLC.

1. You will need to create an account if you do not already have one at: frysfood.com. You will be asked to enter an email address and a password.
2. From the Fry's home page, find the icon with your name at the top of the page and click on it to see the drop-down menu.
3. Choose 'My Account'.
4. Choose 'Community Rewards' from the list on the left side of the screen.
5. Search for Beautiful Savior by name and click 'Save'.

Fry's issues checks two times per year to Beautiful Savior. In addition to supporting BSLC, you can also see the fuel points you have accumulated and can add the digital coupons to your card that will be automatically applied when you are in the checkout line at the store.

If you need help or more information, please contact Sandra Wardwell, 480-334-4176.



Sola Ministries at Arizona State University Tempe, AZ Annual Report – 2021/22 Academic Year

Greetings, faithful partners and donors!

Another year of ministry has come and gone on the Tempe campus of Arizona State University. We have had another great year with our students, as we shepherd those already of faith through the minefield of a major secular university, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him, or even have previously rejected Him. We accomplish the above through regular Bible study, local service events and social activities, aimed at creating a close group of students and adults who support and care for one another as together we serve our Lord. We do this all the while connecting students to local LCMS churches for regular Sunday worship.

This past year we have developed a partnership with Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, holding joint activities with students and church members. We will continue strengthening this relationship in coming years. I will list some of the events in which we joined together below in this report. (Beautiful Savior was an ideal choice for partnering with us in that they are one mile West of that campus making it easy for students to participate in activities there. Beautiful Savior is also the church that initially sponsored the ministry to the Tempe campus year ago.)

Here is a summary of our activities this past year.

Bible Study

This year we completed Paul's letter to the Colossians during fall semester and the Epistle of James in the spring. Students were actively engaged in both these short but challenging letters. Even though the COVID restrictions were lifted from the previous year we still found it helpful to offer a zoom option to the in person meeting at the Campus Christian Center, for students who needed the time to prepare upcoming term papers or study for midterm exams in their dorm room. We will continue this in coming years.

Service Projects

In keeping with our Beautiful Savior partnership we participated in a number of joint events at the church this year. In the fall semester students set up a booth at their fall festival in October. In spring we helped out on a Saturday morning workday and assisted with worship (ushering and scripture reading) on April 3 – "Sola Ministries" Sunday. Even though not technically a service event, we also attended worship as a group at Beautiful Savior on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. As the year went on it was rewarding to see the relationships develop between students and congregation members.

Social Events

We attended the annual fish fry at Beautiful Savior in fall. This was the first opportunity for the students to meet the congregation as well as our faculty advisor who also attended with his family. In spring we all got together for

a movie night excursion to see “Murder on the Nile”. Our tradition over the last several years is to finish the end of the each semester with an outing to “The Vine”, a local “college age” restaurant just off campus. All together these events achieved their purpose in group bonding, as well as an entertaining break for the students from their studies

Guest Speaker

The highlight of our year occurred on Saturday, March 2, when we hosted a guest speaker at Beautiful Savior. The topic was “The Resurrection of Christ as an historical event and the linchpin that holds the gospel together.” Our presenter was Mr. James Umber, chapter director of Ratio Christi at ASU Tempe, a Christian apologetics group which I also belong to in addition to my work with Sola. The students also hosted a light reception afterwards.

Other Items to Report

We encourage students to take a leadership role in organizing our program and we practice team leadership. I meet with students as a group periodically during each semester as needed to make program decision and divide responsibilities among the group. This works out best as our students have heavy time commitments to their studies, In addition I make it a priority to meet one-on-one once a semester (more often as needed) with each student for lunch or coffee for pastoral support. We also said a sad good-bye to Dakota, our one senior, who graduated this year from the ASU film school and is off to what will be a very successful career in film editing. Dakota has been a blessing to us for the past four years and will be dearly missed!

In closing I want to thank each of you for your generous and continued support of our ministry. Lives have been impacted for Christ through this work and NONE of this would be possible without your dedication to support us with your prayers and donations. I’m sure you are aware of the unfriendly (even hostile) atmosphere at all our major secular universities (ASU is no exception) and your support is what keeps us going. On behalf of the students, myself and the other ministry leaders, and our board of directors, thank you!! God’s blessings to you all, now and in the future.

Donations can be made online on our website (solaministries.org) or mailed to our address (PO Box 1923, Chandler, AZ 85225) or deposited directly into our account (#16984) at Lutheran Federal Credit Union.

Pastor Peter Spallek

Sola Ministries at ASU (a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS)

From Pastor Anderson:

Pumpkin Spice Season

Pastor Tim Anderson

In our home there has been a growing anticipation over the last few weeks for the end of August to come and September to begin. With each passing day, Annie has been counting down to Aug. 30th and Sept. 1st like a child would count down to Christmas. She has been waiting, for the start of Pumpkin Spice Season, the unofficial start to fall, in her mind, as the temperatures remain above 100 degrees here in the Phoenix metro area. But it is pumpkin spice season, and Annie was so excited that she even wore a pumpkin themed shirt to Starbucks on Tuesday the 30th. As such, one of the first of many signs that Summer is soon ending and a new season is here has come, even if it is still a warm and hot one in Tempe, is about to begin. There are signs that things are a changing.

Do you ever do that, find yourself look for signs, serious or silly, hoping that things are changing or about to change. As someone who grew up loving fall, I miss the changing of the leaves in the fall. And the joke I hear in phoenix that “the leaves don’t change but the license plates do” does little to make me stop missing the cool nights and the hot cider that I experienced on the east coast. That’s one of the big reasons why Annie and I will be heading back east in early October for a week’s vacation. To sip on Hot cider, cocoa and coffee, while actually getting to hopefully wear a sweater. Not dealing with winter is great, but around here, I think I’m going to always miss fall. I will always miss those big obvious signs that things are a changing.

Although, truth be told, maybe I need to look harder to notice the things that are changing around me every single day. Maybe I need to notice that I’m not where I was two months ago, or even four months ago. None of us are. Maybe as a church we need to take stock of the things that are a changing and the signs of more changes to come. Maybe we need to take stock of what we did this summer as the people of God at Beautiful Savior and start looking at where the spirit is blowing as we head into the fall. Over the last 12 weeks, our worship numbers have remained strong this summer as we have seen an increase in average summer worship attendance of 12.5%. Thank you everyone for being here as often as you have. We also have seen new members join our congregation and a mother and child baptized into faith. We have had real kingdom growth, as those who come and worship with us and join our church community come not just from other churches but from the world at large, and are learning about Jesus here. They are learning about Jesus because we are teaching them Jesus, and showing them Jesus in our words and our actions, with baptism/baby showers, birthday parties, meals served, children loved upon and so much more. Thank you for reflecting that love.

Now sometimes when the seasons shift and change there are aspects of that change don’t always feel that great. How many of us have ever had a cult breeze cut across us and send chills down our spine. Or have stepped out the door on a June day here in phoenix directly into the oven and thought, get me back inside asap. But even as the winds howl or the storms come, or even as an active monsoon season has led to unseasonably sticky days around here, these things are temporary, they are just for now. So too are some of our “scary” signs at church. I know there has been talk about our financial situation at church, and those conversations are real. I know there are fears about air conditioners and maintaining a level of giving that can support the needs of our ministry. I know that, and I see that. What I can tell you is that your congregational leaders are already looking to address these head on with ideas that we will be making you aware of more and more as we move from ideas that are barely in their conception stage, to actually looking like they have legs.

As we look at everything, at all the signs we see around our church, we need to do everything we can to secure our church and its ministry. No rock or leaf will be left unexamined or unturned. We need to do our due diligence together. We will be addressing things like stewardship in the congregation, and I will be meeting with LCEF in September to help us look at ways to encourage us all to discern our role in the ownership of this ministry and congregation. But raising the funds needed to sustain our current ministry levels and future ministry levels will not be just on the back of our members.

We are looking at our building and our land as our greatest resources. We have already seen how partnering with another ministry has brought people here who would not have worshiped with us otherwise and I am thankful for the growth of La Mesa Tempe and how these ministries can and have helped serve God's people together. I even love seeing how those who worship on Thursday nights have even begun to worship with us on Sunday morning and vice versa.

So, what are the signs this season. What is the spirit showing us here at Beautiful Savior about what is coming next. What would it look like to find a group to rent our sanctuary on a Sunday afternoon? What would it look like to create a counseling center or rent out the three Sunday school rooms to a Christian counseling service as we remodel the old preschool wing to be able to serve our ministry and storage needs. What would it look like to take a look at our field and discern ways for our property to start generating income for us. Maybe that means renting it out to a sports league, or bringing in a developer who can help us build housing on the land. These are all ideas that we want to start sharing with you, to get feedback on. Again, they are only ideas, but as the spirit has blown around the room and stirred within the leaders of our church, these are the thoughts that we have had.

It's pumpkin spice season, fall is here, even if only in name. It's time to start thinking about this as a new season and new part of our revitalization here at Beautiful Savior. Nothing, and I mean nothing, will diminish the growth we have experienced here as a congregation, but now is the time to fight for our life as a congregation. Now is the time for all of us to ask ourselves what will it take to ensure our church is here for generations to come, so that as we gather in the future for the events of the fall, events like our fish fry, events like our fall festival, events like All Saints Day, that we, we as we are right now, will be honored and celebrated like we honor and celebrate the saints of old who went before us, the saints who have now handed us this faith, and this congregation and say to us, go and make disciples, pass this on, keep it going, and do all you can to proclaim the name of Jesus.

Friends, we are entering a new season again at Beautiful Savior. It's time to notice the signs, and see where the spirit leads. I can do that on my own, we have to do it as the body of Christ together. As we plan, let's talk about and let's debate what God is calling our church to do and most of all let's pray without ceasing. If you want to grab a coffee and talk about this new season, I would love to do that with you, even if it means ordering pumpkin spice.

Pastor Tim.