



JANUARY 2023

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

HOW CAN I REACH BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR?

Phone: 480-967-2660; Email: office@beautifulsaviortempe.org or check us out on the
WEB: www.beautifulsaviortempe.org

To view our services and Pastor Tim's daily bible study go to
facebook.com/beautifulsaviorlutheranChurchTempe/videos

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 December: 41 in the Sunday church service; 8 in
Adult Bible Study, NA in Brunch & Bibles - Midweek Bible Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Bible Study: Our Sunday Bible Study on the Gospel of John on Sunday at
8:30 a.m.

Brunch and Bibles: Our midweek bible study resume on January 11th at 12:30 a.m.
We will meet at Netta Cheta's at 3224 S. Mill Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282. Please let
Kathryn know if you will be attending by noon on Monday so she can give them a
count on how many are attending) at 602-510-2885 or email: Kathryn.odle@asu.edu

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This event will be held on Saturday, January 14th from 11 am to 2 pm, in BSLC's
field. The Arizona Humane Society will be there with a truck and 10 to 15 small
animals up for adoption. We are planning on having the hot dog food truck and are
sending postcards to the neighborhood inviting them to attend and bring their
animals for Pastor to bless. If anyone is interested in helping plan and execute this

fun event, please let Pastor Tim or the Schinke's know, we could really use your help and ideas.

Board of Christian Educating next meeting will be Sunday, January 8.

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The calendar is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Debbie O'Neill.

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, Memorials for Lucy Durham.

Then follow the directions to complete your transaction.

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

"Music Notes" January, 2023.

by Ellen Brown, Dir. of Music

Welcome to the New Year of 2023, the calendar year, that is!

For Christians, the New Year is already quite "past tense" having begun way back on Nov. 27, 2022 with the 1st Sunday in Advent.

January in the church encompasses the season of "Epiphany."

So, what is this "Epiphany" all about? First, it's a day: Jan. 6th, to be specific. It completes the 12 days of Christmas.

It is the day celebrating how a star led the Magi to Baby Jesus.

And celebrated it is, all around the world with parades, worship, and (important to us) wonderful songs and music.

It's Greek to me! Yes, it surely is! Once again we have borrowed from the Greek *epiphaneia* meaning "manifestation" or "striking appearance" to describe God manifested in the flesh, come to dwell among us. The Psalm antiphon for the day of Epiphany proclaims: "*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*"

Epiphany, however, is more than just one day. It also represents an entire season of the church year which begins on Jan.6th and runs through the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. (in 2023, that takes us from Jan.6th to Feb.21st with Ash Wednesday being on Feb.22nd.)

As for the delicious happy music of the time of Epiphany, it revolves around the themes of: Jesus, the Light of the World [“Shine, Jesus, Shine”]; songs about the Wise Men [“We Three Kings”] and the radiance of the Divine Light coming to live among us, calling us to action:[“We Are Marching in the Light of God”].

May your Epiphany be filled with the incredible beauty of the glowing Light of Christ and His joyous music!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 2022 COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETINGS.

The Voters Budget meeting was held December 4th. The regular Council meeting was held December 14th. Highlights of those meetings are:

- The Voters Assembly approved the formation of a Call Committee with Wendell Robson chairing the committee.
- The Voters Assembly approved extending a call to Pastor Tim Anderson as full-time pastor at Beautiful Savior.
- The Voters Assembly approved the proposed budget for 2023 which includes a full-time pastor. Total budget is \$183,901 an increase of \$31,532 over 2022.
- The Council approved closing the Church Office Dec. 26-30.
- November finished with a negative balance of (\$601). Total cash on hand at the end of October was \$177,674, including the \$54,650 (less the processing fee) the loan from LCEF for replacing A/C units. Monthly loan payments are \$503.
- Pat Carlin's fall in the church kitchen occurred while she was volunteering at the church decorating event and not while she was carrying out her cleaning duties as an employee. Jim Timm will be the point of contact for any insurance claims. Council asked the Trustees to clarify Joe Carlin's role in the cleaning contract with Pat as he usually assists in these responsibilities but is not listed in the contract.
- As part of our program with LCEF Ministry, the 'Launch Forward in 23' project will begin during Lent. The Committee will need to start meeting in January to prepare for this project.
- Stewardship Pledge Sunday was November 20th. Financial Pledges total \$138,480, or 75.6% of the budget. This is an improvement from previous years when commitments have been around 50% of the budget. Also, commitments usually don't include extra donations in Lent and Advent. Time and Talent Pledges were given to Pastor Tim and the Elders. Thanks to the Stewardship committee for their hard work in this year's stewardship drive.
- Stewardship gave Christmas gifts to McKinney Vento students at Tempe High. Clothing was given to Holdeman students. Uniforms were given to Scales students. Sweatshirts and backpacks were given to Mosely students.
- GLORIA will meet Monday, Jan. 9th, 10 AM to plan music Jan. 15th to end of March. Please send music suggestions to Pastor Tim or Director Ellen.
- Next Beautiful Savior meeting will be January 21st with guest speaker Stephanie Bivens. speaking about elder law and estate planning. This meeting is open to all Beautiful Savior members - men & women!

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.

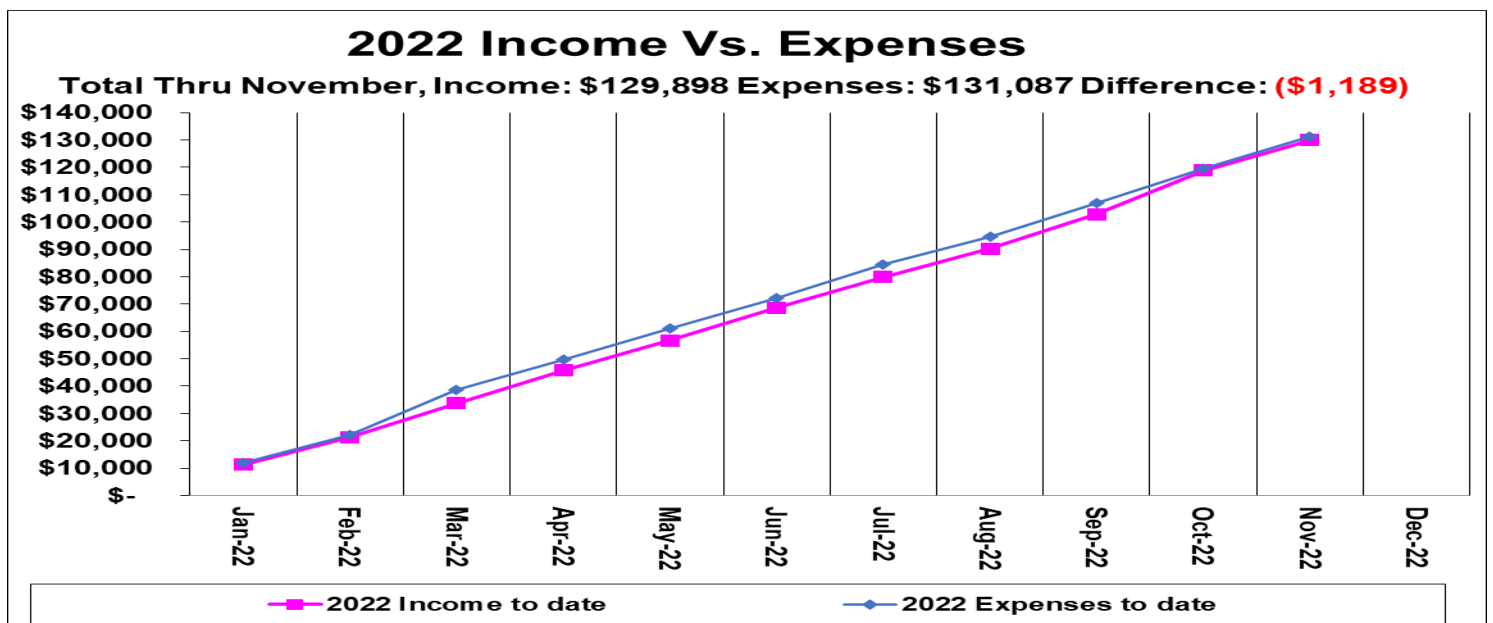
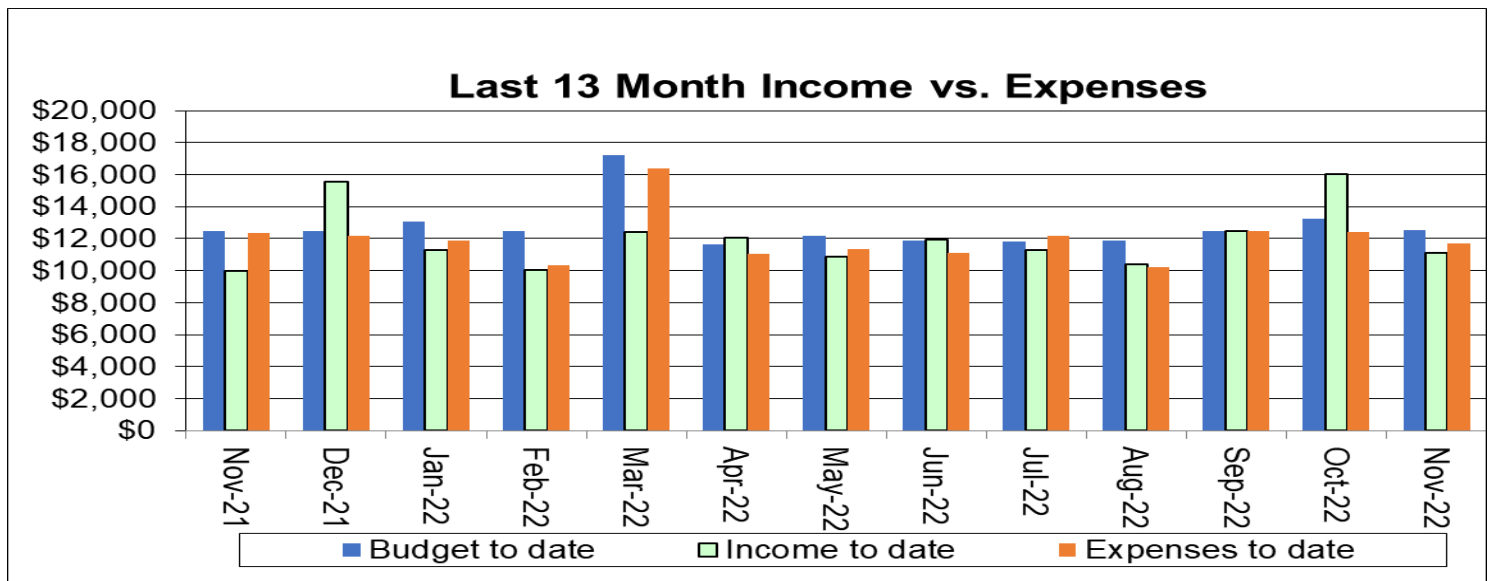
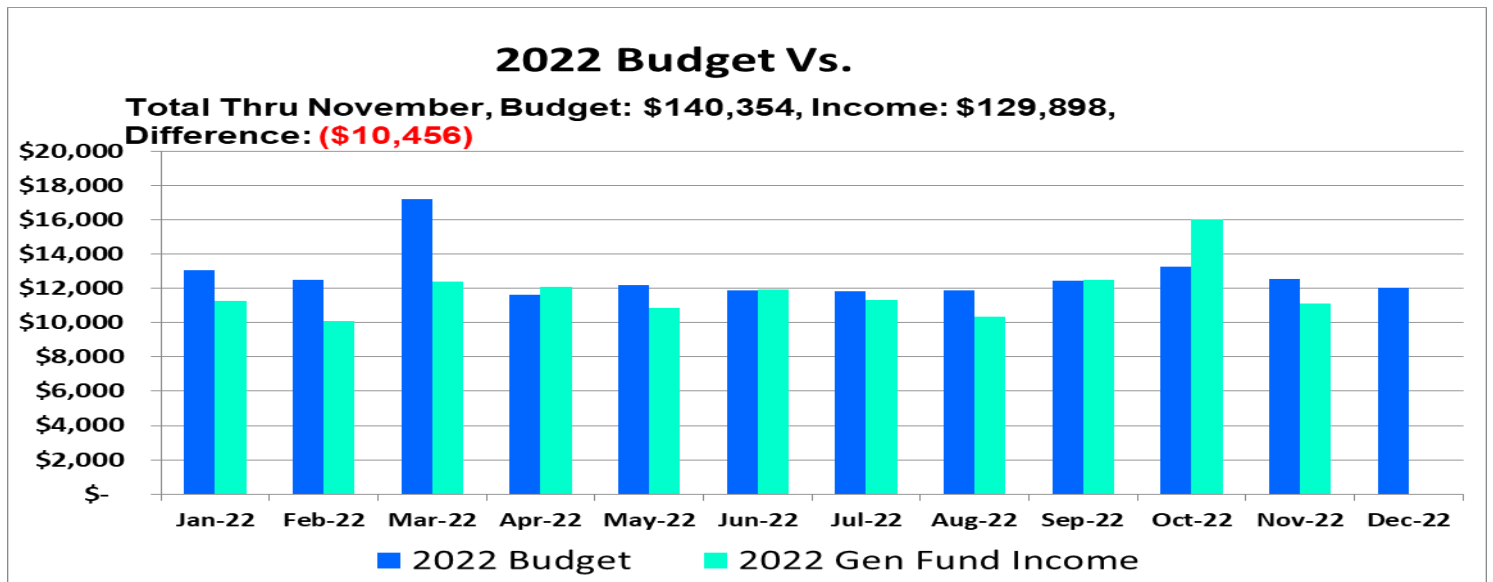
Our Prayer Chain consists of both men and women. Just like God's mansions have room and will welcome all believers, so the Prayer Chain has room and welcomes all who would pray for those who want us to pray for/with them. To **become a member** of the Prayer Chain, or to **request a prayer** by the Prayer Chain, call or e-mail Gladys Meyer: 480-258-0889 or 480 897-2236 or e-mail geneglad@q.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 – next meeting will be Sunday, January 8.

BOARD OF FINANCE:



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



NEWS FROM BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR'S WOMEN IN MISSION

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Society

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

MISSION STATEMENT: *As Lutheran Women in Mission,
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And equip women to honor God by serving others.*
MOTTO: *"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2*

ALL BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED!

Stephanie Bivens of Bivens & Associates will be the guest speaker at the January 2023 meeting of Beautiful Savior's Women in Mission. Stephanie is a Certified Elder Law Attorney who grew up in Arizona and received her law degree from Arizona State University. Her law firm specializes in estate planning, probate and trust administration, elder law, and special needs planning.

Date: Saturday, January 21

Time: 10 A.M.

Place: Beautiful Savior Fellowship Hall

Reserve your place with Sandra Wardwell, 480-334-4176, s.wardwell@asu.edu.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER REPORT

We finished out the year by meeting the needs of the Christmas Angel Tree for the students in the McKinney Vento program at Tempe High.

Upon contacting the other 3 schools, all schools had needs and we made a big delivery to them on Wednesday, December 14th.

Holdeman----girls' leggings

Scales----uniforms (polo shirts and pants for boys and girls)

Mosely----sweatshirts, backpacks, socks, and underwear.

We expect January to be a quiet month.

A heads up----we will be collecting for the Justa Center in February.

Bobbie, 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.

Pastor Tim Anderson:

The Start of Something New

¹⁸ “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. (Isaiah 43:18-21)

The ball drops in Times Square, Neighbors set off fireworks, a new year has begun here in the valley as 2022 officially came to an end and 2023 began. And then just hours later, our church, on the corner of Priest and 11th here in Tempe decided to really start 2023 with a bang. You called me to serve as Full-Time Pastor. And while I ask for a few days to discern that call and see what God would have us do, the fact remains that you stand poised and ready, with the spirit of God calling you into the what’s next, calling you into the future, telling you to “Remember Not” the former things but to see how God is doing a new thing. He has been for over two years now and he will continue to do so, no matter what! He is the one leading and guiding his church, he is the one leading and guiding you, Beautiful Savior, and I could not be prouder. To remember not the things of old doesn’t mean that we turn our back completely on where we have been, but that we will not be handcuffed to our past in a way that prevents us from moving forward into the future.

Forward, there is that word again... the word that has been slipping out of my mouth over and over during the last few weeks. “FORWARD IN 2023!” What does that mean, and why do I keep talking about it? Well, first and foremost it means that we believe this church has a bright future. I believe it, council believes it, the elders believe it, and the revitalization team believes it. On top of all that our partners believe it. Being able to know that our church body stands behind our work with words like “Rejoice” and “Celebrate” mean the world to me, and I pray they mean the world to you too. This past year alone four people were baptized here at Beautiful Savior, two on Sunday morning and two more at La Mesa on Thursday night. In fact, those two I baptized on the Thursday evening before Christmas. As we head into 2023, we already have our first baptism scheduled.

Forward means we follow our mission statement with intentional intensity. We serve the Lord, we extend the Gospel, and we make Jesus alive in the community. But what does that look like? Well, I think about what Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist to tell their teacher

when they come and ask if he is the one or if they should expect another? Go and tell. Go and Tell John what you see and hear. “The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.” To make Jesus alive in the community is to be Jesus to the community, to do the things he did (as much as we lowly humans can) and love the way he loved. Jesus brought healing to the world in physical, emotional, spiritual and most of all in eternal ways.

As we move Forward, our goal is to fill our ministry week and year with ministries that will reach people physically, emotionally, spiritually, and then yes eternally as we proclaim good news. We are already doing this in so many ways. Through the work of our stewardship committee, through the work of our Lutheran Braille Workers, Through La Mesa, through the events that we host, through our worship, our music and our bible studies. But we are not done. We sit empty way too often, we need to move forward, and we will seek to do more. Not just for ourselves to secure our future, but for our community. Five Words will drive us, **Go, Tell, See, Hear, & Do.** What opportunities can we create weekly, monthly, and yearly to help us go and tell, so others will see and hear Jesus and the Good News that comes from him.

I want to encourage each of you to be a part of the conversations on what Forward will look like. I want to know the needs you see in our community and what we can do to bring Jesus and be the hands and feet of Jesus in those needs. I know you can do it, and as I discern my role in it, know how excited I am to walk alongside you no matter what.

I look forward to looking forward with you this year. Happy New Year!

Pastor Tim