



**APRIL 2023**

Beautiful  
Savior  
Lutheran  
Church  
Newsletter

### **HOW CAN I REACH BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR?**

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**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 March: 48 in the Sunday church service; 8 in Adult Bible Study, 16 in Brunch & Bibles - Midweek Bible Study.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Pastor Tim's New Office Hours:** Available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Pastor Tim will use the rest of his time to make house visits for the sick and shut in, meet with our members and guests, attend meetings, leading worship and other ministries, and creating connections for the church in our community.

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

**April 1st 2023 9-11am:** Tempe Neighborhood Celebration at Kiwanis Park. The City of Tempe is hosting a Saturday morning filled with live music, community bonding and fun in the Park Fiesta Ramadas, 5711 S. All-America Way. Come join us as we connect with our community over breakfast, refreshments, games and a lively, informal awards celebration. The City will also be collecting specific hygiene products for donation to Tempe Community Council's Threadz Teen Clothes Closet program. Please consider bringing new, unopened, full-size deodorant,

shampoo, conditioner and body wash to the park, and we will celebrate our city and communities together.

**April 3rd 2023, 5:00pm: Holy Week Bread Baking and Easter Egg Stuffing:** Join us at church as we prepare for holy week by baking unleavened bread to be used in worship on Maundy Thursday and by stuffing eggs for our annual easter egg hunt. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

**Brunch and Bibles:** Will meet on April 13th at 12:30pm at Netta Cheta's on Mill. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you will be attending.602-510-2885 or email: [kaythryn.odle@asu.edu](mailto:kaythryn.odle@asu.edu).

**New Ladies Bible Studies Start this week:** ladies of Beautiful Savior are invited to attend a study on "52 women of the Bible" beginning next week. The same class is being offered twice a week in the Fellowship Hall: Mondays at 12pm lead by Sandra Wardwell and Fridays at 3 pm lead by Cyndi Calender.

**Sat. April 15th 2023 at 11:00am:** SOLA Ministries at ASU is hosting their Spring Semester event here at Beautiful Savior. This year, Erick Sorensen of 1517 Ministries will speak on "the history of the canon of scripture and the controversies surrounding it - then and now." Sola will also provide lunch following the event with a Q&A.

**Sat. May 6th 2023 at 5pm, "The Chosen" Night.** Once a month on Saturday Evening, Pastor will be hosting "The Chosen" nights here at church while we watch one or two episodes of the show, highlighting the Gospels and the life of Christ. After watching the episode(s) we will follow that time with food and discussion.

**New Member Classes Starting Soon:** Are you a guest or visitor who is interested in knowing more about who we are here at Beautiful Savior. Pastor Tim will be starting new member classes again after Easter to talk about the history of our congregation, our mission now, and what we believe. If interested please reach out to Pastor Tim at [PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com).

**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.

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats, and remain there.

**Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically"** can now do so by going to: [easytithe.com/BSLCTempe](https://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, Earthquake Relief, Jacqueline Kiersch Memorial. Then follow the directions to complete your transaction.**

## **April 23 (After Worship Service) Election of Officers & Board Member Voters Meeting**

**All voting members are eligible to hold office, except as prohibited by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. For all open positions, nominations from the floor at the April Voters meeting will be accepted. The voting member making the nomination from the floor must have obtained the nominees agreement to serve.**

President.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Voters Assembly and the Church Council and shall see to it that all things are done in a Christian way in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

Secretary.

Takes the minutes of all Voters Assembly and Church Council meetings. Keeps accurate records of the voting membership and attendance at meetings. Creates the agenda for all Voters Assembly and Council meetings. Draws up and signs the official legal papers and documents and executes all correspondence.

Board of Trustees.

Responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, and improvement of the property of the congregation.

Board of Christian Education.

Advances the cause of Christian Education in the Congregation. Supervises the organization and operation of the Christian educational activities for the congregation including Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School and other Christian education opportunities.

Board of Stewardship.

Promotes Christian stewardship within the congregation and community by encouraging regular and proportional giving of time, talent, and treasure.

Board of Finance.

Works to create a good system in financial affairs and for the elimination of debts of the congregation. Works with the Board of Stewardship to enlist the financial support of all members of the congregation. Responsible for the counting, recording, and depositing all monies received. Creates an estimated budget for consideration at the November meeting of the Voters Assembly.

Cyndi Calender

**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.**

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 2023 COUNCIL MEETING**

"Serving the Lord, extending the gospel, and making Jesus alive in the community."

The regular Council meeting was held March 20th. Highlights of that meeting are:

- Pastor Tim gave thankful recognition of Music Director Ellen Brown for her work on the Installation music as well as writing a hymn verse capturing President Gibson's message. 97 were in attendance and \$470 was raised for Mission Outreach in the Pacific Southwest District.
- Holy week activities will include a joint event with La Mesa Maundy Thursday. This will include foot washing, dinner, holy communion, and Psalm 22. Please bring hygiene items for La Mesa by this date.
- Baking of communion bread and egg stuffing scheduled for Monday, April 3, 5 PM
- Forward in 23 (formerly called Revitalization) has met twice during Lent:
  - Planning every member visit
  - Looking to launch a new community minded program
  - Health minded ministry ideas
  - Internal discipleship opportunities
    - Women's Bible studies to begin week of April 10th
  - ESL class, probably in the fall
  - Maybe a Counseling center
  - Pastor has contacted Tempe Chamber of Commerce about benefits of membership. Council voted to approve a one year membership to the Chamber to learn how Beautiful Savior can serve the community.
  - Pastor met with Gethsemane's community connection coordinator and will meet with St. Luke's coordinator.
- Would like to recognize 1 year anniversary of partnership with La Mesa at the end of this month by hosting a dinner for them. They have had 70+ in attendance each week.
- Treasurer reported a positive balance at the end of February of \$1,063.
- The Elders were asked to review the Missions Beautiful Savior supports (SOLA at ASU, Campus Ministry Coalition at ASU, Camp ALOMA, Friends' House at Drake Park, Lutheran Indian Ministries, Pacific SW District LCMS).
- Stewardship raised \$500 for Justa Center during their February drive.
- Stewardship is working with Scales, Holdeman and Mosley schools on their wish lists for this year.
- Board of Christian Ed members are Pastor Tim, Debby Bergman, Charles Haynes, Darlene Haynes, Phyllis Schinke, and Gladys Meyer.
  - Topics discussed: Christian Education, Women's Bible Study, ESL- English Seconded Language, Vacation Bible School, New Member Class, Men's Group, and Young Adult / College.
  - Weekly Women's Bible Study to begin April 10th, meeting Mondays and Fridays to study Women in the Bible
  - VBS June 26-30, 5-7:30 PM. Theme is 'Twists and Turns'.
- Elders will add the common cup to Holy Communion beginning Easter Sunday.
- Trustees reported 25 volunteer hours. Thanks to everyone who has helped with the weekly cleaning.
- Trustees reported 2 air conditioners have been installed; two more to be installed by end of March. The large unit for the sanctuary is on order.

- Trustees will purchase a new large size wheel chair.
- Musicians volunteered 93 hours during March.
- Next GLORIA meeting is April 24th, 10 AM.
- Please tell Director Ellen if you would be interested in playing handbells! She would like to re-activate that part of the music program.
- LWML plans to meet Saturday, April 22nd at 10 AM at Beautiful Savior. That's Earth Day!
- Thanks to all who served the Lenten Dinners.

Voters meeting April 23rd: Agenda includes reports, Election of officers and Board members, amendment to the 2023 budget to include Fellowship Hour expenses

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Wardwell, Congregation Secretary

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).

### **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.

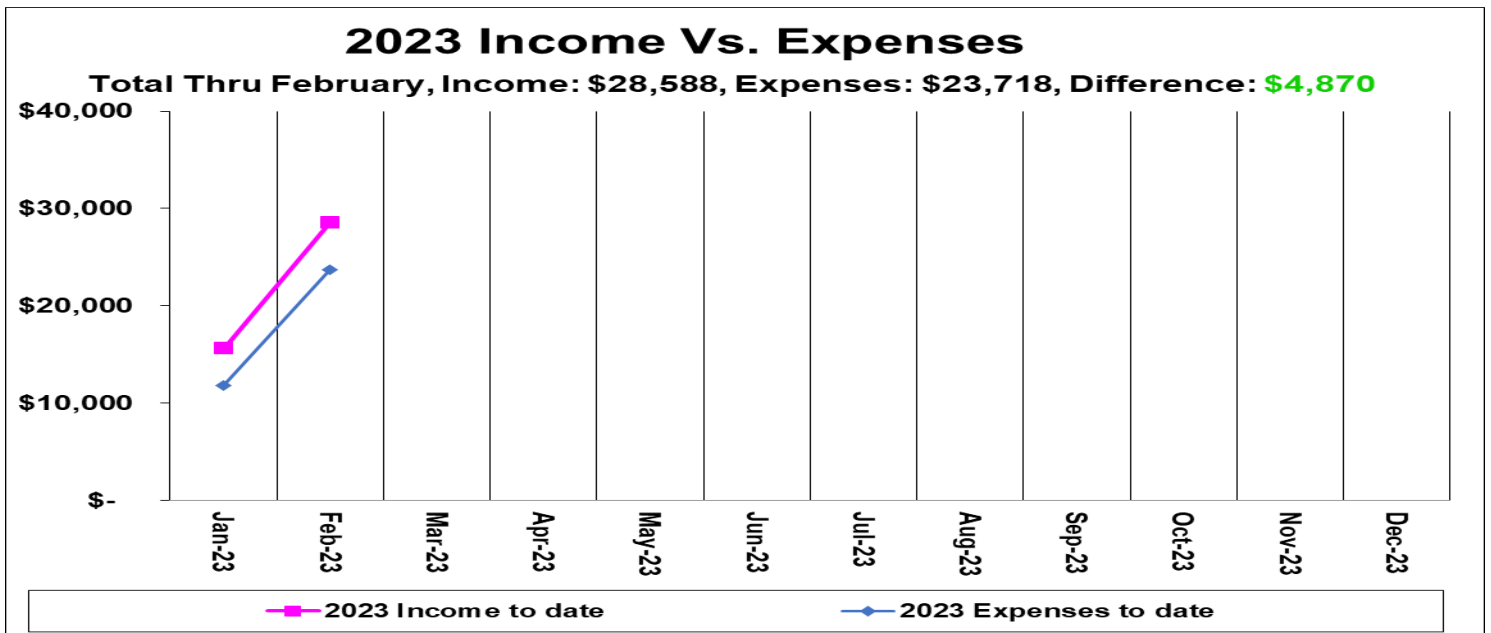
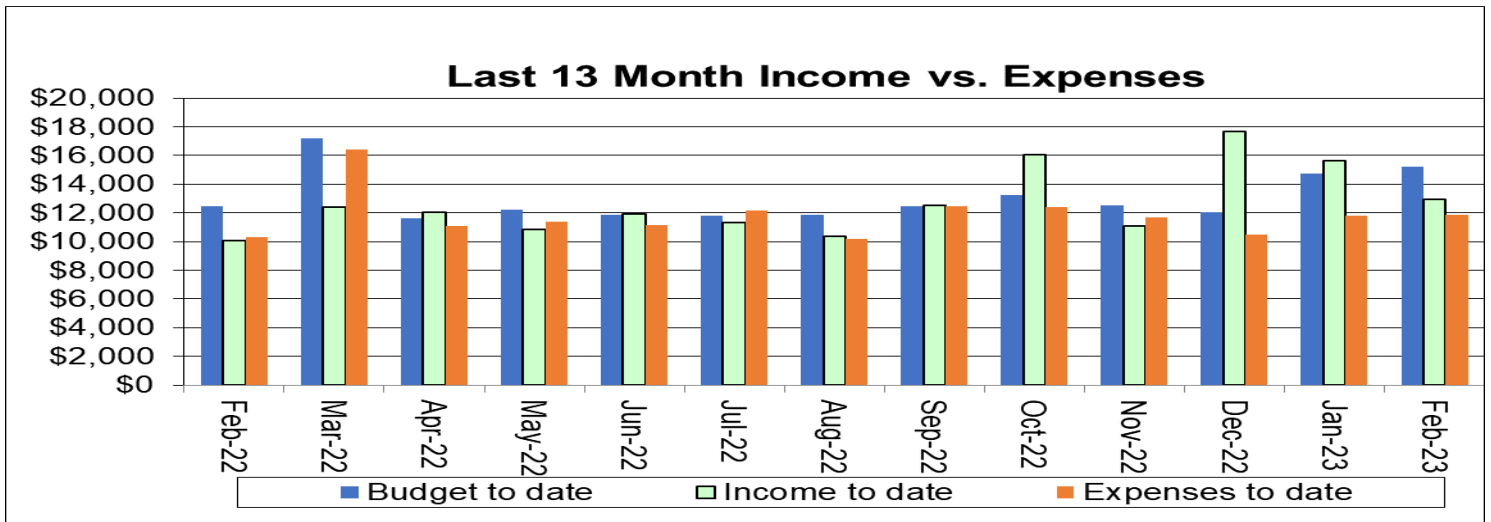
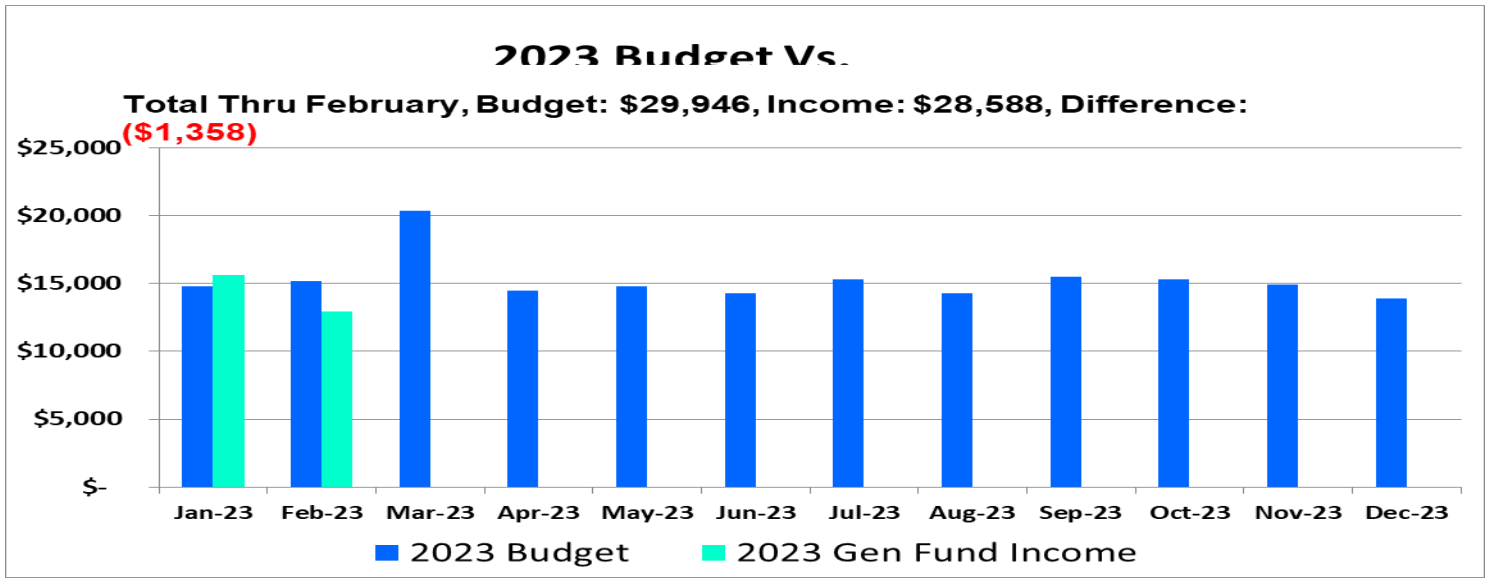
Our Prayer Chain consists of both men and women. Just like God's mansions have room and will welcome all believers, so the Prayer Chain has room and welcomes all who would pray for those who want us to pray for/with them. To **become a member** of the Prayer Chain, or to **request a prayer** by the Prayer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

### **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 – No Report**

**BOARD OF FINANCE:**



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



**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)**  
**ALSO KNOWN AS WOMEN IN MISSION**

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

Meeting Schedule

The Beautiful Savior Women in Mission will meet Saturday, April 22nd, 10 AM at Beautiful Savior. This is Earth Day, and we will have a topic about stewardship of the Earth.

The Spring 2023 issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is now available in the narthex next to the Mite boxes. Lots of good information in this issue including an article about 'The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge'. This is a podcast of KFJO radio by four Lutheran ladies. This weekly show has been in existence for three years and discusses a variety of topics. This is a great Christian Education opportunity and can be accessed through your computer or telephone.

The District Women of the Word newsletter is also available in the narthex and will be emailed to BSLC women.

Thank you for your support of LWML!!!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra Wardwell

**CELEBRATING EARTH DAY 2023**  
**Sponsored by Beautiful Savior Women in Mission**

WHEN: Saturday, April 22, 2023, 10 AM.

WHERE: Beautiful Savior Fellowship Hall

TOPIC: Arizona Weather and Climate - Showers of Blessings

SPECIAL GUEST: Dr. Erinanne Saffell, Arizona State Climatologist

Dr. Saffell is the Arizona State Climatologist, Director of the Arizona State Climate Office, and Senior Global Futures Scientist with the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory. Her main research interests are extreme weather and climate events, including flood and drought, as well as impacts of the Urban Heat Island.

All Beautiful Savior members and guests are welcome to attend! Come with your questions about our wintry weather, drought, and what the future might hold.

Refreshments will be served!

# **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

## **April, 2023, Newsletter Report**

### **Stewardship Committee**

On Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, we delivered 20 backpacks to Tempe High McKinney Vento program. We ordered a more expensive bag and are hoping these will wear better than the ones we previously ordered from a bulk website. On that day, we were given a list by Veronica of school supplies and hygiene products that they needed. Consequently, we delivered folders, mechanical pencils, pencil pouches, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, and hair brushes to her on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Tim, Bobbie and Charlotte met and decided that it would be fair for the schools to know the dollar amount of what they can expect from us during the year of 2023. Knowing what they have to work with should help them set priorities. We are setting aside about half of the grant (\$8000) for Tempe High MV and divide the rest between the 3 other schools. It will be about \$2,900 for each school.

We have given Holdeman School prepaid VISA debit cards to be used for purchasing eyeglasses for their students totaling \$400. We also gave that school a prepaid VISA card in the amount of \$300 to be used to purchase shoes for students. We took delivery of the 35 pair of leggings that we had ordered and that the girls wear and took them to the school early in March.

Scales school received a \$300 prepaid VISA card for starting up their eyeglass program. They need uniforms (polo shirts and shorts,) shoes, and playground items---such as basketballs, kick balls, etc. We are waiting for them to get back to us with how many of each thing they want.

We have not been able to connect with anyone at Mosely but we left another message on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, telling them what their share of the grant is and asking them to contact us if they need something.

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](http://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'.



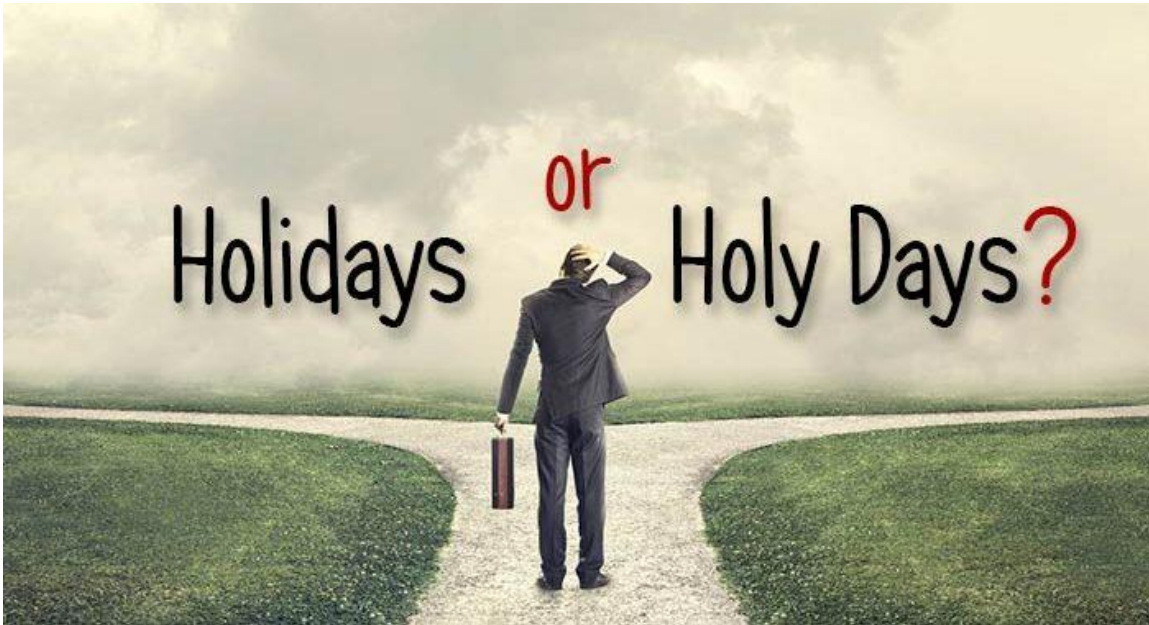
Fry's issues checks two times per year to Beautiful Savior. In addition to supporting BSLC, you can also see the fuel points you have accumulated and can add the digital coupons to your card that will be automatically applied when you are in the checkout line at the store.

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

**Pastor Tim Anderson:**

**Take Your Holy Days Not Just Your Holidays.**

By Pastor Tim Anderson



For fear of sounding redundant, I have been thinking a lot over the last couple of days about those words which a mentor, teacher and friend once spoke to me. He said that when it comes to Holy Week, when it comes to Easter, as pastors we are to encourage the church to take their Holy Days not just their holidays. Now what he meant was this, that as much as it is needed, necessary, and nice to find times of rest, that there is more to rest than just vacation. There is more to rest than just time to get away that is if you can afford it. True rest is found in the ability to worship the one who gives us rest in this life and in the next. True Rest is found in Jesus. As Jesus himself once said,

*<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30 ESV)*

Rest for our souls found in the yoke of Jesus. What an awesome, crazy and yet beautiful idea. Notice though that rest comes with a yoke, which really doesn't sound all that restful. Let's take a look at it again.

*<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30 ESV)*

Now a yoke is a wooden crosspiece fastened over the necks of two animals and attached to a plow or cart. A yoke allows two animals to share a load and pull together. Yokes were used in

Bible times primarily with bulls or oxen to plow fields and pull wagons. The animals yoked together needed to be close in size and weight for the cart or plow to pull evenly.

Close in size and weight to pull evenly, now that's funny. I know I'm a big dude, and yet as I find my rest in Jesus, he carries the weight. What I see is that this isn't evenly carried at all, in fact all the weight of the crossbeam is laid on Jesus. It is laid on Him as He is lifted up on that crossbeam to die for your sake and mine. It was our sin that held him there. He carries that, willingly. And in the reality of what he willingly does for us, you and I can find rest.

So, come find rest again, in His dying breath that brings us life. Come and experience once again the rest that comes through your Lord's death and resurrection. Take your Holy Days. Take them, come here and see once again, the 24 hours that lead to a moment where a single word changes the relationship between God and us forever.

Hear Him once again create a new covenant meal with us, hear Him once again pray for us in the garden, hear Him again get up on that cross for us, and hear Him again speak that single word Tetelestai, it is finished, for us. He says it for us, yes, it is also for the whole world, but it is uniquely and especially for you, so that you might find rest in him.

And gosh, do I need that. I need the rest and the promise of rest that can come only from this. I think maybe that is why I enjoy Easter so much. I think that's why I always want to celebrate in bigger and bigger ways. More work for the sake of rest? Pastor Tim that's nuts. Yes, it is, but it is still the reason we provide what we provide, because nothing else gives us this peace, this hope, this rest and the life that Holy Week provides. Nothing gives us life like the yoke of Jesus, the crossbeam on which he died to give us life. Rest comes in boldly proclaiming that in Jesus we find our rest. That in his death and resurrection, the father now looks at Him as he considers us, and gives us eternal life and rest, rest from this weary and broken world. One day, that rest is all we will know.

So, come find rest with us, even if it seems busy this Holy Week at Beautiful Savior. Come find rest as the beauty of who he is and what he has done gives us a hope, a peace and a rest the world cannot know and has not known. No vacation can give you the peace, the stillness, the rest, and the hope that we find on Easter morning when the tomb is empty. Nothing can give us that rest like when we hear Jesus calling Mary by her name, or as we see Peter and John run to the tomb. Nothing can give us rest like the disciples' anxiety being met by and overcome by Jesus' friendly greeting of, "Peace be with you."

This Holy Week, come, find your rest as the same peace comes to you. Come be reminded of the new realities found in him. In the new realities of a meal shared together, where betrayer and denier are still both welcomed, come to the cross, see family created, all people forgiven, and hope proclaimed by the one dying for our sake. come Saturday for a hopeful and peaceful Easter

Vigil as the story of salvation leads us again to the empty tomb. And join us on Easter Sunday, to hear that Death has been defeated, it no longer has power over us.

Take your Holy Days and take your Holidays, because both provide you rest. Both re-center us, just in different ways. Holy week is what this whole Christian Faith thing is about. It is the heart of our faith and identity. My prayer is that it will once again center us in the hope we have. My prayer is that in the resurrection, we might find rest for our souls and a trust in the one who carries us along the way to the day when he calls us to our eternal rest in him.

We worship Holy Week at the following times

Palm Sunday: 10am

Maundy Thursday: 12pm and 6pm

Good Friday: 3pm and 7pm

Holy Saturday: 7pm

Easter Sunday: 8am and 10am.

See you this Holy Week.

Pastor Tim