



***JUNE 2023***

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

Beautiful

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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 May: **33** in the Sunday church service; **8** in Adult Bible Study, **5** in Brunch & Bibles – Midweek Bible Study & **4** in Women's Bible Study.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Pastor Tim's Office Hours:** Pastor Tim is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

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

**VBS Planning Meeting:** Next Meeting Wednesday May 31st at 6:00pm

**June 2nd 2023: ESL Ministry Information Night and Demonstration:** We are looking for people with a heart to teach and to serve as we seek to bring English as a Second Language classes to Tempe, to ASU and to the East Valley. This new ministry is hosted in partnership by Connecting International Communities at ASU & Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe AZ. Questions? Email Pastor Tim at [PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com). Join us for the demonstration and a free dinner after as well

**Sat. June 3, 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.**

**June 4th 2023: New Member Classes Begin. If you are interested in knowing more about our congregation, who we are, what we believe, what we hope God is calling us to do, join us for our five week new member class after worship each week. We will offer a new member Sunday for anyone looking to join our congregation or become a full member on Sunday July 9th.**

**Women's Weekly Bible Study will be offered every Monday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will be studying Potiphar's wife, the Mothers of Moses, Miriam, and Rahab.**

**Brunch and Bibles: Will meet on June 8th 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).**

**Saturday July 29th 2023, 5pm. Skip and Mary's 50th Anniversary Celebration: Yep, it's been 50 years since they said we do. So join Skip and Mary at the DoubleTree on Priest as we celebrate with them and Pastor Tim renews their vows. If interested in attending, talk to Skip McFadden by June 23rd, and let him know your meal choice of Prime Rib or Cranberry Chicken.**

**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.**

**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. 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.**

**HAVE YOU SEEN BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR'S FACEBOOK PAGE?**  
**<https://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe>**

Pastor Tim and Don Schumm keep the Facebook page updated with recordings of our worship services, special events, and weekly ministry updates. There are lots of pictures of the Maundy Thursday event with La Mesa and the Easter Egg Hunt. Don't know how to access the page on the internet? We can show you how on during fellowship hour after Sunday worship. Just ask. Pastor Tim would like to hear your comments!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

**Interested in participating in Beautiful Savior activities? Here are some ways you can serve:**

**1. Worship Readers are needed!** These are the people who read the lessons during Sunday morning worship services. A sign up sheet for Sundays through July 16th is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Ask Pastor Tim!

**2. Debbie O'Neill resigned from kitchen duties at the end of April.** We thank her for her service! a Kitchen/Reception Committee is being formed to carry on the tasks of managing the kitchen, arranging for fellowship volunteers, and organizing reception events. If you would like to help, please let Pastor Tim or Cyndi Calender know.

**3. Vacation Bible School will be the last week in June, 5 to 7 PM.** Planning is underway and registration is now open. This year's theme is 'Twists and Turns' and is about games. VBS is a 5 day event and volunteers serve as greeters and register students, coordinate game activities, crafts, sing, serve dinner, and help provide a welcoming atmosphere. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Pastor Tim.

**4. Camp ALOMA in Prescott, AZ is one of Beautiful Savior's Mission ministries. Cyndi Calender** is currently the Beautiful Savior representative on the Camp ALOMA board. **She will be resigning** and is looking for a replacement. Meetings are held via ZOOM. If you are interested in serving as Beautiful Savior's representative, please let Cyndi know.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING AND VOTERS MEETING**

The regular Council meeting was held May 17th. Highlights of that meeting are:

Pastor Report:

- Since Easter we have had more people volunteer to read, we have celebrated the Easter season and Mother's Day, and we even celebrated 1 year of working together with La Mesa, as 10+ La Mesa volunteers joined us in worship at the end of April.
- The Monday Women's Bible study class continues with 4-5 in attendance. If interested in learning about 52 notable women in the Bible, please join the group in the Fellowship hall at noon.
- The first screening of 'The Chosen' followed by dinner and discussion went well.
- Pastor Tim has been in discussion with Sharon Owens about starting English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at Beautiful Savior. Students would be parents and family members of Holdeman and Mosley students and also families of Sharon's international students at ASU. An introductory meeting about this possibility will be held at Beautiful Savior Friday, June 3rd, 6 PM.

- Continuing to plan for Mosley students to use our field after school in the summer for flag football.
- Other events coming up: Christmas in July party, Faith and Family Night at Chase Field Aug. 25th, Fall Festival.

#### Financials:

- Total cash on hand was \$163,328.71 as of April 30, 2023. Fund balances are:
  - LCEF Savings \$71,841.85
  - Wells Fargo savings \$19,052.76
  - Wells Fargo checking \$72,434.10
- Profit & Loss report for April has a positive balance of \$3,346.14.
- Profit & Loss report for January through April has a positive balance of \$3,723.94.
- LCEF loan for the A/C replacements has been spent. Please note: the loan amount requested was based on replacing 4 of the 5 units. The Voters approved replacement of all 5 units. To install the last unit in the choir room will require an additional \$2500.
- Stewardship delivered 14 dozen doughnuts to Holdeman for the picnic given by kindergartners for their parents. The students wrote thank you cards which were distributed in the May 21st bulletins!

#### Other Reports and Business:

- Christian Education is making plans for Vacation Bible School June 26-30, 5-7:30 PM. Dinner will be served each evening. We are looking for volunteers to help with dinners, registering kids as they come in, assisting the VBS leaders, helping with games, and serving as hosts and hostesses welcoming visitors to our church. Contact Pastor Tim if you can help.
- Elders continuing discussion about security needs.
- Trustees report 35 volunteer hours
- Skip McFadden installed the new outlets on the patio, with a little help from Don Schumm.
- Music Director Ellen reported 32 volunteer hours by musicians
- GLORIA will meet June 12 to plan music for July, August, & Sept. 3rd.
- Worship suggestion to include prayers for Students & Teachers in mid-July along with a hymn about youth and education to honor our grandkids, nieces, nephews, and neighbors going to school
- Women in Mission will meet August 12th to plan 2022-2023 activities.
- Beautiful Savior T-shirts are in the design stage.
- Don Schumm proposed creation of a technology committee
  - Advice needed about new speakers and mics in sanctuary, closed circuit TV in narthex to display BSLC activities, security camera, new software for financial and administrative record keeping
- Plans are being made for the following events:
  - Christmas in July party, Sunday, July 30th.
  - Fish Fry, Saturday, October 14th
  - Fall Festival, Sunday, October 29th - need a volunteer to organize this event.
- Next Council Meeting: Monday, June 19, 2023, 5 PM
- Next Voters Meeting: Sunday, July 23, 11:30 AM

If you are interested in receiving the Council and Voters meetings report packets and minutes, please contact Sandra Wardwell at 480-334-4176 or [s.wardwell@asu.edu](mailto:s.wardwell@asu.edu).

## **BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR PRAYER CHAIN**

Jesus told His disciples the parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18) to show them that they should pray constantly and not give up. At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus also said, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age," (Matt 28:20).

PRAYER is defined as talking directly to God. At Beautiful Savior we believe that Prayer is our most important line of communication with our Heavenly Father

The BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LWML PRAYER CHAIN consists of 35 both women and men who pray for prayer requests submitted. If you are requesting prayers, please contact Gladys Meyer at 480 258-0889 or 480 897-2236 or email [geneglad@q.com](mailto:geneglad@q.com). You can also contact the church Secretary, Marsha Beetham, at 480 967-2660 or via email at [office@beautifulsaviortempe.org](mailto:office@beautifulsaviortempe.org), Prayer Requests are sent to all members of the chain by email unless telephone call is requested. Prayers are continued until notified to close. If you would like to take someone off the prayer list, after first submitting their name(s), please let us know.

Prayer Chain members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church are ready and willing to pray with you or for you. Prayers are powerful and God loves to hear from you. To become a member of the Prayer Chain, who promises to pray over our prayer list, contact Gladys at 480 258-0889 or 480 897-2236 or email [geneglad@q.com](mailto:geneglad@q.com).

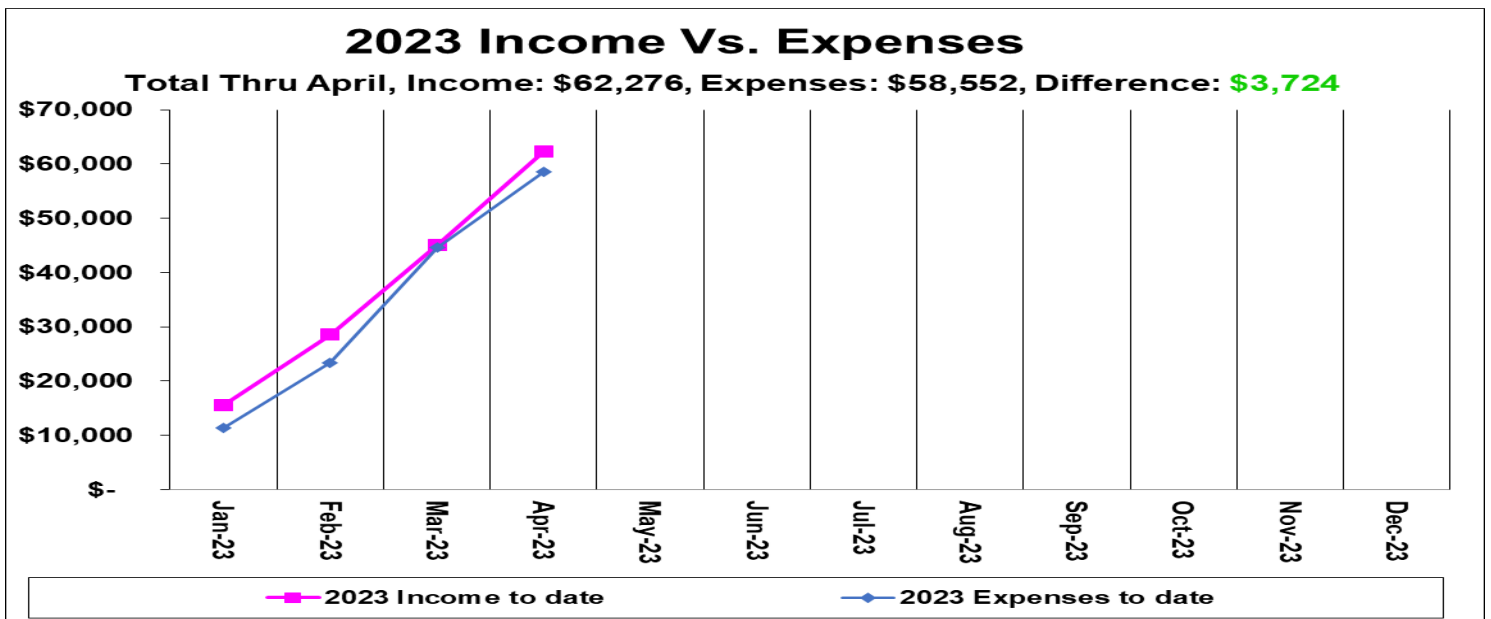
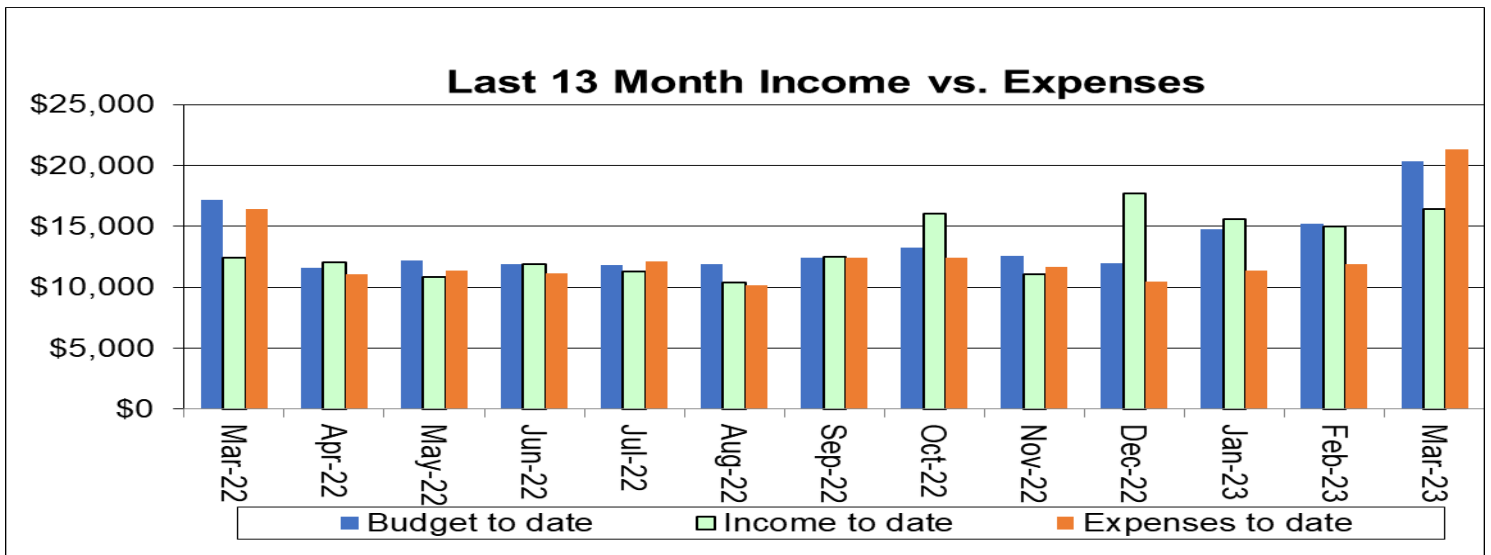
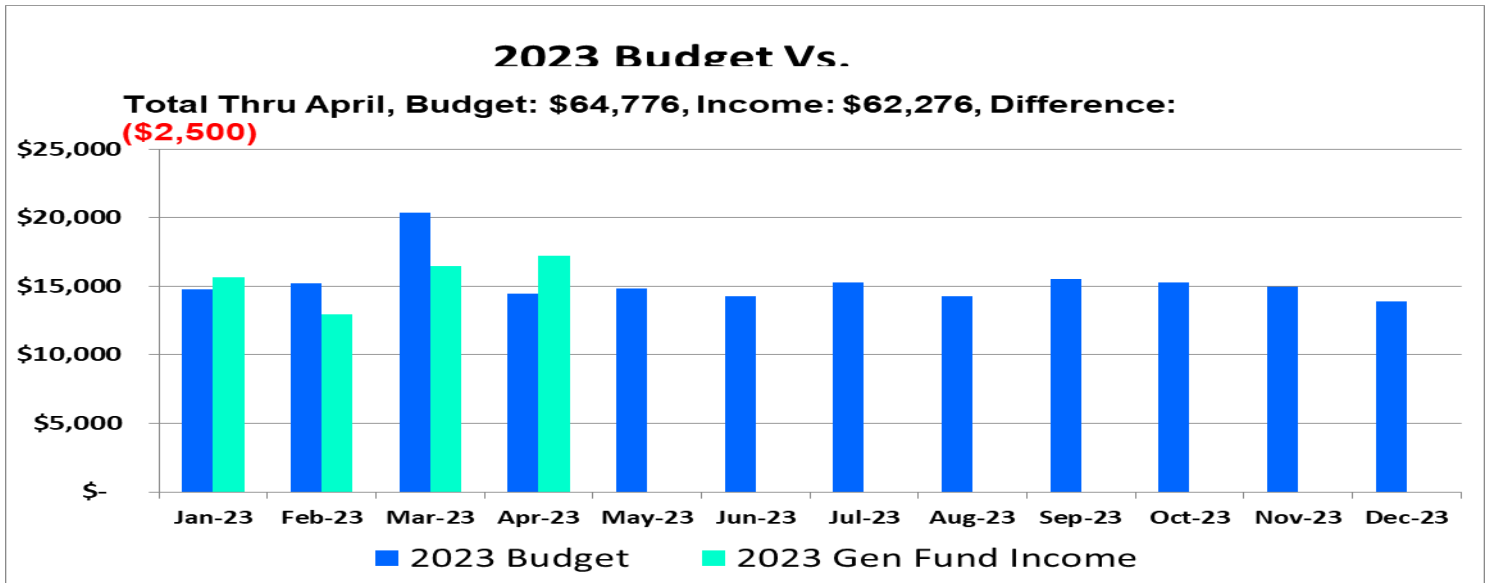
Thank you to all members of BSLC for your support of the Prayer Chain. Gladys Meyer

## **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:**





**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.*

Women in Mission met Wednesday, May 17th at 11:30 A.M. Five BSLC women and Pastor attended this meeting. We discussed the Mites goal and mission grant proposals to be selected for the 2023-2025 biennium at the Milwaukee National Convention in June.

We learned 15 of the 17 District grants selected at the 2022 Tempe convention have been paid. Any mites collected during the remaining District 2022-2024 biennium will be used toward the 2024-2026 grant proposals.

Sandra is working with La Mesa leadership to submit a \$10,000 grant proposal for the 2024-2026 biennium. Deadline for grant submissions is Sept. 15, 2023.

Several possible events were discussed. Ellen's suggestion to host an event for men will be presented to the Forward committee. Ellen also suggested several possible music outreach activities: a visit to Doris Reith by Pastor and Ellen, Organ Stop pizza fellowship event, and offering BSLC as a practice recital venue for ASU music graduate students. At our January meeting about estate planning, the suggestion was made to have Yellow Book/Day of Hope event to aid in funeral/memorial planning.

We will meet August 12th to plan our 2023-2024 activities. We will plan for LWML Sunday in October and other events. We also need to plan fundraising activities to send two delegates to the District convention in Los Angeles June 2024.

The Zone rally is scheduled for November 4th, possibly at Eternal Life Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your support of LWML!!!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra Wardwell

**HAVE YOU READ THE LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY?**

This magazine is the quarterly publication of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and contains articles of activities by LWML members, 3 Bible studies (one also in Spanish), and highlights missions supported by LWML grants.

Beautiful Savior receives 20 copies. Please read and share with BSLC members and friends. The Quarterly is also available in large print (no pictures) for free from Lutheran Braille workers; Beautiful Savior receives one large print copy and Grace Timm receives one large print copy. Issues of the Quarterly can be found on the LWML.org web page at:

The spring 2023 issue contains an article called 'Chosen'. It is about the 'Life for Ukraine' project of The Life Lutheran Church in Old Westbury, NY. Pastor Tim Anderson knows Rev. Justin Vetrano, senior pastor of The Life Lutheran Church. Pastor Tim told us about the work of Life for Ukraine to assist Ukrainians fleeing from the war to Romania. This article tells of their efforts to provide transportation, housing, and other means of assistance with the help of Romanian Lutheran churches. Rev. Vetrano continues to raise money, meet with government officials, and to provide food, clothing, medical supplies, education opportunities, and counseling services. Our congregation contributed to this effort. You can follow the work of Life for Ukraine at: [thelifeny.org/ukraine](http://thelifeny.org/ukraine)

The Summer 2023 issue has just arrived. The theme of this issue is Proclaiming Christ. Articles include reports by LWML committee leaders about mission work in Mexico, 'Stitchin' for Missions', Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST), 3 Bible studies, and news about the upcoming Milwaukee convention and work of societies around the country.

Please read and share this magazine with others!

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

### **JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER REPORT**

#### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Holdeman kindergarten class had a picnic on their school grounds on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M. There were about 55 kindergarteners and they invited their parents so it was expected that there would be about 150 people at the picnic. We had previously delivered to them juice boxes and fruit pouches for the students and bottled water for the parents. Bobbie delivered 14 dozen glazed donuts to the school around 8 that morning so they had a freshly made treat. We also had provided them with bottles of bubbles for them to play with while on their picnic. Their teachers had their students make thank you cards for us. They colored a pre-drawn message and picture on the front of the card and then copied a note of thanks on the inside, and signed their name. Some even drew a picture inside. These cards were inserted in the bulletin on Sunday so that every congregant received one to take home with them to post on their refrigerator for a couple of weeks. The remainder were displayed on a table in the Narthex. We were touched by their efforts.

We collected for TCAA (Tempe Community Action Agency---who provide for the needy in our city) in May and will be calling them to see what their most urgent needs are and will purchase and deliver those items in June.

The 2023 school term has ended and will reconvene for the 2023-2024 term in mid July. So we are taking a break from the schools for a couple of months. We signed a new MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Tempe Union High School District so that we can continue serving the needs of the THS McKinney-Vento program in the new school term.

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:

Twists and Turns.

Why Vacation Bible School Remains a New Priority.

By Pastor Tim.

Have you ever played Twister. The game with the spinner and the large mat full of different colored circles, where you end up putting your left hand on red, your right foot on blue, and still need to reach all the way with your left foot to yellow. It often leads to people getting tied up around each other like pretzels and falling over themselves. Then again, people getting twisted up around one another and falling over themselves, sounds a lot like life, both out in the world, and ever here in the church. Yet no matter how twisted up we get, Jesus is there. He is pulling us up, and changing the game forever.

That's why this summer we are bringing this theme of Twists and Turns to Beautiful Savior as we bring back Vacation Bible School for the second year in a row after what had been a long hiatus of offering children and family focused Vacation Bible Schools. But this theme isn't just for the kids in the community we hope to reach, or for our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and others that we know and will hopefully invite to be a part of the program... this program is for us. For all of us who call ourselves a Part of Beautiful Savior.

Following Jesus Changes the Game, and while VBS will use stories from the life of Peter to help kids see that even when they make mistakes it's never "game over," I want to look at other examples of how when we allow God's spirit to lead us, and we pray not our will be done, but thy will be done, God shows up, acts, and puts our hands and feet back in the right spots.

I mean God has been untwisting and untangling His church for a really long time. He has sent his spirit again and again to move us in the right direction when we as people, or when we collectively as the church get stuck. In Acts chapter 15, only 13 chapters after Pentecost, the church is already having problems. The Issue? Do you need to be a Jew in order to be a Christian. More than that, do you need to be well... marked... as a Jew in order to then become a Christian. Simply put was Circumcision, the mark of the Old Covenant, a precursor for any new covenant or Christian reality. But they fought about what it looked like to belong. Who was in and who was out, and they got themselves twisted up into a frenzy. But God was with them every step of the way, and they remembered the words of Jesus, and realized that he had sent his spirit to all, showing no partiality.

Then I think about the reformation and how twisted up the church was back then with man-made rules and principles of faith that had nothing to do with scripture and everything to do with power and money. It was a mess. But the spirit worked in the hearts of the reformers to bring the church back to the gospel, to Jesus, and even while this considered to be twisted and messy, even to this day, people were also given access to Jesus and to the bible like never before. It changed the game.

But then there is us, Beautiful Savior, and how God changes the game here in our midst. Last year we did something we hadn't done in a really long time, especially not for the community around us. We offered a community Vacation Bible School. Things got truly monumental. And as we opened our doors and stepped out in faith, no longer were we twisted up in ideas of doing VBS programs only for ourselves, but we wanted to see what the Spirit of God would do. We wanted Jesus to show us he was with us every step of the way.

And show us he did. I think about that first day of VBS last year a lot, and If you haven't heard the story, I am so excited to share it. If you have heard the story, it's a good one so get ready to read it again. When we opened our doors for VBS last year we opened our doors for dinner at 5:00pm that first night and my stomach

twisted as I began to wonder who would come in those doors. Our first friend arrived at about 5:10pm but then we waited, and we waited, and we waited.

Finally, a choice to be made. Do we go forward with VBS for only one kid? Do we hope that other pre-registered kids would show up on day two and send everyone home? The decision was placed in the lap of the child who thankfully was on board for a night of fun. Then as we started with songs and praise, four more children walked in the door. Totally new kids, not even the ones who pre-registered.

God takes our Twists and Turns and blesses them and uses them for his good. I believe that he does not and will not let things like VBS fail. That's why I want to invite you to be a part of it again this year, and see what God will do. Last year we opened our church to our community for Vacation Bible School for the first time in a really long time and kids came, even kids we weren't expecting.

As I shared that story last year, the feedback I saw was tremendous. Encouragement to keep going, and hearing that VBS programs that get 40-50 kids also started just a few years ago with only 1 or 2 children. I heard stories of churches that once had 250 children in VBS had gotten twisted up and had fallen down giving up on VBS for the first time. Those same churches are now reconsidering VBS in 2023 based on what we've done.

My prayer is that God will continue to surprise us all with what he can accomplish through this awesome church at the corner of Priest and W 11th in Tempe AZ. And Even with all our twist and turns that other Christians and other churches will be inspired to see Jesus around every bend leading us all to where he would have our hands and feet go. Join us on this crazy Twisty and Turn filled adventure, at VBS and just every day here at Beautiful Savior, as we follow where He leads.

Pastor Tim.