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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

Mail or in person at: 1337 W. 11th St., Tempe, AZ 85281

Church offices are open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for the month of July: 35 in the Sunday church service; 8 in Adult Bible Study, 12 in Brunch & Bibles – Midweek Bible Study & 6 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Why do we do, that?” Continues through Labor Day Weekend, join us every Sunday morning at 8:30am. This is your chance to ask any questions you have about Beautiful Savior, about Christianity, about Lutheranism, about our beliefs or our practices. You can email all questions ahead of time to Pastor Tim at: PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com you can also submit them in the basket next to LWML mite box in the narthex.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will be offered every Monday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will be studying. Can't attend the meeting? Email or call Sandra Wardwell (s.wardwell@asu.edu, 480-334-4176) for a copy of the study outline.

Sat. Aug. 5th Season 1, Episode 6 “Indescribable Compassion” & Aug. 19th Season 1, Episode 7 at 5pm & "The Chosen" Night. Twice 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.

Brunch and Bibles: Will meet on August 24th at 12:30pm, at Crackers & Co Cafe 1285 W. Elliot Rd., Tempe, AZ 85384. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you will be attending. 602-510-2885 or email: kaythryn.odle@asu.edu.

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 remains there.

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, La Mesa. 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?
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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 our special events like the June Vacation Bible School and the visit with Doris Reith. Don't know how to access the page on the internet? We can show you how during fellowship hour after Sunday worship. Just ask. Pastor Tim would like to hear your comments!

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Please update the Worship Readers request. It looks like you have a full list of readers for July. Are readers needed for August and September?
2. Please change 'sigh' to 'sign' and add 'refreshments' after fellowship in the request for Sunday fellowship.

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!
- If you would like to provide the fellowship, **please sign up on the Fellowship roster** or let Pastor Tim or Cyndi Calender know.
- 3. Beautiful Savior is helping La Mesa every Thursday by preparing the lunch bags participants can take with them.** We meet at 4:30 PM and finish packing 35 lunch bags by 5 PM. If you can help any Thursday, please contact Debbie O'Neill (debbieoneill30@yahoo.com) or Sandra Wardwell (s.wardwell@asu.edu). Thank you!!
- 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 JULY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Council meeting was held July 24th. Highlights of that meeting are:

Pastor Report:

- We are now in the second half of the year.
- Please note: Dec. 24th is a Sunday this year. How many worship services should we have this day?
- VBS experience was incredible. 16 kids, not all of them every night. 130 people were at Beautiful Savior Thursday, June 29th, of VBS week! We had an increased number of congregation members participating this year!
- Will follow up on the funeral planning workshop and book.
- Sunday morning 'Why do we do this?' Bible study discussion going well.
- Added another The Chosen night in June.
- Will be attending the Pastoral Leadership Initiative offered by the District 5 times over the next 3 years. We need to establish a Staff Continuing Education fund for any of our paid staff to attend training opportunities. Don Schumm will add a category to EasyTithe.
- SOLA at ASU has ended. SOLA has returned funding Beautiful Savior sent to them.
- Looking for 3 people to participate in a free training program from the District called Gatherers, Shepherds, and Elders. The training is offered quarterly over the next few years.
- Need to establish a Vision Team, an Executive Board, and a Gatherers, Shepherds, and Elders (GSE) team.
- Will meet quarterly with BSLC staff to update them with events, ministry plans, and other information.
- Will be contacting Dave at Gethsemane about planning for 2024 VBS.

Financials:

- Total cash on hand was \$127,173.05 as of June 30, 2023. Fund balances are:

- LCEF Savings \$71,919.38
- Wells Fargo savings \$17,325.86
- Wells Fargo checking \$37,927.81
- June finished with a negative balance of **(\$568.41)**. Expenses were over budget by **\$126** and income was under budget by **(\$694)** resulting in the negative net balance.
- Year-to-date income/expense balance at the end of June is negative **\$372**.
- Year-to-date expenses were 93.7% of budget. Year-to-date income was 93.3% of budget.
- The Campus Rejuvenation Fund (Matching Funds) balance at the end of June was **\$17,325.86**.
- The kitchen/fellowship fund as of July 24 has a positive balance of \$38.00.
- The invoice for the choir room A/C unit was received and paid in July. We are currently short of the total A/C replacement costs by \$1,509. The LCEF loan was for the replacement of 4 A/C units but we replaced all 5 units.
- Don Schumm and Sandra Wardwell visited 4 credit unions to gather information about their checking and savings accounts and their credit cards. Don is assembling the information into a spreadsheet for the Board of Finance.
- The Sola Executive Board voted to disband Sola so we are no longer sending them a Mission check. The Sola Bd decided to give BSLC \$2,500 of their remaining funds. The Treasurer will track these funds separately until the Council provides direction for their use.
- Don Schumm has added La Mesa to the list of EasyTithe funds. He will also add Staff Continuing Education.

Other Reports and Business:

- School has started. Mosely has \$25 left of the funds allocated to them. Holdeman and Scales have \$725 left.
- Provided snacks for Mosely teachers while setting up their rooms and had a chance to see the new school building.
- Elders have reviewed mission donations and will provide input during the 2024 budget process.
- Beautiful Savior T-shirts will be ordered.
- Don Schumm took down the fallen tree in the south yard.
- Skip and Don will put in the new outlet for the choir room A/C and will suggest the Braille organization donate \$400 to BSLC for this expense. The outlet is needed for the new Braille printer. New tables have been donated for the Braille work.
- Sprinkler head replaced.
- La Mesa will be assigned a larger and more easily accessible cupboard in the kitchen to store their supplies for making the lunches.
- GLORIA will meet Monday, Aug. 21 at 10 AM to plan music for Sept. and Oct.
- Ellen suggested several dates for an outing to Organ Stop Pizza to hear her favorite organist there and have dinner. The date selected is Aug. 22nd. If we have 20 people interested in attending, we can reserve a table. Doors open at 4:00 PM and music begins at 4:30 PM. We can carpool.
- Jana Shields will visit in August or September.
- Wendy Sievers has agreed to act as Director of the Handbell Choir when she is recovered from her foot injury.
- BSLC Women in Mission will meet Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10 AM.
- Pastor Tim has volunteered to serve as Councilor to LWML Zone 27/30 which includes the following congregations with active societies or a representative: Beautiful Savior, Christ Church Lutheran, Christ Greenfield, Eternal Life, Holy Cross, Mountain View, Shepherd of the Mountains (Show Low), Shepherd of the Pines (Payson), and Trinity (Fountain Hills). Inactive societies in our Zone are: Desert Foothills, Faith (Overgaard), Gethsemane, Hosanna, Shepherd of the Desert, St. Luke, St. Mark, and the Schaller Center. Thank you Pastor Tim!! And thanks to Pastor Spallek who has served the Zone as Councilor for many years.

- Constitution and Bylaws have been approved!
- Pastor asked for comments about BSLC's involvement in hosting English as a Second Language (ESL) and English Learning Language (ELL) classes after hearing Sharon Owen's presentation.
 - Sharon would get us started but we would have ownership of the program. This means we need commitment and dedication by 4 to 6 people to make this program happen. Dominic Rivkin at the Pacific SW district has suggested two sources of grants if we decide to move forward.
 - Discussion indicated January 2024 may be a realistic goal to begin the program.
 - This is a program BSLC would own. It is not like the arrangement with La Mesa who run the program here on Thursdays. We would be fully responsible for making the program work.
- Phyllis Schinke is resigning as Vice President.
- Ellen suggested a special Sunday worship and fellowship time September 10th honoring Grandparents Day.
- 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 Voters Meeting: Sunday, Aug. 6, 11:30 AM
- Next Council Meeting: Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, 5 PM

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.

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. You can also contact the church Secretary, Marsha Beetham, at 480 967-2660 or via email at 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.

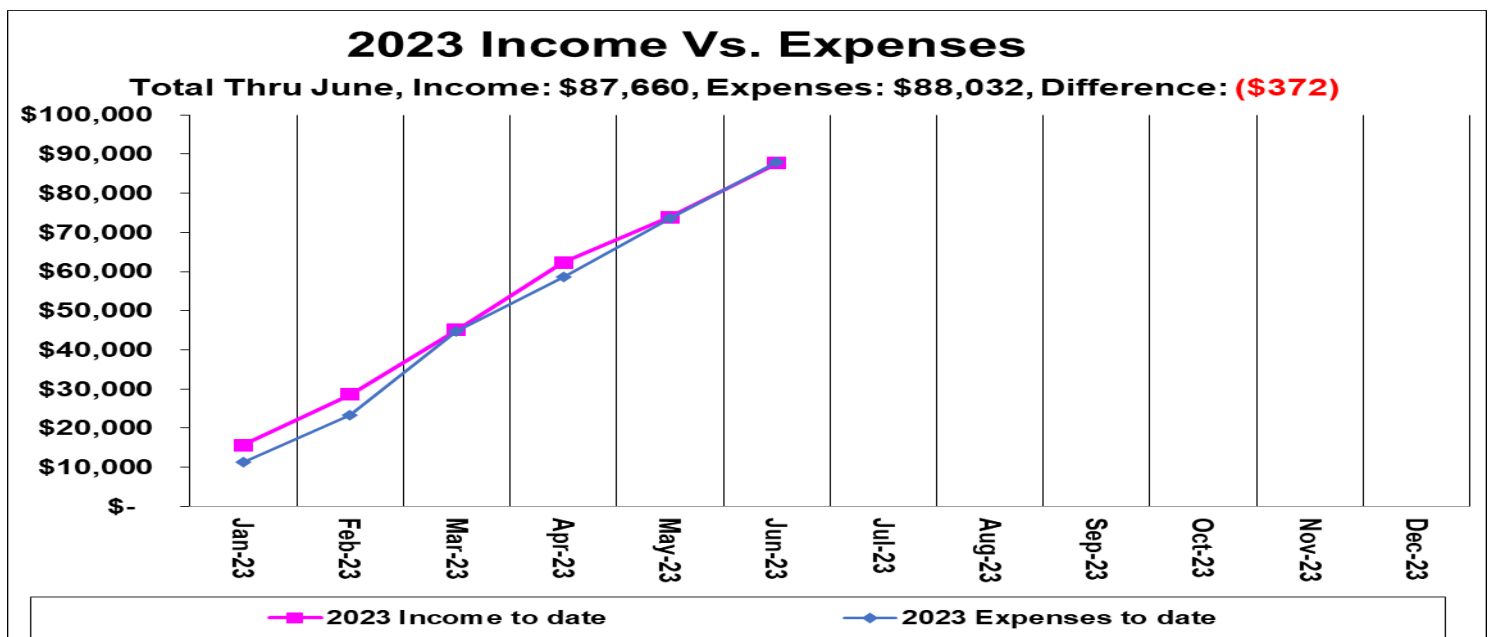
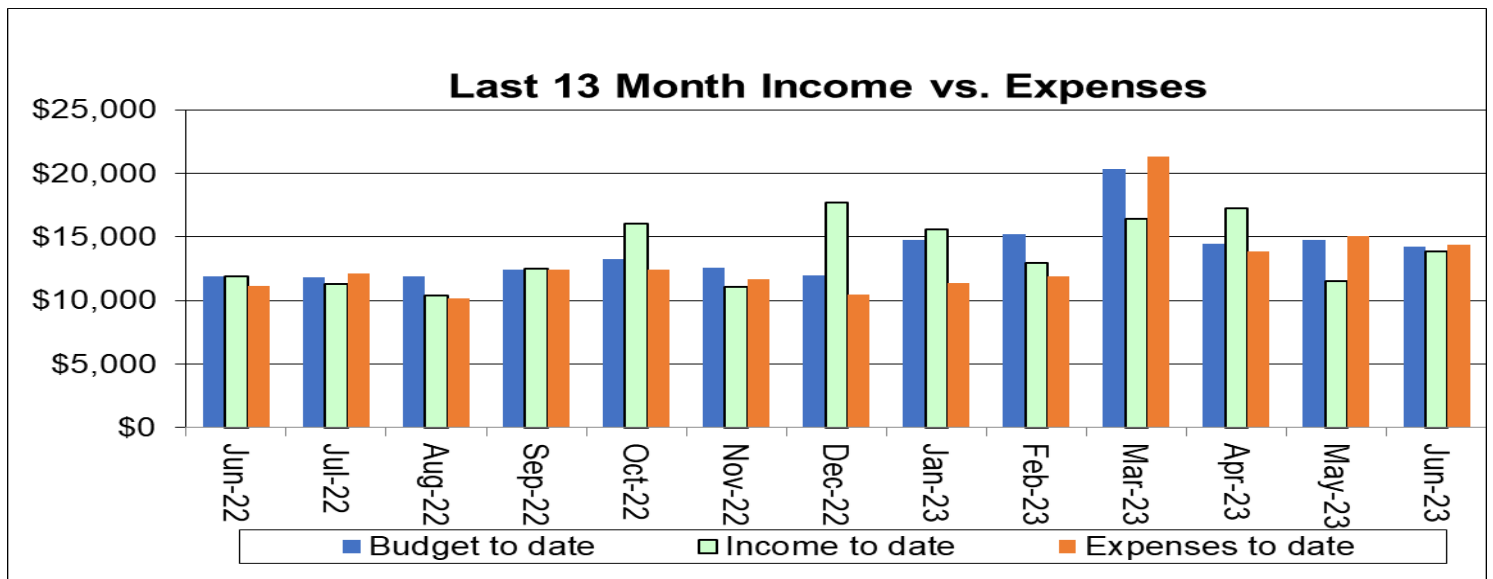
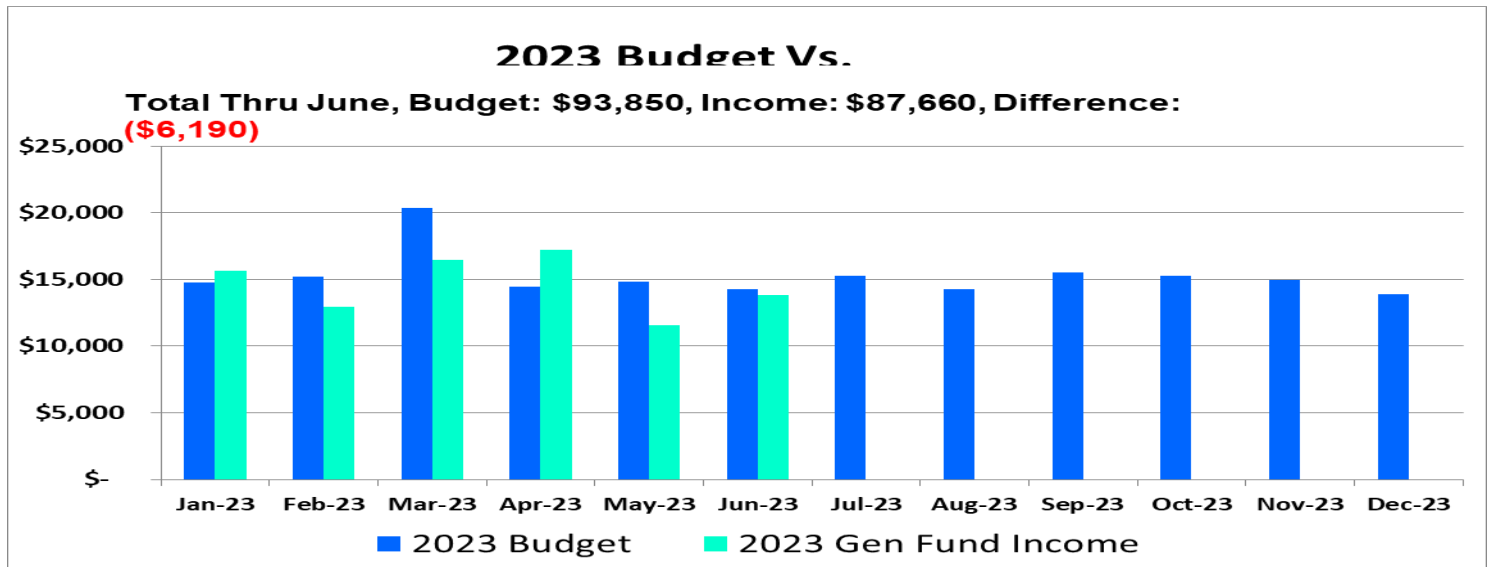
Thank you to all members of BSLC for your support of the Prayer Chain. Gladys Meyer

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 LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION**

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

The National LWML Convention in Milwaukee June 22-25 was attended by 3,500 people under the theme "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations", based on Psalm 33:12-13. The new mite goal for 2023-2025 is \$2,350,000 and will fund 31 national and international mission projects. Four offerings are taken during the convention sessions. Preliminary totals for these offerings as of 2 PM June 24th were:

- Offering #1 - LWML Mission Goal 2023-2025 - \$54,922
- Offering #2 - We Are Called to Care - Plano, Illinois - \$31,037
- Offering #3 - Wolf River Lutheran High School - Shawano, WI - \$18,360
- Offering #4 - Milwaukee Area Crisis Pregnancy Centers - Concordia Gospel Outreach - \$2,872

At each convention, Lutheran Women in Mission share the love of Christ with others through their donations to Gifts from the Heart. We give thanks to God for the generosity and support shown to these ministries as the following items were collected at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee:

Phil's Friends:

Puzzle books: 2293
Journals: 1268
Playing Cards: 1576
Fuzzy Socks: 1097
Hats: 2545
Hygiene Items: 95
Note Cards: 1240
Items Dropped off at Phil's friends Booth: 919
Finished Cards of Hope: 227
Total Gift Cards/Checks/Cash: \$16,296

A Place of Refuge:

Cases of Hygiene and Children's Items: 90
Total Gift Cards/Checks/Cash: \$26,793

MOST Ministries

Eyeglasses: 10,510
Eye Glass Cases: 7051
Gifts Cards/Checks/Cash: \$75

Orphan Grain Train

Quilts/Blankets: 1449
Hygiene Kits: 1317
School Kits: 24
Layette Kits: 7
Gifts Cards/Checks/Cash: \$25

Orphan Grain Train (Local Site Drop-off)

Quilts/Blankets: 629
Hygiene Kits: 469
Lap Robes: 28

To All Beautiful Savior Women:

Are you interested in joyfully proclaiming Christ, supporting missions, and equipping women to honor God by serving others? Our Women In Mission Society at Beautiful Savior offers these opportunities!

Please join us Saturday, August 12th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about what our own Women in Mission society and the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League! We will tell you how Mites work, how grants are distributed for mission projects, what devotional materials are available, and what, exactly, our society at Beautiful Savior does and is responsible for!

Most importantly, refreshments will be served so we can visit with each other and learn what we have been doing this summer!

Thank you for your support of LWML!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER REPORT STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship committee provided snacks for the teachers at Mosely on Monday, July 17th as they set up their rooms for the new school term. We took granola bars and fruit cups for the morning and crackers, cheese, deli meats, sausage and veggie trays for lunch.

We were asked by Mosely if we wanted to have a table at their "Meet the Teacher" afternoon on that same day but since Pastor and most of our committee were unavailable that day, we passed on that this year but hope that we will be invited next year and can give something out from our table telling them who we are and what we do for them.

The school term has just started so we are not going to bother the staff at the schools for a month to 6 weeks before we see if they have any needs we can help them with.

We will be collecting cash from the congregation in August for the Justa Center. If you would like to give, just put your offering in a Designated Funds envelope and write "Justa Center" on it and it will get to the right place.

Bobbie, Wendy, and Charlotte

We are in a lull right now that the schools are on summer break.

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.

Spring Semester 23 Summary: Sharon Owens Sharon.cmcphx@gmail.com 480-407-7009

The international student ministry at Arizona State University (ASU), known as Connecting International Communities (CIC), continues to leave the PSD in awe of God's goodness and provision as we witness the remarkable growth and impact of this vital ministry. Through CIC, we connect with international students and help them find a place to belong, explore God's word, His creation, and His heart on current topics, and impact the world through generosity and changed lives.

The magnitude of our achievements and impact over the past months is truly remarkable. Our dedicated leadership team of **9 students**, alongside **24 volunteers**, organized **13 Thursday night gatherings** and **11 engaging social events**, creating a welcoming space for our vibrant community. The online presence also grew, connecting over **1,600 students** actively engaged with CIC. One highlight from the semester was our memorable Spring Break Camp Aloma trip, which attracted **83 students**. This excursion not only fostered unforgettable memories but also deepened the bonds within our community. Furthermore, our largest event of the year drew an incredible crowd of 325 students, with an additional 784 students eagerly awaiting the opportunity to join. The attendance for our Thursday gatherings remained impressive, with an average of **161 students** actively participating.

In our commitment to supporting the well-being of students, we distributed 142 final's snack bags and provided 45 essential health kits. Additionally, I had the privilege of teaching 12 students the invaluable driving skill, resulting in their successful acquisition of driver's licenses. Notably, our local LCMS community showcased generosity, with 7 local LCMS families donating furniture and kitchen items for international students. In addition, we assisted 14 students with their moving needs. Our bible study sessions served as a source of spiritual growth and inspiration, attracting the participation of 38 different students. Each study, on average, welcomed 12 students, fostering an environment of learning and exploration. CIC is now recognized by various ASU offices, including Student Government, International Student and Scholars Center, and International Student Coalition, for its dedication to student welfare and exceptional events. The 2023/2024 leadership team has been elected, and we eagerly anticipate their unique contributions.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the 8 individuals who utilized their Thrivent Action Teams benefits for our ministry. Their contributions not only enhanced our operations but also helped reduce our budgetary costs, enabling us to allocate resources more effectively.

As we reflect upon these achievements, we are grateful for the support and unwavering prayers from the PSD and local churches. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of international students, cultivating an environment where they can thrive and discover their true God given potential. With the new academic year approaching, we seek your prayers to sustain and uplift this important endeavor empowering us through the work of the Holy Spirit to extend our reach and positively impact this global community.

Prayers Praise God for: The continued growth and recognition of CIC. The commitment of the leadership team, volunteers, PSD and local churches. The spiritual growth in the students.

Pray: That God would continue to raise up leaders and equip them for this ministry. That the planning for the next academic year would go smoothly and the leadership team would be united. For incoming students that they would learn of our student organization early in the year and become a part of our community.

That students can set aside false gods and know the one true God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For my relationships with the leadership team, volunteers, and students.

Pastor Tim Anderson:

“As Students Return.”

One of the things that I am still getting used to, as a newer Arizonian, is how early school starts here. Most Tempe Schools have adopted what they call modified year-round, and have been back since the Middle of July. And for us here at Beautiful Savior, that creates a sense of excitement and exploration as we too enter into the second half of the year and work through our Stewardship team and others on strengthening our relationships with our local schools, from Pre-schools, to elementary, Middle, High, and even our very own ASU and other universities. We are being called by God to bless students of all ages, and we are responding to that call.

And as I was thinking about that, I was reminded of a Bible Verse that came up in Brunch and Bibles, our Thursday Bible Study the other day. Its from Proverbs 21, verse 30.

³⁰ There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan
that can succeed against the LORD.

Knowledge, theories, education, its all a blessing from God, but in this polarized world full of so many ideologies, It can feel as though our Christian message is not at the forefront the way, it used to be and it's not. But, while we can lament that, and lament things like prayer being taken out of school, or sports on Sunday, we can also begin to take it as an opportunity. We can't assume a Christian center in society anymore, we can't assume people know God. We can't assume that people actually get Jesus. Which gives us the chance to serve like Jesus and make him alive in the community, for kids of all ages.

We, as a church, have been doing this the last few years, because we believe that Mercy matters. We have worked through our stewardship team to bless students at Holdeman, Scales, Mosely, Tempe High and elsewhere. And our relationships with Tempe Schools deepen. We continue to also work with to bless the McKinney-Vento program at Tempe High, and the number of times our Stewardship team goes shopping for our local kids just never ceases to amaze me. This summer, Charlotte, Bobbie and I were invited to represent Beautiful Savior at a Tempe Schools Partner's Breakfast, where we learned more about the work of the entire district, and also made more connection points with other agencies in our community blessing our kids. After that meeting, there is now talk of a Clergy Support Board for the district that could organize churches together to meet the needs of our local kids. How cool would that be!

We also are excited by how much opportunity we have to work with Mosely especially this early fall as Mosely invited us to attend their Back To School Night. We also anticipate Mosely Athletics using our Field in the early fall once the weather cools down some. How cool would it be to support local kids during practice and even purchase drinks and refreshments once or twice for them.

Then there is ASU. As we look a mile and a half to our west, I see a campus filled with untapped potential and a desperate need for Lutheran Unity. Truth is, one of the Lutheran ministries that was happening there, SOLA Ministries, is not returning this fall. We give thanks to God for all the work SOLA has done and our partnership with them, but now we look to see what seat at the table we will soon have. I truly believe that being active in campus life should be a part of the future ministries of ASU, but I also do not think we should walk onto campus alone or in competition with any other LCMS Lutheran Ministry there. That will only create more problems, instead we will work with the International Lutheran Student Ministry at ASU as well as Gethsemane to create a unified vision for LCMS Lutheran campus ministry.

In the meantime, we bless the students who come through our doors, and I encourage you to stand ready to receive them. Some have been studying with us at Beautiful Savior for a few years, and some are new faces. And if you haven't engaged in deeper study of God's word, take the next step, go up a grade level. (See, I flipped it and made this all about our discipleship in the area of Christian Education too.). But seriously, We are offering more and more to you, and the people you know and love to deepen your knowledge of the Lord. We welcome you to class Monday's at Noon, to Brunch and Bibles twice a month on Thursdays at noon, To Chosen Night on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's at 5:00pm and our Sunday morning study every week. And that is to say nothing of our other Mercy ministries. We'll talk more about them... soon.

Pastor Tim