



OCTOBER 2023

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

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

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 September: in the Sunday church service; in Adult Bible Study, in Women's Bible Study, in Brunch & Bibles –Midweek Bible Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Tim's 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revelation: Join us on for our new Sunday Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will gather each Sunday at 8:30am to go through this oft-misunderstood book of the Bible, and the hope we have in Christ at the end.

Women's Weekly Bible Study our next meeting will be Oct. 2nd at noon, we will study The Queen of Sheba. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend!

Next Chosen Night: Saturday, Oct 6th at 5:00pm

Join us on Oct. 6th & Oct. 21st at 5pm for our next The Chosen Night. We will be watching The Chosen. We are now hosting chosen nights 2x a month. Also, we are now looking for dinner hosts to host our meal when we meet for "Chosen Nights." If interested, please sign up with Pastor Tim.

Brunch and Bibles: Next meeting October 12th at 12pm. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you will be attending. We will be meeting at Crackers& Co. Café on Elliot.

Beautiful Savior Fish Fry: October 14th, Doors Open at 4:30 PM Dinner Served 5-6:30pm. Join us for our annual Gene Southwick Memorial Fish Fry. \$20 suggested donation per person to support the ministries of Beautiful Savior. While reservations are not mandatory, they do help us keep track of how many more meals we need to be able to serve throughout the night. To reserve your spot and meal today, email BSLCFISHFRY@GMAIL.COM or call, 480-967-2660.

Beautiful Savior Fall Festival: October 29th 2023, 3-6pm. Join us and volunteer to be a part of our Annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat. This year we are adding a bounce house and hoping to have popcorn and maybe even cotton candy. We will also again have games, food, pumpkin painting, and hay rides. We will also be asking members to sign up to donate pumpkins for our pumpkin patch. If interested in volunteering, please sign up to do so in the narthex.

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats.

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 schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

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 budget, LWML, Missions, La Mesa & Staff Continuing Education.

Prize will be a \$40 Gift Certificate to Organ Stop Pizza.
Judges for the contest will be Pastor Tim Anderson, Braille Team Leader Donna Evans & Choir Director Ellen Brown.

FREE HYMNAL GIVEAWAY!

Tired? Bored? Nothing to do??

How about singing some of your favorite classic hymns?

Yes, sing and appreciate the poetry. Hold a REAL book in your hands.

Or perhaps, you need something Blue with a nice binding to give your bookshelf a bit of "class"?

Well, here's the Answer!

We have a number of “Vintage” Lutheran hymnals left from when our congregation upgraded to the new LSB and they’re being offered – for a short time only – at the incredible price of:

FREE ~ FREE ~ FREE!!!

**Pick one up from the box in the narthex and take one for a friend while you’re at it. Better yet: Take as many as you want! If you know someone who’s learning to read music or play the piano, these are great for sight-reading practice!
This is a Limited-Time Offer so ACT NOW!**

ATTENTION: PIANO FOR SALE

Beautiful Savior Choir Room has one piano too many.

We’d love to see our “extra” piano in a place where it will be used and enjoyed. Here are the details:

Make: Baldwin Studio Upright Piano, Serial #253941, with matching Bench.

Finish: Light Walnut

Dimensions: 45” high x 57” wide x 25” deep

Date of Manufacture: 1983

Condition: Very Good

Other comments: Very sturdy, legs have built in bracing.

Good quality casters. Easy to roll.

Perfect condition keytops. Finish is in excellent condition.

Bench is sturdy, hinges good, with nice storage space for music.

Can recommend top-quality piano mover for delivery.

All Offers Considered.

For more information, Text or Call: Ellen Brown @ (602)315-1089

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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!

If you are interested in receiving the Council meeting report packets and minutes, 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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

The regular monthly Council meeting was held September 18th. Highlights of that meeting are:

Pastor Report:

- Reviewed the status of the 4 Christian Education opportunities available. We have added a new Bible Study opportunity each year for the past three years.
- Pastor reported on the Sept. 8th meeting of Faith Partners/Tempe School District with Dr. James Driscoll, Superintendent, and Michele Grimaldi, Wraparound Services. Beautiful Savior was one of 5 churches invited to join this committee.
 - The 5 churches described how they have served their neighbor schools.
 - Dr. Driscoll stated he wants the relationship with the district to be a partnership and not an us-ship. The schools want to be in a position to help us.
 - One need is for Emergency Response sites for things like power outages, A/C failures, active shooter situations, and more.

- Attended the LWML Zone Executive Committee meeting at Eternal Life as the newly appointed Zone Counselor replacing Pastor Spallek.
- Mosley would like to continue using our field through December for the softball team.
- Future opportunities for service include a discussion with Gretchen about providing pastoral care to members of touring companies. Pastor will be providing care to Gretchen's team when the Foo Fighters are in town Oct. 3rd.
- Pastoral Leadership Institute training for Pastor and Annie will be Oct. 26-28 at Concordia Irvine.
- Don Schumm, Cyndi Calender, and Pastor Tim will attend the Gatherers, Shepherds, and Elders training Monday Oct. 16th at Gethsemane being offered free of charge by the Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS.
- La Mesa has delivered a large supply of paper towels and toilet paper to be used by both BSLC and La Mesa. A supply of peanut butter and jelly used by BSLC to prepare the weekly sack luncheons was also delivered. These supplies came from the La Mesa ingathering held Sept. 9th. Four BSLC members helped with the sorting of that ingathering at Christ Greenfield.
- Upcoming events include the Fish Fry, Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat, and the Caledonian Games.
- Pat Carlin is no longer employed by BSLC to clean the facility. If you have concerns or questions, please talk to pastor.

Financials:

- Total cash on hand was \$124,629 as of August 31, 2023. Fund balances are:
 - LCEF Savings \$71,995.76
 - Wells Fargo savings \$17,330.28
 - Wells Fargo checking \$35,303.29
- August ended with a negative balance of (\$2,151).
- Year-to-date income/expense balance at the end of August is a negative (\$967).
- Year-to-date expenses were 93% of budget. Year-to-date income was 92.2% of budget.
- Working on the transfer of accounts from Wells Fargo to Desert Financial.
- Budget cycle will begin in October.

Stewardship:

- \$585 collected from the congregation in August for the Justa Center. Supplies have been purchased and delivered to them.
- Hygiene items and snacks for weekend backpacks purchased and delivered to Tempe High for the McKinney Vento students.
- \$200 prepaid VISA card given to Holdeman to purchase eyeglasses. A Holdeman teacher who also works at Walmart was reimbursed \$80 for the 20 pairs of shoes she purchased for the students. They have started a pre-school and requested underwear for the students which has been purchased and delivered to them. They have also requested skorts and dresses which will be ordered and delivered to them.
- Mosley used the last of their allotment for snack sized candy for a specialist teacher to give out to the students as rewards for hard work.
- Waiting to hear from Scales about their needs.

Board of Christian Education:

- Have not met. Will plan to meet in November

Board of Elders/Evangelism:

- Met with Altar Guild
- Next meeting is October 1st.

Board of Trustees:

- 91 volunteer hours

- Braille printer electrical work is done.
- Trees on south lawn have been taken down. Sails will be replaced.
- Checking sprinklers.
- Question about stripping and finishing fellowship hall floor.

Music Ministry:

- The next GLORIA meeting will be Nov. 6th, 10 AM.
- Donna Evans, leader of the Braille team, and Music Dir. Ellen are actively working on the set-up, organization, and refurbishment of the new Braille + Music Room. A contest is being initiated to re-name the room.
- The Organ Stop Pizza Event was attended by 22 members and guests.
- Jana Shields provided music for the Sept. 3rd worship service and gave a presentation during fellowship hour.
- The Grand Legacy of Faith celebrated during fellowship hour Sept. 10th was successful, meaningful, and fun! This could be an annual event.
- Suggest doing a themed Sunday in January, 2024, on "The Bible," inviting members to bring their Bibles and share stories about them during Fellowship.
- New Handbell Choir Director Wendy Sievers is working on ideas for the Handbell Choir's Fall Season repertoire and schedule.
- Painting and door replacement will be included in the upgrade of the Music and Braille room - don't forget to enter the name contest for this new space!

Women in Mission (also known as Lutheran Women's Missionary League, or LWML)

- BSLC Women in Mission will meet Saturday, Sept.23rd.
- Our outreach project this fall will be writing notes of appreciation to the teachers at Mosley and Holdeman.
- LWML Sunday will be celebrated October 1st.
- The Zone Rally is November 4th.

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.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – No Report

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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The congregation raised \$585 in the month of August for the Justa Center. We did our shopping at Costco and Smart and Final to buy them the items they needed and delivered them on September 15. \$70 additional has come in in September so we will wait till November and then see if there is anything we can do to help them at Thanksgiving.

Tempe High MV program is in need of food items for weekend backpacks and we will deliver that to them after their Fall break. They also need 50 tote bags for their students.

Holdeman now has a pre-school so they asked for boys and girls underwear in very small sizes. They also needed some skorts and dresses for little girls as well. They have been ordered and will be delivered after Fall break. They have used up their prepaid VISA card for eyeglasses so we need to provide a new one. An anonymous donor from the congregation wants to use \$100 of their loved ones' memorial to fund a card for eyeglasses so we will do that. A Holdeman teacher who also works at

Walmart grabbed 20 pair of shoes that were going to the sales table at a cost of \$80 so we reimbursed her for her expenditure.

Mosely used up their allotment with candy that a specialist teacher uses as rewards for her students.

We have contacted Scales School and are waiting to hear back,

Bobbie, Wendy, & 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.



**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.*

The Beautiful Savior Lutheran Women in Mission met Saturday, September 23rd. We studied the 'From Age to Age' Bible study in the Fall issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. Bobbie and Charlotte provided delicious refreshments (red velvet cake and scones with homemade lemon curd!!).

Activities planned for the rest of 2023 and into 2024:

Sunday, Oct 1 - LWML Sunday at Beautiful Savior, 'The King Is Coming'

Saturday, Nov 4th - Fall Rally of the Ocotillo/Palo Verde Zone at Eternal Life Lutheran Church with speakers from La Mesa

Sunday, Dec 3 - Congregation potluck and church decorating after the worship service

Saturday, Jan 13 - Speakers from the Tempe Elementary School District

Saturday, Feb 10 - Elder Derek Benson speaking about his ASU research

We will be writing notes of appreciation to the teachers and staff at Holdeman and Mosley schools as our fall service project. The ladies at the September meeting divided up the list of Holdeman staff We invite members of the congregation to join us in this task. (See details following this article.)

FALL 2023 LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY IS HERE!!

Please be sure to pick up a copy of the Quarterly from the narthex on the shelf next to the mite boxes. This issue is all about Missions! There are also pictures from the national convention in Milwaukee. Three Bible studies are included; one is also in Spanish. And also a section of news from local societies. There is one large print copy (no pictures) from the Braille organization.

LWM'S FALL SERVICE PROJECT - TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION LETTERS

We will be writing personal letters of appreciation to the staffs at Holdeman and Mosley schools over the next several months. Five LWM members have divided the 69 staff members of Holdeman to be completed during October.

We invited BSLC members (men and women) to join us in writing to the Mosley 55 teachers plus staff (we will be getting a list of the staff members from Tempe Elementary School Board). We will provide the note cards and lists of names and return address labels. Our Stewardship committee members, Charlotte and Bobbie will hand deliver the notes to the schools.

What do you say? Here are some suggestions from Michele Grimaldi, Director of Wraparound Services at the Tempe Elementary School Board:

- Have a great day.
- Smile, today you are influencing the future.
- Quotes or positive sayings
- We appreciate you.
- Thank you for creating lifelong learners.
- Thank you for your service to our community by teaching youth.

And any other notes of encouragement and appreciation.

How do you sign the letters?

Sign your name and include mention of our church:

Sandra Wardwell, Beautiful Savior/Community partner to Holdeman/Mosley

Please let Sandra know if you are interested in helping with this project!
s.wardwell@asu.edu, 480-334-4176

WHAT IS LWML SUNDAY?

Traditionally, the first Sunday in October is set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. Here are some interesting facts, according to the LWML history book, *'Women IN God's Service, WINGS'*.

During the 12th Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C., July 18-20, 1967 (Eula Hankel, President), a resolution was passed designating the first Sunday in October as LWML Sunday. On Sunday, October 1, 1967, the first LWML Sunday was held. A letter to all pastors and societies was released to explain that "LWML Sunday was to be a window through which could be seen the marvelous opportunities the Lord gives the women of the church to be in mission and serve in His Name." Pastors were asked to have a prayer for LWML, and some prayer thoughts were included.

In 1968 an informational brochure, *Serve the Lord with Gladness*, was produced as part of LWML Sunday.

In 1973, three-fourths of all societies observed LWML Sunday.

Beginning in 1975, bulletin covers were distributed for LWML Sunday and in 1976, a children's activity page was added to LWML Sunday resources.

LWML STATISTICS

Estimated LWML membership nationally: 57,817 women

Number of LWML Districts: 40

Number of LWML Local Groups: 4,184

Attendance at 2023 National Convention: Over 3,500

Established in 1942.

Why purple and gold? Purple symbolizing royalty and gold symbolizing value and integrity.



LWML ZONE 27/30 FALL RALLY!

Saturday,

November 4, 2023

9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

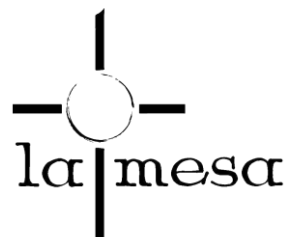
Eternal Life Lutheran Church

50 S. Jefferson Ave., Mesa, AZ

(between Broadway and Main, east of Power Rd.)

Speakers: Rick and Laurie McClellan

La Mesa Ministries



Ingathering:

Gift cards from Walmart and Goodwill or Cash to support La Mesa programs (make checks payable to 'La Mesa Ministries').

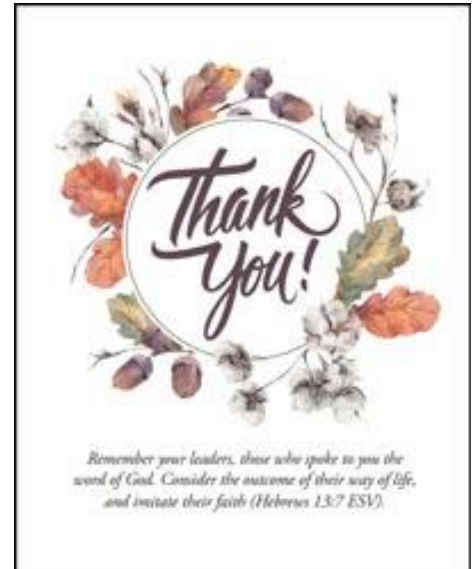
Please join us for an informative and mission-minded event!

Registration is \$15 per person (includes Lunch)

RSVP to Sandra Wardwell by Friday, October 27th at s.wardwell@asu.edu, 480-33404176

October is Church Worker Appreciation Month!

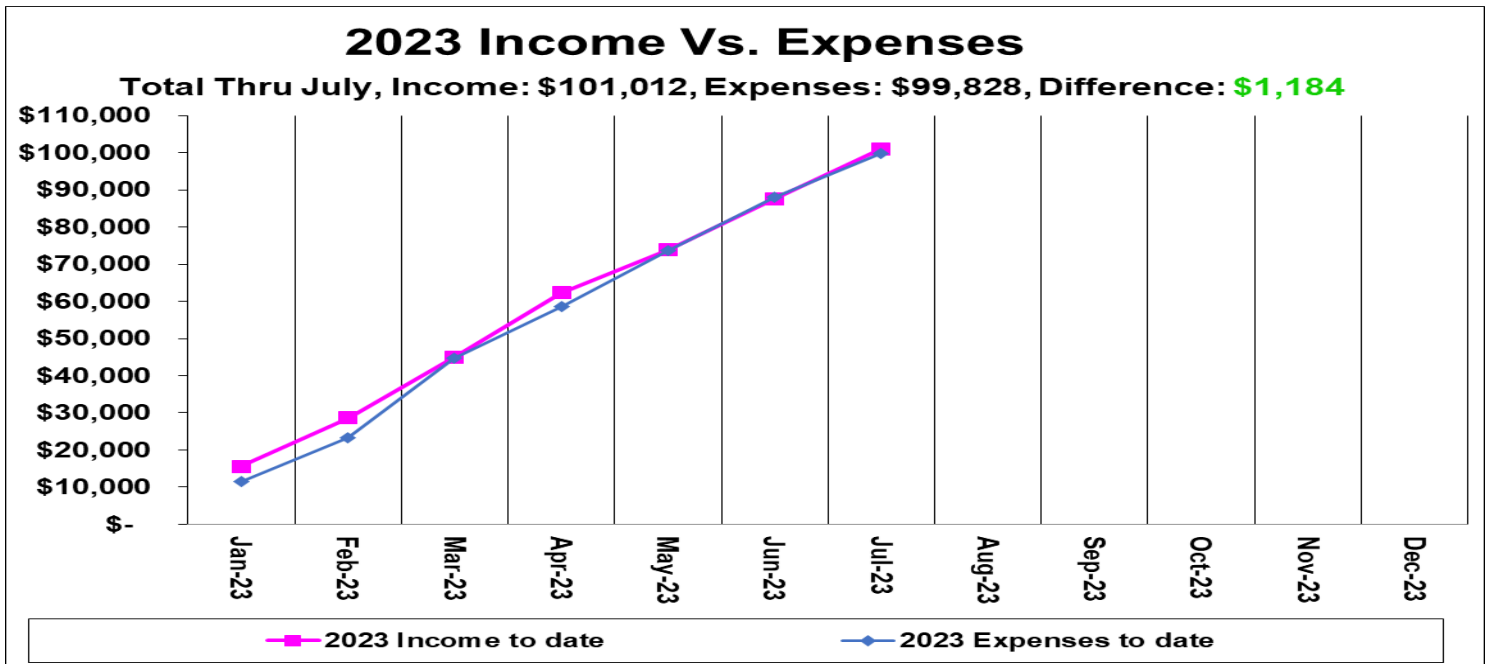
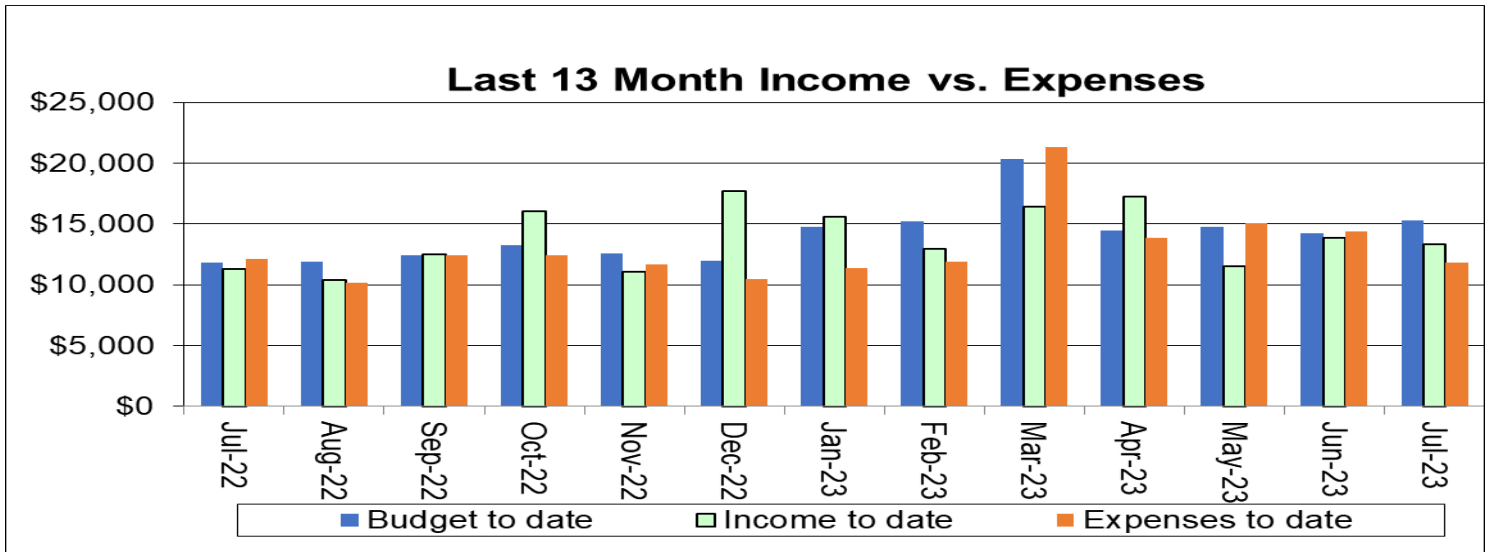
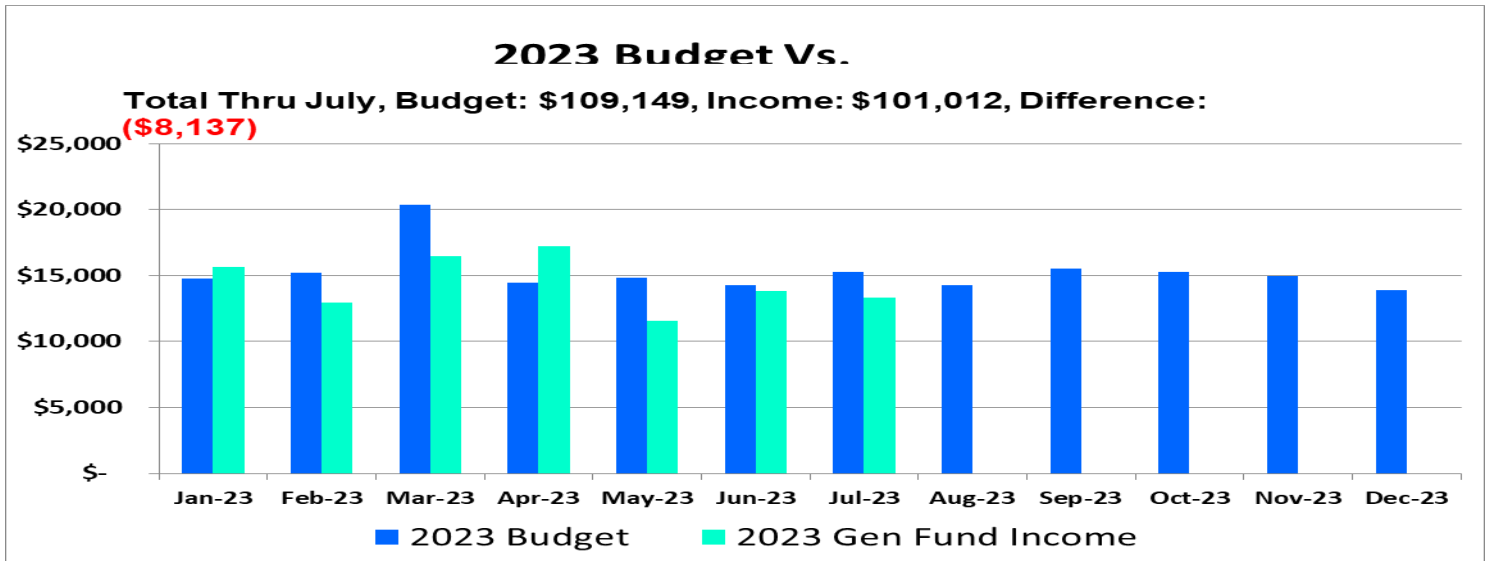
Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith (Hebrews 13:7 ESV).



To All Beautiful Savior Women:

Thank you for your support of LWML! Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Wardwell

BOARD OF FINANCE:



Pastor Tim Anderson:

It's No Trick, The Sweetness Of The Gospel Is Really A Treat.

By Pastor Tim Anderson

3 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." **2** So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. **3** And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

October is always a great month for us here at Beautiful Savior and as we get to the last three months of the year. In many ways, October begins a new ministry season that will continue to and through the new year all the way even to next spring. We once again begin sharing the story of who Jesus is, what he has come to do, and what that means for us all. To "tell the Old, Old Story of Jesus and His love."



As we get ready to do that once again, we celebrate the sweetness of the Gospel this month as we get ready once again to host our fall festival and our fish fry. Two events that seem maybe unconnected but in reality, do the same thing... they point us to the one who comes and feed his people with more than Fish and Bread, and with more than Gummi Bears and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, but who feeds us with his very word. Who feeds us with his very body and blood as that word, the word of God takes on flesh. And that word is so, so sweet.

We see the sweetness of God's word in the calling of Ezekiel. Now Ezekiel did not have an easy ministry. He was called by God to challenge the People of God and tell them about the coming destruction of their nation and the captivity to come. His words were filled with a lot of bitter law, but the sweetness of the word of God was found in the sweetness of His promises, promises that remain true to us regardless of the times around us. Regardless of when we might even need to speak tough words to friends, neighbors, even to the people of God here at church, the sweetness of God's promise is that it remains true to all of us, regardless of our broken circumstances, and that same good news is offered to all. What a beautiful thing to see how God provides for all and looks at every single human being as someone worth dying for.

I mean let's talk fish for a minute. Jesus feeds two huge crowds a very similar meal... fish. He does it once with a crowd that we assume was primarily Jewish and he does it again with a crowd that we assume was gentile, made up of all the nations around the lands of Judah. The same gift and the same meal offered to both, a meal that leaves you full and has left overs.



And time and again, Jesus shows that this sweet message is for all people and its free. You don't even have to ring a door bell, knock on a door, or walk up to a car trunk, the sweetness of the Gospel is extended to

you all from the cross. And that message, sweet as sugar, is the message that a monk in 1517 would post on a church door on Oct 31st. Luther starts the reformation with the thought of returning the church back to the proclamation of the sweetness of God's message, in all its truth, both law and gospel, for all. There is no trick here, in Christ we are treated to the sweetness of belonging, the sweetness of hope, and the sweetness of life.

Join us this month as we share that sweetness with others. Join us as we feed our neighbors and community and show them that they are loved just as much as we are by a God who sweetly feeds and nourishes us all, as he points us back to him. How sweet it is to be loved by Him. To all be loved by Him. Amen.