



NOVEMBER 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 October: 37 in the Sunday church service; 8 in Adult Bible Study, 8 in Women's Bible Study, 8 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.

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. **No Bible Study on Nov. 12th.**

The Women's Weekly Bible Study meets at noon every Monday. We continue to study The Widow of Zarephath. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend!

Next Chosen Night: Saturday, Nov. 4th at 5:00pm

Join us on Nov. 4th at 5pm for our next The Chosen Night. We will be watching The Chosen. We are now hosting 2 Chosen nights, the next The Chosen Night Nov. 18th at 5pm. 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 November 9th at 12pm. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you will be attending. We will be meeting at Crackers & Co. Café on Elliot.

Veterans Day Weekend Highland Games: Nov 12th 2023. Join us here at Beautiful Savior for a Scottish inspired Sunday as we welcome the Rio Salado Scottish Heavy Athletics and others to the Caledonian Highland Games. We will worship on the patio at 10:00am and then have lunch with the athletes before being invited to stay and watch their afternoon competitions.

Stewardship Sunday is November 19th. The Board of Stewardship will be distributing commitment packets and hosting a meal following the worship service.

New Member Class: Pastor is looking to offer new member classes for anyone interested in joining our congregation. If interested please connect with him after church. Classes would last five weeks and would begin in November 19th.

On Thanksgiving, we would again like to give blankets to La Mesa. La Mesa has seen an increase in attendance at their weekly meal and church service on Thursdays. Which means a greater need of blankets for the homeless. Bring in new or gently used blankets by Nov. 19th and place them in the conference room off of the fellowship hall. Questions, contact Cyndi Calender at: nana.calender@gmail.com or 480-251-5442

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats. Please put your used printer cartridges there for recycling.

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. Then follow the directions to complete your transaction.

PRINTED COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER, CALENDAR/SERVANTS QUARTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 2023 VOTERS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

The regular monthly Council meeting was held October 17th. The Quarterly Voters meeting was held October 22nd. Highlights of those meetings are:

Pastor Report:

- Attended the Pacific Southwest District Pastors' Conference and learned the following:
 - State of our Synod Report: 20% of LCMS congregations now worship less than 30 people per Sunday.
 - New District Staff Position: Rev. Jim Henkel was brought onto the district staff to serve as the Ministry director.
 - Simple things churches can be engaged in to create new ministry opportunities for those inside the church and outside the church. One huge ministry program that we already have is Lutheran Braille Workers. Pres. Gibson encouraged each church to consider starting this cheap, effective, and easily approachable ministry, and BSLC was celebrated for already having a chapter.
- Thanked the Calenders for their leadership of The Chosen night in my absence and Sandra Wardwell for leading the Women's Bible Study on Mondays.
- Our relationship with Tempe schools continues to grow. I attended a meeting at the Tempe School District with other faith leaders to share ways we assist our nearby schools. The Mosley students are using our field for softball practice. Our LWM members sent letters of appreciation to the staff at Holdeman. We will write to Mosley staff next and will ask BSLC members to help. A pen pal program has begun with three 6th grade Mosley students.
- I invited Mary Ellen Wood (Interior Designer & Pastor's wife of Shepherd of the Canyon, Gold Canyon AZ) to visit BSLC to assess our spaces and give our trustees a few ideas on ways to optimize storage, declutter, and freshen up our space while still holding to the look and feel of BSLC.
- Tempe Fire Dept. will be using our parking lot Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, 7:30 to noon for their volunteers who will be giving out Free Smoke Alarms in the neighborhood. Skip McFadden has volunteered to be at the church during this time as volunteers will need access to rest rooms. Additional BSLC members volunteering to be present that morning are welcome.
- Caledonian Society will be returning to BSLC field for their Highland Games on Veteran's Day Sunday. We will host worship outside that day and members will be invited to stay for a grill out lunch and to watch and support the games.
- I met with Gretchen Adickes to discuss ways of providing spiritual support to staff touring with entertainment groups since they are away from their home churches, family, and support groups. One idea is to create an online database of local churches in the areas they visit that would be open to providing spiritual support to them.
- Gatherers/Shepherds/Elders Training Team: Don Schumm and Cyndi Calender were with me Monday Oct. 16th for the first session of GSE, (Gatherers, Shepherds and Elders) a training being offered to us by the District.

President's Report:

- Please reset air conditioners in Fellowship Hall and south side classrooms to 84 degrees when you are finished using those rooms. Do not turn the A/C off; just reset to a higher temperature when no one is using those rooms.
- Fall Festival:
 - Volunteers need to help with games and wherever needed. Please be at the church at 2 PM to help with set up.

- Debbie O'Neill has arranged for hot dogs, cotton candy, cokes, popcorn to be donated by the Cardinals.
- Take pictures!
- Thanks to Pastor Tim, Ellen, and Marsha in recognition of Church Worker Appreciation Day.

Financials:

- Account Funds as of Sept. 30, 2023:
 - LCEF Savings \$72,031.51
 - Wells Fargo Savings (Matching Funds) \$17,332.41
 - Wells Fargo Checking \$29,378.42
- Designated Funds total \$21,258.29 of the Checking Account
- July-Sept 2023 Profit & Loss report shows a negative balance of \$4,915.01. Expenses were 92.3% of budget; income was 81.4% of budget.
- January - September 2023 Profit & Loss report shows a negative balance of \$5,287.10. Expenses were 93.3% of budget; income was 89.4% of budget.

Financial highlights of 3Q23:

- We are in the process of moving our Wells Fargo checking and savings accounts to Desert Financial Credit Union.
- The 2024 budget cycle has started. Worksheets should be returned to the treasurer by November 12th.
- Discussed budgeting for special events such as VBS, Fish Fry, and the Fall Festival. We should have a good idea of what our costs should be BEFORE the event, so people know how much they are allowed to spend and we can identify funding sources.
- The Kitchen / Fellowship fund had a positive balance of \$277 at the end of June.
- Contribution envelopes have been received and will be distributed in December.
- Jim Timm passed out the 3rd Quarter Giving Report
- EasyTithe is available for electronic giving. Current categories are General Fund, Missions, LWML, Air Conditioners, La Mesa, and Staff Continuing Education. Anyone can donate electronically by going to www.EasyTithe.com/BSLCTempe.

Stewardship:

- \$585 collected from the congregation in August for the Justa Center. Supplies have been purchased and delivered to them.
- A BSLC member donated \$100 for a prepaid Visa card to support the eyeglass program at Holdeman school. Pictures of students with their eyeglasses are on the bulletin board in the narthex.
- Will be working on the Angel Tree program at Tempe High for McKinney Vento students.
- Stewardship drive has begun. Stewardship Sunday will be Nov. 19th.

Board of Christian Education:

- Will be starting on next year's VBS program by determining if we will partner with Church on Mill and Gethsemane.

Board of Elders/Evangelism:

- Fish fry raised \$1585 and was attended by 80 people.
- May consider moving Fish Fry to spring.
- Will meet with Altar committee.

Board of Trustees:

- Don Schumm finished making a cabinet out of the ends of the bookcase in the fellowship hall. It is recommended for use as additional storage for kitchen supplies.
- Our members continue to be generous with their time: 295 volunteer hours from mid-July to mid-October.
- New refrigerator purchased for southside kitchen area.
- New electrical work installed in choir room for the new Braille printer. Braille work area will be moved into the choir room.
- Reset A/C units to 84 degrees when finished using the Fellowship hall and the south side meeting rooms. Do not turn off; just reset to a higher temperature so units are not coming on as often.
- Reminder to be sure glass front doors are completely closed when you exit the building.

Music Ministry:

- Thanks to our talented singers!
- GLORIA meeting Nov. 6th. We are incorporating more contemporary music into the worship services.
- Organ Stop Pizza event in September was attended by 22 BSLC members.
- Wendy Sievers has volunteered to be our Handbell Choir Director. Cyndi and Ellen attended a bell choir workshop Oct. 21st. The bell choir will rehearse Saturday, Nov. 4th, 10:30 AM.
- The choir room is being re-organized to accommodate the Braille workers. Anyone interested in having the desk, please contact Ellen Brown. There are also several blue hymnals to be given away. NEEDED: 2 4-drawer letter size file cabinets. Watch for the contest to rename that area to reflect both music and Braille activities.

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

- Zone Rally Nov. 4th; please RSVP by Oct. 30th.
- No meeting in November.
- Will sponsor the Christmas potluck after the worship service Sunday, Dec. 3rd, followed by church decorating.
- Have written appreciation letters to Holdeman staff. Looking for volunteers to assist in writing notes to Mosley staff.
- Three BSLCers have volunteered to be pen pals to 3 Mosley 6th graders. A 4th volunteer is an alternate in case more students are interested.

Braille Work Group

- Donna Evans thanked Skip McFadden for the electrical work for the new Braille printer in the Choir Room. The room must be cleared of music department giveaways before the Braille equipment can be moved in.

Fellowship Hour Information

- Fellowship fund has a positive balance so if you need reimbursement to host a fellowship hour, please submit a request to Don Schumm. Skip, Cyndi, and Sandra will outline the procedures for hosting.
 - Fellowship hosts should sign up on bulletin board in fellowship hall. A column will be added to the monthly servants' quarters listing hosts.

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.

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!

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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. OR email office@beautifulsaviortempe.org Prayer requests are submitted to the members of the Prayer Chain by e-mail unless a telephone call is preferred. When offering to be a member of the Prayer Chain, please make known your preference—receive Prayer Requests by e-mail or by telephone? Thank you to all members of BSLC for your support of the Prayer Chain. Gladys Meyer

OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

The trustees are registered with Planet Green which is a company that pays to recycle your old printer cartridges. There is a blue plastic box in the second Sunday school room that you can put any cartridges you want to donate. The funds from these recycled cartridges go into the general fund. Thanks for donating to this cause

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – No Report

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER REPORT

We are in the midst of our Fall Stewardship Drive. Stewardship Packet Day is Sunday, November 12th when packets with all members names on will be in the Narthex for you to pick up. Commitment Sunday, when the pledges of time, talent, and treasure will be turned in will take place on Sunday, November 19th. Between now and the 19th, look for posters on the easel in the Narthex and inserts in the bulletin to keep this important event in front of you. The Stewardship

Committee will be serving a meal after the service during Fellowship Hour on the 19th as the culmination of this important event of our committee work.

The envelopes for 2024 will be available on a table in the Narthex on the first Sunday in December---the 3rd.

We are coming down the homestretch with the schools as we encourage them to make use of all the funds that are still available to them before the end of the calendar year. We do not want a penny of our grant unspent!!

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.

LA MESA UPDATE

La Mesa continues to serve the weekly Thursday meal at Beautiful Savior. They also offer clothing, hygiene products, and bus passes to the people who attend. A 30 minute worship service with communion is celebrated. Dave Mendham, Barb Wilford, Jan Safford, Sandra Wardwell, Bobbie Littou, and Debbie O'Neill prepare the 35 sack lunches distributed after the meal and also assist with serving the dinners when needed. La Mesa schedules the cooking teams preparing the meals. Menus are printed in the La Mesa Messenger monthly newsletter (<https://lamesaministries.org/the-messenger/>). Note: the October 19th meal was prepared by Debbie O'Neill as her gift to La Mesa. Beautiful Savior members assisted the La Mesa volunteers serving the meal. Thank you Debbie!

La Mesa held their first Financial Peace course in October. Four students attended. The course consists of 4 sessions also held on Thursdays. This will be scheduled every two or three months depending.

Beautiful Savior would like to do something for La Mesa once per quarter. This month we are asking our members to donate blankets and pies for Thanksgiving.

In case you are wondering, here are the monthly attendance numbers for July through October:

July meal attendance: 346, worship attendance: 109

August meal attendance: 436, worship attendance: 124 (5 Thursdays this month!)

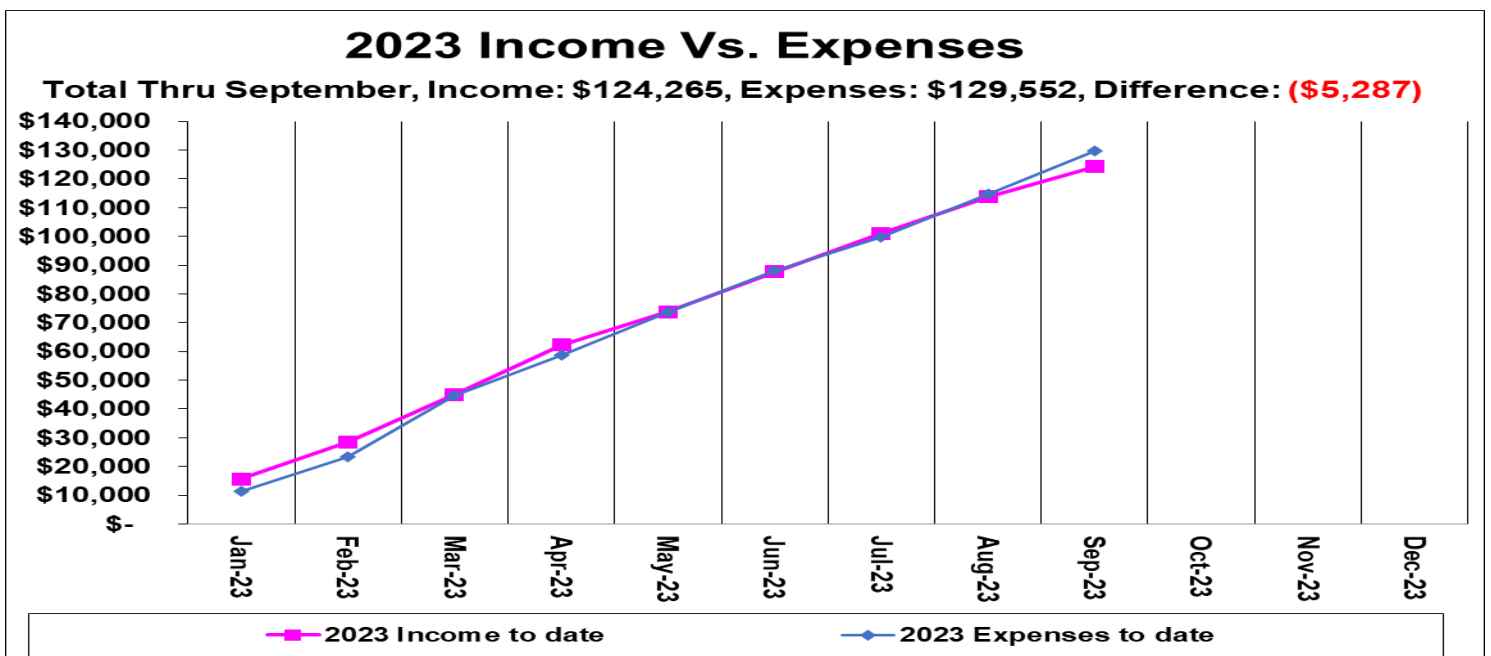
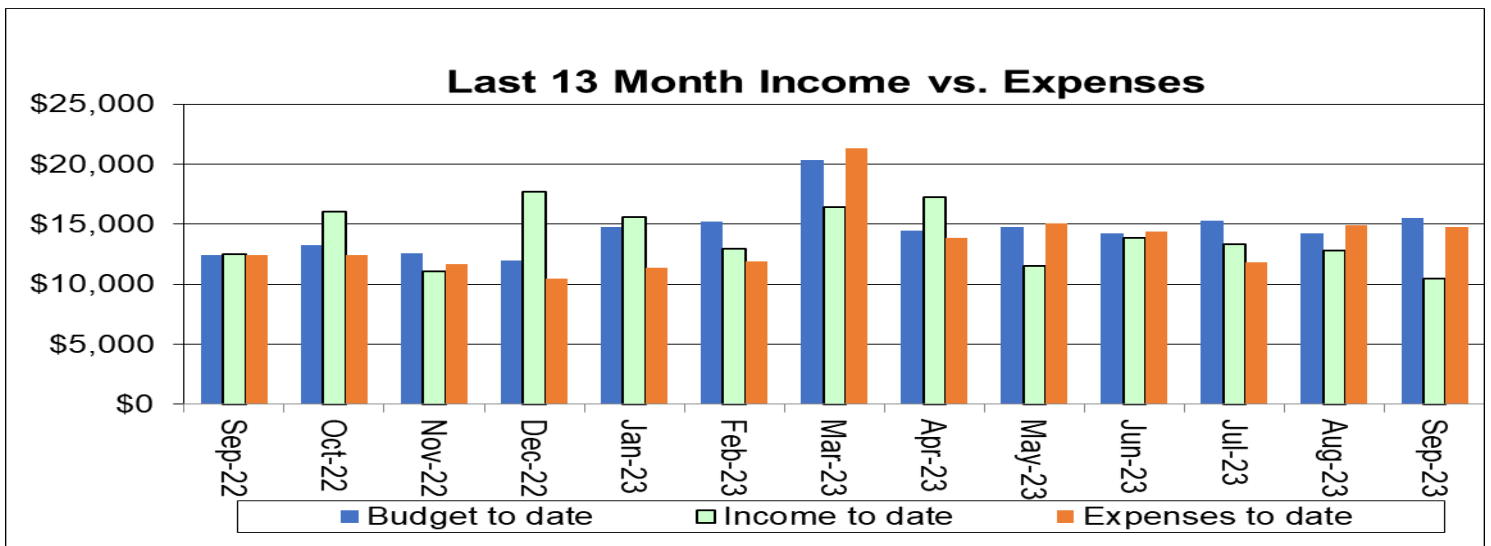
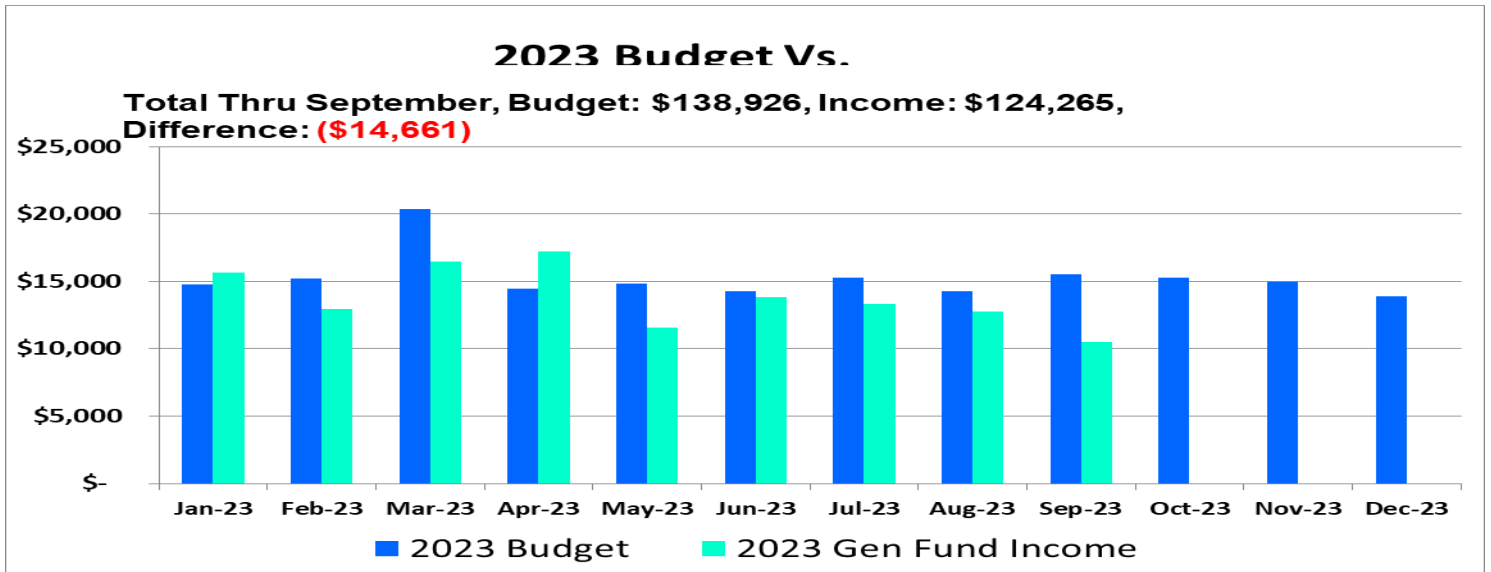
September meal attendance: 380, worship attendance: 88

October meal attendance: 382, worship attendance: 90

The highest attendance was recorded October 26th with 111 people! These four months averaged 90 people per Thursday.

Thank you for supporting La Mesa!

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.

Appreciation cards to Holdeman and Mosley Staff members

Michele Grimaldi, Wraparound Services at the Tempe School District, suggested we also write appreciation cards to the staff members at Holdeman and Mosley in addition to the help we already provide to these schools. This is a great opportunity to let the staff members know the people behind our donations. Michele will be the guest speaker at the Lutheran Women in Mission meeting January 13, 2024.

Five BSLC Lutheran Women in Mission wrote cards of thanks and appreciation to the 65 staff members at Holdeman elementary school during October. The cards were delivered to Alicia at Holdeman by Bobbie Littou for distribution to the staff members.

Mosley has 108 staff members. Six Beautiful Savior members have volunteered to write appreciation cards. We need one or two more people to write to the remaining 19 staff members. We would like to have this project completed by December 6th.

Please contact Sandra Wardwell if you would like to help. You will be provided with note cards and some suggestions for what to write. We would like to continue to send notes of appreciation in 2024. Thank you for your help!

Pen Pal Program with Mosley students

Three BSLC members have become Pen Pals with three 6th grade Mosley students. Letters are exchanged about once per month. In May, there will be an opportunity for Pen Pals to meet with the students. A fourth BSLC member is on the waiting list. If any BSLC members are interested in this program, please let Pastor Tim or Sandra Wardwell know.

Please continue to fill your miteboxes and put them in the large mitebox in the narthex.

The Fall Lutheran Women's Quarterly is available in the narthex. Please read and share!

Thank you for your support of Lutheran Women in Mission!

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Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Wardwell

Pastor Tim Anderson:

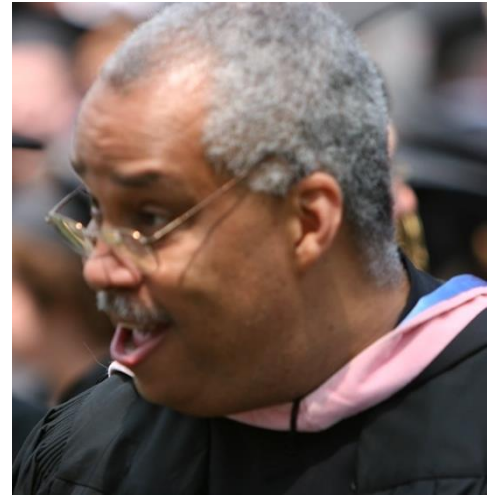
Another Complicated Saint.

By Pastor Tim Anderson

The other day I got news that a former professor of mine, Rev. Gerry Coleman had passed away. Gerry was a giant in the Lutheran Church. He was a teacher, pastor, musician, and composer and impacted many people for the Lord, even everyone here at Beautiful Savior. Next Sunday, grab a hymnal (The LSB) and turn to Hymn 547.

The Lamb was written by none other than Gerry Coleman.

To me Gerry was my choir director for just a few months as a freshman at Concordia College New York. But I entered his life during what would be his final months teaching at Concordia. The man that I met was a complicated man, a man who was clearly struggling but who was too closed off to tell anyone in his professional circle that he needed help. A man who was getting caught in a web of lies and who would eventually have to leave his position with the college. But to me, Gerry was a giant who people adored but I struggled with. Instead, to me Gerry was a man who often wouldn't listen to me, a man who had me singing musical parts that were out of my vocal range, yet he would smile and say that I would get used to it. Little did he know that I would often spend most evenings drinking tea for hours just to sooth my vocal cords.



And so, when I got news of his passing, I felt this mix of emotions. I know who this man was to so many other people, and I know that his compositions and hymns have often formed and informed my faith. But my grief for him is complicated. Even though so often I have found comfort and strength in the words of his songs about Jesus. In one of Gerry's hymns, he writes "Christ is with me everywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know." Still in another, an arrangement of the folk hymn, "How can I keep from Singing," I memorized words that have walked with me ever since...

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Since Love is lord of heaven and earth, Love... Huh. Here is a man who though his life, through his teaching, and especially through his music, focused in on the Love of God. The love of God which is made manifest through our Lord and Savior Jesus. God's love in human form that loves us enough to suffer for us, loves us enough to die in our place and loves us enough to rise again and give us the promise of hope and life forever with him. And yet I struggled with this man. You see Gerry for all his faults, even in one of the most unfortunate seasons of his life, the season in which I got to know him personally, still always knew this. No storm could shake that calm in him.

So, as I remember Gerry, I remember that November is the month for the church to be thankful for what God has done, what God is doing and what God will do through his church and through all his children.

It all starts on November 1st and November 5th, With our All Saints Day celebrations. On November 5th we will have our All Saints Day celebration, and we will honor those who have gone before us in faith. As we do so, I will have a Candle for Gerry. I will honor the reality that God gave this man, this gentle giant, a creative heart and mind to lead others in singing praises to him. And I will remember and I will honor the complicated relationship I had with this Giant in the church who crossed my path for a period of about 12 months. I will give thanks to God for every single one of those complicated days, because even in those days, God was teaching me a valuable lesson, one I hope to share with you now.

Every Single Saint, every single Christian, every single child of God is complicated. I am, you are, Gerry was, our parents and grandparents were, heck even Saint Peter and Saint Paul were complicated men. None of us have been perfect, none of us have gotten through life without one or two seasons that others might consider unfortunate. We may even have people who will one day hear of our passing, and pause and consider the complexities of their relationship with us before giving thanks to God for all we were and all we are.

We are all complicated saints, and yet our God loves us anyway. He cares for each one of his children, he has compassion over every season of our lives, even the days we wish we could forget. After all this perfect love made manifest, this babe of Bethlehem is the Lamb. The lamb who...

*Sighs, dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own Righteousness.
Worthy is the Lamb, whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

*He Rose, He Rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.
His song, prolong, till every heart to Him belong.*

This month, let's celebrate and give thanks for all the saints, all those complicated messy children of God, every single one of us, who every has been, is, or will be. And as we do, I pray that we won't just remember their faith, but that most of all, we will remember what Christ has done for them and for us knowing that "Christ is with me, everywhere I go, Never to leave me... Never to leave me... Never to leave you... Never to leave Gerry... Never to leave any of those who are now at rest in Christ Jesus, those who we love and miss, may we know this, always.

Amen.