



JANUARY 2024

"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 December: 42 in the Sunday church service; 9 in Adult Bible Study, 8 in Women's Bible Study, 101 at La Mesa Meal, 31 La Mesa Worship NA in Brunch & Bibles—Midweek Bible Study, 45 - 7PM & 25 - 11PM; 45 in Christmas Day; 42 in Sunday church service.

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.

Join us for Sunday Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will resume on Jan. 7th at 8:30AM.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will begin again in January 8, 2023, at noon. We will study Elizabeth.

Beautiful Savior Serve Day: Jan 14th at 11:00am. Learn more about all the ministries of Beautiful Savior as each of our ministries will have a display and will talk about what it is we do here at church and how you can be a part of it.

Chosen Premiere at the Movies: Join us on Sat. Feb. 3rd for the Season 4 of Chosen premiering in local cinemas. Plan to see the movie sometime around 4:00pm and then we will go get dinner together and discuss what we saw. More information is coming soon.

Blessing of the Animals & Pet Adoption: This February at Beautiful Savior we will once again work with local humane societies to give our furry friends forever homes and bless all pets that visit us that day. More information is coming soon.

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 DECEMBER 20, 2023 VOTERS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

The regular monthly Council meeting was held December 18th.

Pastor Tim's Report:

- Seven new members joined the congregation Sunday, December 17th. Seeing 5 and 6 visitors each week.
- 18 Time and Talent forms were returned.
- Advent services went well. Will discuss whether or not to offer a noon service with the elders. More people attended the evening worship services.
- Attended the Holdeman Turkey Trot and the Mosely ribbon cutting. The Mosely principal thanked BSLC for the use of our field and for the support provided by our Stewardship team.
- Will pursue the Serve/Care Team after several conversations with members needing support; looking for someone to work with elders and myself to develop this idea

- Considering starting a social outings club to help people learn about their surroundings; perhaps a retiree group and a younger age group.

Financials:

- Reviewed the Balance sheet for the month of November:
 - LCEF savings \$72,108.00
 - Savings - Matching Funds \$17,336.76
 - Checking - \$28,716.45
- Suggest Elders review these Special Funds and designate \$1000 for Staff Education
- November Profit & Loss
 - Balance is negative \$1,069.59 for the month. 90.9% of income received, 98.1% of expenses
- January through November Profit & Loss
 - Balance is negative \$4,677.16. 90.3% of income received, 93.1% of expenses
- 2024 proposed budget approved by Voters.

Stewardship:

- Provided gift cards for Tempe High McKinney Vento students for their Angel Tree program. Holiday socks and hygiene items also provided. Leftover funds divided between Holdeman, Mosley, and Scales.
 - Pizza party provided for 300 Mosley students with no disciplinary records
 - Scales students supplied with shoes and items for their store
- \$214 remaining in Stewardship budget purchased items for Justa Center
- New McKinney Vento grant received and will be announced to the congregation in January.

Board of Christian Education:

- Annie Anderson will chair the 2024 VBS. The theme is 'Scuba'. We will be partnering with Hosanna. Planning will begin in January. VBS will be held the week of June 17th or in July. The 2024 budget has \$500 designated for VBS. Donations for remaining expenses should be requested.

Board of Elders/Evangelism:

- Next meeting is second Monday in January.

Board of Trustees:

- November volunteer hours 109 plus 54 musicians = 163. Thank you!
- Blessing of the animals event in planning stages for February.
- 8 foot lightweight tables available at Walmart for \$80 each. Four will be purchased. The cost for two of them has been donated; will ask for donations for the other two. These are easier to carry outside for our community events.

Music Ministry:

- GLORIA will meet Monday, Jan. 8th, 10 AM to plan music and worship for January and February of 2024, including Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th, and the beginning of Lent.
- Continue to dispose of unused and outdated materials in the former Choir Room.
- U-Line has a rack for choir robes for \$100.
- Cyndi and Don Schinke have helped with paint color and amount needed.
- Aaron Brown will be making two new doors, one for the choir room and one for the furnace room.
- Handbell Choir Director Wendy Sievers and President Cyndi Calender are to be commended on the successful re-launch of the Beautiful Savior Handbell Choir Dec. 17th with 8 BSLCers ringing. The Handbell Choir will be practicing music for Lent and Easter.

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

- Zone Rally held Nov. 4th; 35 LWMLers (including 3 from BSLC) and two pastors were in attendance. Guest speakers were Rick & Laurie McClellan and Geoff Nedry of La Mesa.
- Will sponsor the Christmas potluck after the worship service Sunday, Dec. 3rd, followed by church decorating.
- Have written and delivered appreciation letters to Holdeman staff. Letters to Mosely staff will be delivered the first week of December.
- 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.

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!

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

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – No Report

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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The Stewardship committee helped all 4 schools in December. We helped Tempe high with a \$40 prepaid VISA card for the personal use of each McKinney Vento student and a \$30 Fry's Food gift card for their Christmas meal. A small gift was also given to the students.

We had money left from the THS allotment and opened that up to the the 3 schools near the church and they took advantage of it and we did some nice things for them.

We had \$214 of our Outreach funds left so used them to supply Justa Center during that last week before Christmas. They needed hygiene products and T.P.

We look forward to starting the entire thing over again in 2024!!

Respectfully submitted,

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

Hello everyone,

I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for what you do for La Mesa. God has done amazing things through this ministry. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- *Over 10,000 people attended La Mesa, between Tuesday and Thursday nights. Praise God for all the lives touched!*
- *We had 8 baptisms between the two locations. I think it might be more but that is what I could find. God knows so that is what matters!*
- *We collected thousands of items with the National Day of Service drive we did in partnership with our LDS friends. What a blessing that continues to provide for the needs of the community!*
- *We had 14 different people bring God's Word to His people. I am so thankful for the many people that helped proclaim the Good News of Jesus to his people!*

There are so many more wonderful things that we couldn't possibly capture them all. Thank you all so much for being a part of this ministry. It is a joy to serve with you. The love of Jesus shines bright at La Mesa and through you all. Have a very Happy New Year. I can't wait to see what Jesus will do through La Mesa in 2024! I know we missed a lot of people for this distribution so please feel free to forward it to anyone we missed. I am so grateful for all of you!

*In His Service,
Geoff*

Thank you!!

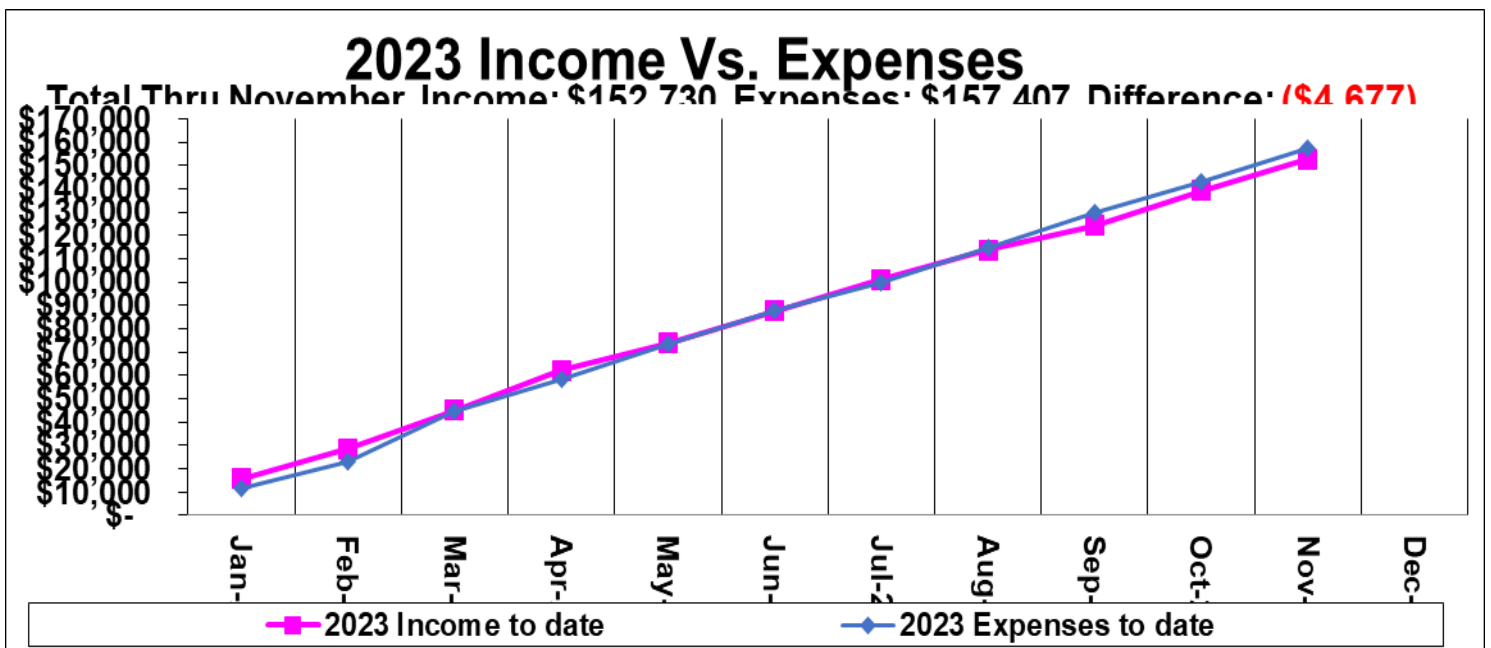
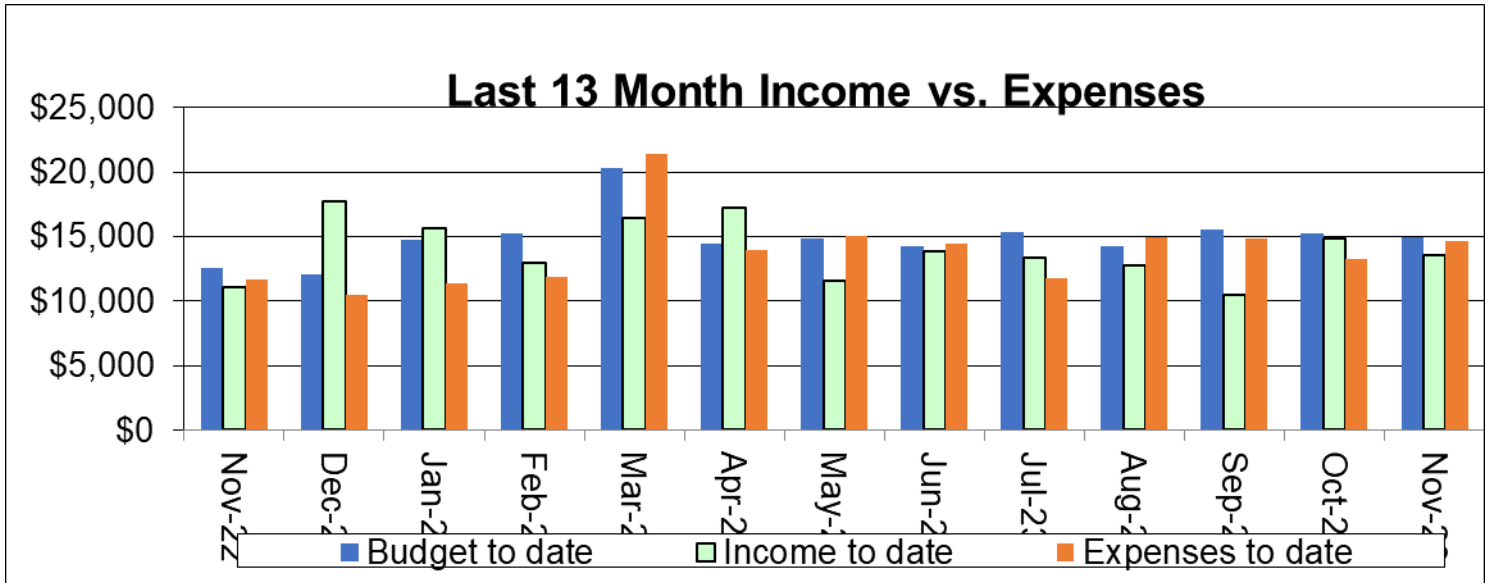
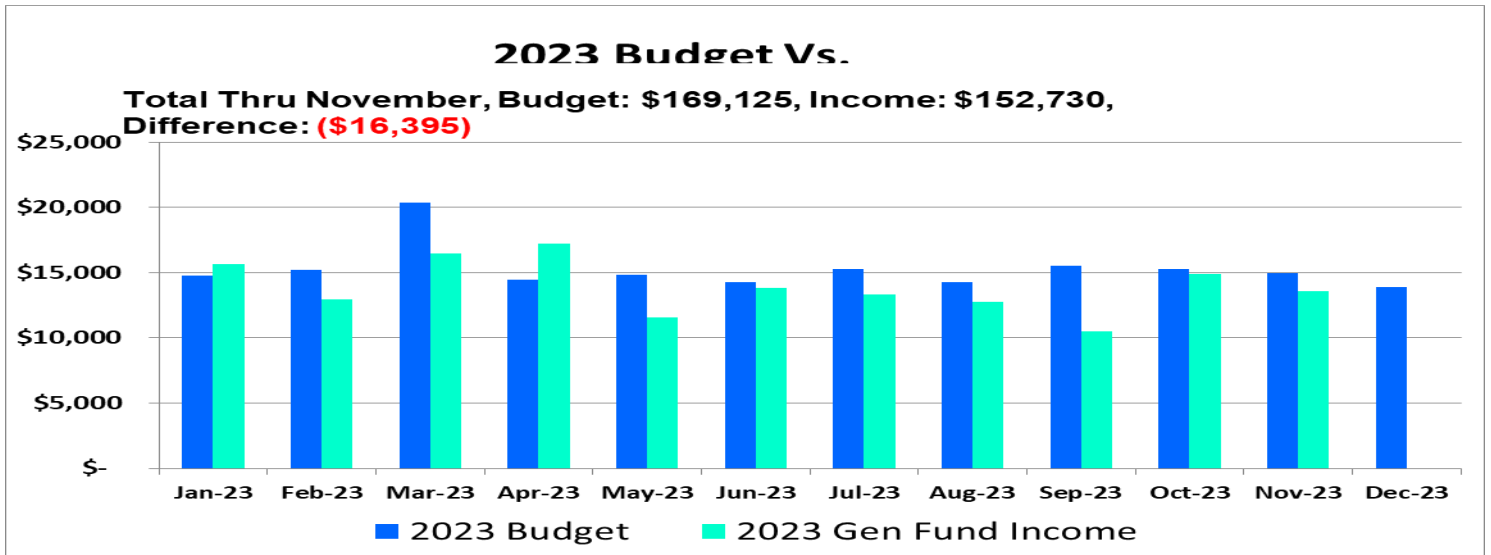
The Meal and Worship statistics for 2023 at Beautiful Savior are:

Year End Attendance at Tempe: Meal: 4339; Worship: 1524

In addition, volunteers from Christ Greenfield Lutheran Church cleaned the BSLC patio and policed the BSLC field and yards collecting trash Dec. 31st as one of the 'Serve Day' projects in the east valley.

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. Beautiful Savior members prepare 35 sack lunches which are distributed after the dinner meal. Volunteers to assist with distributing drinks, serving the meal, making the lunches, and wherever needed are always welcome! La Mesa and Beautiful Savior are sharing prayer requests in their worship services. They held a 4-week financial peace class in October/November. La Mesa was able to find housing for one of the graduates of that class. Another class will be offered this month. Thank you for your support of La Mesa!

BOARD OF FINANCE:





LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML)

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

BSLC Women in Mission hosted the congregation Christmas dinner December 3rd. Christmas decorating of the church followed the meal. Thank you to all who participated in these events!

Seven Beautiful Savior members wrote appreciation cards to the 108 staff members at Mosley Middle School. We would like to continue to send notes of appreciation in 2024 to staff at Holdeman and Mosley. Several members also attended the Mosely open house December 14th to tour the new facility.

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.

Save the Date

Saturday, January 13th, Michele Grimaldi, Director of Wraparound Service at the Tempe School District, will be our guest speaker at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. Ruth, the community services contact at Mosely, will also be joining her. All BSLC members (men & women) are invited to attend to learn about the work of the schools and their community partners.

Thank you for your support of Lutheran Women in Mission!

Sandra Wardwell

Pastor Tim Anderson:



2024: What Can You Do In One Year?

I need to be honest with all of you, I'm not really a fan of New Years and the whole make a resolution thing. Honestly, I find it kind of painful, like this sort of horrible reminder of the promises that I made to myself and failed on, again. I'm going to lose weight! (Nope). I'm going to eat healthier (there are as many chick-fil-a wrappers each week in my office as there are wrappers from Salad-&-Go). I'm going to stop eating out so much for lunch and make lunch at church (Oops!) I'm going to do this and that, and the other thing. I am going to save money, pay off debt, take that trip, get a pet, be more thankful, finally retire (not me, but some of you!) whatever the resolution, January 1st comes around again and I feel the vicious cycle start over. It's not a gracious cycle, It's one full of a lot of guilt and self-shame.

So, as Christians should we even bother? Should we set New Year's resolutions? I mean if you want to, go nuts. But I tend to look at it the way we look at the season of Lent. It should be less about doing more, and more about doing less, finding rest.

Yeah, ok Pastor Tim, then why are you promoting a Bible in One Year Challenge?

Well, to put it simply, as Christian people, one of the best ways to rest is simply to dive into God's word and listen to The Word Made Flesh speak to us through His written word. Simply put, reading scripture is a wonderful way to step away from the noise of this life, the messages thrown at us all the time, especially this year in an election year, and simply remind ourselves who holds all of this in His hands. My prayer is that we can rest in that fact.

So, maybe I need to rephrase my question written in the title of this article? Maybe the question is not, "What can I do in a year?" or "What can you do in a year?" ... but, what will God do in and through us as we draw near to Him this year?

If you took up a resolution this year or not, I hope you remember one thing, no matter how good you are at changing yourself and growing this year, no matter what you decide to do, God loves you, no matter what. If you break your resolution on the first day, the first month, or on the last day of the year. And even as I encourage this reading plan, try it not to prove yourself, but to watch as God reveals himself more and more to you. There, I pray you see the grace to know, even when you fail your resolutions, and even when we fail ourselves or fail in accordance to the law of God, with God there is forgiveness and more grace than we would ever imagine. Not just a fresh start with a new year, but a new beginning, every time we ask for one.

To check out a bible in a year reading plan, I suggest you look at...

<https://www.1517.org/oneyear>