



APRIL 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: **49** in the Sunday church service; **10** in Adult Bible Study, **40** in Midweek Services; **6** in Women's Bible Study, **131** at La Mesa Meal, **75** La Mesa Worship NA in Brunch & Bibles–Midweek Bible Study.

HAVE YOU SEEN BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR'S FACEBOOK PAGE?

<https://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe>

Pastor Tim, Dakota Meeks and Don Schumm keep the Facebook page updated with recordings of our worship services, special events, and with ministry updates. 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 feedback!

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.

Sunday Bible Study: We finished our study on the Book of Revelation today. Join us as we'll begin our new study on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah starting on Sunday April 14th. Sunday Bible Study meets at 8:30am in fellowship hall.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet at noon, April 8. We will be studying New Testament women, Mary Magdalene. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are invited to attend.

Chosen Night: Saturday, April 6th & 20th at 5:00pm. Join us as we watch next Chosen Movie night. We will watch the episode and have dinner and discussion.

Brunch and Bibles: Join us on Thursday, April 11th at noon at Cracker's and Co. Cafe on Elliot as we continue our study on the Book of Daniel. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you plan on attending.

All BSLC women and friends are invited to the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) meeting Saturday, April 13th, 10 AM in the fellowship hall. We will have an opening devotion, refreshments, and updates about our activities. Don't know what the LWML is about? Come and see how you can serve Beautiful Savior and support mission outreach as well as sharing time with each other. Not able to attend but want to know more? Contact Sandra Wardwell, s.wardwell@asu.edu, 480-334-4176.

New Member Classes start up Again on Sunday April 14th. Anyone interested in joining our church or learning more about who we are here at Beautiful Savior, what we do and what we believe is encouraged to come to our New Member meetings following fellowship this Sunday and the next few weeks in Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE:

Plan to attend the LWML PSD Convention on June 7-9, 2024 in Rosemead, CA! Come and be reminded You are a Child of God and have Hope in Jesus! Come and feel His love for you and be encouraged to take his love out into the world. Worship our Lord, laugh with LWML Sisters, vote on new officers and mission grants, enjoy great food, sing praises to our Lord, and have some fun!

VBS will be the third week in June 17-21-2024.

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, Other, LWML, Missions, La Mesa, Doris Reith Memorial' & 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 MARCH 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

The regular monthly Council meeting was held March 18, 2024.

Cyndi Calender resigned as President at the March 4th elders meeting. Vice President Charles Haynes will serve the remainder of her term as President. He chaired this Council meeting.

Pastor Tim was ill and did not attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed the Balance sheet for the month of February:
 - LCEF savings \$72,220.22
 - Savings - Matching Funds \$17,339.58
 - Checking - \$50,117.62; \$35,442.24 of this amount is Dedicated Funds
- February Profit & Loss
 - Balance is a positive \$676.02 for the month. 101.8% of budgeted income received, 97.4% of budgeted expenses spent.
- 2024 Year to Date Profit & Loss
 - Balance is a negative \$452.38
 - Several one-time expenses occurred: VBS materials ordered, CCLI Music License renewed, check for Shumway Landscaping was never received and a second check was written
 - Annual insurance payment of \$6,942 will be paid by the end of March

Finance:

- Treasurer requested a copy of the EIN assignment letter issued to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. This document is needed in order to proceed with transferring our accounts from Wells Fargo to Desert Financial.
- The Board recommended continuing our insurance coverage with Church Mutual. Council approved.
- A new large printer/copying machine is needed for the church office. The current machine is obsolete and not easily repaired. Paragon Business Equipment had donated the machine several years ago and has the annual maintenance contract on it. They suggested buying a new machine or a refurbished machine. The Board recommended purchasing the refurbished machine for \$3801 using either emergency funds or savings. The Council approved this recommendation to be presented to the voters at the April Assembly meeting.
- The small desktop copier in the office workroom broke down several months ago and is not repairable. Charlotte Grefe is donating the desktop printer she no longer uses to replace it. This is used for small copying jobs and will save wear and tear on the large printer.

Stewardship:

- Stewardship provided dinner for the Mosley teachers for their parent/teachers conferences scheduled March 7th.
- Backpacks were purchased for Holdeman and Tempe High students.
- A story about Beautiful Savior's work with the schools and La Mesa's work at Beautiful Savior appeared in the March 6th issue of the Tempe Independent newspaper. Thanks to Bobbie Littou for contacting the newspaper and scheduling an interview.

Board of Christian Education:

- Sunday Bible study will finish with the Book of Revelation after Easter.
- Monday Bible Study continues to study women of the Bible.
- Vacation Bible School materials have been ordered. An orientation meeting has been held to demonstrate some of the materials and begin signing up volunteers; the next meeting will be April 2nd 5:30 PM
- Four people are in the New Member class.

Board of Elders/Evangelism:

- Elders met at Philly's.

Board of Trustees:

- 127 volunteer hours in February including the Blessing of the Animals event and 64 hours of musicians' time.
- Have not had a formal meeting for 3 months.
- Thanks to Don Schumm for doing weeding and landscape clean in the strip along the parking lot facing 11th street.

Music Ministry:

- GLORIA team will meet April 15th.
- Choir and handbell choir rehearsals have been held.
- Conversion of the outback room to Choir & Braille Workers' HQ continues.
- Aaron Brown assures us that he has not forgotten about our need for new doors for that room and the Furnace Room.

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

- District convention is June 5-7 in Rosemead, CA. All women are invited to attend; two BSLCers can be voting delegates. Debby Bergman has volunteered to be a delegate.
- Next Beautiful Savior meeting is April 13th.

La Mesa Update:

- February meal attendance averaged 118 and worship attendance averaged 32.
- Beautiful Savior friend Christy Arnold donated some canned goods and member Dakota Meeks donated fresh picked oranges for the La Mesa clients to use.
- In addition to providing a meal, snacks, and an opportunity to worship, La Mesa provides clothing, toiletries, and advice on obtaining phones and medical care. A hairdresser is providing haircuts. Four people are participating in the Financial Peace classes held in March.

Old Business:

- Financial Review Committee submitted their report:
 - The Committee of 5 congregational members met over a period of two Sundays to review the receipts and expenditures for 2023. Treasurer Schumm was present to answer questions.

- Recommended finding a replacement for Quickbooks because of the annual cost to use that software
- Continue the process of moving our accounts from Wells Fargo to Desert Financial Credit Union.
- Obtain a copy of the IRS EIN assignment letter for our permanent records.
- Encouragement to host Fellowship Hour suggested for next Voters Assembly meeting.

New Business:

- Blessing of the Animals event went well. Picture appeared in digital edition of Tempe Tribune.
- Need volunteers for Easter egg hunt. Charles and Don Schinke to serve as grillers.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 15, 5 PM

Next Voters Assembly: Sunday, April 28, 11:30 AM

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

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

APRIL, 2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR NEWSLETTER

On the 7th of March we had 2 events for 2 different schools. In the morning, Holdeman had a field day and we provided popsicles for them as a treat after the 50 minutes of play was over. Charlotte went to the school for the first session at 8 and helped to hand out the popsicles. Pastor Tim covered the 9 and 10 hours. The kids were very grateful.

Then we provided sandwiches, chips, fruit plates, tea, lemonade, and cookies later that day for the teachers at Mosely who were having parent-teacher conferences till in the evening so they took a short break at 5 P.M. to eat. They also were very grateful. The principal himself was at our cars with a cart to transport the food in. Also got a nice thank you email from both him and the contact person at the school the next day.

Holdeman asked for school uniform polo shirts in 2 sizes. The site that we order them from was having a blowout sale so we got 20 shirts at a very good price. We have received a nice thank you letter from Holdeman for the backpacks that we bought them earlier this year. Check the bulletin board for it is posted there.

We collected \$505 for Justa Center and we bought big cans of chili beans and tortillas to make breakfast burritos for the homeless people that they serve. We also bought big cans of sausage and gravy and rolls to serve it on for breakfast, saltine crackers, toilet paper, laundry pods, canned chicken and tuna, cereal, shower gel, and razors. We took these things to them early in March.

We are buying the tickets for the Prom that will be held in April for any of the McKinney Vento seniors who would like to go. At the suggestion of the donor, our contact person asked those in charge if those tickets could be discounted for the MV students and that was agreed upon so we will buy them at half price---\$25 per ticket. The person in charge of the group is trying to get together prom dresses, etc. so that these kids can go to the prom.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie, Wendy, and Charlotte

DO YOU HAVE A FRY'S REWARDS CARD?

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM?

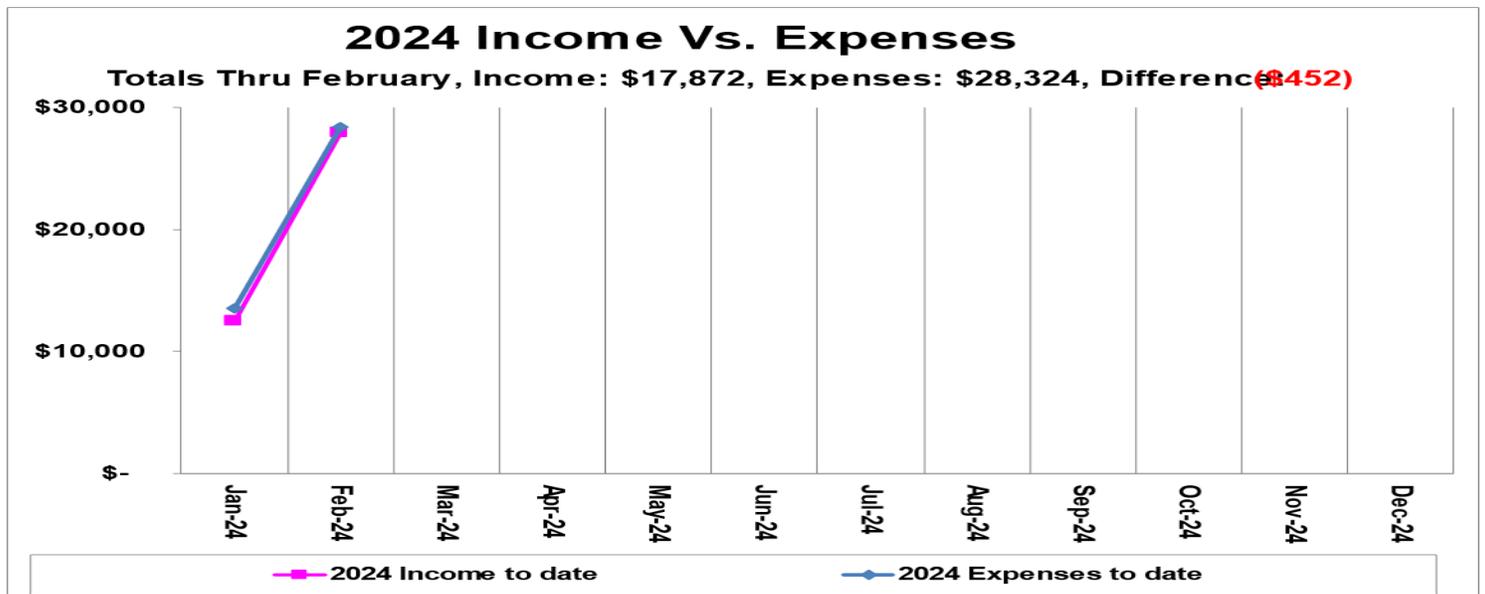
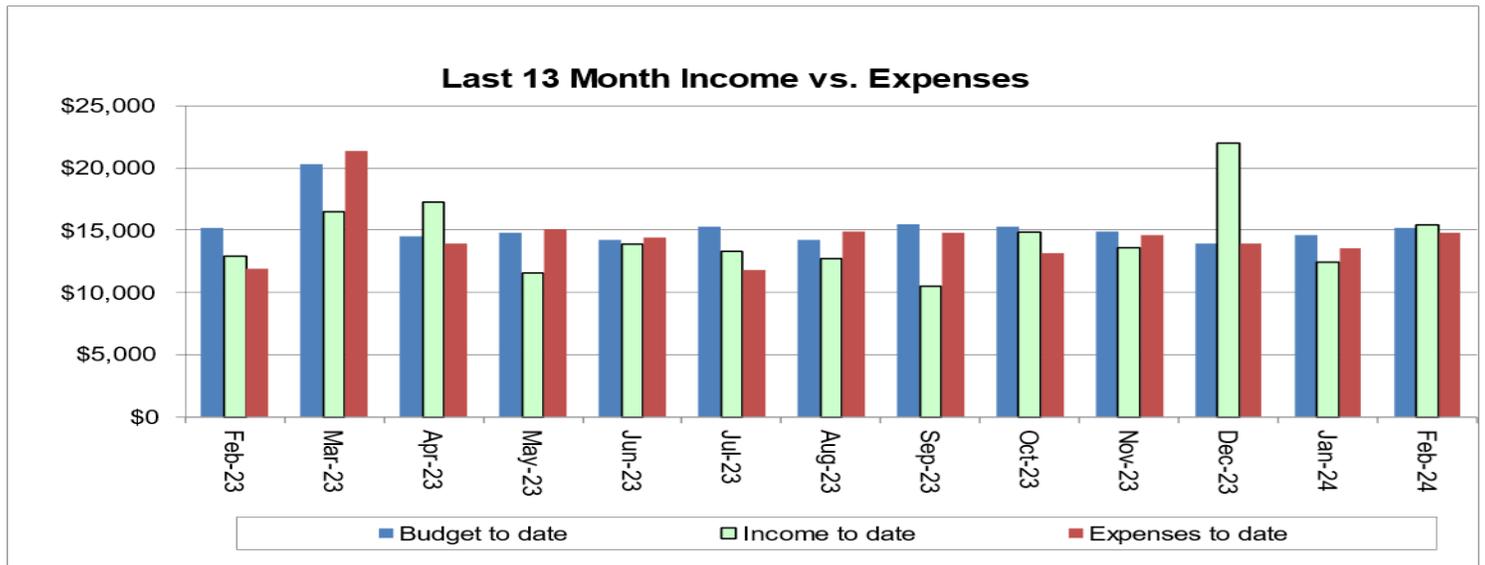
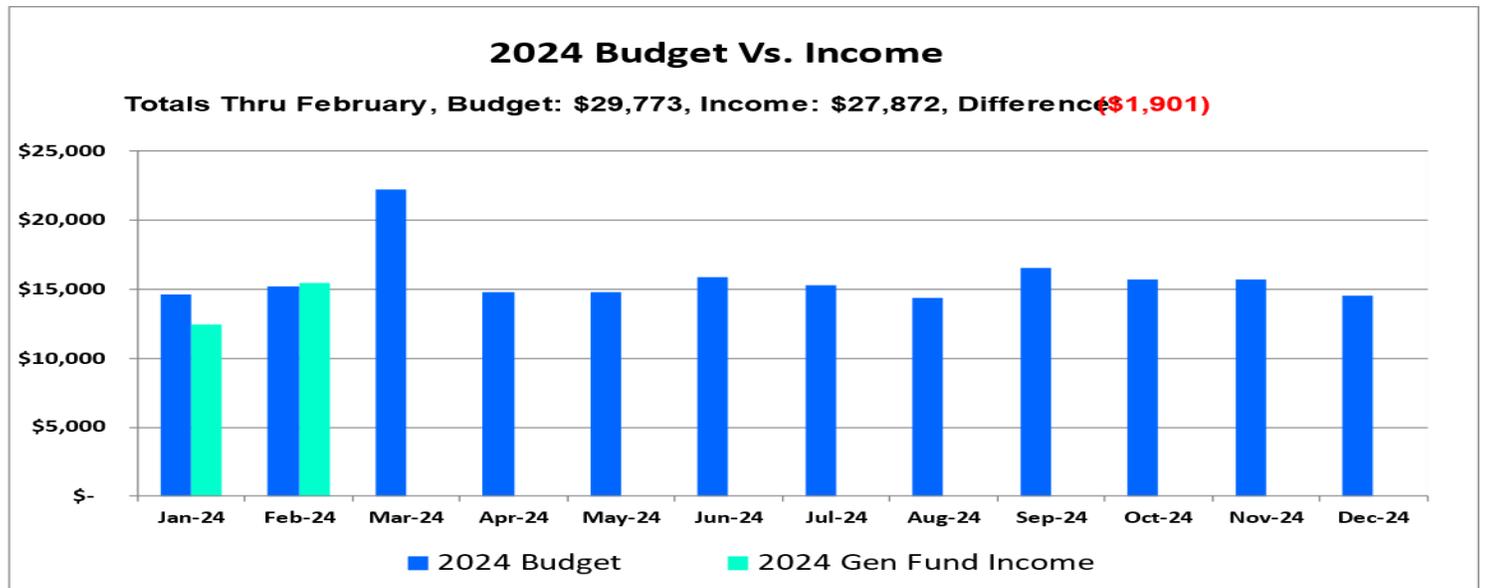
A PORTION OF YOUR PURCHASES WILL GO TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR EVERY TIME YOU USE YOUR CARD AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!

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.

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.

The LWML Pacific Southwest District Convention theme this year is "Jesus: The Hope of All Nations" and is based on 1 Peter 1:3. Everyone is encouraged to come to the convention and be encouraged to share this message of God's love with the world. Plan to attend, June 7-9, 2024 in sunny Rosemead, California at the Double Tree by Hilton hotel. Opening worship proclaimer is Dr. Mike Gibson, LCMS Pacific SW District President. Bible study leader is Melissa Salomon. Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Mehl, Executive Director of Mission of Christ Network. Seventeen grant applications are on the ballot for mite funding during the 2024-2026 biennium:

LWML Pacific Southwest District 2024-2026 Mission Grants

1. Outreach to Students w/Disabilities, Trinity Lutheran, St. George, Utah \$10,000
2. La Mesa/Tempe Gospel Outreach, Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Tempe, AZ \$ 7,900
3. Providing Hope and a Meal: Hope Kitchen, Hope Lutheran, L.A. CA \$10,000
4. Downtown Youth Music Ministry, First Good Shepherd Las Vegas, NV \$ 6,981
5. Student Ministry Online Mission Outreach, Salem Lutheran, Orange, CA \$10,000
6. Outdoor Gospel Community Outreach, Centro Cristiano Emanuel, Santa Paula, CA \$10,000
7. Bringing Christ-Centered Education to Grace Lutheran Church, Henderson, NV \$10,000
8. Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade, Bethel Lutheran, Buena Park, CA \$10,000
9. Lutheran Mission Society, BR55 Project - Brazilian Outreach, San Diego, CA \$ 9,945
10. Refuge Pregnancy Center Education Expansion \$ 9,600
11. Children's Adventure Time After School Program, Faith Lutheran, Vista, CA \$10,000
12. Scholarships to Attract Lutheran School Students, Grace Lutheran, Lancaster, CA \$10,000
13. Chrome Books for Christian Education, Lamb of God, Las Vegas, NV \$10,000
14. LINC So Cal - Mentoring Movements, Azusa, CA \$10,000
15. Enduring Faith Curriculum/Outdoor Classroom First Lutheran, Monrovia, CA \$ 3,200
16. Going Mobile and Expanding to Save More Babies, Cali Choice, Paramount, CA \$ 9,964
17. Early Childhood Education Center Scholarships, Zion Lutheran, Anaheim, CA \$10,000

Debby Bergman has offered to be one of Beautiful Savior's delegates. If you are interested in attending the convention and would like to be a delegate, please contact Sandra Wardwell for more information. Thank you!!

LA MESA UPDATE

March meal attendance averaged 123 and worship attendance averaged 44; 75 La Mesa and Beautiful Savior members attended the Living da Vinci Maundy Thursday worship.

In addition to providing a meal, snacks, and an opportunity to worship, La Mesa provides clothing, toiletries, and advice on obtaining phones and medical care. A hairdresser is providing haircuts. Four people are participating in the Financial Peace class held in March.

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION MEETING April 13, 2024

All Beautiful Savior members and friends are invited to attend our April meeting Saturday, April 13, 10 A.M. Meeting topic to be determined! We will have an opening devotion, refreshments, and maybe a few surprises! Please join us.

Will I Recognize Him?

By Pastor Tim Anderson

This past Sunday, Easter Sunday, I had an interesting and fantastic interaction with a man who had returned to Beautiful Savior for the first time in many years. To protect his identity, I am going to call him Phil. (His Name wasn't Phil.) Anyway, Phil grew up here at Beautiful Savior, and is now in his 50-60's (I'm assuming). He joined us for our 8am Easter "Sunrise" service.

Following the service, I went up to him, as he was just standing in the center aisle, and he just kept saying wow. Wow, wow, wow, wow, wow. He could not believe how much had changed and yet how much had stayed the same here at Beautiful Savior. He remembered and recognized certain spaces, certain décor, and certain people, but he also felt the differences that have come along in our congregation over the last 40 years. I honestly didn't ask him how long it had been since he was last here, but when he showed me a photo of his confirmation, the hair and clothing screamed 1960's.

To be honest watching his reactions was fun. But it also got me thinking about a common theme we see during the Easter season. Recognizing Jesus takes time. It takes a minute because Jesus is not the same, not exactly. He is now in his resurrected glory. He holds

the marks of his crucifixion. He's the same Jesus but different. He's Unexpected. Mary thinks he's a gardener and it takes all day for the Emmaus disciples to recognize Jesus. When the apostles are greeted by him, they panic. Thomas, who missed it, demands to dig around in Jesus' wounds. This Jesus is different and yet the same... somehow.

And I could not help but think about that. Where then was Jesus known? In the word's he proclaimed. When he called us by name. And most of all, Jesus is known in the breaking of bread.

So, I want you for a moment to pretend to be a Phil. Not in 2024, but on Easter 2064, here at Beautiful Savior. Would you recognize our church? Are we open? I believe we will be. But what will look different? What will look the same? At what point in the worship service would you realize that this is still your church, Beautiful Savior? I can't help but believe that we would all find familiar in the word of God proclaimed and the bread received. We would find familiar in that old familiar story of Jesus and his love.

But that might take a moment. It might take us all day. After all, the church as the body of Christ, should reflect Christ. And if Jesus shows up in unexpected ways, maybe we ought to as well. Maybe as we think about and plan for the future of our congregation, we need to realize that who we've been is a part of who we are now, but there is so much more to who we are becoming. As we move forward as a church, we are resurrected to new life, in a new season, and each week as we gather, we are becoming something new.

On April 14th we begin a new Bible study here at Beautiful Savior on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. These books chronicle the story of the tribe of Judah, as the tribe returns to Jerusalem after the Babylonian Exile to rebuild their nation, their city, their culture, and most of all their temple. As they rebuild, restart, revitalize, things look different. And there is grief in the different, but also anticipation. As a nation. they were not what they once were. The death of what was gone, it needed to be mourned, but the newness of what they were becoming needed to be celebrated and anticipated. As we study Ezra and Nehemiah, my prayer is that we can celebrate and mourn what we have been as a church, but also anticipate and get jazzed up for who God is making us into in this season, and who he will make us into in every season to come.

Because it is still the same Jesus, and he wants us to know him. He wants us to see him, he will come to us and pull out of our doubts and fears, whatever it takes, because he is not done with us. He is renewing us, he is reforming us, he is leading us by his spirit. And he is making it that even if we ever got the chance to be like Phil, to step forward and see a place made new, that we will still be Beautiful Savior, because we will look like our Beautiful Savior,

who goes before us, and sometimes looks like we least expect and shows up where we least expect.

Amen.