



NOVEMBER 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-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for the month of October 38 in the Sunday church service; 10 in Adult Bible Study, in Women's Bible Study, 131 at La Mesa Meal, 41 La Mesa Worship, 7 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.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our Bible Study on the book of Nehemiah. We meet Sunday morning at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

The LWML Women's Weekly Bible Study meets every Monday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We are continuing our study of remarkable men in the Bible. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

Brunch and Bibles: We will resume meeting on Thursday, Nov.14th & 28th at 12:00 p.m. At Cracker and Co Cafe on Elliot as we continue our study of the Book of Daniel. If interested, please contact Pastor Tim or email him at: TimAnderson@gmail.com

Braille workers return on November 5th & 19th. AT 9:30 a.m.

Chosen Nights this November. Join us on Wednesday Nov. 6th and Wednesday Nov. 20th for Chosen Nights here at Beautiful Savior. We gather for a meal at 5:30pm, followed by the show and a discussion. On Nov. 6th we will watch Season 4 episodes 1 and 2, and on Nov. 20th we will watch Season 4 episodes 3 and 4.

If interested in catching up on the chosen check out <https://watch.thechosen.tv>

Weekday Evening Bible Study: We are beginning to plan a Wednesday Night Bible Study here at Beautiful Savior. We will have a planning discussion on Wed. Nov. 13th at 7pm to begin the planning process and pray over what God would have us do.

Weekly Prayer Email Updates: If you are not receiving our Beautiful Savior weekly prayer emails and would like to receive it, please give Pastor a copy of your email address. Forms to receive the Weekly prayer email can also be found in the Narthex/Hallway and can be given to Pastor or Marsha.

Rio Salado Scottish Highland Thanksgiving Games. Nov. 24th 2024. Opening Prayer and beginning of Games at 9:30am. Outdoor Worship at 10am. Lunch for Church and Athletes starting at noon. Come and cheer on our local Highland athletes and see pastor in a kilt!

Sunday School: Kids are encouraged to join us for Sunday school each week during our worship service. After our children's message kids will head to Sunday School in Fellowship Hall and will return before the end of service. Any questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

MOSLEY PEN PAL PROGRAM: Amy Garza of the Tempe Elementary School District is looking for volunteers to participate in the Pen Pal program with 6th, 7th or 8th graders in Melissa Roman-Clarino's class at Mosley. If interested, contact Amy with a few of your interests so you can be matched up with a student, i.e. favorite hobbies, foods, color, music, if you like sports, and which sport or team, if you play or played an instrument or like to travel, speak another language, were a teacher or in the military, etc. We

had 5 volunteers last year! Contact Amy at penpals@tempeschools.org or (480) 730-7140.

Kitchen Etiquette: If you leave any items in the church kitchen PLEASE label them with what they are to be used for. Thank you!!!

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring in something 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.

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY VIEW SERVICES ONLINE.
INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:**

Youtube instructions:

"The Beautiful Savior Youtube is up and running! Currently, it holds all of the previous services since the Second Sunday of Pentecost 2024- here's how you can find us:

- 1.) Open Youtube.com
- 2.) Search "Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church - Tempe, AZ" OR "@BSLCTempe". The profile picture will feature our lovely stained glass Jesus.
- 3.) Click on the profile and voila!

Optional: Consider subscribing if you haven't already! It tells Youtube that you want to see our content and to recommend it to others!

Keep an eye and ear out for more announcements regarding our Youtube Live!"

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***SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT**

- 1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)
- 2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:
www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/
- 3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a "Live" feed titled for the Sunday service, or
- 4) Option 2 - Click on the "Videos" button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)
- 5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.

Donate to Beautiful Savior: Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe. Then choose the 'Recurring' or 'One-Time' giving option and choose a Fund. The Funds are: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, Vacation Bible School & Staff. When selecting "Other", please specify how your donation should be used. Thank you!!

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

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

Music Notes-Nov. 2024

from Ellen Brown, Dir.of Music

Here we are in one of the most interesting and fun (musically speaking) seasons of the church year. There are so many wonderful pieces of music celebrating All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany! If there's a piece of music which has a special meaning for you, one which you'd like to hear, or perhaps be a part of performing yourself, please let me know so that it can be included in our GLORIA Team planning, Mon. November 4th.

Meanwhile, here's some info on our Hymn of the Month for November: "A New Commandment," with words and music by Welshman Roy Crabtree.

This song is shorter than the ones we've introduced recently.

Built on Jesus' words as recorded in John 13: 34-35, it is a song commanding us to reach out in love to one another. It promises that if we do this "reaching out in love" to fellow believers in Christ, that the world will know that we are disciples of Jesus by this action. This commandment leads us to consider thoughtfully, just how should we "reach out in love" to one another. Therein lies a topic of great discussion.

Set in a folk-song style, this song has an easy simplicity to it, nicely accompanied by guitar or piano. It is set as a Chorus, followed by one verse, and then back to the Chorus again. The composer has chosen to write it in the very accessible Key of C Major, in standard 4/4 meter. It's very "singable," with a few syncopations and quarter note triplets thrown in for musical interest. The tune is un-named and variations of it and the words are used around the world.

About the Composer:

This song was composed by Roy Crabtree, pianist, in the early 1970's when he was a member of the Bryn Goleu Fellowship in Llanfairfechan in North Wales. First published in 1973 in Songs of Praise, from Scripture in Song Recordings, Ltd, recent versions have been included in Hymns Old and New. Also, additional verses were added by Indian Roman Catholic priest, composer, and musician Aniceto Nazareth (1938-2021). An arrangement was copyrighted in 1973 by www.GodSongs.net, and is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike 3.0 Unported License, which permits its use and adaptation for non-commercial purposes.

You may enjoy listening and singing along at the link below:

https://youtu.be/aqM2Ujl7Aas?si=90pTZp7Q0sGD_IU8

We hope that Jesus's message of love will bring joy and hope to you this November.

**This article is an abridgement of the www.GodSongs.net article about "A New Commandment."*

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 Fellowship Hall in box under the thermostat 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 OCTOBER 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

The Quarterly Voters meeting was held October 13 and the regular Council meeting was held Oct. 21st. Highlights of those meetings are:

- Mary Maxwell was accepted as a new member of the Voters Assembly; Gretchen Adickes was re-instated as a member of the Assembly.
- Sunday School has had several sessions with one student in attendance. We are prepared to offer Sunday School whenever children come to worship.
- Young adults will meet Nov. 13th to discuss program plans for 2025.
- Skip McFadden has resigned as head elder; Wendell Robson will serve as head elder.
- Treasurer reported the income deficit for 3rd quarter was negative (\$4,532). For the first 3 quarters our budget deficit is negative (\$9,135).
- Requests for the 2025 budget should be submitted to the Treasurer by November 2nd.
- The Voters Budget meeting was re-scheduled to Dec. 1st.

- Elders suggest moving the Fish Fry to February because October is so busy. The family sponsoring the Fish Fry will be asked if they will continue to do that.
- LWML Rally Oct. 19th had 27 in attendance. District Retreat is scheduled for January 24-26 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Phoenix.
- Tempe Elementary School is asking for more volunteers for their Pen Pal program; see announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.
- LWML District grant to La Mesa of \$7900 will be awarded in November.
- La Mesa is averaging 125 for dinner and 50 for worship.
- Braille has finished 4 complete large print Bibles.
- Cyndi Calender and Donna Evans were elected to be the delegate and alternate respectively to the LCMS PSD convention in July 2025.
- Highland games to be held Nov. 24th.
- Blessing of the Animals January 18th.
- Our tech crew, Dakota and Don, need additional people to be trained in streaming the worship services.
- Chosen nights will move to Wednesdays twice per month beginning Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 with Working Adult ministry bible studies Wednesdays on alternate weeks.
- Michelle Nedry has offered to help us learn how to start a GriefShare ministry. Pastor is looking for someone to take ownership of that ministry with him.
- Besides the Congregation Christmas potluck and party Dec. 22nd, a Paint & Sip event may be offered, perhaps on a Sunday afternoon.
- Pastor is also looking at offering a Blue Christmas event.
- Hurricane relief door offerings to continue for several weeks. Offerings to be split equally between the LCMS SE District and the LCMS Georgia/Florida District.

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

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – No Report

NOVEMBER 2024, STEWARDSHIP NEWSLETTER REPORT

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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We have spent \$570 of the \$770 that was collected for Justa Center. Things purchased were 5 pkgs. toilet paper, 5 cans coffee, chicken noodle cups, beef noodle cups, 6 jugs liquid laundry detergent, 50# of sugar. We also bought 3 XL cans chili beans, 3 XL cans pinto beans, 2 pkgs Rotel diced tomatoes w/chilies and 10 pkgs large flour tortillas for breakfast burritos for the people. Also 6 XL cans Sausage and Gravy and 4 Large packages Hawaiian Rolls also to be served for Biscuit and Gravy breakfasts. We will contact them again in December to see what they need then to use up the remaining \$200 that was collected in the Sept. drive.

Our committee will be meeting with Pastor Tim and Don Schumm on Tuesday, Oct. 29th to discuss the amount we will need for the budget of this newly formed committee.
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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!**

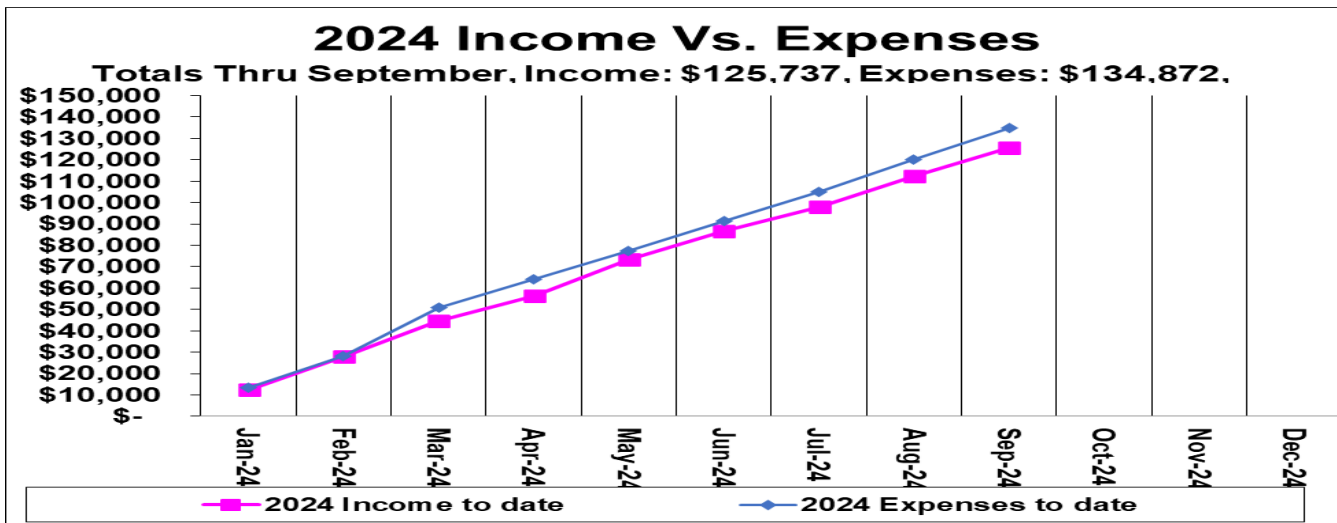
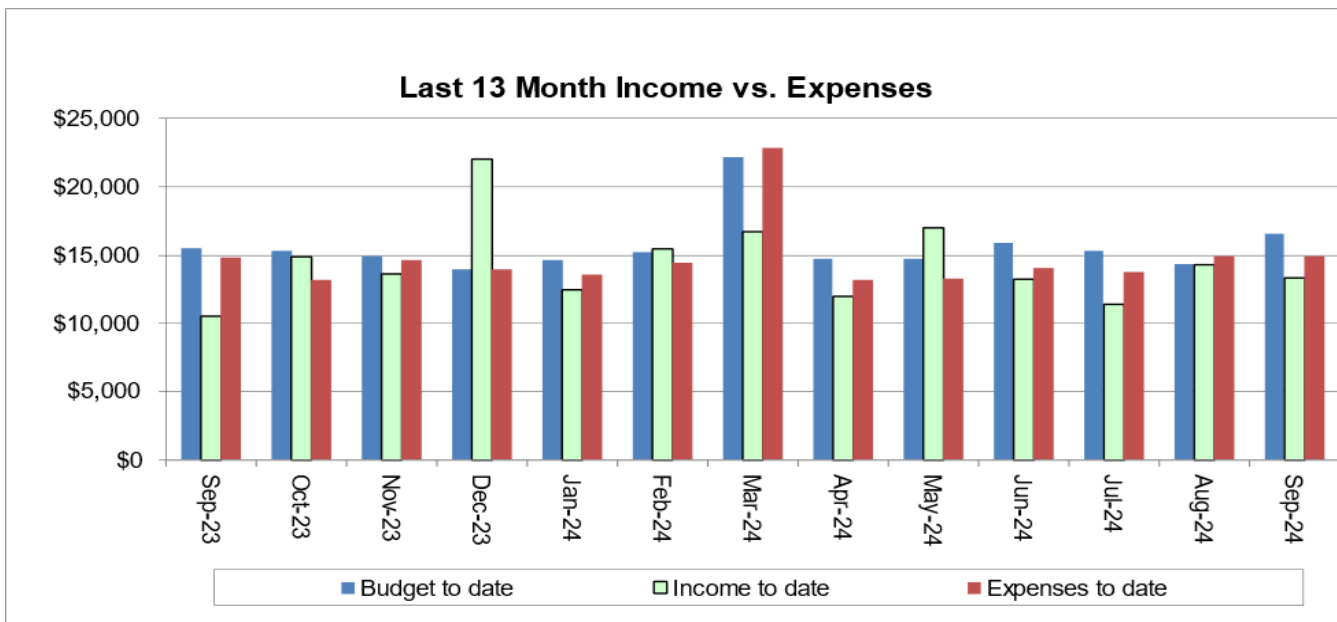
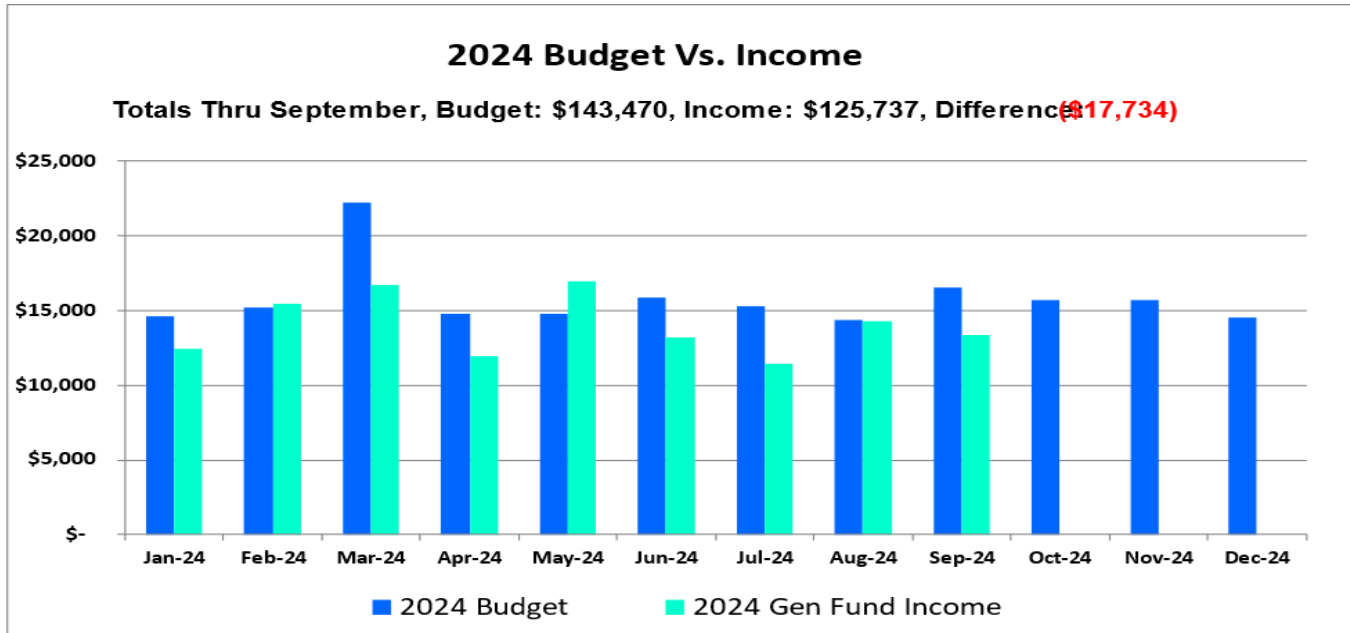
**The Board of Stewardship encourages you to take advantage of this easy way to
earn funds for BSLC.**

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.

Congregation Potluck and Christmas Party, Sunday December 22nd, after worship service. We will host a potluck dinner and invite congregation members to bring their favorite dish to share. the fellowship offering will be used to support our LWML activities. We will also have a gift exchange. Please save the date to enjoy some fellowship together.

Pacific SW District Women's Retreat is January 24-26, 2025 at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel. The theme is 'Rejoice in Hope and Joy' with speakers Dr. Kari Vo and Debbie Okubo. Go to <https://www.psdlwml.org/2025-women-s-retreat> for registration and hotel information. The registration fee is \$200 which includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner and free parking. Scholarships are available for the retreat. Registration deadline is January 5, 2025. The hotel is \$169.00 per night. For more information, contact Sandra Wardwell.

La Mesa Update

La Mesa attendance in October averaged 131 for the meal and 37 for the worship service.

We will be collecting blankets and umbrellas for Thanksgiving. Please bring your donations to the church by Nov. 24th.

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Sandra Wardwell, s.wardwell@asu.edu

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Thankful For Both

Pastor Tim Anderson

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess. 5:16-18 ESV)

To say that the last couple of weeks and months have been filled to the brim in my life would be an understatement, between conferences, trainings, church events, worship services, and everything that comes from adopting two kids out of foster care, my life has been full. Full in the most beautiful way, but full none the less. People keep asking me how I am doing, and I keep responding that I am beautifully overwhelmed. God has filled my life to the brim.

Yet, as these beautiful and amazing things happen for me personally, pastorally the last few weeks have been tremendously difficult. Our congregation is going through a significant season of grief and loss, and we have had to say goodbye to brothers and sisters in Christ this fall again and again and again. God in his mercy has called home Joe Carlin, Jim McWilliams, Darlene Haynes, Kathryn Odle, and Jana Shields and that's just our members and former members. Many of you have also lost family members, coworkers, friends and more. It's been heavy, and I can feel it when we gather for worship, maybe you can too.

And yet, as we have been gathering for worship, God continues to bring new life to Beautiful Savior. Four people joined our congregation on Oct. 27th and we hope that more will join before the end of the year. We are looking to start up Bible studies for Working adults and young adults. We are reaching out further and better on social media than we ever have and we have Dakota Meeks to thank for it. God is on the move, he is calling us to be thankful for all he is doing, to pray without ceasing, and to rejoice always.

You might be thinking, easier said than done. I get it, really, I do. As my life has pivoted again and again to God's will and God's plan rather than my own, I have found myself sometimes feeling less than Thankful. Instead, phrases like, "Really God?!?!" enter my head, and I shout "WHY! WHY! WHY!" when I don't like what is happening or what God is doing or allowing. I'll admit that when bad news comes, my first move is not always to thank God in prayer. Often instead, I tend to speak a word that should not be spoken.

But this month, culturally we focus on celebrating and being thankful for the things we have. But, as Christians maybe we can take it further than we might normally take it. Maybe this month, we can give thanks in all circumstances. Maybe we can be thankful for this nation we live in as one more political ad plays on our television and as this election cycle comes to an end. Maybe we can be thankful for all those willing to run for political offices, regardless of party. Maybe we can be thankful for the relatives we don't enjoy spending time with. Maybe we can be thankful for not just the joys of our lives but also the hardships and what they show us about our nature and about God's nature.

Can we be thankful for our past? For every moment, every person, every page? From our worst teachers, for our least favorite jobs, for that person you just never could get along with. And we can be thankful for the moments that when we look back on them put a smile on our face.

Can we be thankful for our present realities? Where God has us right now, right here. With air in our lungs. With bills left to pay. With classes and exams, or soccer games and youth sports, or with doctors' appointments, bible studies, braille workers and SAM group meetings. With coworkers and crazy family members. With grief still raw and new like you have never known. With whatever you deal with in day-to-day life, give thanks. God is in this moment, and he is still leading us together, in community, towards our eternal home.

Can we be thankful for the future? The hope and the knowledge that there is still so much to come. That Hope will not and does not let our story end. Now that's not Hope for Hope's sake, but Hope in Christ. Hope in the Word made flesh who dwells among us so that one day we will dwell with him. Hope for a future where all that was lost will be found. Hope for the day when elections will be over, because we the elected, will be with our king. Hope because on that day, we will see all those who have gone before us in faith again. We won't need to remember them by placing candles in the baptismal font, because they like us will be standing next to the river of life.

And can we give grace to each other as we go. The church year is coming to a close and soon we will begin our advent watch again. But as we do, we ¹⁵ *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.* ¹⁶ *Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.* ¹⁷ *Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.* ¹⁸ *If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.* (Romans 12:15-18) Let's meet one another where we are with mercy, grace and hope. Let's laugh and celebrate the good things that God continues to do, as we mourn and wait for all that he still promises is coming, even as we sometimes say goodbye to those we love. Let's be Thankful for Both. It's a crazy Idea. It's a Hopeful Idea. It's a Christian idea. Amen.