



## April 2011

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## Celebrate

### Holy Week



## With Us

## Maundy Thursday, April 21

Worship at 7 p.m.

## Good Friday, April 22

Worship at 7 p.m.

## Easter Sunday, April 24

Worship at 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

## Easter Breakfast

8:45 –10:15 a.m.

No Sunday school or  
adult Bible study on Easter Sunday



## Report from the Voters' Meeting

Elections were conducted at our March congregational meeting. Congratulations and God's blessings go to our newly elected officers.

**Elders:** Jeff Abrahams, Dave Eggers and Steve Thielman

**Chairman:** Brad Cogdill

**Vice Chairman:** Robert Gregerson

**Director of Evangelism:** Connie Eggers

**Director of Stewardship:** Mike Schlichtmann

The new terms begin May 1. We would like to extend thanks to those who were serving: Don Andersen, chairman; Dave Eggers, vice chairman; Chad Kraft, Brad Cogdill and Roland Barchinger, elders; and Diane Lee, stewardship director. May God bless you for all your hard work for the church.



## Confirmation April 10

Five youth will be confirmed at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 10. Please join us in prayer for these individuals as they step forward in their Christian faith. Our confirmands are:

Zachary Dathe  
Levi Leno  
Jesse Deitemeyer  
Marcus Osman  
Justin Phillips.

Also Sky Rabchenuk was confirmed earlier on Sunday, March 27. God bless all our 2011 confirmands.

## Who's in control?

PASTOR DAVE



Although we spend much time trying to stay on top of things, it is obvious that much of the time we do not have complete control. Earthquakes, floods, storms, sickness, and cancer can happen and take center stage in the life of a person, a community or even a nation. We cannot be certain of what tomorrow will bring. However, there is someone who is in control. That person is God, and He has acted through His Son in a unique way to give us hope and peace in a world where many times things seem out of control.



In April, we will conclude our journey through Lent and celebrate Easter. Our focus during this time has been on Christ and how his life impacts ours. As Jesus carried out his ministry, it was clear that He was in control. He was able to resist Satan's temptations, heal the sick, calm the storms and perform many other miracles to demonstrate that He had authority over all things. However, at the end of his life, things seemed to change.

When Jesus was arrested in the garden of Gethsemane, it appears that He lost control. He was beaten, sentenced at a trial to death and died a terrible death on the cross. To all appearances, it seemed as if evil and death were finally able to take over. However, that was not the case. On the third day, Jesus rose.

There is a resurrection, and it is that event that shouts the triumphant message that Jesus' sufferings and His sacrifice on the cross had a purpose behind them. Jesus was still in charge even when evil seemed to win. Christ allowed himself to undergo these things so that he could defeat those things which sought to gain everlasting control over us: sin, death and the power of the devil. Now, as we look to Jesus, we can rest assured that our sins will not be our downfall. They have been forgiven. Now, as we trust in Christ, Satan may trip us up, but he is not our master. Now, because of Christ's resurrection, no longer does death have the last word. No longer is the grave the ultimate end for humanity. Jesus has risen. We shall rise to a new life as well.



I encourage you to join us in worship as we once again see how God works out all things for our ultimate good.

May this hope—which comes from a Savior who has lived, died and rose again—always live within your heart.

*Pastor Dave*

## Need Help Fighting the Flood?

Please inform one of the pastors or the church office if you need help in fighting the flood or if you have any other needs. Beautiful Savior strives to be a church family who is there for others. Help is available. Please inform us if there is a concern.



## Church Parking Lot To be Rented Out

Cars, cars, cars. If you notice the church lot seems to have lots of cars parked there, you are correct. BSLC has negotiated with both the Prairie Oral dental building and Sanford to rent out parking spaces during the week. The people are suppose to park only in the southeast corner and leave the spots up by the church for school and church activities.

If you have questions or concerns about the parking situation, please call the church office or Chuck Hoge.

## Calling All Congregation Cooks for Chili Challenge on April 13



Beautiful Savior's tradition of spicing up soup and sandwich suppers continues at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, for our spring chili challenge. Cook up a pot and let our congregation vote on "best bowl." Winner will receive bragging rights and a prize.

## Palm Sunday Party Includes Easter Egg Hunt

All children from preschool to fifth grade are invited to a Palm Sunday party from noon to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, April 17. We will serve lunch between noon and 12:30 p.m. See the Palm Sunday story come alive as our youth perform a skit. The party will also include crafts, an Easter egg hunt, along with prizes and treats. Cost is \$3 for materials. Please fill out a form located in the Narthex.



## Easter Breakfast



Avoid the crowds and lines in the restaurants on Easter and come dine at Beautiful Savior for Easter breakfast. The youth will once again be offering pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and other assorted items from 8:45-10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 24, in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost, but a freewill offering will be taken to help raise money for servant events, camps and other activities. Thank you for your continued support!



## Join our 'Beary' Good VBS

Life can be a jungle out there, but this year's Vacation Bible School lets us know we are not alone. In fact, God is wild about us! "Pandamania," this year's VBS, will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. from Sunday, June 5, to Thursday, June 9. This adventure is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, and touch! Bible Point crafts, team-building games and cool Bible songs are just a few of the activities that help faith come alive into everyday life. All kids from age 4 to sixth grade may attend. Please pre-register your child for this summer adventure! Of course, we are always looking for volunteers to join the fun. If you are interested, please see Pastor Chris.



## "Crafty Good Time for the Lord" Eastern Zone LWML Spring Rally April 9

Don't just *talk* about mission work - do some mission work - right here in Fargo! Attend our Spring Rally at Grace Lutheran School, 1025 14 Ave. S., Fargo. It will start at 10 a.m. and go until 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.



- Hear about the Biblical basis for crafty service projects (otherwise known as Bible study led by Pastor Kessler).
- Learn about "African Soul, American Heart" and DO something about it, right here at the gathering today!
- Learn about and try painting Ukrainian (Psanky) Eggs. Learn about and do quilting for missions from our host ladies. Enjoy a light lunch of chicken salad, rolls and dessert.

Bring a large needle, your fabric scissors (if you're able), your sewing machine (if you're able); some flannel, thin batting, or waterproof fabric. Old diaper-changing cloths also work well.

We will also take freewill offerings for purchase of materials, postage for shipments, and ongoing LWML projects (otherwise known as mites).

## Baptisms

March 6 - Jace Lee, born Feb. 7, 2011, son of Brandon and Christina Wolf. Sponsors are Alecia & Brian Johnston.



March 13—Ahoi Goi, born Jan. 26, 2011, son of Samuel G. Majak and Mary Kuei Garang. Sponsor is Elijah Maluk.

## BSLC Coffee Club



BSLC members are meeting at 9 a.m. every Friday at Village Inn, 3140 25 St. S., Fargo. All ages are invited to come whatever Friday they can. What a great way to get to know other BSLC members!

## Quilting on Thursdays

If you are doing spring cleaning and have extra fabric or batting you want to get rid of, the quilters would love to take it off your hands. Perhaps you don't sew but want to help them out. You can come cut or tie or even give a cash donation so they can buy more batting. They have made some beautiful quilts and have donated them to various places in town. They will be meeting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 14 and 28. Stop in and see how much fun they have!



## Recycle Postage Stamps



There's always mail, so bring to the church the envelopes that have stamps on! Don't cut them—just bring in the whole envelope and put in the box outside the office. The money that is received for the stamps is used for various mission projects.

## Kitchen Circle meets April 21

The ladies will meet from 9 - 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, to spruce up the kitchen. Extra hands are always needed so stop in to help if you can.

## Graduation Plans Needed For our BSLC High School Seniors



Calling all high school seniors! BSLC would like to know what your plans will be after graduation. You can e-mail the church or leave an update in the office no later than April 20. We will be honoring our seniors on a Sunday to be named later and include your future plans in our May newsletter.

## Business Builders Lunch Noon on Friday, April 15 Basie's at the Ramada

You are invited to come hear the Word of God at a short Bible study from noon-1 p.m. on Friday, April 15, at Basie's at the Ramada in Fargo.

There's a great lunch menu to choose from and you can share ideas and thoughts with others from your jobs. This is open to anyone. Invite your co-workers and friends to come too!

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Place for  
Bible Study

## Gold Club Lunch Noon on Wednesday, April 20



Spring is a great time to renew your spirit by attending a potluck lunch at the church. This is for anyone age 55 or older or retired. Just bring your yummiest dish to share! See you there at noon on Wednesday, April 20.

## Harlan & Esther Wallum Scholarship Fund

Are you thinking about where you or your children may go for college? Consider one of our LCMS universities. Grants are available to assist youth and adults who wish to begin, continue or advance their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available from the church office.



## Japan Disaster: Long-term Needs Increase

Even as the disaster in Japan begins to fade from headlines, recovery and rebuilding will take a long time. LCMS partners in Japan are looking to us to help reach out with Christ's mercy to people suffering after the 9.0 magnitude earthquake, tsunami and subsequent nuclear power plant crisis.



By March 21, the total number of people killed or missing as a result of the March 11 disaster had climbed to 21,459, according to the National Police Agency in Japan. Some 320,000 evacuees are in shelters, also according to news reports. Radiation concerns

persist. "We are working with our Lutheran partners on the ground in Japan and preparing for a long-haul response," said Rev. John Fale, interim executive director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care (WR-HC). As of March 23, WR-HC has announced \$300,000 in grants to Japan Lutheran church bodies to meet needs. During this blessed Lenten season, LCMS President Matthew C. Harrison asks for prayers and continued financial support "as we strive to bring the help and hope of Christ to people who are hurting."

### Please help today!

- **Pray:** Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods. Please pray that Lutheran disaster response efforts touch many lives with God's hope and mercy.
- **Connect:** To learn more, visit [www.lcms.org/worldrelief](http://www.lcms.org/worldrelief) or find us on Facebook and Twitter.
- **Give:** Make a donation for Lutheran relief efforts
  - **Mail** checks (noting "Japan Disaster Relief" in the memo line) to: LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861
  - **Phone** toll-free 888-930-4438
  - **Go online** to <http://givenowlcms.org>



We invite you to  
take advantage of  
the following Bible  
Study opportunities



## Hosea: Critic and Comforter for Today

Sunday Morning Bible Study  
From 9:30—10:20 a.m.

For our Sunday morning study, we are reviewing portions of the prophet Hosea. God commanded Hosea to marry. Then the LORD draws parallels between what happened in Hosea's marriage and what happened with His relationship with the Israelites – and ultimately with us. Although this book was written about 750 years before Jesus was born, it still is of great benefit to study as we discover:

- God loves all people as His own dear children;
- All people sin; and
- God offers forgiveness, hope and new life to His children through His perfect child Jesus.

## God's Kingdom Comes with Jesus

Tuesday Evening Bible Study  
From 7-8 p.m.

As Jesus began his ministry, many people were impressed by his miracles and the way he taught. Other people saw Jesus as a threat to their way of life. Still others questioned why Jesus was not doing things differently. Questions surrounding Jesus and what it means to be His follower continue today. Through this study we will explore different portions of the Gospel of Matthew so that we might better understand what it means for Jesus to be our Savior and King.

# Hope springs eternal even when obstacles come

PASTOR CHRIS WALDVOGEL



For the baseball fanatic, hope springs eternal as a new MLB season dawns. Anything is possible. On Opening Day, each team still has an equal shot at the title. Each team has the hope of postseason glory.

For some teams, however, this hope does not last long. Cardinals fans like to joke that -- already in June -- our rivals, the Cubs, have resorted to the familiar mantra "wait until next year." Yet for Cub fans, hope springs eternal even when obstacles and disappointment come. This despite the fact that CUBS actually is an acronym: Completely Useless By September. Yet for the true fan, hope and faith persevere. That's the beauty of baseball. No matter how much your team stinks, no matter how much history of agony, pain and suffering you have endured, a new season brings renewed hope and appreciation for the beauty of our nation's pastime.

What applies to baseball also applies to our walk of faith. Hope springs eternal even when obstacles and disappointment come. The author of the Hebrews talks about persisting in the faith. He writes that many figures in the OT held onto faith and hope -- even though the promises made to them had not reached full fruition. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, David, Samuel, the prophets and others "though commended for their faith did not receive what was promised because God had provided something better for us that apart from us, they should not be made perfect," (Hebrews 11:39-40).

What the author is saying is that all the people of God throughout history have believed and hoped in the

promises of God -- even in the darkest hours and even when things seem as though God did not come through in the ways the faithful would like. Yet unlike the figures of the OT, we have the benefit of knowing God's salvation plan. We know that all promises of God find their yes in Jesus Christ.

When things get hard, when things don't make sense, when you suffer through difficulty and loss, hope always springs eternal in Jesus. And our Savior does not falter. Indeed, he has triumphed over sin, death and the power of the devil. And in faith, we accept this as true -- even as sin and death still are a part of this world.



The author of the Hebrews urges this: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him (rescuing us) endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart," (Hebrews 12:2-3).

If baseball fans can stay optimistic and supportive through a grueling 162-game marathon, so too can the faithful "run with perseverance the race marked out for us." After all, in any given season, our favorite team is likely to fall short of the ultimate prize. But for Christians, we run the life of faith KNOWING that our savior has won and guaranteed the prize for us. That is why -- even amid obstacles and loss, our hope springs eternal and our hope is sure to be rewarded.

*Pastor Chris*

## Summer Fun at Lutheran Camp

Grow in your faith while having fun at one of several camps during the summer held at Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, MN, or Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads in St. John, ND. Camps are available for all ages from age 3 to high school. Several weeks are also set aside for family to go camping together. In addition to the regular activities at Bible camps, programs include kayaking trips, fishing, horse, performing arts, or young scientist camps and more are available!

Scholarships are available for those wishing to attend. For more information, pick up a brochure or see Pastor Chris. You can also check out more on their websites: [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org) or [sher@utma.com](mailto:sher@utma.com).



## April Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, April 6 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Destination Unknown

Wednesday, April 13 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – “Tru U”

Wednesday, April 20 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Destination Unknown



### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Sunday, April 17 – Palm Sunday Party** All children from preschool to fifth grade are invited to a Palm Sunday party from noon to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, April 17. We will serve lunch between noon and 12:30 p.m. See the Palm Sunday story come alive as our youth perform a skit. The party will also include crafts, an Easter egg hunt, along with prizes and treats. Cost is \$3 for materials. Please fill out a form located in the Narthex.



**Wednesday, April 27 – Youth Movie Night** – All junior and senior high youth are invited to join us for pizza and a movie from 6-9 p.m.

**Friday, April 29 through Saturday, April 30 – Junior High Gathering in The Cities.**

All seventh- and eighth-graders should plan to attend this special weekend at Concordia St. Paul that includes Bible studies, team building, speakers, carnival games, movies and more. Cost is \$50. Please fill out a registration form and turn into Pastor Chris by Wednesday, April 6.



**SURPRISE!** **Sunday, May 1 – Special Sunday School Day.** Families, please make sure that your children attend Sunday School May 1 as we will have a special surprise for all the kids.

**Sunday, May 1 – Senior High Progressive Dinner Party.** Take time out for a tour of culinary delights. Our journey begins at the church with an appetizer buffet at 4 p.m. followed by several courses at homes around Fargo. We will end around 7:30 p.m. so that there is plenty of time to finish homework!

### Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

**Saturday, April 9 – Great Plains Food Bank.** Help serve the community by joining our group of volunteers from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9, at the Great Plains Food Bank, 1720 3rd Ave. N., Fargo. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.



**Sunday, April 24 – Easter breakfast.** Join the youth in helping to serve a hearty meal to our congregation between 8:45 and 10:15 a.m. Please arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. if you plan to help. All proceeds go toward our Youth Group.

**Ongoing – Meals/Snacks at Gladys Ray Shelter:** All junior and senior high youth and their families can help battle homelessness and its effects in the F-M area. We need volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for residents at the Gladys Ray Shelter, 1519 First Ave. N in Fargo. On the third Sunday of the month, a few families should coordinate to make a meal for the residents. Every other week, we would like two families to make two dozen bars for the residents. All food should be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or see Pastor Chris for more information.



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## Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon Friday

Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday: 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month.

## CHURCH STAFF

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