



# ENLIGHTEN

Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

March 2016

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**Palm Sunday Party, March 20**  
1-3 p.m. (See page 7).

**Maundy Thursday, March 24**  
7 p.m. Worship

**Good Friday, March 25**  
7 p.m. Worship

**Easter Sunday, March 27**  
8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship

Easter Breakfast from 9 -10:30 a.m.

**No Sunday school or Bible study on March 27.**



## A Reality Beyond Our Mortal Vision: Psalms and the Touch of Grace

We continue our 7 p.m. Wednesday Lenten worship with focus on the Psalms.

Wednesday, Mar. 2	Lent 4	Psalm 121	"God Never Sleeps"
Wednesday, Mar. 9	Lent 5	Psalm 118:22-29	"A Staggering Reversal"
Wednesday, Mar. 16	Lent 6	Psalm 45	"The King's Marriage"



## Beautiful Savior's Day of Prayer

8 a.m.- noon on Saturday, March 19

God invites us to call on Him, and He promises to hear and answer our prayers in His own time and in His own way. We are setting aside a special day and invite you to pray in our sanctuary. We are hoping that someone will be praying all the time that morning. To accomplish this, we are inviting people to sign up for 15-minute prayer intervals—as individuals, couples or families. Materials for prayer and devotional thoughts will be available for those who desire to use them. Special prayer requests also will be made available so you can pray for the needs and joys of others. If you have something that you would like to have others pray for, fill out a request form. It will be located right next to the guest book.



**OUR MISSION**  
is to share  
God's message,  
to grow in our  
faith, to love and  
serve others.

## Victory in Jesus

by Pastor Chris

As a native St. Louisan, I have cheered for the Rams since their move to the Gateway City in 1994. But the last decade has been exceptionally brutal for fans of the beleaguered franchise.

To begin with, the Rams have not had a winning season since 2003. 2003!

Since 2007, the team's record has sputtered along at 42-101-1 for an aching low .292 winning percentage.

But what hurt most of all is that for the second time in my life, my home city has bid farewell to its football team. It's a shame, really. It hurt when the Cardinals left for Arizona in 1987. Now St. Louis finds itself a "deleagured" NFL city once again.

It's amazing how a sports team can galvanize people and create a commonality. That is undeniable. But for what? It's just a game.

What's really at stake?

Maybe this move is a true blessing. Instead of feeling compelled to follow an NFL team on Sunday as if my life depended on it, I am confident that there are a lot better things to think about. After all, our life in this world and in the world to come depends on the lovingkindness of our God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In him, we have a community to which we are united, tied and connected. More importantly, in Christ we have a meaningful victory we can celebrate and that will affect us directly.

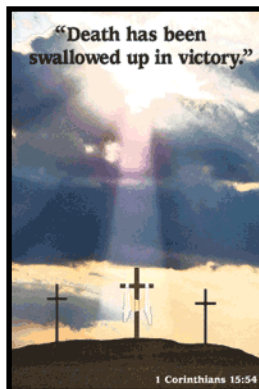
After all, our Lord did not just win some meaningless game. He defeated sin, death and the power of the devil. He made sinners into saints by the forgiveness of sins. He came alive from the grave. He shattered the devil's power by taking all sin and punishment upon himself.

Paul writes in 1 Cor. 15: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet."

That truly is a victory worth celebrating. That promise and hope truly galvanizes people. And we celebrate this victory together every week in the divine service!

Because of Jesus victory, you have eternal life and an everlasting place within God's kingdom and among His saints. Enjoy the NFL if that is your thing. But remember: No single game win or super bowl title can deliver what God has given you in Christ. May your Sundays reflect that.

*Pastor Chris*



## Bible Studies

### "Blessed are the Peacemakers"

9:40 a.m. Sundays

We have the responsibility to serve as peacemakers, as ambassadors of reconciliation. In our Sunday morning Bible study, we will be going through a study put out by *Ambassadors of Reconciliation*. Join us as we seek to learn, live and cultivate lifestyles that deal with conflict in healthy ways.

### Tuesday Evening Bible Study

We will be concluding the Bible Study on the 10 Commandments at the beginning of March. After that, we will begin a new study. We invite you to join us at 7 p.m. Tuesday evenings for these informative and uplifting classes.

### Discovery Class (New Members)

You are still welcome to attend our new member class that meets at 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the church. Come to refresh your knowledge about our teachings or find out more about our beliefs. Questions? Talk to one of the pastors or call 293-1047.

## LWML News

Calling all ladies of BSLC: our March LWML meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17. A light green meal will be provided. Why not attend our meeting and find out more about the LWML and their mission projects?

On Saturday, April 2, the LWML Spring Zone event will be held at St. John's Lutheran, Hillsboro. Our mission activity will involve packing food for Mercy Meals. If you would like to attend, talk to Mary Seiffert or Maggie Stende. Rides and departure times can be figured out.

## Confirmation Prayer Partners Still Needed

BSLC keeps their confirmation students in their prayers. It's nice if each student has their own special prayer partner. With our large confirmation classes, we are still in need of a few people (men or women) to take a student under their "prayer" wing. An information sheet on the student will be given to you, and you can pray for them, leave encouragement cards or small gifts for your student. Please talk to Mary Seiffert if you could help out.

## March Service Group

Kay Osman is our captain for the month of March. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters O-R. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with a funeral or other events. Thanks for your support.

Our April group is S with Maggie Stende as captain.

## Meet and Greet Your Elders

Our current elders are Paul, Asche, David Anderson, Matthew Deardoff, Nathan Gannon, Craig Hashbarger, Adam Tykwinski and Steve Thielman. On Thursday, March 3, you have the chance to meet with an elder and talk about your needs or joys for the church.

Meeting times are offered between 3 and 8:30 p.m. All families are encouraged to sign up and attend. Call the office for a time that works for you.

## Order Your Easter Flowers

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on which you can order flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones for Easter. Easter lilies are \$10; begonias, kalanchoe, cyclamen and mums are \$15 each. Checks are to be made out to the LWML. Orders must be in by March 14.



## Women's Bible Study

9 a.m. Thursdays starting Mar. 17

Our Thursday morning Bible study will resume on Thursday, Mar. 17, with a new study. We invite all women to join us. We meet at 9 a.m. at the church. Questions? Call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891.

## Become a Greeter at Church

Please consider becoming a greeter at BSLC. Sign-up sheets for March are in the narthex. You can also let the office or Jean Berard (532-0245) know you can help. It's a great way to get involved with the church and get to know other members. Thank you to those who have signed up.

## Potluck Lent Soup and Sandwich Suppers

You are invited to join us for our soup and sandwich suppers starting at 6 p.m. each Wednesday, and stay for worship. Bring sandwiches, soups or treats to share if you are able. Our service groups will do the set-up and clean-up for the Lent soup and sandwich suppers. Please help your service group captain if you can. The groups and dates of service are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
March 2	Kim Wagner	T-Z
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	
March 16	Donna Ceroll	A-Bo

**Note group change for March 9 and 16.**



## Baptisms

Feb. 20: Ryker Edwin Sherod, son of Christopher Sherod and Elizabeth Ford, born Jan. 30, 2016.

Feb. 21: Harper JoElaine Clasen, daughter of Nicholas Clasen and Rachel Manthey, born Oct. 4, 2015. Her sponsors were Ben Clasen, Kayla Tommerdahl and Beth Clasen.



## Deaths

Jan. 30: Donald Stout. His funeral was at BSLC on Saturday, Feb. 6. He leaves his wife, Mildred; five children, including Diane Berggren; nine grandchildren, including Dawn Thompson; 13 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. Burial was at Crookston, MN.

Feb. 6: Earl Behrens. His funeral was at BSLC on Friday, Feb. 12. He leaves his wife, Dora; one son and three daughters; four step-grandchildren; four step-great grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters. Burial was at Moorhead Memorial Gardens, Moorhead, MN.

## Praying for Others in Bulletin

Please remember to update the office on your prayer petition in our announcements. Prayer requests give all our church members a chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears our prayers at all times.



## BSLC Coffee Club

Every Friday, BSLC members gather at 9 a.m. at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. Take time to get to know other BSLC members. This is for both men and women of any age.

## Please Save Your Used Stamps

Please continue to bring in your used stamps, and place them in the drawer marked stamps by the LWML kiosk.

## Christian Chicks Bookclub

Our Christian Bookclub now has an official name of Christian Chicks Bookclub. We also offer a closed group Facebook page under the same name.

Our book this month will be "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate.

Our next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, March 28. We will meet at the Cork and Cleaver, Fargo. If you have questions, please e-mail ChickBC16@gmail.com.

## Quilting

Quilting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 10 and 24. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you would like to share and your sewing machine, if possible. This is open to all ages. Even non-sewers can be kept busy. Come for an hour, or stay all day!

## Gold Club Wednesday, March 16 Potluck and Ash Wednesday Worship

Are you not sure what Gold Club is? It's a chance for those older than 55 and/or retired to get together and socialize over a good potluck meal. If you've not come before, just bring a dish to share and meet in the fellowship hall at noon Wednesday, March 16. Bring a spouse, a friend or just come yourself.

## Save Labels and Box Tops

Please continue to save Campbell's and General Mills Box Tops for Education, My Coke Rewards points from bottle caps and box codes, SunMart and Family Fare receipts, Our Family brand bar codes and Cash Wise education points from the bottom of the receipt. There is a collection bin next to the office in the narthex, or you can drop them off at Grace Lutheran School, 1025 14th Ave. S., in the front hallway. Thank you.

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# The Importance of Preparation

by Pastor Dave

You find people preparing for upcoming things everywhere and all the time. Students prepare for tests by reviewing the materials that they have studied. At work, people prepare for upcoming projects or jobs that need to be done. Musicians and actors rehearse and prepare for upcoming performances. We are at the time of the year called March Madness. It is when basketball and hockey tournaments are played. In order to do well, coaches and players need to prepare. Even before we eat, food usually has to be prepared.

Preparation is everywhere, and it is important. In March, we will once again observe the passion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the reason why he came to earth; his whole life was leading up to this event. But before Jesus' arrest, torture and crucifixion, he prepared himself. That's right – he prepared himself for the struggle that would take place by going to the garden of Gethsemane and praying. He told his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray...My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here and watch with me," (Matt. 26: 36, 38).

When Jesus asked his disciples to "watch," he was speaking about preparation. When he said, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation" (Matthew 26:41), he acknowledged that prayer can prepare you for what lies ahead. What was true back then is also true today.



As God comes to us through His Word and Sacraments, we respond by going to Him with our prayers. As the Lord speaks words of encouragement, admonition, hope and promise to us, we reply by sharing our joy, thanksgiving and concerns with him. And this can only help us get ready for what lies ahead of us in our lives.

There are different ways that you can look at prayer. I would encourage you to also include prayer as a great way to prepare yourself. In our prayers, we confess that God is the one who is ultimately working out all things for our good. We ask for daily bread, and the Lord gives us more than we need. Prayer can help us open our eyes and see all the good things that God has done for us. This can help us to be more grateful and joyous in our daily lives.

Prayer also can prepare us not only for the good that comes and will come our way, but also for the trials that will come. We do not live in heaven yet. Temptations and trials will come our way. Nevertheless, we can get ready for what comes ahead by going to God in prayer. The blessing of this is that we have a God who is willing and able to help us in every time of need.

There is no one right way to pray. Our heavenly Father encourages us to come to Him in prayer. Prepare yourself for what life may bring to you by going to God in prayer.

My prayers and thoughts are with you!

*Pastor Dave*

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## Tuition Assistance for Children Attending Grace Lutheran School

Beautiful Savior has tuition funds to help parents send their children to Grace Lutheran School. The assistance forms are available in the church office. If you are requesting assistance, you are asked to sign a covenant agreement. Talk to either pastor if you have any questions. The deadline for submitting the application is April 15.

## Special Donation for Fell Family

Thank you for all your donations for Addison, Clay and Becky. More than \$2,400 was collected for the family to help with medical bills.

## Memorials

Don Stout (Diane Berggren's dad)  
Loretta Swanson

Earl Behrens  
Ed & Carol Herrmann



## Election of New Church Officers

Are you being called? BSLC is looking for nominations for officers. At our upcoming April voters' meeting, elections will be held for the following positions:

Director of Properties  
Director of Christian Education  
Elder positions

LeAnn Herrmann is chairman of the nominating committee. If you would like to serve or know of someone who might serve well in one of these positions, please contact LeAnn at 318-1360 or Pastor Dave at 293-1047.

## Christ in the Passover at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Amy E. Moore, with Jews for Jesus, will answer that question as she presents "Christ in the Passover" at St. Andrew Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 25. You'll gain wonderful insights on how the pieces of God's plan of salvation fit together, and you'll remember this visual display of the Passover pageantry for years to come. Join us for "Christ in the Passover" from Egypt to Calvary to what it means for us today. Call 282-4195 or visit <http://www.standrewlcms.org> for more information. There is no charge. Our Good Friday worship service will follow the presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## Concordia Seminary Admissions Officer in Area April 5-6

You are invited to meet with Rev. Daniel Eggold, admissions officer at Concordia Seminary, to discuss seminary education and the path to becoming a pastor or deaconess. Please contact Rev. Eggold at 314-505-7224 or [eggoldd@csl.edu](mailto:eggoldd@csl.edu) to schedule an appointment. You also are welcome just to stop in. Rev. Eggold will be at Immanuel Lutheran from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 and at St. Andrew Lutheran from 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, April 6.

## Grace Lutheran School News

There will be an all-school open house from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3. A new preschool class has been added this year for 3-to-4 year olds. Gale Sharp will be the teacher.

The geography and art fair also will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3. Everyone is welcome to come and see all the students' projects.

Be sure to buy your ticket now for the Grace Lutheran school dinner and auction. Tickets are \$50. You can purchase them at the school. The event will take place at the Ramada Plaza Suite, starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 12.



*God's Grace*  
Grace Lutheran School  
*Dinner & Auction*  
Saturday, March 12, 2016  
Ramada Plaza Fargo  
Crystal Ballroom

Social & Silent Auction 5:00 pm  
Dinner 6:30 pm  
Live Auction 8:00 pm  
Tickets: \$50/person  
Reserve your tickets today by calling 701-232-7747

If you are unable to attend but would like to help sustain the mission of Grace Lutheran School, please contact us at 1025 14th Avenue South in Fargo or email us at [glraub@gracesls.com](mailto:glraub@gracesls.com).

  
1025 14th Avenue South in Fargo, ND 58103  
March 12 is Saturday  
Must be 18 to attend



## Palm Sunday Party is March 20

On Palm Sunday, we will celebrate Jesus riding into Jerusalem as the Messiah and long-awaited King! All children from preschool to fifth grade are invited to a Palm Sunday party from 1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 20. The party will include crafts, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and treats. Cost is \$4 for materials. Please fill out a form located in the narthex.



## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Crossfire, our youth praise band, will practice on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. on March 6, 13, and 20. Questions? Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

## Summer Bible Camps

It's not too early to think about registering for summer camps for your children. Most camps offer an early registration discount. There are brochures in the narthex or go to the camp websites for more information. Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads website is [shretreat.org](http://shretreat.org). It is located by the Peace Gardens. Lutheran Island Camp website is [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org). It is located on East Battle Lake, MN.

## March Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

**Wednesday, Mar. 2** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, Mar. 9** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, Mar. 16** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, Mar. 23** - No LYF - Holy Week

**Wednesday, Mar. 30** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5: Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat.** All students in grades eight through 12 can get refreshed in their faith during the ND District Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat in Carrington. We will leave on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. and return around 7 p.m. on Saturday. Activities include teen-led growth sessions, devotions, concerts, a junk food buffet and some meals. Cost is \$75. Please also bring enough money for dinner on Friday and Saturday. Please fill out a form and turn into Pastor Chris.



**Friday, March 18 – “Mystery Night” for Junior High.** All junior high students are invited for a night of fun from 8 p.m. to midnight. The evening will include “Giant Games,” “Mystery Boxes,” scavenger hunt, a Bible study, games, music and an ice cream bar. The cost is \$5 per person. Fill out a form and return to Pastor Chris.

### **Youth Serving Soup and sandwich supper March 9**

All youth and their families are invited to bring soup, sandwiches, hot dish or desserts for our Lenten supper from 6-6:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 9. A free-will offering will be taken with all proceeds supporting youth planning to attend the National Youth Gathering and other assorted youth events.

### **Youth serving Easter breakfast between services March 27**

In addition to celebrating the risen Christ's Easter victory by receiving His gifts in Word and Sacrament, embrace your Lutheran roots by joining in a fellowship meal. The youth will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken with all proceeds supporting youth planning to attend the National Youth Gathering and other assorted youth events.



# BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
9 a.m. - noon Friday

Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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

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T-Z	Steve Thielman	218-820 7604

## Other Volunteers

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