



# ENLIGHTEN

Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

**April 2017**

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## Easter Is Victory In Christ

by Pastor Chris

What is it about Easter?

The bright colors and vivid textures from the flowers adorning the Sanctuary?

The vibrant music, swelling with the joy we have?

The winter journey winding down into the promised warmth and shine of spring?

Crisp, new clothes that put a spring into our step?

The anticipation of family gathering as we share stories and create new memories?

A combination of all these blessings gives an adequate answer. But we must not forget that Easter celebrates the victory of our Lord against sin, death, the devil. And Christ's victory means our victory because it includes a restored relationship between a perfect, just and Holy God and broken, lost sinners.

For many of us, Easter shines as the crown jewel in our year-long worship; It highlights time spent each week in an abundant outpouring of God's gifts: The Holy Spirit, forgiveness of sins, strength in our faith and mutual consolation and encouragement of our church family.

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## Palm Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday Party 1-3 p.m.

## Maundy Thursday, April 13

Worship at 7 p.m.

## Good Friday, April 14

Worship at 7 p.m.

## Easter Sunday, April 16

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

## Pastoral Calls

- Beautiful Savior called our two Sudanese vicars to be assistant pastors. See page 5 for more information.
- Pastor Dave received a call to serve as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bellingham, Washington. He, along with his wife, Kim, will let the congregations know their decision by the middle of April.

## Easter Is (continued from page 1).

For some, however, Easter might be the only time this year spent in God's presence.

Don't worry; I'm not going to lecture you. But I do mean it when I say we miss you, and so does God. You see, coming to church only sporadically means you miss a lot of celebrating and gift-giving throughout the year. After all, each Sunday is an Easter celebration, a grounded rejoicing that the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ brings a hope and joy that nothing else in this world can match.

Our worldly, wandering hearts often like to leave worship at the bottom of our to-do list. But hearing the word is the only cure for apathy to the word. Law and Gospel is the only solution for an unrepentant heart. Receiving God's Holy Spirit is the only answer to a faith headed out the door.

I love Easter, and I pray you will be spending part of it in worship with us here at Beautiful Savior. But I hope you will join us for the other celebrations held throughout the year. Every time people gather around Word and Sacrament (every time!) God himself comes down, abiding and dwelling with His redeemed and beloved people. You would be correct in saying it's heaven on earth. That gives us Easter joy and hope all throughout the year and throughout our lives.

Have a blessed Easter!

*Pastor Chris*



## Potluck Suppers During Lent

BSLC offers a soup and sandwich supper before our Lenten worship from 6-6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5. You are invited to bring soups, sandwiches or desserts. Group S, with captain Maggie Stende, will do the set-up and clean-up. Thanks for your help.

## Bible Studies

### 9:40 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study "The Way of Jesus"

Jesus called his disciples to "follow me." Yet even before the promised Savior was born, there were centuries of men and women who lived by faith and walked in the way of righteousness. In our Sunday morning Bible study, we see how Old Testament people anticipated Christ's coming and how we are God's people given a mission to do. We invite you to join us in the fellowship hall between worship services.

### 7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study "Interpreting the Prophecy"

To someone sitting in the quiet of their home, the book of Revelation often presents difficulties and brings perplexities. Some people dismiss the book of Revelation as nonsense. Others in the church have used this book to feed their fevered dreams. But it did not originate as a book to be dismissed, coolly pondered or as food to feed the dreams of idle people. It is the cry of victory raised for the cause of Christ when the cause of Christ seemed doomed. Revelation is a letter addressed to Christians experiencing trials and difficulties because of their faith. It is written so that God's people can live each moment in joy and confidence no matter what happens in this world because we know that Jesus Christ rules all things now and forever. Its message is still relevant for us today. Join us on Tuesdays as we explore this important book of the Bible.

### Women's Bible Study "Women of the Old Testament"

**6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays  
Starting April 20 and 24**

They were ordinary people. Most would not make headlines in any other history book but God's. Yet the women of the Old Testament made critical choices that led to extraordinary outcomes. Through faith and strong character, they rescued their families, led people out of bondage, gave birth to kings and even saved a nation. As you explore with author Gladys Hunt the stories of twelve Old Testament women, you will come to understand the far-reaching consequences of your own everyday choices and actions. This study meets Monday evenings or Thursday mornings, so come when you are able. There is no need to sign up for this study.

## Easter Flowers For Loved Ones

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for ordering flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones for Easter. Easter lilies are \$10 and begonias, kalanchoe, cyclamen and mums are \$15 each. Checks are to be made out to the LWML. Flower orders will be taken until April 5.

## “Love Stitches”

### LWML Eastern Zone Spring Event

Beautiful Savior LWML will host the LWML Spring Eastern Zone Event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 22. Their servant event will be making fleece tie blankets. The blankets will be made by hand, sharing our love and given to babies in need through the Linus Project. You can read more about the Linus Project through their website [projectlinus.org](http://projectlinus.org).



If you would like to donate to this project, visit the blanket display set outside room 101. Checks can be written to LWML with “Love Stitches” in the memo line. Contributions can be left in the LWML box set on this display table. Thanks for your help.

## Loose Change” Will Be April 30

Sunday, April 30, is the fifth Sunday of the month, designated “Loose Change Sunday.” Please bring your loose change and mite boxes to church. The funds will be used for our North Dakota and national mission projects. Every penny helps! Visit <http://www.ndlwml.org/> to learn more.

## Addresses Needed For Our Military or College Students

Do you have a loved one in the military far from home or on active duty?

Perhaps you have a college student who would love to get mail. BSLC would like to reach out to all of them with cards or letters. The church also would like to offer prayers for them.

Please let the office know by April 24 their names and addresses, as well as the time frame in which they will be living at that address. The office e-mail is [office@bslcfargo.org](mailto:office@bslcfargo.org).

## New Church Officers

Listed below are the new church officers elected on March 5.

Elders: Terry Stegman and Mike Sellden

Chairperson: Denise Doeling

Vice Chairperson: LeAnn Herrmann

Director of Evangelism: Tim Deitemeyer

Director of Stewardship: Jennifer Krause

RR Lutheran School Board: Kim Persoon

Please keep our new officers in your prayers. Installation will be held on Sunday, May 7.

A big thank you to those stepping down from their church positions:

Steve Thielman, Scott Helmer and

Glen Haekenkamp, elders;

Brad Cogdill, congregational chairman

Lori Pytlik, evangelism

Jean Berard, stewardship

Jane Thielman, RR Lutheran School Board

Thank you for all you have done for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

## Confirmation Sunday April 30

Thirteen youth from our congregation will be confirmed at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 30. Please join us in prayer for these individuals as they step forward in their journey of Christian faith. Our confirmands are:

Payton Asche	Isaac Berglind
Courtney Carlson	Taylor Ensrud
Addy Fell	Allison Gaber
Elizabeth Krause	Hannah Reichenbach
Samuel Steinke	Abby Tykwinski
Macy Weible	Reegan Weitnauer
Brooklyn Wiest	

## Your Time is Needed Sundays

Help is needed with running the PowerPoint, ushering and counting the offering each week. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Please consider taking time on a Sunday to help out.



## Baptisms

March 26-Bridget Solveig Kubista, daughter of Adam and Sarah Kubista, born Feb. 28, 2017. Her sponsors were Kate Larson and Ken Larson.



## Gold Club Wednesday, April 5 With Lenten Worship

Our Gold Club potluck will meet at noon Wednesday, April 5. Our pastors will present a short Lenten devotion after our meal. Gold Club is for all BSLC members older than 55 and/or retired. Bring a dish to share and a friend.

## Quilting

Quilting will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 6 and 20. Please bring any materials you want and a sewing machine if you can. This is open to all women of the church. Bring a friend or two if you want!

## Christian Chicks Bookclub

Do you like to read Christian fiction? The next book our group will read is "Passing Strangers" by Angela Hunt. We will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the Fargo Holiday Inn.

The May book will be "If I'm Found" by Terri Blackstock.

If you have questions or want to learn more, please e-mail [ChicksBC16@gmail.com](mailto:ChicksBC16@gmail.com).

## Prayer Chain and Announcements

If you have a concern or joy and would like our prayer warriors to pray for you or others, please e-mail the office, and your prayer will be sent out on the e-mail chain. Also please e-mail updates to the office or the pastors so it can be shared with our prayer warriors.

Please let the church office know by Wednesday if you have joys or concerns to put in our weekly announcements. The petitions will run weekly until you ask to have them removed from the list. Our church members appreciate the chance to pray for our special needs and joys. Prayer is powerful.

## New Member Corner

BSLC would like to welcome two new families to our church. Please introduce yourselves to our new families and help them become involved at BSLC.

Adam and Gretchen Amundson moved here from Milwaukee, WI. They like how friendly our congregation and pastors are. They enjoy going to Devils Lake on weekends in the summer and watching hockey, especially the Minnesota Wild team. Their favorite Bible verse is Psalm 23:6 as it reminds them that no matter where life takes you, as a child of God you will be blessed in ways you may not expect.

Randy and Amanda Johnson have two children, Ava and Brayden. They appreciate all the young families at BSLC and how the church focuses on Christ-centered teaching from the Bible. The family likes to go for walks to the park, listening to music and being outside. Psalm 23 provides them much comfort in times of trial, and Proverbs 22:6 guides them with their children.

## Elder for April

Matt Deardoff is our elder for April. He will take time to greet members and visitors, help the pastors with any needs and see that things run smoothly. If you have any concerns for our church, talk to Matt or any of the elders.

## April Service Group

Diane Knutson-Lee is our captain for April. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters E-G. She will call you asking for treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Our May group will be H-K with captain Jodi Haekenkamp. Jodi and Andrea Olson (A-BO) are the new captains who have replaced Rhonda Hoge and Donna Ceroll. Thank you to both our former captains and our new captains for all they do at BSLC.

## 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.

## Winners and Losers

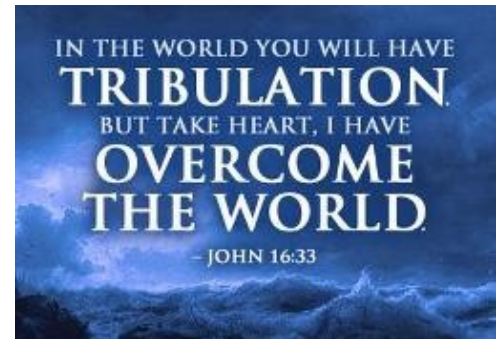
by Pastor Dave

We experience wins and losses in life. It is easy to see this in sports. Individuals or teams compete against each other to win. Because not everyone can win, there are losers. But this happens in other areas of life as well. Companies vie against each other for business. Universities compete against one another for students. Community organizations apply for grants to help them out with their work. In all these things, there are some that come out on top and others who do not.

Sometimes, when we experience a loss, it is easy to get over it. It has no lasting impact. If our team doesn't win, if our company doesn't get the contract, or if we lose some business, there is always tomorrow, another chance or next year. But what if there are no tomorrows. What if it is over?

When we talk about winners and losers in life, we must acknowledge that by ourselves we all end up losers. I say that because death will come to us all unless Jesus returns in our lifetime. But the good news is that Jesus Christ, the perfect Son of God, took a loss for us on the cross so that we might have new life. On the cross, Jesus carried all our failures with Him so that we might come out as winners trusting in Him. We know that Jesus brings with Him victory because He rose from the dead. Sin, death and the devil did not defeat Jesus. And the good news is that Jesus' victory is our victory.

Christ's victory is truly one for the ages. His victory brings hope and courage as we experience our setbacks and failures in life. Life can get you down. Thank God that we have a Savior who makes it possible for us to have the ultimate victory of everlasting life with our Lord.



*Pastor Dave*

## Two Assistant Pastor Called to Sudanese Community

At the March congregational meeting, Beautiful Savior issued a call to Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak to be assistant pastors at Beautiful Savior. Upon successful completion of their studies, they will be ordained as pastors of specialized ministries. As assistant pastors, they will be under the supervision of the senior pastor.

Daniel and Samuel have been taking online classes from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis for almost four years. They are grateful for the support that Beautiful Savior has given them. They are also overjoyed to receive calls to serve as pastors in the LCMS to the Sudanese in our community. If you have any questions about this, please visit with Pastor Dave or Pastor Chris.



## LCMS Men's Ministry-Fargo

A breakfast and Gospel-centered fellowship for men will be held from 8:45 to 11:55 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Grace Lutheran Church, 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo. Rev. Mike Giddings of Crosspointe Lutheran, will share his experiences in Kenya and how God is at work there through the efforts of congregations and individuals in the North Dakota District. He went over in January and spent ten days in the village of Othoro at one of the Project 24 Rescue Centers. Please RSVP by e-mailing [encouragement@gracefargo.org](mailto:encouragement@gracefargo.org). Thrivent Action Team Event is sponsoring this gathering.

## Rock-N-Rail Benefit for Angie Peda

A Rock-N-Rail Benefit for Angie Peda, member of Immanuel, Fargo, will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at Immanuel's Celebration Center. There will be a free-will offering spaghetti dinner, ice cream, bake sale, a silent auction and live music.

Angie, our sister in Christ and long-time Immanuel member, has been coping with advancing ALS for several years and is confined to a wheelchair. She and her husband, Ray, are in need of a rail system for their home so Angie can be moved from room to room without Ray having to lift her and for her to stay at home. Angie's strong Christian faith and positive attitude are inspirations to all who meet her. She states that ALS stands for always living with my Savior.

Donations for the silent auction may be brought to Immanuel, 1258 Broadway N. or call Pam Sommer at 232-2641 to have them picked up.

Matching funds up to \$5,000 will be available from the Lend a Hand program through Dakota Medical Foundation. Also Thrivent Choice dollars and Thrivent Action Team dollars will be used. Thanks to these wonderful groups for their help.

Cash donations can be brought to the benefit or mail a check to:

Angela Peda Benefit Fund,  
Bell Bank, 2704 Broadway N.,  
Fargo, ND 58102

Donate online at the website: [www.dmflendahand.org](http://www.dmflendahand.org), click on Benefit Events and scroll to the Angela Peda fund

Thank you to all who contribute and help the Peda family.

## Financial Workshop Series at Crosspointe Lutheran, Fargo

This spring, Crosspointe Lutheran Church will be hosting a series of free financial workshops to help families and individuals have a healthier relationship with money. Classes will be held from 7-8:15 p.m. Mondays, and each session stands alone so you can choose to come to one or all. Here are the topics and dates.

Understanding and beginning to manage debt-April 24,  
Establishing a budget-May 1,

Investing for future goals as retirement or college funds-May 8.

There will also be a session on questions to ask when choosing child care. Go to the website [www.crosspointelutheran.org](http://www.crosspointelutheran.org) under the events tab for more information.

## Grace Lutheran School News

**Theme: Trust in the Lord - Prov. 3:5**

Books make great gifts. Attend the PTL Book Fair that will be held Monday-Wednesday, April 10-12.

There will be a girls volleyball game at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11

Donuts for Dads will be from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 12.

Welcome Wednesday, is every Wednesday at Grace Lutheran School. It's an open house for prospective students. Invite your friends to spend a day at Grace and see what it's like.

The teachers and staff at Grace Lutheran wish everyone in our association a very blessed Easter as we celebrate the suffering, death and glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is in Him that we find our life!

Interested in Grace Lutheran School enrollment or financial aid? Call the school office or our principal John Hagge at 232-7747 or go to our website at [www.gracelutheranschool.org](http://www.gracelutheranschool.org). We never want financial questions to stand in the way of a great education.

## 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, Minnesota.

## Harlan and 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 or continue their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available in the church office.

## VBS Planning Meeting April 10

Although summer seems far away, it already is time to start planning for Vacation Bible School. Anyone interested in helping to plan for this event may attend a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, April 10. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to Bobbi Hestdalen or Pastor Chris.

## Sign Up For "Fun Factory" VBS

All kids from age 4 to sixth grade are invited to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School. "Fun Factory" aims to help curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. This year's VBS will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. from Sunday, June 4, to Thursday, June 8. 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.

## Crossfire Youth Band

Our youth praise band for students in grades 6-12 will meet at 7 p.m. Sundays, April 2, 9, 23 and 30. If you have questions, please call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

## Palm Sunday Party set for April 9

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, people celebrated the coming of the Messiah. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church will host its own celebration for kids age four through grade five from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

This year's party will include crafts, Easter egg dying, snacks, an Easter Egg hunt with prizes and the story about Palm Sunday. Cost is \$3 per child. Please pre-register if you plan to attend.

## Calling All High School Seniors: Graduation Plans and Pictures Needed

Do you have a youth that will graduate from high school in May? BSLC would like to know their future plans. Please leave an update and a picture on the church office desk or e-mail the church by April 21. A display of our high school seniors will be on the bulletin board outside the office along with a brief description of future plans. There also will be a short article on our seniors in our May newsletter. Our congregation will honor the seniors during a Sunday worship in May.

## April Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, April 5– from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship  
Wednesday, April 12 – No Lutheran Youth Fellowship - Holy Week  
Wednesday, April 19 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. LYF Night Out  
Wednesday, April 26 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. No Lutheran Youth Fellowship

### Upcoming Servant Events

**Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday Party:** All kids in grades 7-12 can help bring the Palm Sunday story to life from 1-3 p.m. April 9 during our Palm Sunday Party. We need group leaders and people to help direct activities. Please arrive at 12:30 p.m. for set-up. Please e-mail Pastor Chris at [pastorchrisbslc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorchrisbslc@gmail.com) or give him a call at 893-6995 if you can help.

**Saturday, April 22: Volunteering at Great Plains Food Bank:** Any and all families can join our efforts to pack food from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Great Plains Food Bank, 1720 Third Ave. N. Let's show the love of Christ to our Fargo community and help a great cause! Please let Pastor Chris know ahead of time if you plan to participate.

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Wednesday, April 19: LYF Night Out:** All junior and senior high should bring their appetite and \$15 for a night out at a mystery restaurant in Fargo. Please sign up beforehand, so we can plan transportation. Questions? E-mail Pastor Chris at [pastorchrisbslc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorchrisbslc@gmail.com) or give him a call at 893-6995.





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## Office Hours

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

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

## Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 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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