



April 2019

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## Finding the letters when the words won't come

By Pastor Chris

I have a game on my phone that drives me up the wall. The game gives various letters that you unscramble and place into a grid that resembles a crossword. Every so often, I will have several of the letters in place for a word but still cannot make sense of what it should be. If I struggle long enough, my frustrations lead me to Google. All I have to do is put in the letters, and Google leads me to a site that provides me with a comprehensive list of all the possibilities. Once I see the list, I can't believe I couldn't figure it out. It seems so simple.

When we experience hard times, we may look at the pieces of our lives and can't put it all together. We long for help from God but may not know exactly what we need or how to ask.

Not to be crass, but the Holy Spirit is our Google. And he searches us! Paul writes, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God," (Rom. 8:27-28).

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## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday Party 1-2:30 p.m.

### Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship at 7 p.m.

### Good Friday, April 19

Worship at 7 p.m.

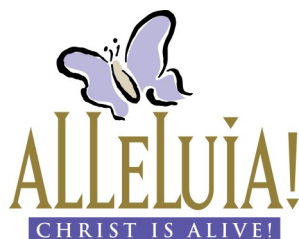
### Easter Sunday, April 21

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

Breakfast 8:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Rolls, muffins, fruit, scrambled eggs, sausage links,  
Juice and coffee will be available.

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study



## Finding the letters when the words won't come

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A professor at Concordia Seminary once preached on this text from Romans 8 and said the Spirit gives us the letters when we can't form the words. He fills in the blanks. When we can't properly communicate what we need or even know what that is, that does not limit God. We can go to God with longings that can't be expressed or properly defined. The Spirit brings us to rely on God in these times. Even more, the Spirit brings our requests to God, who possesses the love, wisdom and understanding to hear our discombobulated petitions, answer them according to his good and gracious will and give us the assurance that we have been heard, understood and cared for on account of Christ.

After all, Jesus lived a perfect life for us, then lay down that perfect life as a sacrifice that our sins might be forgiven. When we look at Jesus, God's love for us comes into clear focus. We can't believe we couldn't put it together because a few pieces in our life went missing.

That means we pray even when our physical, emotional or spiritual state limits our ability to do so. God gives us the letters. God fills in the blanks. And Paul assures us, in our struggles and doubts that God's greater purposes are at work: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose," (Romans 8:29).

During this Easter, may the Holy Spirit direct and guide You to the cross and empty tomb of our Lord so You can see God's great love for you, especially in those times when life has become scrambled, and you may not have the words to bring to God. "The Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words," (Romans 8:26b). If only my unscramble game could be that simple.

*Pastor Chris*



## Upcoming Bible Studies

**9:40 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: "Parables of Jesus" -**

We will explore some of our Lord's most beloved parables, including The Prodigal Son, The Great Banquet, The Rich Fool and the Good Samaritan, among others. Jesus communicated in parables to help illustrate truths about the kingdom of God. By using everyday illustrations to convey complicated spiritual meaning, Christ does not want the kingdom to remain closed to us. Rather, He helps us understand the fullness of God's salvation.

**9 a.m. First and third Tuesdays of the month "Where Moms Connect" Devotional -**

Calling all mothers of babies to teenagers, a new devotional time just for you! Take some time out of your busy schedule and join us in fellowship with other moms to dive into God's word together. Child care will be provided onsite. For more information contact Leanne Muhl at 701-850-7703 or Dahlia Shane at 979-203-1160.

**7 p.m. Tuesday Bible study:**

**The Book of Job: "Blessed be the name of the Lord" -**

This Lenten series seeks to apply Job to our lives so that we may draw upon God's promises and endure in faith through life's dark valleys.

**9 a.m. Thursdays Women's Bible study: "Angels" -**

Do angels really have wings? Do they protect people from harm? We will learn what the Bible really says about angels, including their service to God and their ministry to people. Join the class and learn about angels.

## Blessed be the Name of the Lord: Lent Midweek and Holy Week Schedule

Our Lenten emphasis, "The Book of Job: Blessed be the name of the Lord," seeks to apply Job to our lives so that we may draw upon God's promises and endure in faith through life's dark valleys.

**April 3: Lent Midweek 4 -- Understanding How It All Works Together (Job 23:1-17)**

**April 10: Lent Midweek 5 -- God Speaks in the Storm (Job 38:1-11)**

**April 18: Maundy Thursday -- On Earth Is Not His Equal! (Job 41:20-34)**

**April 19: Good Friday -- Tearing Down the Spite House (Job 42:7-9)**

**April 21: Easter Sunday -- I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (Job 19:23-26)**



## Easter Breakfast April 21

A delicious breakfast of rolls, muffins, fruit, scrambled eggs, sausage links, juice and coffee will be served on Easter Sunday from 8:45 - 10:30 a.m. Thanks to the NYG youth who will be serving our Easter Breakfast this year. Stop in the fellowship hall to enjoy food and conversation on this joyous day. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses at the National Youth Gathering.



## Lenten Potluck Suppers

We invite you to attend the 7 p.m. midweek worship services and our soup and sandwich suppers from 6-6:45 p.m. before services. Our service groups will do the set-up and clean-up. April 3 is group T-Z with captain Kim Ternes and April 10 is group A-Bo with captain Andrea Olson.

## Mentors Needed for New Members

The evangelism committee is looking for families or individuals to mentor new members. If you think you would be interested in helping, please e-mail [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com). Thanks.

## Voters' Meeting Update

At the regular March meeting, in a unanimous vote, a call was extended to Vicar Brian as associate pastor.

Church officers were re-elected and Joe Pytlik was elected elder. We thank Nathan Gannon for his service and all he has done for Beautiful Savior.

Elder: Joe Pytlik

Chairperson: Denise Doeling

Vice Chairperson: Mike Schlichtmann

Director of Evangelism: Tim Deitemeyer

Director of Stewardship: Jennifer Krause

RR Lutheran School Board: Kim Persoon

Please keep our church officers in your prayers. Installation will be held on Sunday, May 5.

## Restore His House Update

We have received \$271,000 of the \$300,000 goal. Please continue to keep our campaign in your prayers. A complete list of projects and progress chart is on the display in the narthex.

## Confirmation Sunday April 28

Six youth from our congregation will be confirmed at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 28. Please pray for these individuals as they step forward in their journey of Christian faith. Our confirmands are:

Reece Bauer

Elizabeth Nelson

Alexus Olson

Nate Krause

Isabel Nevland

Evan Pytlik

## Easter Flowers On Altar

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to order flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Flowers and the prices are listed on the sign-up sheets. Checks for the flowers are to be made out to the LWML. The deadline is April 3.



## New Date, Time for "Where Moms Connect"

Calling all mothers of babies to teenagers, a new devotional time just for you! Take some time out of your busy schedule and join us in fellowship with other moms to dive into God's word together. Child care will be provided onsite. "Where Moms Connect" will move to 9 a.m. Tuesdays and be held the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning April 2 at Beautiful Savior. For more information about "Where Moms Connect" please contact Leanne Muhl at 701-850-7703 or Dahlia Shane at 979-203-1160.

## encourageMENT LCMS Men's Ministry Breakfast

Our LCMS men are invited to a breakfast and presentation to be held from 8:45 to 11:55 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at St. Andrew Church. Del Ruff will be presenting.

### BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$28,285	28,285
Expense	44,295	44,295
Surplus (Shortfall)	<b>(16,010)</b>	<b>(16,010)</b>

## Clubs and Service Groups



**Service Group** - Our group for April consists of the letters E-G with Diane Lee as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help for other events. Thanks for your help. Our May group will be the letters H-K with captain Jodi Haekenkamp.

**Elder** - Our Elders for April are Rich Beaver and Mike Sellden. They will be here Sunday mornings to greet members and visitors, help the pastor with any needs and see that all goes well. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to Rich or Mike or any of the elders.

**Gold Club** - Gold Club is a time to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and some fellowship. Gold Club was originally formed for our senior members but is for everyone. Feel free to join us for food, faith, fellowship and a short Lenten devotion. Bring a dish or treat to share and join us at noon Wednesday, April 17.

**Quilting and Fellowship** - Join us at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 11 and 25. We meet twice a month for 5-6 hours. The coffee is on so, come and join this fun group of people! You do not need to know how to sew. You can help cut the squares, iron or tie the quilts. We donate quilts to local organizations or if there is a silent auction, we are happy to donate a quilt. We also sell quilts to members. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

**BSLC Coffee Club** - Coffee club will return to Friday mornings starting April 5. BSLC members, men and women of any age, are invited to gather at 9 a.m. at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo.

## LWML News

We will not meet in April. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.

The LWML ND Eastern Zone Spring Event "Hungry for Jesus" will be at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6. See poster for a list of ingathering items and schedule of events. Items can be dropped off in the narthex.

## Beautiful Garden Group

If you are interested in helping with or donating to our garden, we are in need of the following items: plastic baskets, plant or vegetable pallets, strawberry crates, wheelbarrow or wagon, garden tools - especially spades, shovels and hoes, tomato cages and five-gallon pails. If you have any of these items or would like to donate them, please bring them to the church. If you are interested in joining the group contact Tim at [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com) with your name, phone, and e-mail and you will be added to the communication list.



## Main Street Living Choir

The Main Street Living Choir will be rehearsing and recording on April 13. Practice will be from Noon - 1 p.m. with recording from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 North Broadway, Fargo.

### *2019 LWML Spring Event*

*Saturday April 6, 2019*

*Hosted by St. Andrew Church, West Fargo  
"Hungry for Jesus"*

- 9:00 AM Registration/In-Gathering/Mites Offering
- 9:30 AM Opening/Bible Study - Pastor David Suelzle (1 Peter 2:2-3)
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM Speakers: Assembly of Leaders
- 12:00 PM Luncheon
- 12:45 PM Closing Devotion



In-Gathering Items  
Emergency Food pantry ---  
Nonperishable foods  
Baby food  
Diapers  
Paper items

# How are you today?

By Vicar Brian

Pearl was a very enthusiastic Christian, even though she suffered through the pain of polio and all of its complications for many years. When people would greet her and inquire, “How are you today?” she would cheerfully answer, “Just fine!” Those who knew what Pearl went through in life—difficulties including being confined to a wheelchair and losing her fiancée because of polio—sometimes questioned her sincerity. “How can you say you’re fine when you are suffering so much?” Pearl’s sincere response was: “How I feel has very little to do with how I am. You see, the part of me that hurts is just a shell, not the real me, and the real me is just fine!”

What Pearl called a shell, the apostle Paul calls an “earthly tent” (2 Corinthians 5:1). And the “real me” that Pearl referred to, the apostle calls the inner self (2 Corinthians 4:16). Although Pearl’s earthly tent was painful and perishing, she realized that it was, after all, just temporary housing for her inner self. She trusted the promise of her living Lord that one day her temporary housing would be exchanged for a permanent home waiting for her in heaven. That was the reason for her confidence. But until that point, the “inner” Pearl was conscious of being renewed daily by the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life through her Savior Jesus.

How are you today? Is your earthly tent drooping? Remember, Jesus Christ is your Savior and Lord, and because of that a perfect body awaits you one day. But until then, no matter what’s on the outside, on the inside you can say, “I’m just fine!”

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.” (2 Corinthians 4:16)

## “Main Street Living North” TV Program News

Faith comes from hearing the message – and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17). We are privileged to communicate the message of Christ crucified and risen through our television and internet ministry! Consider sharing information about MSL with at least one new person this month.

Now that the MSLN network is broadcasting in six different areas in the upper Midwest, there is only one central website address at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com). On the home page you will then need to click on the link identified as “North (Fargo)”.

MSLN broadcasts each Sunday at 9 a.m., followed by This Is Your Life program at 9:30 a.m. on TV station KVRP. MSLN is also broadcast on WDAY Xtra with This Is Your Life program at 10 a.m. followed by the Main Street Living worship service.

A reminder of the matching funds offer from the Main Street Living Network continues until \$16,000 of new donations are received! To add your financial support, checks may be sent to Main Street Living North, 821 5 Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the web site. Thank you and God’s blessing in Christ!

April pastors and sermons are as follows:

**April 7:** Rev. Ed Borchardt, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Frazee, MN, presents the message “Strength Doesn’t Come From Within” based on Philippians 3:8-14. LHM Easter program is “The Puzzle Club Easter Adventure.”

**April 14:** Rev. Chris Brademeyer, St. John Lutheran Church, Oakes, ND, presents the message “Who is this King?” based on Matthew 21:1-9. LHM Easter season program is “Easter Is.”

**April 21:** Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, presents the message “Destroyed Is Death” based on 1 Corinthians 15:19-26. LHM Easter season program is “Three Days.”

**April 28:** Rev. Robert Wentzel, Trinity Lutheran, Bemidji, MN, presents the message “My Name Is Thomas” based on John 20:19-31. This is the Life program is “Miracle in Chinatown.”



## Baptisms

**March 17** - Everett Michael Moilan, son of Michael and Stephanie Moilan, born Nov. 15, 2018. His sponsors were Paul Fracassi and Susie Fracassi.



## New Members

James and Vickie Willprecht decided to join Beautiful Savior because they enjoy our friendly congregation and pastors. They like the contemporary music and think Beautiful Savior is a good fit for them. They enjoy playing cards, games and in the summer golfing, biking, fishing and gardening.

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

Do you have a youth that will graduate from high school in May or June? 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 19. 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.

## Thank You

- to the volunteers who serve on our service groups, boards and council that help the church to run efficiently.
- to the volunteers who decorate the church and keep it looking beautiful.
- to the volunteers who run the power point and count offering on Sunday mornings.
- to the volunteers who help assemble the newsletter each month.
- to all the volunteers who helped remove snow from the church roof on March 2.



## Grace Lutheran School News

**Donuts for Dads!** - 7:30a.m. April 10. Chapel will be led by Vicar Shane at 8:40 a.m.

**Grace in your future!** - Our association churches and the board of education have always kept GLS at the center of our efforts to reach out and share the gospel at our school. The school is the mission of the churches and as such will be supporting children and their families through the ministry of the school.

By supporting GLS you can see first hand where your gifts go and you can even take part in the ministry of Grace by volunteering or helping students further their education in the classroom by sharing your experiences.

We sponsor two main fundraisers to strengthen our budget through Giving Hearts and the Annual Grace Auction. You are also able to support the school by investing in an LCEF account, which strengthens your church and also communicates to LCEF, that they can invest in the future of GLS knowing that the association churches are supporting.

## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Youth praise band will practice at 7 p.m. on April 7 and 28 and at 6 p.m. April 13. Crossfire will play at the 8:15 a.m. worship service on Palm Sunday, April 14. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

## Military and College Student Addresses Needed

Do you have a family member in college or the military? The LWML would like their address so that they can send cards of encouragement to them. Please leave their addresses on the church office desk or e-mail them to the church by April 19. Thank you.

## 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.

## Palm Sunday Party set for April 14

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 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14.

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

## VBS Planning Meeting April 11

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 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to Bobbi Hestdalen or Vicar Brian.

## LCMS Summer Camps

There are brochures in the narthex for those who would like to attend church camp. This year's theme at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is "A Great Cloud." Some of the camps offered are horse camps, art camp, guitar camp and even an adult camp. Their website is [www.shretreat.org](http://www.shretreat.org).

This year's theme at Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch is "Forgiven." There are great programs for all ages. Their website is <http://www.islandcamp.org/>.

## National Youth Gathering News

### Pizza Ranch Fundraiser Update

The NYG youth and their parents would like to extend a big THANK YOU! The congregational support on Monday, March 25 at our Pizza Ranch fundraiser was awesome!



### Attendees Looking for Sponsorship

Ten youth will be attending the National Youth Gathering July 11-15 in Minneapolis, MN. Their photos, along with sponsorship envelopes, are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. They are looking for sponsors to help them with the costs involved with the gathering. Members of the congregation can help by taking an envelope off the board and pledging a dollar amount to a youth. Please return your sponsorship envelope in the drop box in the church office by April 15.

### NYG Fundraiser Looking for Donations

The NYG youth are looking for silent auction items to be donated for an upcoming fundraiser in May. If you have any items you would be willing to Donate, please contact Vicar Brian.



## April Youth Events

### **Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities: Join us for food, fun and fellowship!**

**Wednesday, April 3** - 7:45-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

**Sunday, April 7** - 5-7 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

**Wednesday, April 10** - 7:45-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

**Sunday, April 14** - 5-7 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

**Wednesday, April 17** - 6:15 p.m. Confirmation (make-up for grades 8 and 9)

7:45-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

**Sunday, April 21** - 5-7 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

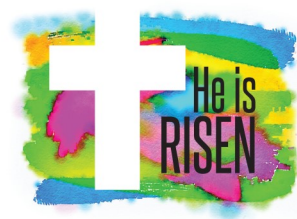
**Wednesday, April 24** - 7:45-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

**Sunday, April 28** - 5-7 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

### **Upcoming Events:**

**BSLC NYG FargoDome Fundraiser** - May 4, see Vicar Brian for more information.

**Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday Party:** All kids in grades 7-12 can help bring the Palm Sunday story to life from 1-2:30 p.m. April 14 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 call Vicar Brian at 314-532-0012 if you can help.



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## Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Pastor Chris and Vicar Brian are also available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule

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

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

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T-Z	Scott Persoon	219-0399

*Elders are assigned families based on last name*

## Other Volunteers

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