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## Encourage One Another Through a Much Different COVID-19

By Pastor Chris

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

With every passing day, red dots creep across the world map, calling to mind the relentless advance of the coronavirus. Empty shelves at the store only feed our panic. Social distancing brings isolation close to home. Amid our current worldwide pandemic, you may lack the strength to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances. You may face economic hardship, loneliness, health care concerns, additional responsibilities to care for and educate your children and a host of other difficulties and challenges.

When Paul wrote these words to the church in Thessalonica, he addressed new Christians who had experienced suffering, persecution and hardship. His exhortation came amid dire and dark times. But through any and every dark time, Paul proclaimed Christ as the source and center of our rejoicing, prayers and thanksgiving. He writes: “For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing,” (1 Thess. 5:9-11).

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**Palm Sunday, April 5**

**Maundy Thursday, April 9**

Jesus prepares a heavenly feast - **Matt. 26:17-20**

**Good Friday, April 10**

Jesus prepares a heavenly kingdom - **Luke 23:39-43**

**Easter Sunday, April 12**

Jesus prepares us for Good News - **Matt. 28:1-10**

Worship Services available on:

YouTube at [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) search for Beautiful Savior Fargo

Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo](https://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo)

Beautiful Savior website [www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com](https://www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com)

Sermons are available as podcasts on Spotify and iTunes

Go to the Spotify or iTunes app and search for Beautiful Savior Fargo

Please note all dates and in-church activities are suspended until further notice.

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

## Encourage One Another Through a Much Different COVID-19

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Jesus and His victory over sin and death remains the primary reason we can rejoice, pray and give thanks – even in times like these. Our guaranteed salvation through faith in Christ gives us confidence and resolve as we face the days ahead. After all, the blood of Christ has covered all your sin. His body and blood given in the Sacrament grants us true sustenance that overturns sin, death, and every calamity. His Word and promise help us remember that our standing before God hinges on what Christ has accomplished and not our current circumstances.



Encourage  
one another  
and build one  
another up....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, ESV

Speaking of current circumstances, we must admit that God has not taken away everything from us. One of our members decided to put it all in perspective. Instead of obsessing over COVID-19, she wrote a list of 19 blessings in her life. I encourage you to make a list of 19 blessings that God graciously has given you, remembering another COVID: Christ, Our Victory, In (times of) Distress.

For Him and in Him and to Him, by the power of the Gospel, we will rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances, now and into eternity.

*Pastor Chris*



## Online Giving Now Available

Make the switch to online giving. It's safe, convenient and flexible. Click the "Give Now" button on the church website to set it up from the comfort of your home. You have the option to set up recurring or one-time gifts to the general fund, Restore His House, building fund or Grace Lutheran School. You can choose to give through your checking or saving accounts.

Online giving is more important now than ever. Even though we are not able to gather in person, our ministry and operating expenses continue. The pastors are still teaching and preaching the Word of God and caring for the congregation. Our church building needs to be maintained to meet our current and future needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can continue your financial support.

## Upcoming Bible Studies

**9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study** - Beautiful Savior has moved to a united curriculum; all grade levels, even adults, will study the same Bible lesson every Sunday in hopes that it will foster discussion between members and equip families for faith formation at home.

**7 p.m. Tuesday Bible study - Miracles Bible Study:** The four Gospels and the book of Acts contain many miracles. They cause people to wonder how God's rule presents itself. Certainly, miracles demonstrate God's compassionate acts toward people in need. But they do more than help someone out of a difficult situation. In the New Testament, miracles work together with the words of Jesus to identify Him as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. The miracles help point to the coming of God's kingdom through Jesus.

Miracles happen – even today. But to expect one or claim one from God is not the promise given in Scripture. Instead, Jesus's gifts of forgiveness and eternal life are the promises we claim and expect through the miracle of God then faith.

**9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study: "Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times"** - In Isaiah, you'll discover that trouble and suffering are nothing new to God's people. Isaiah raises a loud cry for revival amid a rotting society. Isaiah firmly believes that God can triumph even in the worst of times. Join us as we dig deep into the message of repentance, forgiveness and hope. You'll find comfort for coping with your own troubled times.



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## Stay Connected to God's Gifts Through Beautiful Savior

**Even though we are unable to gather in groups within the walls of our church building, our church remains open!** Jesus encourages us to receive Word and Sacrament regularly because God works through these means to communicate His love and forgiveness and to pour out His Holy Spirit, who grants and keeps us in faith.

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastors will be available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon to offer private confession and absolution and communion.

### ONLINE WORSHIP

Beautiful Savior will continue to post our worship services online. The videos of our services are being uploaded to YouTube at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). Search for Beautiful Savior Fargo, Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo](http://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo) and the church website at [www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com](http://www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com) on the home page or click on the "Sermons" tab and choose "Video Worship Services." Worship Bulletins are available on our website to help you follow the order of service. It is available on the home page or click on the "Sermons" tab and choose "Bulletins."

### SERMONS

The audio for all sermons is available on our website and as podcasts on Spotify and iTunes. Go to the Spotify and iTunes app and search for "Beautiful Savior Fargo" and click on "Follow." Look for the podcast with the picture of our stained-glass window at the front of our church.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will continue to meet online via Zoom. We will celebrate Confirmation Sunday at an undetermined time in the future, hopefully, when fellow church members, friends and family can gather to celebrate with our confirmands. The sermon notes worksheet is available to download on the "Youth Grades 6-12" page of the church website.

### BIBLE STUDY

Beginning April 5, BSLC will offer a Sunday morning adult Bible class at 9:30 a.m. via the Zoom platform. Simply log onto a computer and place the following link in your browser <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8786980623>. For those of you using a mobile phone, download the Zoom app and enter meeting number 8786980623.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beautiful Savior has Sunday school lessons available for families. Watch your email weekly for lessons. To help parents teach the lesson, join the online Bible adult study at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

### DEVOTIONS

Tune into Facebook Live every Friday as our pastors will post new devotions weekly.

### OFFERINGS

Please remember Beautiful Savior with your tithes and offerings. Consider mailing in your offerings, using Simply Giving and donating online at the Beautiful Savior website by clicking the donate button.

### DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO SHOP FOR YOUR GROCERIES?

Any vulnerable BSLC members who need assistance getting groceries, can call the church office. We have volunteers willing to shop for you and deliver groceries to your door.

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## Online Tech Assistance Available to Beautiful Savior Members

If you need technical assistance to access the online materials, we have volunteers who will provide support at no cost to you. Support will be available on nights and weekends, but call the church office anytime at 293-1047, and we will get back to you when we can. All requests for technical assistance should come through the church office.

Beautiful Savior will be using Zoom for video and audio conferencing. We plan to offer confirmation classes, meetings and fellowship opportunities in the weeks ahead through Zoom, which now offers free basic accounts. You don't need an account to access Zoom's features.

BSLC will not be charging for Zoom or technical assistance. If you receive any phone, email or Web-based requests asking for cash, checks, gift cards or the like, it is a scam. Beautiful Savior will never solicit funds via phone, e-mail or social media.



## Clubs and Service Groups



**Service Group** - Our group for April consists of the letters S with Maggie Stende as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help with other events. Thanks for your help. Our May group will be the letter T-Z with captain Kim Ternes.

**Elders** - At least one of our elders are here every Sunday morning. They 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 head elder Adam Tykwinski 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 is for everyone, so feel free to join us for food, faith and fellowship. Bring a dish or treat and join us at noon Wednesday, April 15.

**Quilting and Fellowship** - Quilting will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 9 and 23. We meet twice a month for 5 to 6 hours. Being a quilter is not a requirement. We donate quilts to local organizations and sell them to members. If there is a silent auction, we are happy to donate a quilt. If you have any questions, please call Donna Ceroll 232-2464.

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

**LWML News** - The LWML will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 16.

**LWML Spring Event - Hope That Does Not Disappoint:** 9 a.m. April 18, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope. All women are invited to join us. Ingathering items for the school: money for lunch and winter gear, daycare: gently used non-plush toys and books.

**Beautiful Garden** - The fourth annual Beautiful Garden in Beautiful Savior's backyard is looking for you! If you do not have a garden of your own, love to garden but are inexperienced at growing plants, we are what you are looking for. We meet at the garden at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning in May. If you are interested in helping with and benefiting from our garden and harvest, please e-mail [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com) and you will be added to the communication list.

## Weddings

**Feb. 7:** Alexandra Crummy and Timothy Flaten



## Deaths

**March 11:** Karen Ackerman, 75, West Fargo, passed away. Her funeral was at Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo on March 13, 2020. Karen is survived by her husband, Bernard, daughters, Theresa (Steven) Ausk, Debora Miller; grandchildren, Jacklyn Ausk, Chelsea Ausk, David Ausk, Hali Miller and Joselyn Miller.

## Memorials



### **In Memory of James Aarfor:**

Gary & Maggie Stende  
Lynn & Arla Strege  
Matt & Beth Gustafson  
Karen Mart-Taverna  
Josephine Aarfor

### **In Memory of Roland Barchinger:**

Karen Mart-Taverna  
Gary & Maggie Stende  
Loretta Swanson  
Lynn & Arla Strege  
Tim & Tina Deitemeyer

### **In Memory of Nikki Anderson:**

Albert & Donna Larson

### **In Memory of Karen Ackerman:**

Karen Ackerman Family



## Thank You

Dear Beautiful Savior family,

I would like to express my thanks for all the love that was shown to my family and myself as we are traveling the grief journey in the tragic death of my daughter, Nikki. The beautiful flowers, overwhelming cards, kind words and donations to the scholarship fund in memory of Nikki are gratefully appreciated. The caravan to her funeral was amazing. Thanks to all who made that journey. I am so proud and humbled by the Beautiful Savior family.

Loretta Swanson

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# God is in Control

By Pastor Brian

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people," (Matthew 26:1-5).

Are you a controller? It seems that most people like to be in control of the situation around them or at least think they are in control.

On Tuesday of Holy Week, the chief priests and elders of the people thought they were in control. They schemed to arrest Jesus and kill him. They would wait until after the Passover festival. But, eventually, they were sure, they would get rid of him.

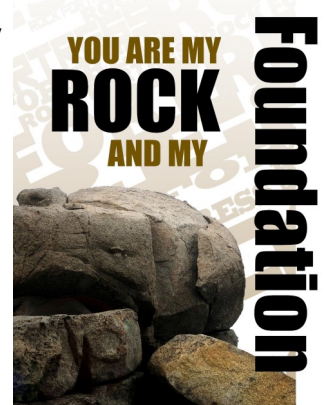
But who was really in control? It wasn't the chief priests and elders. It was Jesus! Even as the chief priests and elders made their plans to arrest and kill Jesus after the Passover, Jesus was telling his disciples that it would happen during the Passover. Who was in control? Jesus was!

And so, he remains in control today. True, we often question his control and even fight against his control. But, thankfully, God's control doesn't depend on how well we follow him. God remains in control whether we willingly bow to his control or fight tooth and nail against it.

Knowing that Jesus was in control of the Holy Week events makes them all the more beautiful. It reminds us that he willingly did this because he loves us! Thank God that Jesus was in control then and that he is still in control today.

*"Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost: Christ the Rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast; Lamb of God for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded, who on Him their hope have built."*

*"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" LSB Hymn 451 v. 4*



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## "Main Street Living North" TV Program News

### Special MSLN Easter Programming

The documentary "The Holy Land-The Eternal Rock Tour" will air for the entire hour replacing the *This is the Life* segment and the local worship service on Palm Sunday, April 5. The documentary shows the locations where many Biblical events occurred. On Easter Sunday, Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, will deliver a special Easter message. The presentations will be available at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) until the Friday following the broadcast.



### April pastors and sermons are as follows:

**Apr 5:** Palm Sunday Program: The documentary "The Holy Land-The Eternal Rock Tour" is a one-hour tour of the Holy Land. It will air for the entire hour, replacing both the regular MSLN worship service and the *This is the Life* program.

**Apr 12:** Rev. R. Dale Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will present the Easter Sunday message. The Lutheran Hour Ministries animated program *Easter Is* will replace the regular *This Is The Life* program today.

**Apr 19:** Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, presents the message: "Recognizing Jesus," based on Luke 24:13-35. The Lutheran Hour Ministries animated program *3 Days* will replace the regular *This Is The Life* program today.

**Apr 26:** Rev. Kirk Lee, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, MN, presents the message: "That You May Believe," based on John 20:19-31. The *This Is The Life* program is: "Miracle in Chinatown."

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## Pray for Our Confirmands

Seven youth from our congregation will be confirmed this spring at a later date. Please pray for these individuals as they step forward in their journey of Christian faith. Our confirmands are:

Karsen Lehfeldt	Benjamin Thielman
Brienna Leno	Nathan Thielman
Sam Lies	Leah Tykwinski
Brennan Palmer	

## Easter Flowers for Loved Ones

We are still taking orders for Easter flowers. There are a variety of flowers to order in memory or in honor of a loved one. To place an order for a plant, please email the church office at [office@bslcfargo.org](mailto:office@bslcfargo.org) with all required information. Please make checks payable to the LWML and mail it to the church.

## Consider Joining the Altar Guild

Prayerfully consider if you could step up and be a captain or even join the altar guild. Our altar guild sets up communion on Sundays, Wednesdays (during summer months) or holidays when Holy communion is celebrated. The captain is responsible to line up altar guild members for a month at a time. If you would like to be a captain or join the guild, talk to Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian.

## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Crossfire will lead the 8:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 5. We will practice at the church from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 and 26 at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 4. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

## Thank You

- to the volunteers who painted the quilting closet and cleaned the fellowship hall.
- to the volunteers who recorded the sermons and worked so hard to get our services online.

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

Do you have a youth who will graduate from high school this spring? Beautiful Savior would like to know their future plans. Please e-mail an update and a picture to the church office at [office@bslcfargo.org](mailto:office@bslcfargo.org). 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.

## Operation Christmas Child Update

It's finally happened! We have received an email message from a child thanking us for their Operation Christmas Child shoe box gift. On Tuesday, March 17, the Krause family received the following from C.M. (name abbreviated to protect identity since our boxes went to a hard to reach area):

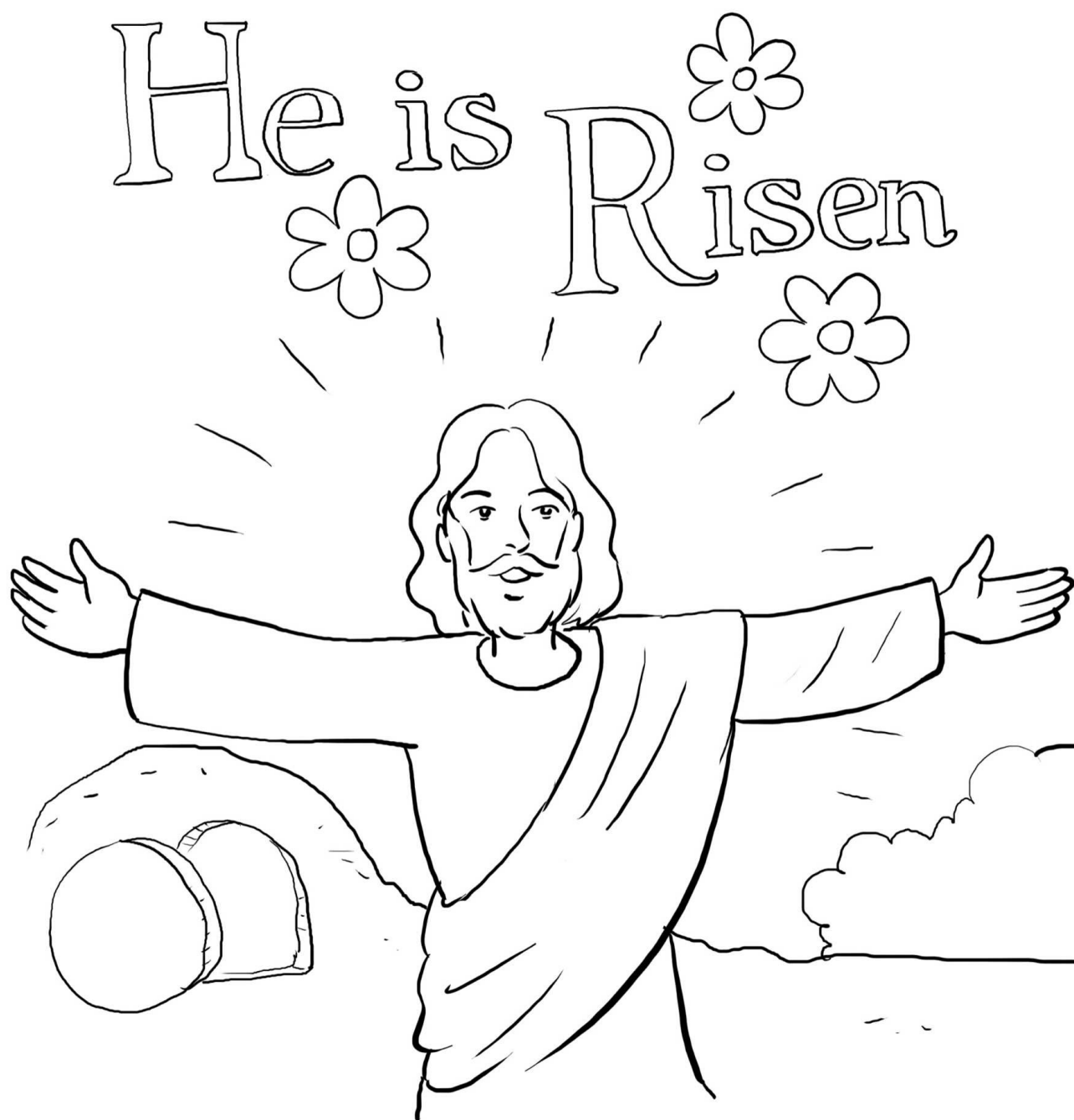
"hi how are you??? i am writing this letter to you like my little sister told me to say thank you and she really liked the gift. she really liked everything, thank you very much really. her name is J. she is 11 years old"

Say a prayer for C.M. and J., wherever they live, that Jesus is working in their hearts so they will have faith and know His love for them.

Do not be  
*anxious*  
about  
*anything.*  
Philippians 4:6

## Praying For Others

BSLC has an e-mail prayer chain. 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 feel free to e-mail updates to the office so it can be e-mailed to our prayer warriors.



## April Youth Events

**UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:** Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

**Wednesday, April 1** - from 7:45-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, April 8** - from 7:45-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, April 15** - from 7:45-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, April 22** - from 7:45-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, April 29** - from 7:45-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12

### Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, April 5: 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 5 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 Pastor 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 Pastor Brian are also 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, third and fifth Sundays of each month.

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