



April 2024

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Christ is Your Life

By Pastor Chris

Let this Easter joy resound as Christ not only has been raised from the dead but also has been seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling and reigning over all things. By His gracious ordaining, Jesus has won your salvation, forgiven your sins and established you in God's Kingdom, joining your life to His by virtue of your baptism.

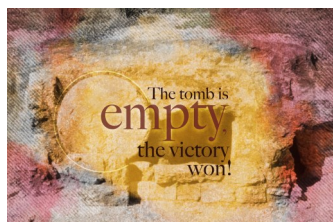
Think of the reality of this glorious statement. All that Christ won is now yours. You have a perfect standing before God, a totally restored relationship and a glorious inheritance. Upon our Lord's return, you will possess a sinless, glorious body like Christ's own. You will spend eternity in God's presence in a perfectly renewed creation without pain, regret, sin or death.

Yet it becomes easy to forget or even dismiss this truth. When life becomes overwhelming, disappointing, difficult, tedious, or discouraging, we might question God's love or even reject it all together. But what more do we need than what Christ has accomplished for us and in us?

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New Member Sunday April 14

BSLC will welcome the newer members of our congregation during both worship services on April 14. There will be a reception with fellowship and cupcakes between services. Please introduce yourself and welcome our new members. If you would like to join Beautiful Savior, please call the office to find out what steps to take. We would love to have you as a part of our fold.



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28 - Worship at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29 - Worship at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31 - Worship at 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

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

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

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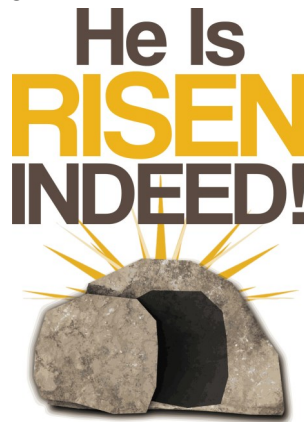
Obviously, we need His Word and Spirit to remind us of and keep us confident of and sure in what God has so generously given. St. Paul writes to the Christians in Colossae: "Because you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Paul doesn't mean that we should totally forget about our current life on earth. We simply shouldn't allow our blessings or our hardships to be the highlight of our life. And we definitely shouldn't try to embrace sin and hedonism as the means to have a full life. Christ came so that we could have life abundantly, and He gives that life to us now through Word and Sacrament.

The introduction to Article 8 of the Augsburg Confession in the readers edition to the *Book of Concord* states: "We understand that here on the earth, the Church is hidden because faith, or spiritual life, is 'hidden with Christ in God.' (But) this hidden Church has public, visible marks by which it is recognized with absolute certainty: Christ's Gospel and Sacraments, purely preached and administered."

Our life in Christ is our Easter joy now. But this will give way to an even greater Easter joy in the life of the world to come, where our life with Christ in God is no longer hidden.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Pastor Chris

Lutheran Family Service

Building Healthy Families: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God," (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). We walk with those who are experiencing hard times and are there for them just as God has been there for us.

Mental Health and Marriage Counseling: Lutheran Family Service provides professional Christian counseling with Master-Level trained staff both in-person and virtually through Telehealth via tablet, computer or smartphone using a secure, confidential, and HIPPA approved telehealth program. Insurance is accepted, but for those who are uninsured, a sliding scale fee is used. Of the clients served by LFS, 90 percent stated they were better or somewhat better than before. 97 percent of our respondents are very satisfied or satisfied with our services.

Lutheran Family Service offers free Christian-based counseling for members of all LCMS congregations. For more information, call (515) 573-3139 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org



FM LFL Annual Meeting

A special presentation by Toni Larson, LISW Lutheran Family Service will begin at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, April 28. Toni's topic will be "Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide." Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m. The annual business meeting and election of officers will follow at 3 p.m.

Save Cancelled Stamps

Bring in your cancelled stamps and place them in the drawer marked stamps by the LWML kiosk. The stamps need to have at least one-quarter-inch border around them.

Adopt-a-Seminary Student Address

Send correspondence to:
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Campus Post Office Box
801 Seminary Place
Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196
frerichsa@csl.edu

Don't Get Scammed

If you receive an email or text that sounds like it is coming from Pastor Chris asking you to purchase a gift card or to contact him regarding an "important matter," this is a scam. We would **never** send out texts or emails asking you for a donation or information.

Sunday Morning Treats

There are sheets in the narthex where members can sign-up to bring two dozen treats, help serve and clean-up on Sunday mornings.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	38,254	38,254
Expense	<u>34,675</u>	<u>34,675</u>
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	3,576	3,576

Easter Breakfast March 31

Bring your appetites to church this Easter! A delicious breakfast 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. 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.



High School Seniors Pictures and Graduation Plans Needed

Do you have a youth who will graduate from high school in May or June? BSLC would like to know their future plans. Please leave an update and a picture in the church office or e-mail the church by April 18. A display of our high school seniors will be on the bulletin board in the narthex 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 service in May.



Voters' Meeting Update

Church officers re-elected were Craig Hashbarger, treasurer; Stacy Knudson, education; Deb Schimek, secretary; Scott Persoon, properties; and re-appointed Beth Gustafson, financial secretary. Newly elected officers were Gene Doeling, Caley Perleberg and Seth Murray, elders; and Tim Deitemeyer, RRLSA board.

We thank Kim Ternes, Dale Olson, Rich Beaver and Don Schroeder for their service and all they have done in the past years for Beautiful Savior.

Please keep our church officers in your prayers. Installation of new officers will be held in May.

Orphan Grain Train Truck Update

Thank you to everyone for your generous response to our Orphan Grain Train truck fundraising efforts. We have received approximately \$32,000, sufficient funds to be able to purchase the truck and pay for the signage. Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission to reach others with God's love.

- Andrea Eckstein

Confirmation Sunday April 28

Four 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 2024 confirmands are:

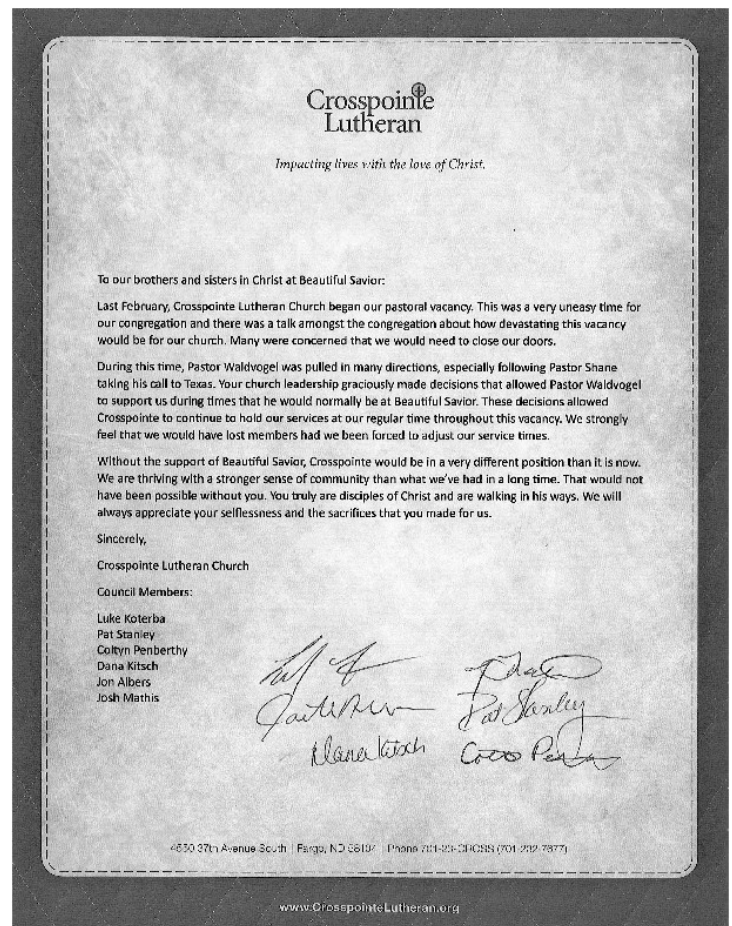
Aiden Johnson
Noah Ternes

Jason Lehfeldt
Jocelyn Thorsrud



Thank You to Beautiful Savior from Crosspointe Lutheran Church

Crosspointe would like to thank Beautiful Savior for letting Pastor Chris help serve during their pastoral vacancy. Below is a copy of that letter. The full sized letter can be viewed on the bulletin board outside the church office.



BSLC Clubs and Service Groups

Elders - Our elders greet members and visitors, helps the pastor with any needs and see that all goes well at worship service. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the other elders.

Quilting and Fellowship - We will meet this month from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 and 25. You do not need to know how to quilt. Come for awhile, or stay the whole time. Call Donna Ceroll at 701-232-2464 with questions.

Gold Club - Gather together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next lunch will be at noon on Wednesday, April 17. Rita Kaeding will give her last presentation on her trip(s) to the Holy Land. Gold Club is for anyone!

Beautiful Garden - The Beautiful Garden in Beautiful Savior's backyard will be planting a variety of veggies (Lord willing) soon! We are looking for more gardeners this year. We will have new work hours coming this spring. There is always plenty of work to do. All ages are invited to help with gardening activities and enjoy some fellowship. If you would like to be added to the communication list, please email Tim at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.



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 Dr. S., Fargo.

LWML - We will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 18. All women are invited.

LWML Zone Spring Event: "He chose us in Christ before the Foundations of the World," (Ephesians 1:4). Join us at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 13 at Grace Lutheran Church. The event features Kirk Rosen, Orphan Grain Train; a Bible study; activity and lunch.

Ingathering items for Orphan Grain Train include: Items to make hygiene and layette kits. Specific items needed are:

- towels/wash cloths
- bars of soap
- combs
- cloth diapers
- nail clippers-no files
- rubber pants

They also will be collecting monetary donations to help with the cost of shipping.

Save the date for the LWML State Convention: Join fellow LWML women at the 2024 state convention "Lord of All Creation" based on Colossians 1:16, Friday, June 14 through Sunday, June 16 at the Ramada in Bismarck. Registration forms are available in the *Messenger* on page five and six, which can be accessed on the church website.

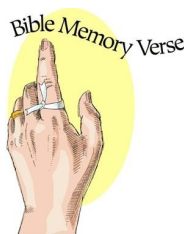
Memory Verse Challenge

April 7: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 - For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

April 14: John 14:27 - Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

April 21: John 14:19 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

April 28: John 16:33 - I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



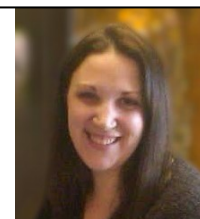
Deaths

Feb. 22: Jennifer Jill Trauman Steege, Fargo, passed away. Her funeral was held at Boulger Funeral Home on Feb. 29.

Jennifer Jill Trauman was born Nov. 29, 1978, in Fargo to Brian and Barb Trauman. She attended Oak Grove Lutheran High School through 1998. She also went to NDSCS and received her LPN degree.

She married Mark Daniel Steege on July 29, 2006. Mark and Jen had two children, Annalise and Layla. Mark passed away in December 2016.

Jennifer is survived by her daughters, Anna (17), Layla (12); her parents, Brian and Barb Trauman; sister Liz (Maulik) Dabhi of Fargo; fiancé Darren Beach of Fargo; Darren's children, Jordan and Jocelyn; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Paul and Marti Steege; and nephews, cousins and friends.



Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study:

"Defending the Faith" - Are you be ready to defend your faith? If someone asked you why you were Christian, what would you say? Would you say you're a Christian because you were raised that way, or would you say you're a Christian because you just believe it? Do you have a good defense for why you believe what you do?



Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter writes: "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect," (1 Peter 3:15).

We believe, teach and confess that no one can come to or remain in the faith without the power of the Holy

Spirit, so we give all glory to God, who works faith through the means of Word and Sacrament. But there is another part to why you are a Christian. You are a Christian because Christianity is true. How can you defend that statement?

We will explore the book "Life's Big Questions - God's Big Answers" by Brad Alles. Topics covered include "what is a worldview," "does evolution explain the world," "is the Bible true," "what about dinosaurs," "did Jesus really exist," and many more.

7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: "Life in Christ: Rooted, Woven and Grafted into God's Story" - Reading and understanding the Bible can be difficult, even for lifelong Christians. Perhaps you even have trouble connecting your personal life to the family lineages, narratives, and parables from Christ's teaching.

Rev. Dr. Adam T. Filipek, helps us to understand how our life story is interwoven with the life of Christ in the Bible. Piece together each of the narratives in the Old and New Testaments to see how God has grafted your life onto the beautiful saving life of Christ.

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study: "Our Hope and Future - A Study of Jeremiah 29:11-12" - Beginning April 2, we will begin a four week study on Jeremiah 29:11-12, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." You can pick up your copy in the church office.

"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

He is risen, He is risen indeed! Of all the truths taught and believed, this is the most important one. Jesus rose physically from the dead! "The Jews said to Him [Jesus], 'What sign do You show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?' But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken," (John 2:18-22). May we also continue to remember and believe!



"Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

John 2:19

To add your financial support, send checks to Main Street Living North, 821 Fifth Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ!

April pastors and sermons are as follows:

April 7: Rev. Daniel Provost, Trinity Lutheran Church, Drayton and Zion English Lutheran Church, Grafton, presents the message: "Peace" based on John 20:19-31. *This Is the Life:* "Three Days."

April 14: Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cavalier, St. Paul Lutheran Church, rural St. Thomas, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Langdon, presents the message: "The Good Shepherd Laid Down His Life for You" based on John 10:11-16. *This Is the Life:* "Break Up."

April 21: Rev. Jim Meyer, member of St. John Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message: "What Kind of Shepherd Is Christ?" based on John 10:11-18. *This Is the Life:* "Alibi."

April 28: Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, presents the message: "Where is Jesus?" based on Acts 8:26-40. *This Is the Life:* "No Place to Hide."

GLS Tuition Assistance Available

With classes from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade, Grace Lutheran School is a wonderful option for Christ-centered education. As part of its mission, BSLC offers tuition remission for GLS.



If you would like to apply for GLS tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year, please fill out an application form and return it to the church by April 15. If you have any questions about the application form or about our policy, please call Pastor Chris at the church office at 293-1047 or his cell at (701) 893-6995.

We expect that BSLC scholarships would cover between 50-60 percent of tuition, but it depends on how many families apply. We will let the families know how much tuition assistance they will be receiving from the church in early summer.



LCEF North Dakota District College Scholarship



The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) North Dakota District College Scholarship is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to at least one applicant.

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA or current full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Applicant must also be a member of an LCMS congregation belonging to the North Dakota District. Applications close on April 14. Winners will be announced on May 6.

Apply at lcef.org/north-Dakota-scholarship. Contact Tami Ulland, LCEF District Vice President at 701-360-1469 or tami.ulland@lcef.org with questions.

GLS News

Save the date for Pasta with a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner from noon-7 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. If you would like to assist with planning, serving, or leading a group, please contact Susan or Amy at 701-232-7747. Volunteer sign ups will be available on the school's website in April. Please consider assisting with this fun social event.

This summer, Camp Grace will take place at St. Andrew Lutheran Church to make way for construction at the school. We are looking for part-time or full-time summer childcare workers to work with a great group of kids. If you are interested in a position at Camp Grace, please contact the school for an application before May 1.

Growing Together in Grace

The GTIG campaign continues to move quickly. \$1.91 million has been raised and bids were awarded to Meineke Johnson, Dakota



Electric and SA Mechanical. Construction will begin in late May. Tentative completion will be late August.

To Christ be the glory for the success of this campaign. Thank you to all of our churches, friends, and supporters for believing in this project and working hard to bring it to life. The committee continues to work toward fully funding the project by Dec. 31.

If you wish to support the GTIG campaign, gifts may be sent to PACE at 1025 14th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 or through the online giving link at www.glsfargo.org. Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org with questions.

LCMS Summer Bible Camps

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is now taking registrations for summer camp. Check out their website at www.shretreat.org or call Rev. Jon Bonine at 701-244-5225.



Lutheran Island Camp is now taking registrations for summer camps. For a full list and description of all their summer camp programs and registration, visit their website at <http://www.islandcamp.org/registration>.



Sunday School to Sing with Beautiful Savior Choir

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Service Sunday, April 7

The Sunday school children will be singing with the Beautiful Savior Choir at the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 7. Please have your child at the church by 8 a.m. for a short practice.

There is a short children's chorus in the song *Christ is Risen* (from "The Beautiful Christ" by Fieldes, Maher and Sorenson) if you want to look it up and listen to it.

The lyrics are as follows:

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death, come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave.**

**Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again, come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave.**

We are so excited to have them help share the blessing of Jesus' resurrection!

Save the Date for "Scuba" VBS

Sunday, June 2-Thursday, June 6

We'll be diving into an amazing undersea adventure where kids will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God and be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the following areas at VBS:

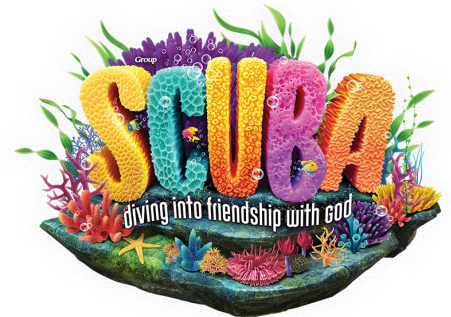
Crew Leaders - move your group of children from station to station (no teaching involved - just make sure you have everyone, assist in the stations and make sure children are behaving)

Station Leaders - are in charge of a designated activity each night. Stations include: crafts, outside games, Sticky Scripture and music. Scripts and materials are prepped and ready for you - all you have to do is follow the directions!

Registration - sign kids up each night and point them in the right direction.

Decoration Crew - help make decorations prior to VBS and set materials. Can be done either at home or at the church. Materials will be provided.

Donations - Keep your eyes open for donations that will be needed to help make VBS a success. Registration forms coming soon!



April Youth Events

DESTINATION UNKNOWN: Where will the youth go this week?

Join us and find out! Every Wednesday after confirmation class, youth in grades 6-12 can participate in a youth group adventure from 8-9 p.m. Each week, we will travel to a different surprise destination where we will have an activity and short devotion. We will return to church for games, snacks and faith sharing. For more information, see Pastor Chris.

Wednesday, April 3 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, April 10 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, April 17 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, April 24 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12



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Office Hours:

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

Pastor Chris is available by appointment.

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. in-person & via YouTube

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Pastor Chris is available by appointment Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Worship Services available at:

www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com

www.youtube.com

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