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## Finding Shelter in God When Tragedy Strikes

By Pastor Chris

That could have been me.

On July 19, an amphibious tourist vehicle, commonly referred to as a "duck boat," capsized during a thunderstorm on Table Rock Lake near Branson, Mo., killing 17 of the 31 passengers aboard.

I have had some really close calls over the years. My wife survived a horrible car accident with only a broken wrist. My son ran in front of a car in a Wal-Mart parking lot; the vehicle came to a stop with only mere inches standing between our child and severe injury or death. I almost got shot. A Missouri native, I have been on the obligatory Branson vacation and almost took a duck boat ride on Table Rock Lake.

That could have been me.

For some, it IS them. Tragedy hits home. Parents bury children lost to car accidents, drownings, accidental shootings and illness. Natural disasters and accidents claim lives, livelihood and property. Disaster seems to know no limit in what it can take away. And when tragedy strikes, it can feel like our whole world unravels. We can become consumed with fear, regret, pain and loss, allowing it to touch every corner of our life. How do we get through it?

Although different coping mechanisms exist, the one sure confidence can be found in God and His promises in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus doesn't just help us cope, he actually reverses the curse, dismembers disaster and conquers calamity.

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## Set Aside Time For Jesus!

August means last-minute summer fun, but remember to receive God's gifts each week during worship services, where God promises to meet and bless us through His Word. We will continue to offer 7 p.m. Wednesday worship through Aug. 22, while our 9 a.m. Sunday service will continue through Sept. 2.

### Important upcoming dates

#### Wednesday, Sept. 5

Confirmation classes begin at 6:15 p.m. for grades 7, 8 and 9.  
Confirmation parent meeting at 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, Sept. 9 – Rally Day

Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
Sr. High Youth Group (grades 9-12) 5-7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 12

Jr. High Youth Group (grades 6-8) 7:30-9 p.m.



# Finding Shelter in God When Tragedy Strikes

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In Psalm 46, the world is falling apart. The earth gives way. The mountains move into the heart of the sea. The waters foam and surge. The nations rage. Kingdoms totter. Yet the Psalmist remains eerily calm, confident that the one true God is "very much there" in times of trouble. In fact, amid all the turmoil, God's assurance cuts through all the chaos:

"Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10)

Why? Because God ultimately destroys destruction. He breaks the bow. He shatters the spear. He burns the chariots and shields with fire. When our Lord Jesus returns, he will do away with all weapons of war. He will cast aside all the enemies of God's people. He will restore His creation to its fullness and wholeness.

That restoration includes dealing with the sin, death and chaos at work inside of us. Separated from God. Under the curse of sin and death and hell. That could have been me. No, that WAS me. And it was you, too. But the Father rescued us from this dark predicament, placing us squarely and securely in His love in Christ.

Tragedy will strike, but it cannot win the day. Through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, our Lord forgives sin, rescues the lost, defeats death and restores our relationship with God and one another. He is not distant, disengaged or dead. He lives and reigns to all eternity. Christ remains present in and through His church and His means of grace. He abides with us through Word and Sacrament, dwelling in and working through those means. As the Psalmist puts it: "There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved," (Psalm 46:4-5a)

When tragedy strikes, we can take solace and comfort in the fact that God has not left us. Quite the contrary. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The LORD of hosts (armies) is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress, (Psalm 46:1, 7, 11).

*Pastor Chris*

## LWML News

- LWML will hold a special work night at the church at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16. More information to follow.
- A special THANK YOU from Main Street Living to the LWML of both the ND & MN North District who have approved our grant requests for the 2018-2020 biennium as funds become available! To add your much needed financial support, checks may be sent to "Main Street Living North," 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account at: [www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com). Thank you, and God's blessing in Christ!

## Upcoming Bible Studies

**10:15 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study** will be "Sunday Sermon Questions, Comments and Answers." The study is intended to allow for more feedback, participation and engagement from the congregation regarding sermon content and proclamation. Come with your questions, comments and insights!

**7 p.m. Tuesdays:** "John's first love letter to the Church." John's wonderful letter challenges us to expand our view on what love is and why it is needed, especially within the church.

**Women's Bible study:** 6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays. Our women's Bible study will be studying the Lord's Prayer. If you have any questions, call Loretta Swanson at 218-236-1891.

If you would be interested in leading the women's Bible study, please contact Loretta Swanson for more information.

## Confirmation Classes

As a part of our education ministry, BSLC offers confirmation classes for students in seventh through ninth grades. If you have a child in those classes, please have them join us beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5. There will also be a short meeting following confirmation at 7:30 p.m. with parents to review our confirmation program this year. If you have any questions, please call the church office or talk with Pastor Chris or Vicar Brian.



## Sunday School and Other Volunteers Needed

Sunday school wouldn't be a success without our volunteers! As the school year is quickly approaching, we are looking for people to teach, team-teach, assist in a classroom, help with memory work, take attendance, and looking not too far into the future... assist with the Christmas program. Let Bobbi Hestdalen, Pastor Chris, Vicar Brian or the office know if you would be willing to help our Sunday School program in any way.

Not only is the Sunday School program looking for volunteers, but there are also other committees in the church that would love to have you on them. If there is a program or activity in the church that you are interested in and would like to assist with, please visit with a member of the Church Council and they will get you connected with the right person.



## New Kitchen Appliances

Next time you're in the fellowship hall, check out the new appliances. During the June voters' meeting, it was approved to purchase a new refrigerator, stove and microwave, because the old fridge and stove did not work. We used proceeds from the Fred Fiechtner fund to pay for these appliances. This fall, we will be holding a capital campaign to raise funds to replace the siding and other much-needed repairs to the church.



## Restore His House - Fall Stewardship Focus and Capital Campaign

Our next project will be our annual fall stewardship focus. "Restore His House" will be the theme this year and will include a capital campaign to focus on replenishing our building fund. As was reported at the June voter's meeting, our building is in need of a number of repairs and updates that are a normal part of taking care of a property as it ages. We are looking at a goal of raising \$300,000 in three years to meet these building needs.



During the "Restore His House" campaign, you also can look forward to a sermon and Bible study series, a fall work day, opportunity to visit one-on-one with an Elder, and at least one service opportunity (possibly packing Mercy Meals).

Look for more information as fall approaches. In the meantime, we ask that you prayerfully begin to consider how God has blessed you and what you may be able to commit to both the capital campaign and your regular contributions for the coming year.

Stewardship Campaign Team Training will be held at 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and 16. The presenter and trainer will be Ed Bean. Please contact Jennifer Krause at 218-287-8627 or [rnjkrause@yahoo.com](mailto:rnjkrause@yahoo.com) if you would like to be part of this team or for more information.

### BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$29,302	171,023
Expense	24,601	154,792
Surplus (Shortfall)	<b>4,701</b>	<b>16,231</b>



## Baptisms

**July 29:** Jaxon Arnold Drechsel, son of Adam and Lisa Drechsel, born May 12, 2018. His sponsors were Katrina Haskins, Kody King, Ethan Skarnagel, Kayla and Chace Masterman and Kaleigh Von Bank.



## Service Group for August

Our group for August 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 September group will be the letters H-K with captain Jodi Haekenkamp.

## Memorials

Sally Christianson (Carol Herrmann's Mom)  
Loretta Swiontek  
Albert and Donna Larson

## Deaths

**July 20:** Gary Hasse passed away. His funeral will be at Boulger Funeral Home at 2 p.m. on Aug. 4, with visitation one hour before the service. Gary was a member of BSLC and served as an elder. He is survived by an older brother, Harlan, and several nieces and nephews.

## Beautiful Garden

If you like to garden, it's still not too late to participate. All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays to work in our Beautiful Garden! The plants are growing nicely but so are the weeds. If you haven't come before, please stop by any Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Bring some gardening gloves and a hoe or shovel, if you have one, and be prepared to enjoy some great fellowship and pull a few weeds! If you would like to be added to the communication list, please email your contact information to [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com).



## Elder for August

Our Elders for August are Mike Sellden, Paul Asche and Nate Gannon. They will be here Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings 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 Mike, Paul or Nate or any of the elders.

## Gold Club

Join us at noon Wednesday, Aug. 15, for some wonderful food, fun and fellowship. Our Gold Club is no longer just for seniors. It is fellowship for anyone. If you are free during the day, please come join us.

## Quilting and Fellowship

If you are interested in helping to create future quilts, our quilting group meets once a month during the summer months. Join us at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9. Being a quilter is not a requirement. If you can cut a straight line, iron fabric without burns or use a sewing machine, you can be a great help. Our group enjoys good conversation and fun fellowship. We donate quilts to local organizations, donate to silent auctions when asked and sell quilts to anyone who desires one. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

## BSLC Coffee Club

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

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## Nurture Hope

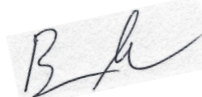
By Vicar Brian

For several months, I had planned on going to Poland in July with some members of my field work church in the St. Louis area. I was going to help them share the good news of our Lord and Savior with the good people in Poland. I had my heart set on helping them achieve their goal of establishing youth programs for the children of the people in Poland. However, the plans that I put in place came unraveled at the last Moment, and I didn't get to go.

What do you do when you've had your heart set on something...and you don't get it? How do you react when you've worked hard and long for something...and you don't get it? "Hope deferred makes the heart sick," (Proverbs 13:12).

Hope is a special plant in God's garden. It's seasonal – with its times to bloom and its times to fade and eventually come to an end. "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). Why is love the greatest? Because love is eternal; "love never ends" (1 Corinthians 13:8). Love is the greatest because "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Hope is a temporary gift from God to help us toward eternity. "Hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience" (Romans 8:24-25). When God calls us to Himself, calls you to eternal love, you'll no longer need hope. Your hope will be realized.

Until then, hope needs nurture. It needs the remembrance of baptismal water, when the sign of the cross was made over your forehead and heart "to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified." To bloom in this earthly life, hope needs nurture from the Body and Blood of Christ, in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Hope blooms when it's tended every day with words that point us again and again to the fulfillment of all of God's promises in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20). "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5). So, tend hope, trusting the faithfulness of God that the time of eternal love will come!! "Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ," (1 Peter 1:13).



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## "Main Street Living North" TV Program News

With this update we can give you a sneak preview of some exciting changes coming up for the Main Street Living TV and on-line ministry! In addition to MSLN having begun broadcast in the Duluth area earlier this year, both Lincoln, Nebraska and Sioux City, Iowa, are scheduled to join the Main Street Living Network in October! Also in October, we will be premiering the return of the well-known "*This Is The Life*" series of programs from Lutheran Hour Ministries, which have been re-mastered! These will take the place of the current "Kid's Corner" half hour programs which we have been showing following the MSLN worship services.

Please continue to help spread the word to your extended family and friends! In addition to viewing the TV programs Sunday mornings, please also let them know that they can watch all of the Fargo-based archived programs at any time on line at [www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com).

August pastors and sermons are as follows:

August 5: Rev. Joel Newton, St. John's Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: "*One In Christ*" based on Ephesians 4:1-16.

August 12: Rev. Dave Suelzle, Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "*Us – Imitators of God?*" based on Ephesians 4:32-5:2.

August 19: Rev. Dr. Larry Harvala, Congregational Care Counselor, MN North District, presents the message: "*Wisdom's Inner Invitation*" based on Proverbs 9:1-10.

August 26: Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, ND, presents the message: "*The Bridegroom and His Bride*" based on Ephesians 5:21-33.

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## Thrivent Night at the Redhawks

The whole family is invited to a picnic and RedHawks game hosted by the Thrivent Member Network—Northland Region! The picnic will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the east entrance of Newman Outdoor Field. You can choose either a pulled pork sandwich or hot dog and includes chips and pop. Then stay for the baseball game at 7:02 p.m. All this for just \$10 per person! Please bring a guest you would like to introduce to Thrivent. For tickets, contact your financial representative or go to <https://bit.ly/2qCKuOK> to purchase.

## Shepherd's Hill Golf Outing Aug 4

It has been a year of change at camp. Pastor Jon Bonine is the executive director and Pastor Joel is now in a consulting role. With these changes, our camp theme for this year is *A New Creation*. Please join us at our annual golf outing at the Rolla Country Club at 1 p.m. on Aug. 4. If you are not a golfer or unable to golf with us this year, you can still help out! Consider providing a donation or sponsoring a youth golfer. Your \$65 registration fee includes a round of golf with a steak dinner to follow.

## Confirmation Items in Office

Please check the office for Confirmation gifts/cards. There are several confirmation CDs in the office as well.



Several Beautiful Savior youth, along with Pastor Chris, Vicar Brian and Ken Koehler enjoyed a beautiful day of tubing on the Ottertail River on June 28.

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## Grace Lutheran School News

**Camp Grace** has been a whirlwind of activity all summer long! The children have gone all over the Fargo/Moorhead area swimming, enjoying field trips and many free events offered throughout the summer. Our campers also enjoy going to the library every week! Camp Grace will continue until Aug. 17. Thank you to everyone who supported our camp this year!

**PTL Fundraiser Update** - Grace Lutheran School PTL hosted the Cashwise hot dog/bratwurst stand in June. PTL was able to make \$250 on that day helping secure funds for activities during the school year. Thank you to all who had lunch and participated!

### Enrollment at Grace continues to GROW!

Association church members, friends and relatives are welcome to come in right now and register for the 2018-2019 school year! With more than 500 young people in our association churches, many of them can benefit greatly from an education based here at Grace Lutheran School. Let us take you for a tour of the school to get an idea of what Grace Lutheran is like. We have needs-based financial aid with over \$100,000 available for your students to attend Grace! Registration is only \$50 for new families. Give us a call and set up a care visit with our principal or marketing director today!

**Volunteers needed for next year!** Would you like to volunteer in our school? Volunteer duties include assisting students in completing their work, helping teachers with tasks and breaks, supervising morning care and recesses. We could also use help in the kitchen when our regular cook is sick or taking time off. During the summer, there are always little projects to do around the school, feel free to contact us for a service project. Please contact Principal John Hagge, 232-7747 or email [jhagge@gracels.com](mailto:jhagge@gracels.com) for further information.

**Back to School Night** will be held 6-8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 20.

## BSLC Youth Group now on Facebook and Instagram

Want to stay informed on youth events, activities and fundraisers? Follow us on Instagram or join us on Facebook! Just search "BSLC, Fargo Youth." Ask to follow or join, and we will accept you!

# 2018-2019 Pre-K-6th Grade Christian Education Registration Form

Please fill out this form and return it to the church office.

You may also email your information to the church at [office@bslcfargo.org](mailto:office@bslcfargo.org).

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Names of Children</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade (2018-19)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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## I am interested in helping in the following areas:

- |                                                      |                                           |                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance       | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Teacher/Sub            | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Christmas Program | Please indicate a preferred grade _____   |                                      |

Sunday School begins **Sept. 9, 2018**

Sunday School Classes available for children ages 3 thru Grade 12

## August Youth Events

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

Sunday, Aug 5, from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Sunday, Aug 12, from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Sunday, Aug 19, from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Sunday, Aug 26, from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

### UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**Saturday, August 11: Youth Zone Lake Trip.** All youth grades 9 -12 are invited to the Youth Zone Lake Trip. We will meet at Beautiful Savior at 9:30 a.m. to pack a sack lunch and then travel to our destination. When we arrive at the lake house, we will have our Bible study, and then eat lunch. We will spend the afternoon on the lake and have supper around 5:30 p.m. and head back to Fargo at 7 p.m. We will be back at Beautiful Savior at 8 p.m. The cost is \$15/person to cover food, gas for drivers and water toys (boat, jet ski). See Vicar Brian to fill out a form to go on the trip.

### BSLC youth working the Dome

Thinking about going to the National Youth Gathering? Want to join in the junior high youth gathering? All Beautiful Savior youth age 13 and older can help work various events at the Fargo Dome to earn money for youth activities at BSLC. For more information, please call Adam Tykwinski at 793-8170 or Brent Barth at 799-8550.



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Pastor Chris and Vicar Brian are also available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule

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Wednesday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

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