



## August 2021

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## Amid Our Misplaced Objections, God Refuses to Remove Protection Detail

by Pastor Chris

*In the interest of keeping the eighth commandment, take to heart that the following column does not seek to make a political statement or commentary about President Joe Biden.*

*Business Insider* recently reported that President Joe Biden has asked Secret Service agents to keep out of his bedroom during breakfast. The president prefers to start his days wearing his robe and eating his morning meal undisturbed by protection detail.

"I think all of the help that's there, providing meals, and all the rest, I think they love us," said Biden, who commended the Secret Service for their attentiveness to his well-being. However, the president explained he liked to break with certain protocols to live a more normal life.

"It is very hard to get comfortable (with them there) like I would ordinarily be," Biden said.

You have a similar, but far greater, protection detail. God's gracious presence attends to you wherever you go. But as you indulge the sinful nature or deal with the shame, regret and guilt of sin you might tell God to keep away. Such an unwise request from you stands as an impossible endeavor for your loving God. This assurance prompted David to write: "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!" (Psalm 139:7-8).

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## Important Upcoming Dates

### 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 Sept. 1, while our 9 a.m. Sunday service will continue through Sept. 5.

### Wednesday, Sept. 8

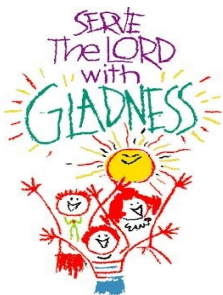
Confirmation classes begin at 6:15 p.m. for grades 7, 8 and 9. A confirmation parent meeting will be at 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Sept. 12 – Rally Day

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

### Wednesday, Sept. 15

LYF Youth Group (grades 6-12) 7:30-9 p.m.



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



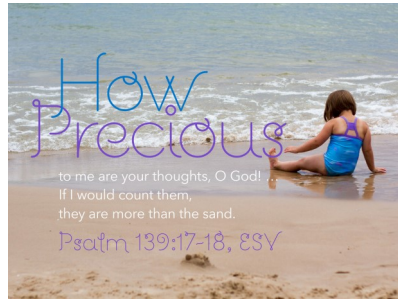
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David goes on to note for himself and his readers that even before you existed, God ordered all your days! In His book, your days were written before “there was none of them,” (Psalm 139:16).

At the beginning of your days, God formed your inward parts and knitted you together in your mother’s womb, (Psalm 139:13). How important is your welfare? God’s thoughts for you outnumber the grains of sand upon the earth (Psalm 139:18). And David ends Psalm 139 on a high note praising God, who graciously leads you in the way of life everlasting (Psalm 139:24).

Amid all this glorious attention, your Old Adam cringes. He loves keeping away from God’s love and protection. Maybe he even convinces you to remain in hiding because you’re a mess. But don’t dwell on your Old Adam’s vain efforts. You’re covered.



In your baptism, God clothed you with the robe of Christ’s righteousness, which covers all your sin. In your baptismal waters, the Lord gave you the Helper, the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, who prepared and opened your heart and mind to receive God’s goodness in Christ through faith. The Lord gives you both His Spirit and His Son in Word and Sacrament to keep you clinging to and living in His protection detail.

Amid misplaced objections, God refuses to take a break from breaking into the lives of those He has sworn to serve and protect. Even though God sees you at your weakest and darkest, He lovingly comes to your rescue. Your weakness and darkness are some of the reasons why He comes to your rescue! He shatters the schemes of sin, death and the power of the devil that seek to wipe out the new life and eternal life you have in Him.

How fitting, then, that David proclaims: “You hem me in, behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high. I cannot attain it,” (Psalm 139:5-6).

*Pastor Chris*

## Upcoming Bible Studies

### **9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: “The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt” - Begins**

**Aug. 1** - Is the Bible reliable? If the Bible is riddled with errors, full of inconsistent and false information, and simply the product of man, the Bible is not worthy of our faith. If, on the other hand, the Bible stands up to critical scrutiny and academic investigation, if it shows itself to be a trustworthy record of historical events and God’s dealing with man and revelation to man, then its all-inclusive promise of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ alone makes it the world’s most essential book.

During August, join us for this Sunday morning Bible study that will explore “The Bible On Trial: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt.” This study makes the case that the Scriptures are authentic, dependable, God inspired and worthy of our full attention and complete faith. This video-based series from Lutheran Hour Ministries addresses critical views of the Bible, examines evidence from the ancient world, surveys archaeology corroborating the Biblical record and considers the word of eyewitnesses who heard, saw and experienced the events of Christ’s remarkable life.

**7 p.m. Tuesday evening Bible study: “Genesis: A Book of Beginnings”** - Genesis is a book of beginnings and promises. It explains the beginning of the universe, the beginning of humankind, the beginning of sin, the beginning of God’s people, the beginning of God’s covenant promises with Abraham and his descendants and the beginning of sacrifice as the substitution of death for life. The rest of the Bible - particularly the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ - only makes sense when we understand these important beginnings.

### **9 a.m. Thursday Women’s Bible study via Zoom: “Heaven – Finding Our True Home” - Begins**

**Aug. 5.** Heaven is hard for us to picture. We think of floating on clouds, singing praises and playing harps or walking on streets of gold. Although we know we want to go to heaven, we are a little nervous about what it will be like. This eight-session Bible Study will provide a biblical perspective on heaven--something richer and more exciting than we can imagine. Contact Shirley Elsner at 388-9521 to sign up.

## Sunday School and Other Volunteers Needed

Sunday school wouldn't be a success without our volunteers!

As the school year approaches, we are looking for people to teach, team-teach, assist in a classroom, help with memory work, take attendance, and assist with the Christmas

program. Let Stacy Knudson, Pastor Brian or the office know if you would be willing to help our Sunday School program in any way.



There are other committees in the church that would love to have you. 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.

## Evangelism to Meet Aug. 3

The evangelism committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Perkins. We will be planning new member Sunday and finalizing the BSLC "swag bags." They are designed to increase the awareness of worship, education and service groups at Beautiful Savior. Come, and enjoy some fellowship, lunch and free pie! Please RSVP to the church office or email Tim Deitemeyer at [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com) by Thursday, July 29.

## Restore His House Update

Restore His House - Three-Year Capital Campaign - is almost completed. Our goal was to raise \$300,000 for building projects and \$30,000 for missions to Grace Lutheran School. We are currently sitting at a shortfall of \$20,500.

We have three projects yet to be completed

- New carpet in the sanctuary
- Paint the cross tower
- Replace the sanctuary HVAC

Prayerfully consider what you can contribute to support the Restore His House campaign. Your contributions to this campaign should be over and above your regular annual giving.



## 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 one of those classes, please have them join us in-person beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. 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 talk with Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian.

## Praise Band, Choir and Crossfire Invited for Karaoke Fun

Praise Band, Choir and Crossfire Praise Band members as well as their families, are invited for a night of karaoke fun at Ramsey and Lyndell Dahl's home, 1052 Meyer Blvd, West Fargo.

Choir and Praise Band members will meet from 7:30 p.m.- 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27.

Crossfire Praise Band members will meet from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29.

Please bring your own beverage to drink and a snack to share. If you have questions, call Ramsey at 866-5403.



## Baptisms

**July 25:** Azaya Ann Osmanovic, daughter of Denis Osmanovic and Anna Kowalski, born Feb. 13, 2021. Her sponsors were Mark Kowalski, Steffanie Valesco and Paul Kowalski.



## LWML Loose Change Sunday

Loose Change Sunday will be Wednesday, August 25 and Sunday, August 29. Bring your coins, bills or checks to drop in the mite bucket.

General Operating Fund		
<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	36,014	202,911
Expense	21,661	183,645
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	<b>14,353</b>	<b>19,266</b>



## Clubs and Service Groups



**Service Group** - Fellowship along with coffee and treats will now be served after worship. Our group for August consists of the letters Br-D with Janet Koppinger as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help with events. Thanks for your help. Our September group will be the letters E-G with captain Diane Lee.

**Elders** - At least one of our elders are here every Sunday morning. They greet members and visitors, help the pastors 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.

**Quilting and Fellowship** - Our mission quilting group is up and running again. If you like to sew or just want to get out of the house for a few hours of fellowship, come join us. We will only meet the second Thursday in August. Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12. If you have any questions, please call Donna Ceroll at 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.

**Gold Club** - Gold Club has resumed. It is a time to get together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next get together will be at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 18. Invite a friend, Gold Club is for anyone!

**LWML** - LWML will take the summer off and resume meetings in September. If you have any questions about LWML, contact Mary Seiffert or the church office.

**Beautiful Garden** - If you haven't come in a while, we have veggies to pick, a bit of weeding and some fun and fellowship. Bring your gloves, water to drink, a hoe and any smaller boxes, cloth bags or containers to put veggies in. We meet on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. or Saturdays at 10 a.m. Contact the church office or Tim Deitemeyer at [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com) to be added to the communication list. See you at the garden!

## "Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Have you been watching the "This Is The Life" program along with the weekly Divine Worship Services each Sunday? They are on either after or before the worship service depending on which station you are watching.

As our LCMS President Matthew Harrison states during his introduction of these programs, "though they were recorded in the 1960's and 1970's, the subject matter is still very relevant." I personally look forward to watching each week's episode and often find my emotions welling up as the story line develops.

If you've missed any of these programs, you can watch them at any time by going to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and click on the menu, and then "Watch This Is The Life." (Binge watching allowed!) These critically acclaimed dramas still do a wonderful job of "bringing Christ to the nations."

Thank you for your 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 on the website.

### August pastors and sermons:

**Aug. 1:** Rev. Dan Suelzle, Wittenberg Chapel, Grand Forks, presents the message "There's Only One", based on Ephesians 4:1-16. This Is The Life: "Stranger at the Door."

**Aug. 8:** Rev. Tom Puffe, St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, and Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message based on John 6:44. This Is The Life: "The Fathering Kind."

**Aug. 15:** Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: "Words of Eternal Life" based on John 6:51-69. This Is The Life: "A Nice Girl Like You."

**Aug. 22:** Rev. Daniel Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, presents the message "13th Sunday after Pentecost", based on Isaiah 29:11-19, Ephesians 5:22-33, and Mark 7:1-13. This Is The Life: "But Not For Lunch."

**Aug. 29:** Rev. Richard Biberdorf, Grace Lutheran Church, Carrington, Grace Lutheran Church, Cooperstown, and Zion Lutheran Church, Binford, presents the message "Rules for the Real World" based on Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9? This Is The Life: "Candidate for Father."

# Life-giving Bread

By Pastor Brian

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51

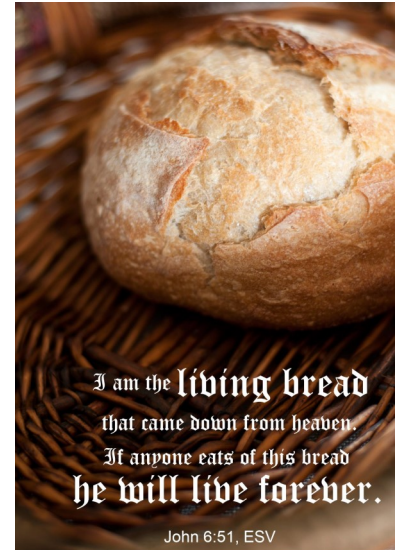
"What's to eat?" That's the question heard daily, and the answer can be found in the refrigerator, the pantry, or the cupboard. Often one of those sources provides a solution and the hunger is satisfied.

"What's to eat?" This question can be understood in a completely different way. Instead of focusing on an empty stomach, it can also focus on the empty soul. What satisfies this hunger? Many people look for answers in all kinds of places. Most rely on what I must do myself to satisfy the hunger pangs of my guilty soul. Unfortunately, all these self-reliant solutions only leave me hungry. Worse yet, I soon come to the realization I am dying from spiritual starvation. Where do I turn to find life-giving bread that feeds my hungry soul?

The answer is found only in Jesus. His words are simple, yet profound: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." There is no doubt about what Jesus offers. It is bread which gives life. Not only does it fill my starving soul, but it also nourishes me with eternal life.

Jesus rightly offers this living bread from heaven. As the source of life, He came into this starving and death-ridden world. He endured the pain, the emptiness, and even the horrible death it demanded. He triumphed over everything, and with His victory He offers food that gives life.

This life-giving bread is mine only through faith. When I put my complete trust in Him and in His precious work, my hungry soul is filled. No longer do I search to find nourishment. No longer am I resigned to endless starvation and death. Jesus is my life-giving bread from heaven. Daily I am able to eat what He offers, and joyfully savor the food which gives eternal life.



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## Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

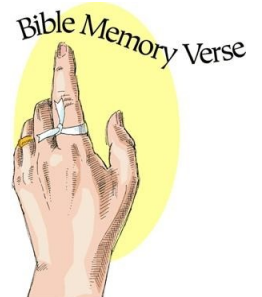
**Aug. 1:** Lamentations 3:22–23 - The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

**Aug. 8:** Proverbs 3:5–6 - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**Aug. 15:** Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Aug. 22:** Deuteronomy 6:6–7 - And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**Aug. 29:** Numbers 6:24–26 - The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



## Operation Christmas Child Information

School supplies are on sale now and we need lots for OCC. They are at the best prices they will be all year right now. The top needs are crayons, colored pencils, markers, pencils, pens, scissors, erasers, and pencil sharpeners. Anything else is also welcome of course. Our goal is to pack 200 boxes again this year. Watch for future announcements highlighting wish list items to be sure we have all categories covered. A complete list of gift ideas and the Do Not Include list is listed below, on the donation box in the narthex or on the church website. Email Jennifer at: [njkrause@yahoo.com](mailto:njkrause@yahoo.com) with any questions.



### WOW" Items

Nicer toys  
Ball with pump  
Outfit  
Doll  
Stuffed animal  
Puzzle  
Musical instrument  
Flashlight w/batteries  
Legos  
Fishing kit - fish line, hook, bobber, lure  
Sewing kit - 1-2 yds. Fabric, ribbon, thread, needles, pins, thimble, scissors  
Tool kit - small hammer, screwdriver, wrench, pliers, NO knives or saws  
Multi-tool - remove knives  
Gardening kit - gloves and trowel, NO seeds

### Toys and Crafts

Cars  
Jump rope  
Yo-yo  
Finger puppets  
Bracelet kit  
Origami paper  
Coloring book  
Deck of cards  
Watercolor set  
Playdough  
Stickers  
Binoculars  
Compass  
Magnets  
Kaleidoscope  
Marbles  
Rope or twine  
Slinky  
Etch a sketch  
Frisbee or Kite  
Pretend play items  
Tennis ball  
Plastic animals  
Hacky sack  
Chess or checkers

### School Supplies

Crayons  
Markers  
Pens  
Pencils w/sharpener  
Rubber bands  
Paper clips  
Solar calculator  
Notebook  
Paper  
Scissors  
Ruler w/metric  
Pencil case  
Index cards  
Tape  
Erasers  
Glue sticks  
Chalkboard and chalk

### Hygiene/Accessories

Toothbrushes  
Bar soap  
Comb or brush  
Washcloth  
Hair bows or clips  
Ponytail holders  
Socks  
Hat  
Sunglasses  
Chapstick  
Band-aids  
Small blanket  
Cup or water bottle  
Plate or bowl  
Blunt utensils  
Compact mirror  
Nail clipper  
Emery board file  
Stick deodorant  
New underwear  
Shoes  
Flip flops  
Backpack or sack  
Tote bag/purse

### DO NOT INCLUDE:

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

## August Youth Events

**Thursday, Aug. 5, through Saturday, Aug. 7.** ND District LYF Gathering - Starting at the END... This event is for eighth grade and up and will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Dr. Brad Alles, Concordia University Wisconsin, will lead four Bible studies 1) Islam and New Age; 2) Secular Humanism and Marxism; 3) Cultural Marxism (Critical Race Theory, etc.); and 4) Being a Christian in Church and State. Anyone can join us for Bible studies via Zoom, contact Pat Sebastian (701) 471-3289 for Zoom link information. Activities include Bible studies, devotions, music, prayer walk, servant events, banquet, election of District LYF officers and selection of LYF mission projects. Cost is \$125 and the church will pay half of the expenses. Attendees are welcome to stay at home. Registration forms are on the church website or in the narthex. Visit with Pastor Brian for more details or <http://www.nodaklcms.org/youth/>.

**Monday, Aug. 9: Back to School Youth Event at Thunder Road** - This event is for 6-12 grade in the fall. Enjoy laser tag, miniature golf, go-cart rides, batting cages and more, along with Bible study. Parents please drop off and pick up your kids from Thunder Road. We will be meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 9. Cost is \$20 for 5 tickets if paid by Aug. 8. Otherwise, the cost is \$25 at the door. Snacks will be provided. Bring sunscreen and extra money for snacks (optional). For more information, call Pastor Brian at 293-1047. Forms are on the church website or in the narthex and may be returned to the office.



# Register for Sunday School

It's time to register your child for class. This helps us in setting up the classrooms and the ordering of supplies. You will find the registration form (below) to be filled out and returned to the church office as soon as possible. Consider teaching or assisting with a class this year. Forms will also be in the narthex and online. Thank you!



## 2021-2022 Pre-K-6th Grade Christian Education Registration Form

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

You may also email the completed form 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

May we use pictures of your child on BSLC social media, website and publications?

Yes ☐ No ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

guardian/parent signature

<u>Names of Children</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade (2019-20)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**I am interested in helping in the following areas:**

☐ Teacher ☐ Attendance ☐ Memory Work

☐ Team Teacher/Sub ☐ Classroom Helper ☐ Crafts

☐ Help with Christmas Program Please indicate a preferred grade \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School begins **Sept. 12, 2021**

Sunday School Classes available for children ages 3 thru Grade 12



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## Office Hours:

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

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9 a.m. in-person & via YouTube

Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Sunday

Wednesday at 7 p.m. in-person

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

## Worship Services available at:

[www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com](http://www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com)

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