

# ENLIGHTEN

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## Upcoming December Events

**Munchies for Missions**  
Sunday, Dec. 2

**Advent Fun Shop**  
1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2  
Pre-K through fifth-grade

**Women's Christmas Tea**  
3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

**NYG Babysitting Fundraiser**  
4:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8  
at the church

**Voter's Meeting**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9

**Poinsettia for the Altar**  
Cost \$15; Deadline Dec. 9

**Gold Club Potluck**  
noon Wednesday, Dec. 12

**Midweek Advent Services**  
7 p.m. on Wednesdays,  
Dec. 5 and 12  
"Sounds of the Season"

**Advent Soup and Suppers**  
6 p.m. Wednesdays,  
Dec. 5, 12 and 19  
Bring soup, sandwiches and  
desserts if you are able.

**Advent Set-up and  
Clean-up Groups:**  
Dec. 5 A-BO - Andrea Olson  
Dec. 12 BR-D - Janet Koppinger  
Dec. 19 E-G - Diane Lee

**Sunday School  
Christmas Programs**  
8:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16  
Pre-K through second grade

**10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16**  
"Out of The Box"  
third through sixth grade

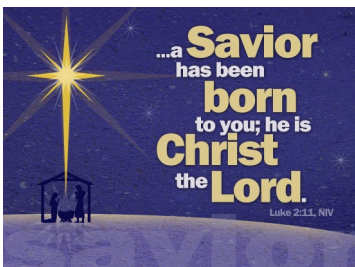
**Christmas Caroling at  
Bethany on 42nd**  
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

**Crossfire Christmas Party**  
7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

**Christmas Cantata  
The First Light**  
7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19

**LYF Christmas Party**  
7:45-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19

**Children's Christmas Party**  
6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21  
Kindergarten - fifth grade



## Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, Dec. 24  
3:30 and 5 p.m.  
Candlelight Worship

## Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday, Dec. 25  
10 a.m.  
Lord's Supper celebrated

# What do I get for the one who has everything?

By Pastor Chris

Sometimes, giving poses a challenge, especially for those who seem to possess everything.

As we approach the season of Christmas, remembering the gift of the Lord drawing near to us in the person of Christ, the Gospel compels us to give back. But how can we give to the one who already has everything? What can we bring to the creator of heaven and earth? How can we top the one who gives all good gifts? The Psalmist posed this question asking, "What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?" (Psalm 116:12)

The Psalmist did not propose to meet or grant something the Lord needed. Instead, the Psalmist vows to continue to receive God's gifts with a thankful, open heart: "I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people," (Psalm 116:13-14).

Notice, however, that Psalm 116 emphasizes that our praise, thanksgiving and faith can serve as a testament to others, so they too might receive God's gift of salvation.

As Paul goes to the Areopagus in Athens, he affirms that God does not need anything from anyone, yet the apostle has been called to proclaim the Gospel: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, because He himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything," (Acts 17:22-25).

Jesus, too affirms the Gospel transforms our lives into one of witness and proclamation: "And he said to them, 'Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light,'" (Mark 4:20-22).

As we enter the Advent and Christmas season, warmed by the babe of Bethlehem as Immanuel, God with us, what do we give to the One who has everything and gives everything? We join the Psalmist, Paul and all in faith, giving our creator laud, honor and praise in worship. We receive His gifts with thanksgiving. We proclaim His salvation to those around us, not because of something born from God's needs but because the world really needs the Good News of Christ!

God bless your Advent preparation and Christmas celebration!

*Pastor Chris*

## Upcoming Bible Studies

### **9:40 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: "A Simple Way to Pray"**

Having a hard time finding the time or the words to pray?

In this study, we will delve into Luther's small and large catechisms as bottomless prayer treasure chests, or better stated, war chests, to help us do battle with the world, the devil and our sinful flesh.

God does not intend prayer as a chore or a means to appease Him. He simply invites us to call upon Him in every need, to praise Him and give Him thanks. Spend some time developing this lifelong refreshment and assurance that we, as God's dear and beloved children, can always call upon our heavenly Father, who promises to hear us for Jesus' sake.

### **7 p.m. Tuesdays: "End Times"**

This study explores what the Bible has to say about the end times, the glory of Jesus' return and the resurrection of God's faithful into that glory forever.

### **9 a.m. Thursdays Women's Bible study: "Advent of the Savior" -**

We will introduce you to the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. On an ordinary day, in a manger in Bethlehem, the promised Messiah slipped into the world as a tiny baby. Thousands longed for his coming, few witnessed his birth, but millions have been changed by his life.



## Voters' Meeting

There will be a voters' meeting on Sunday, Dec. 9, between services at 9:30 a.m. Discussion will be held on the 2019 budget and other reports. Please plan to attend.

## *The First Light* Christmas Cantata

"The First Light" will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Practices will be from 7:45-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you would like to participate, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

## Poinsettias for the Altar

Give a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$15. The deadline to order is Dec. 9. You may take your poinsettia home after Christmas.

## Sock and Mitten Tree

Donations are being taken for a sock and mitten tree. Bring in new mittens, caps, scarves or gloves for children or adults. The items will be donated to the schools. Socks of all sizes will be donated to Churches United for the homeless. Thanks for filling our tree.

## Christmas Caroling

LWML invites congregation members young and old to sing Christmas carols to the residents at Bethany on 42nd. If you play an instrument, bring that along to play as we carol in the halls. We will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. and then go to Bethany on 42nd at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16.

## Need a babysitter for a date night or some Christmas shopping?

The NYG youth will host a free will donation babysitting night from 4:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. Drop your child off at the church for a few hours of shopping or a relaxing date night. If you have any questions contact Vicar Brian at 314-532-0012.

## 2019 Commitment Cards

It's not too late to turn in your commitment card to help BSLC plan its 2019 budget. As you are making your pledge, prayerfully consider how richly God has blessed you and what God's work is for you in our congregation. Show your support by sending in your commitment card. Thank you to all who already turned in their cards. If you need a commitment card, you can pick one up in the narthex.

## Women's Christmas Tea

Our Christmas Tea will start at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, with a silent auction and table preview. At 4 p.m., the Oak Grove Carolers will perform. It's not too late to sign up to attend, but seating is limited. Call the office now to register. Enjoy delicious food, hear some wonderful music and bid on silent auction items. Monies collected will benefit CCRI - Build 4 the Guys. It will be a relaxing Christmas activity to enjoy music and good food.

## Munchies For Missions

The LWML Munchies for Missions bake sale will be Sunday, Dec. 2, after both worship services. Bring your containers to the church between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, Dec. 1, so they can be priced. Plan to shop and take home a variety of tasty goodies for the holidays. Thank you for participating in this LWML fundraiser.

## Restore His House

The Restore His House three year capital campaign is off to a good start. We have received commitments for \$196,000 of our \$330,00 goal. If you have not made a commitment and would like to do so, there are extra cards in the narthex.

## Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2019 are available in the narthex. If you don't find your envelopes, please let the office know, and a box can be made available for you. Thank you for taking home your envelopes.

### **BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund**

<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$22,065	267,650
Expense	27,818	290,285
(Shortfall)	<b>(5,753)</b>	<b>(22,635)</b>



## Memorials

Carl H. Waldvogel, Jr.  
Larry and Janet Bartz  
Richard and Virginia Beaver  
Duane and Maxine Boehning  
Muff and Linda Brandt  
Brian and Donna Breitbarth  
Merlyn and Shirley Dorrheim  
Joan Fiechtner  
Charles Hoge  
Albert and Donna Larson  
Stacie Loreth  
Carolyn Markle  
Karen Mart-Taverna  
Monna Morse  
Mark and Kay Osman  
Catherine Powers  
Steve and Maxine Rust  
Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann  
Mike and Judy Sellden  
Lynn and Arla Strege  
Loretta Swiontek



## Bill Sharpe Posthumously Awarded Arthur C. Haake Leadership Award



The late William (Bill) Sharpe, ND District LCMS Business Manager, was posthumously awarded the Arthur C. Haake Leadership Award from Lutheran Church Extension Fund. The Arthur C. Haake Leadership Award is given to individuals who have made significant and long-lasting contributions to Lutheran Church Extension Fund, ultimately for the work of the Church. Kurt Fuhr, regional vice president – central region for LCEF, worked with Bill and nominated him for the award.



The award was presented to Bill's wife, Gale Sharpe, and daughters Rachel and Rebekah on Nov. 16, 2018 in San Diego at the LCEF Fall Leadership Conference. Their son, Andrew, was unable to come.

Bill Sharpe served as the district vice president in the North Dakota District for more than 25 years, from August 1991 up until his untimely death in April 2017.

## Clubs and Service Groups



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

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

**Gold Club** - Join us at noon Wednesday, Dec. 19. Come decked out in your "ugly" Christmas sweaters and bring a gently used, wrapped white elephant gift to exchange. Our Gold Club is for everyone, so feel free to join us for food, faith and fellowship.

**Quilting and Fellowship** - We will take the month of December off and resume again on January 10. If you have any questions, 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.

**LWML** - will not meet in December. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17.

- **Christmas Tea** - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.
- **Munchies For Missions** - between services Sunday, Dec. 2.
- **Christmas Caroling** - 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.
- **Sock and Mitten Tree** - donations will be given to schools and Churches United.
- **Loose Change Sunday, Dec. 30.**



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## We are included in God's Family

By Vicar Brian

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5

Christmas is a time for celebrating family. It is a time to gather together as parents and children, as siblings and cousins, as grandparents and grandkids—what a joy it is to be included in a family! Such joy would be rather void and empty if it weren't for another family relationship we celebrate at Christmas—a far more important family relationship—our relationship with God through faith in Christ. The apostle Paul speaks of that family relationship in Galatians chapter four. He speaks of us receiving from "God adoption as sons." It is amazing to be included in God's family as one of His dear children.

But it wasn't always that way. In fact, our relationship with God used to be completely broken. As human beings, we were born "under [God's] law." In other words, everything that God, the Giver of the law, demands of all people in his laws and commandments, God expects us to obey, and obey perfectly. However, as sinful human beings, we have lived under God's law imperfectly. We have broken God's law repeatedly, and we continue to do so every time we sin. Because of such disobedience, we deserve to be outside of God's family forever.

But it was never God's desire that we should live outside of His family. And so, God sent us His Son to be our Savior from sin. In pure grace, God molded and shaped the course of human history so that, at just the right time, "when the time had fully come," He could send His Son into the world. Though His Son was true God in every sense of the word, he became a human being, he was "born of a woman, born under law." The one true God and Giver of the law willingly became a man and placed himself under the law, all so that he could be just like us! But there was one difference. Unlike us, God's Son never sinned. He lived under His very own laws perfectly for his entire life. And then, when he gave up his life on the cross of Calvary, the one who lived perfectly washed all of our sins away in his blood and gave us his perfection in return. And now, when God looks at us, He no longer sees any sin. He sees only His own Son's perfection. We are part of His holy family. And we will be forever.

Yes, Christmas is a time for celebrating family. We celebrate because of the saving work of God's Son, we are included in God's family.



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## Going South for the Winter?

Please let the church office know when you plan to leave for the winter so that you will still receive any correspondence from the church. Thank you for keeping the church updated while you travel!



## Altar Flower Sign-up Chart

Sign up for a bouquet in memory or honor of a loved one. The 2019 flower chart is outside the office on the bulletin board. Cost is \$20, and you can take them home after second service. Please designate the money for the altar flowers and place in the offering plate or leave in the office.

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## "Main Street Living North" TV Program News

December pastors and sermons are as follows:

Dec. 2: Rev. Michael Nielson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisher, MN, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Euclid, MN, presents the message: "*Singing to the King*" based on Luke 19:28-40.

Dec. 9: Rev. Daniel Voth, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, presents the message: "*The Second Sunday of Advent*" based on St. Luke 3:1-14.

Dec. 16: Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, President of the English District LC-MS delivers today's message: "*Do Not Be Anxious*" based on Luke 7:18-28.

Dec. 23: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, leads our Christmas worship service. The message is based on Luke 1:39-45.

Dec. 30: Rev. Nabil Nour, third vice president of the LCMS and Pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Hartford, SD, presents today's message: "*The Firstborn*" based on Exodus 13:1-2.

## Grace Lutheran School News

**The King and Me - GLS annual Christmas musical** - Join us at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 13 and 14 for Grace Lutheran Schools Christmas musical. We'll meet Hannah and crew who are trying to open Bethlehem's one and only theme park, "Royal World" in spite of poor planning and city safety inspectors. What they didn't expect was the birth of the true King in a little stable on the edge of town. As the story unfolds, all involved learn what is important and what Christmas is all about! Dress rehearsal for the public is at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13.

### GLS Barnes and Noble Book Fair!

Join us at Barnes and Noble, 1201 42nd Street South, Fargo, on Saturday, Dec. 15, for our book fair! Browse and shop for those special purchases and support Grace Lutheran School's ministry at the same time. Join us for a special story time and craft activity at 3 p.m. A percentage of your Barnes and Noble purchases will benefit our school. Can't attend the Book Fair? Visit [BN.COM/bookfairs](http://BN.COM/bookfairs) to support us online from Dec. 15-20 by entering Book fair ID 12311213 at checkout. Thank you for supporting Grace Lutheran School!

## Do you buy from Amazon?

The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate .5 percent of your purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice. Choose "Fargo Beautiful Savior" to locate us. For more information go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about> or see Beth Gustafson.

## Opportunities to Get Involved

Have you ever wondered if you could be an usher or greeter on Sunday mornings? Would you enjoy singing with the choir or playing in the praise band? Do you have a gift for prayer, sewing, gardening, working with children or teens, or planning activities? These are just some of the ways you can contribute your gifts and talents at Beautiful Savior. If you would like to learn more about any of these or want to know how you can serve our congregation, please visit with Jennifer Krause or any member of the Church Council.

## Sunday School in December

Regular Sunday school classes will be held on Dec. 2 and 9. The preschool through second grade students will have their Christmas program at 8:15 a.m. Dec. 16. The third through sixth grade students will present their program at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 16. There will be no Sunday school on Dec. 16, 23 and 30. Regular class will resume Jan. 6.

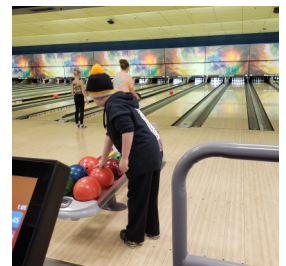
## Kids Create Christmas Crafts, Gifts at Advent Fun Shop Dec. 2

This fun family event of Christmas crafting for preschoolers through fifth-graders will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The cost is \$3 per child, and an adult should accompany the children, especially younger ones. Each family is also asked to bring a dozen cookies for a cookie exchange. Please register your child for this fun annual event.



## BSLC Youth Bowling

Elizabeth Krause, Nate Krause, Leah Tykwinski, Nate Thielman and Ben Thielman enjoyed an afternoon of bowling and fellowship at West Acres Bowl on Nov. 10.



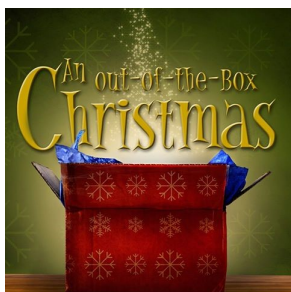


## "Out of The Box" Christmas Program

Our Terrific Twelve are Jordan Gustafson, Lydia Hestdalen, Isaac Blotsky, Eve Hashbarger, Jack Ternes and Noah Ternes, Ruby Horsager, Adria Roller, Grace Hohn, Davis Rieck, Elizabeth Castaneda and Maia Gilman. Listed below are the times and dates of practice. Thanks to all our students for taking part in the Christmas program.

Dec. 1	10 a.m.	Terrific Twelve and All third to sixth-graders
Dec. 8	10 a.m.	Terrific Twelve and All third to sixth-graders
Dec. 15	10 a.m. to noon 12:30 p.m.	All third to sixth graders Dress rehearsal Pizza party!
Dec. 16	10 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Practice and warm-up <b>Program</b>

If you have any questions call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403. Thank you for bringing your children to practice each week.



## Preschool through Second Grade Christmas Practice

Christmas practice for the younger children for their program will begin Dec. 1. The first-grade and second-grade will practice from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and the preschool and kindergarten students are asked to come at 9:15 a.m. Saturday Dec. 1, 8 and 15. Their program will be at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16.

## Children's Christmas party

All kindergarten through fifth grade students please join us for games, fun and food at a Christmas party just for you from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21. Preschool children may attend, but we would like parents to attend with them, if possible. Please bring a dozen cookies or baked treats to exchange and share.

## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Youth praise band will practice 7-8 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 9. We will have a Christmas party at 7 p.m. Dec. 16. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

## December Youth Events

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

**Sunday, Dec. 2** - from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

**Wednesday, Dec. 5** - from 7:45-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

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

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

**Sunday, Dec. 16** - from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

**Wednesday, Dec. 19** - from 7:45-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship Christmas Party for grades 6-12

### **Upcoming Events:**

**BSLC NYG FargoDome Fundraiser** - For more information, see Vicar Brian.

**Saturday, Dec. 8 NYG Babysitting Fundraiser** - the NYG youth will host a free will donation babysitting night at the church from 4:30-8 p.m. See Vicar Brian for more information.

**Sunday, Dec. 19 Junior and Senior High Christmas Party:** All those in sixth through 12th grade are invited to a Christmas party from 7:45-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the church. Please bring a treat to share and a wrapped gift (between \$8-\$10).



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## Office Hours

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

Pastor Chris and Vicar Brian are also available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule

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

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

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Elders are assigned families based on last name

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