



# ENLIGHTEN

Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

February 2018

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**Giving Hearts Day**

February 8, 2018

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

## Giving Credit Where Credit is Due

Pastor Chris

As confessional Lutherans, we have grown accustomed to giving God the glory. We recognize, on the basis of Scripture, that God does not grant salvation based on any merit or worthiness in us. Instead, He forgives our sins for Christ's sake, according to His abundant grace and mercy.

When it comes to faith, we again note God's essential activity, confessing the Biblical witness in Luther's explanation to the third article of the Apostles' Creed: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength, believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith."

Informed by the Scriptures and again, Luther's helpful explanation to the Creed, we also give God thanks because He has given us everything that we need to support this body and life.

The question remains, however, does our giving reflect this fact?

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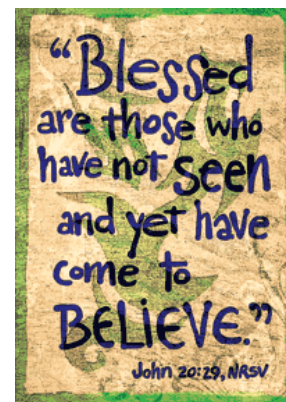
## Lenten Midweek Series Reminds Us Seeing Is Not Believing

Jesus chose the disciples to bear first-hand witness to His teaching, ministry and, most importantly, His suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. A direct product of this apostolic witness, the Gospel of Mark invites the hearer not to see in order to believe but to believe in order to see.

As we explore Christ's passion in the Gospel of Mark, one thing becomes abundantly clear. As evil takes its ominous stand against our Lord and the cross looms ever closer, the words of Jesus are ever sure as He, and He alone, overcomes evil, sin and death for the salvation of all mankind.

As the young man says at the tomb on Easter morning, when there is yet no witnesses of the risen Christ: "He is going before you into Galilee. There you will see him, *just as He told you.*" We are invited to believe this promise and indeed, all of Christ's words, and when we do, then we will truly see.

Our Midweek Lenten Series will begin Wednesday, Feb. 14, and run through Wednesday, March 21. We invite you to attend these 7 p.m. midweek worship services and our soup and sandwich suppers from 6-6:45 p.m. before services. **See page three for the schedule.**



## Giving Credit Where Credit Is Due

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Too often, we defend our own greed, hoarding the income God so graciously has bestowed. We justify this attitude, saying that we work long and hard for all that is ours.

But God calls us to repent. In Deuteronomy, God issues a stern warning to the people who hold a prideful view of their economical standing: "Beware, lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day," (Deut. 8:17-18.)

So what do the Scriptures tell us about giving? They are for it! It should be done willingly; as firstfruits, not leftovers; regularly; it should be done not to support a budget but in proportion to how we have been blessed.



The Old Testament tithe landed at 10 percent, but the New Testament nowhere lists the precise regulations about giving this tithe and that tithe to the Levites and the Temple and so on. Those precise regulations were to point us to Christ.

Yet the New Testament does not make faithful financial stewardship obsolete. Rather, the New Testament encourages the practice as part of our renewal in Christ. Paul writes, "But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving," (2 Cor. 8:7).

As we enter into a new year, I pray the Lord, by the power of the Gospel, would lead you in a disciplined life of responsible stewardship. After all, Biblical giving – which is done willingly; as firstfruits, not leftovers; regularly; and proportionally – simply responds in faith for all that God has given to us.

*Pastor Chris*

## Bible Studies at Beautiful Savior

### "The Psalms: God's Comforting Word in Christ"

9:40 a.m. Sunday mornings

From the worship of the ancient children of Israel to the house gatherings of the early church, from the writings of Martin Luther to the newly published hymns and praise songs of today, the psalms have played a central role in the worship of God's people.

Yet to some, the psalms seem inaccessible and foreign. The language is, at times, removed from our everyday speech; we might be left wondering exactly what the writer is trying to say. Many passages inspire comfort, but others seem so harsh one wonders why they are in the Bible at all.

This study will introduce you to the language, teachings and history of the psalms so that this treasure chest of God's riches will be opened to you and enrich your worship life and devotional reading of the psalms. Yet the psalms go beyond religious poetry and song. They express far more than personal or congregational prayers. The psalms proclaim Jesus Christ—His mission and passion, His resurrection and return and His establishment of the everlasting Kingdom of God.

### "Prayer"

Women's Bible Study 6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays

We pray for our own needs and for the needs of others. We pray in the face of conflict, and we pray for forgiveness. We can learn how to pray by praying and being prayed for by others. Our Biblical examples will include Mary, Abraham, Moses and Daniel. We will be gaining new insights in the adventure of prayer.

### "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?"

7 p.m. Tuesdays

Imitation Christs roam in and out of our spiritual conversations, lives and beliefs. Do you know these false Christs? Do you worship them? We will continue our study of Dr. Matt Richard's book that not only identifies 12 common false Christs found in our culture but also reveals the true Jesus Christ found in the pages of Holy Scripture.

## LWML Volunteer Outing

Do you like to play pinochle or whist? How about crafts? The LWML invite all men, women and children of any age to participate in our February volunteer outing on Feb. 10. We will be meeting at Sheyenne Crossings at 2:20 p.m. We will join residents in playing games such as pinochle, kings in the corner, whist and possibly a craft activity. We may be able to have a sing-along at the piano, too. Sheyenne Crossings supplies the games and activity kits. There will be Valentine treats to share with them as well. Take some time out of your Saturday to mingle with other BSLC members and share some smiles with these people.

## "Living As God's People" Prayer Service at St. Andrew

All the ladies of BSLC are invited to attend the "Living As God's People" prayer service at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1005 First St., West Fargo. The service will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24. Refreshments will be served.

## Easter Flowers On Altar For Loved Ones

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to order flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Flowers and the prices are listed on the sign-up sheets. Checks for the flowers are to be made out to the LWML.

## Christian Chicks Bookclub



The Christian Chicks Bookclub will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Deaner's Diner, 405 Main Ave. W., West Fargo. Their book is "Any Dream

Will Do" by Debbie Macomber. If you have questions or want to learn more, please e-mail ChicksBC16 @gmail.com.

## Special Voters' Meeting

There will be a special voters' meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, between services, to discuss calling an associate pastor. Please try to attend this important meeting. Thanks.

## Midweek Service Schedule

The schedule and focus for each midweek service is:

**Feb. 14:** (Ash Wednesday) "Seeing Life after Death"  
**Mark 14:1-9**

**Feb. 21:** "Seeing Past Yourself" **Mark 14:26-31**

**Feb. 28:** "Seeing in the Dark" **Mark 14:32-42**

**March 7:** "Seeing the Power of the Cross"  
**Mark 14:43-52**

**March 14:** "Seeing God's 'Yes' to Us" **Mark 14:53-72**

**March 21:** "See-ers of Golgotha" **Mark 15:15-32**

## Potluck Suppers During Lent

BSLC offers soup and sandwich suppers before our Lenten worship each Wednesday from 6-6:45 p.m. You are invited to bring soups, sandwiches or desserts as you are able. Our groups will do the set-up and clean-up. Listed below are the dates for each group. Thanks for your help.



Feb. 14	E-G	Diane Knutson-Lee
Feb. 21	H-K	Jodi Haeckenkamp
Feb. 28	L-N	Mary Seiffert
March 7	O-R	Barb Moser
March 14	S	Maggie Stende
March 21	T-Z	Kim Ternes

## BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

January through Dec. 2017

<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$55,627	\$328,979
Expense	22,801	307,183
Net Income (Loss)	<b>32,826</b>	<b>\$21,796</b>

## Memorials

Greg and Mary Seiffert in  
memory of Gerry Fiechtner



## Fellowship and Quilting

We meet twice a month for five or six hours. Please come join us on Feb. 8 and 22 at 10 a.m. Being a quilter is not a requirement; much conversation and fellowship is involved. We donate quilts to local organizations and sell them to members. If there is a silent auction, we are happy to donate a quilt. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

## Gold Club Potluck Feb. 21

February is the month of love and hearts. So bring your joyful heart to Gold Club and fellowship. Bring a special dish to share and enjoy a potluck meal at noon Wednesday, Feb. 21.

## Flower Chart for 2018

The flower chart for 2018 is on the bulletin board by the office. Sign up to place flowers in honor or in memory of your loved ones. The cost of the flowers are \$20, and you can leave your check in the office.

## Service Group for February

Our group for February consists of the letters L-N with Mary Seiffert as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help for other events. Thanks for your help. Our March group will be O-R with captain Barb Moser.

## Elder for February

Our Elder for February is Nathan Gannon. He 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 Nathan or any of the elders.

## New Member Corner

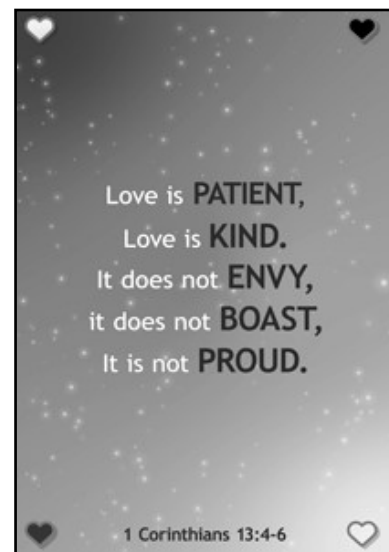
William and Chayla Berger, along with their daughter, Ava, just moved across the river from Moorhead to her parents' house in Fargo. They like the welcoming atmosphere and the many young families that attend BSLC. Their hobbies are riding motorcycles, gardening, baking and playing board games. Chayla likes the Bible verse "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal" 1 Cor. 2:9. William likes the verse "to the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with My Father on His throne" Rev. 3:21-22. An interesting fact about Chayla and William is that they are bikers and very open to meeting friendly people. We are happy to have you at BSLC!

## "Simply Giving" Automatic Withdrawal For Offering

Members can choose to have their offerings automatically transferred from their checking or savings account. It is simple to sign up for or to change. Contact the office for the forms to set up these types of donations.

## 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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## ND District Convention Update

The election for district president was held on Monday, Jan. 22. Rev. Arie Bertsch, who has been our interim president, was elected to serve for the next three years.

Rev. Kirk Peters was elected to be first vice president, and Rev. Steve Schulz was elected to be second vice president. Rev. Joshua Reimche was re-elected as secretary to the board of directors. Leon Bladow was re-elected to the treasurer position.

Rev. Adam Moline, Paul Huber, Kay Kreklau, Robert Leubke and Kirk Rosin were elected to serve on the board of directors. Rev. Tom Marcis and John Riley were re-elected to the board.

The district nominating committee will consist of Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard, Rev. Clark Jahnke, Robert Wurl, Bob Bauer, Greg Nelson and Sue Corwin.

Rev. Joshua Reimche was elected to as delegate and Rev. Adam Moline as alternate for the Synod Nominations Committee.

We pray that God will bless and give guidance to our pastors and lay members as they serve our North Dakota District for the next three years.

The offering at the opening worship service brought in \$17,509.64. Your faithful offering will support God's continued work at Wittenberg Chapel, Grand Forks.

The convention — the first of 35 LCMS district conventions that will take place this year — focused on the theme "Unity in Christ" based on Ephesians 4:1-16

The convention essayist was Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, president of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN. His theme was on the close connection between faith and practice.

Thank you to Rev. Chris Waldvogel and Charolette Dotting for being BSLC delegates to the convention.

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## "Main Street Living North" TV Program News

This month we introduce our MSLN Choir Director Ramsey Dahl. Ramsey and Lyndell are empty nesters who live in North Fargo. They have four children and three grandchildren. Ramsey is co-owner of Dahl's Industrial Tool Co. They do concrete cutting where every day is Demo Day! Ramsey also is the choir director and directs a youth praise band at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo. Thank you Ramsey for all of your volunteer hours given to Main Street Living North!

Our worship program may be viewed at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings on KVRP or online anytime at [www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com).

Financial support checks may be sent to "Main Street Living North," 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103. You also may donate by credit card or a PayPal account at: [www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com). Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

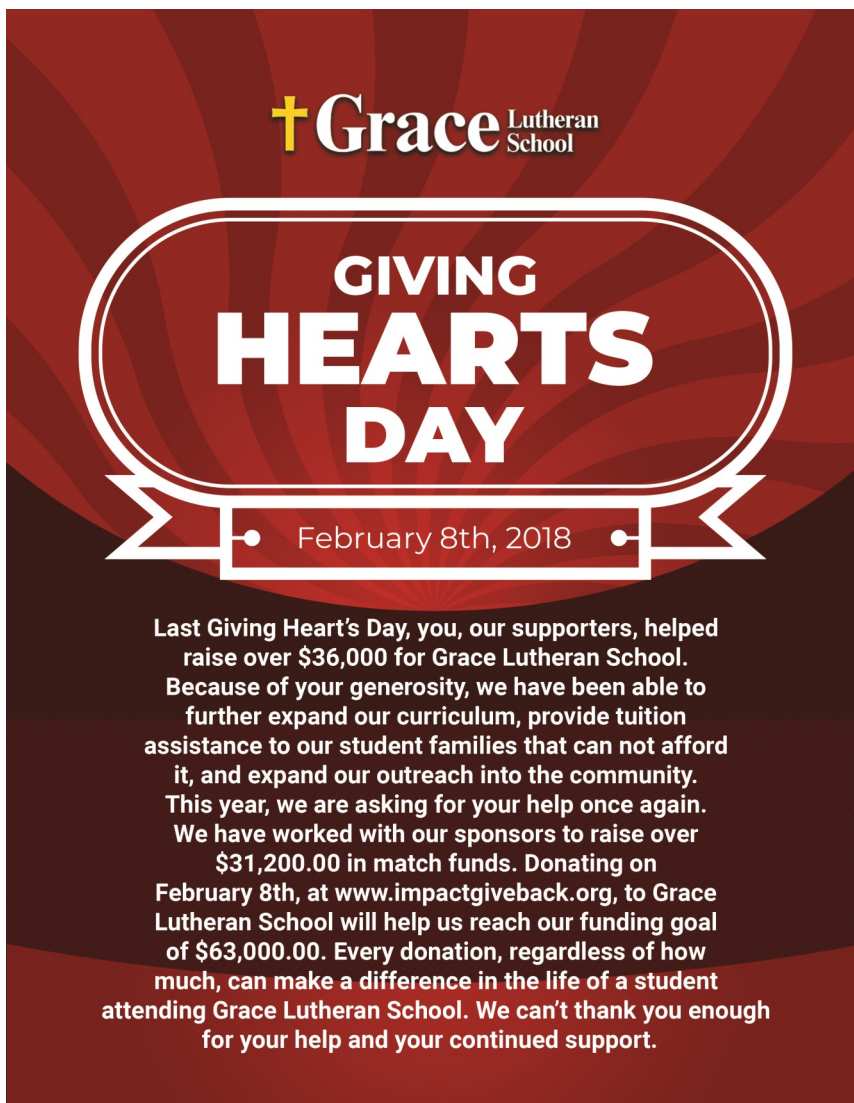
February pastors and sermons are as follows.

- Feb. 4: Rev. Steve Schulz, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents today's message: "What Do You Expect from Jesus?" based on Mark 1:29-39.
- Feb. 11: Rev. Kirk Lee, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, MN, presents today's message: "This is My Beloved Son" based on Mark 9:2-9.
- Feb. 18: Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents today's message: "The First Commandment" based on Exodus 20:1-6.
- Feb. 25: Rev. Guy Roberts, Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN, presents today's message: "Jesus Is Lord."

## Giving Hearts Day

Your help is needed to nominate Grace Lutheran School for a chance to win \$2,500 from Gate City Bank! This year, Gate City Bank is donating more than \$300,000 to Giving Hearts Day charities in honor of their 95th anniversary. You can help make Grace Lutheran School one of their receiving charities by visiting Gate City Bank's website, and nominating Grace Lutheran School as many times as you want. Nominations are open now. Thanks for your support of Grace Lutheran School.

Giving Hearts Day this year is Feb. 8. Please mark your calendar so you remember to donate to Grace Lutheran School and many other deserving charities. This is an easy and quick way to give. Thank you.

A red poster with a sunburst background. At the top is the Grace Lutheran School logo. In the center, a white oval contains the text "GIVING HEARTS DAY". Below this, a white ribbon banner displays "February 8th, 2018". The bottom section contains a paragraph of text about the school's fundraising goals and the importance of donations.

**+ Grace** Lutheran School

**GIVING HEARTS DAY**

February 8th, 2018

Last Giving Heart's Day, you, our supporters, helped raise over \$36,000 for Grace Lutheran School. Because of your generosity, we have been able to further expand our curriculum, provide tuition assistance to our student families that can not afford it, and expand our outreach into the community. This year, we are asking for your help once again. We have worked with our sponsors to raise over \$31,200.00 in match funds. Donating on February 8th, at [www.impactgiveback.org](http://www.impactgiveback.org), to Grace Lutheran School will help us reach our funding goal of \$63,000.00. Every donation, regardless of how much, can make a difference in the life of a student attending Grace Lutheran School. We can't thank you enough for your help and your continued support.

## Grace Lutheran School News

### God's Grace Annual Auction Celebration

"God's Grace" annual auction celebration will be March 10 at the Delta Hotel by Marriot in Fargo. Registration is at 5 p.m. for pre-swipe and silent auction; from 5:30-7:30 p.m. there will be gourmet hors d'oeuvre's and at 7:45 p.m. the live auction begins. The cost is \$40 per ticket. Call the school office at 323-7747 or email [jhagge@gracels.com](mailto:jhagge@gracels.com) to get tickets.

### Enrollment at Grace is now open

Enrollment has now started at Grace Lutheran School. Association church members, along with their friends, and relatives are welcome to register for all classes or take a tour of the school to get an idea of what Grace Lutheran is like. We have needs-based financial aid with more than \$100,000 available for your students to attend Grace! Give us a call and set up a care visit with our principal now!

### Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Open Houses

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Open House will be from 3:30-6 p.m. on Feb. 5. Find out what our classes are all about. Meet the teachers, ask questions and have your child do a small project with a snack. Another open house will be held at Grace from 4-6 p.m. on March 12.

## Praying For Others

**Prayer Chain:** BSLC has an e-mail prayer chain. If you have a concern or joy and would like our prayer warriors to pray for you or others, please e-mail the office, and your prayer will be sent out on the e-mail chain. Also please feel free to e-mail updates to the office so it can be e-mailed to our prayer warriors.

**Sunday prayers posted in bulletin:** Please let the church know if you have prayer concerns and joys to put in our announcements. The petitions will continue to run weekly until you let the church know to remove them off the list. Our church members appreciate the chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears all our prayers at all times.



## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will practice at 7 p.m. on Sundays Feb. 11 and 18. Practice will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. The band will play in church, Sunday, Feb. 25, during the 8:15 a.m. service. Questions? Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

## Bus Tour To The Ark Encounter

Immanuel Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a bus tour to see the Creation Museum, the Ark Encounter and Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. The tour will originate in Bismarck with stops in Jamestown and Fargo. This seven-day, six-night trip is only \$765 per person/double occupancy. We will be gone April 15-21. Please contact Ed Bean at 701-261-9687 for a copy of the brochure or for further details. This was an extremely successful trip last year, so we want to do it again! We need a minimum of 40 people to make this work so sign up now!

## February Youth Events

### UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesday, Feb. 7** – No LYF

**Wednesday, Feb. 14** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, Feb. 21** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, Feb. 28** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

### UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**Saturday, Feb. 3 – Andes Skiing and Snowboarding Trip.** All families should save the date for some time on the slopes at the new ski complex at Andes in Alexandria, MN. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. sharp at the Beautiful Savior parking lot and return around 7-8 p.m. Check-in at Andes will be at 9:45 a.m. We will attempt to carpool and will need drivers. Cost is \$21 for a lift ticket, plus an extra \$14 if you need to rent skiing equipment and an extra \$24 if you plan to rent a snowboard. In addition, you may purchase an all-day tubing pass for \$25.



We are also asking for \$5 for anyone who needs to carpool. Food is available at the chalet, but also bring enough money for a stop at Pizza Ranch on the return home. You must fill out a form and turn it in to Pastor Chris.

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Office Hours

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

Pastor Chris also is 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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