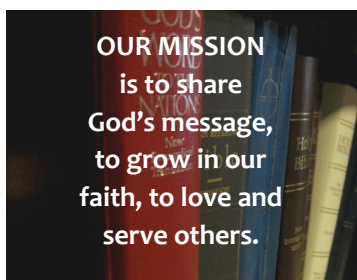
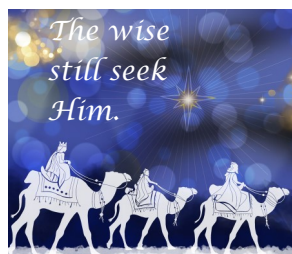




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Jesus, not 2022, Gives True Hope for this Broken World

By Pastor Chris

Last year at this time, many of us couldn't wait to slam the door on a difficult 2020. Hoping for a vastly improved 2021, we embraced the New Year with optimism and hope. But you probably notice everything did not go as planned. Turns out, the year 2021 was not the long-awaited answer to all the world's pain and suffering. We still seem to be disconnected. The pandemic lingered, then resurfaced, with a vengeance. Natural disasters, senseless shootings and a host of other high-profile tragedies struck during the year that was supposed to save us.

We throw lots of resources at problems: riches, experts, ideas, but ultimately, our hope does not rest in these things. Our hope is in the Lord, who came as one of us in the person of Jesus to bear all the brokenness, rage, spite and sin the world could muster. Christ's suffering, death and resurrection from the dead are our hope. And every passing moment brings us closer to the return of our Lord, who will restore all things. Each day approaches "That Day," when God will usher in a new heaven and new earth. This is that for which we truly wait!

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Help is Needed Taking Down Decorations

We will take down the Christmas decorations at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8. Please help us. It will only take an hour.

Beautiful Savior Celebrates 40 Years

The first in a series on the history of Beautiful Savior

On Sunday, Jan. 10, 1982, when many other churches in Fargo canceled worship because of bad weather, 42 Christians gathered for the first regular Sunday morning worship service at Beautiful Savior.

The first service was led by Pastor Alfred Thiem, from Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Thiem led the services for a few months until March 7, 1982, when Pastor Mervyn Bauer was installed as missionary-at-large.

As might be expected, there was considerable dedicated effort required to get the mission congregation to function as a full-fledged congregation. Throughout that first summer, prospective members were visited and a constitutional planning committee was formed to draft the congregation's constitution.



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In His high priestly prayer, our Lord prays this for you: "I do not ask for (the 12 apostles) only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them," (John 17:20-26).



Take heart! Jesus doesn't point His disciples to earthly riches, rulers or ideas. He doesn't tell them to wait for a government bailout. He doesn't encourage them to join hands in an unidentified spirit of harmony and peace. Jesus points us to God's love in Him. After His resurrection, Jesus instructs the apostles to make disciples of all nations by baptizing in the name of the Triune God; teaching everything that Our Lord commanded and to celebrate the Lord's Supper often, receiving His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. By these means, God keeps us in hope and faith, confident in the promises made in Jesus and giving us direct contact and communion with Jesus.

Pastor Chris

In Appreciation

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our church family for all the kindness shown to us during the Christmas season. We appreciated all your prayers, cards, cookies, gifts and expressions of love. We feel blessed to have all of you in our lives. May God continue to bless our work here.

Pastor Chris, Pastor Brian and Kim

Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: "The Body of Christ: One Body, Many Members" - We all have stations in life: parent, child, sibling, worker, neighbor, citizen, among others. But how do we view our station as members of a congregation? We may fail to see or feel deep intimate connections in the church, but God's Word tells us we have been united by baptism, each receiving the same Spirit, and each being connected and unified into the body of Christ. As part of one body, each member works with the other members for the good of the whole. God has given a variety of gifts to individual Christians for the common good. During the next several weeks, explore your identity as a member of Christ's body and what that means in relating to others within that same body.

7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: "Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah" -

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 4, we will be looking at the book "Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah." This tour of the book of Jeremiah shows us how to find comfort amid life's grief and heartbreaks by pointing us to Jeremiah's reliance on God and ultimately pointing us to Jesus, the real "man of sorrows" and the One in whom all hope and joy are found. Please sign up to receive a copy of the book, which costs \$16. This study will be offered in person and via Zoom. You may enter the meeting manually: Meeting ID: 878 698 0623; Passcode: 497670

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study via Zoom: "Jesus, The Reason" - In this Bible study you are invited to meet Jesus by digging deep into the Bible. You'll discover what Jesus did and said. You'll be encouraged to decide what place Jesus has in your life today. If you would like to join the group, please call Shirley Elsner at 388-9521.

Restore His House Capital Campaign Update

We are at the end of the Restore His House three-year capital campaign. We still have a little ways to go to achieve our goal. To date, we have received \$322,529 out of our \$330,000 goal. We are thankful for all who have donated to the campaign so that we can continue to upgrade our facility. However, we do have a little more than \$7,000 to go. If you would like to make a donation to the campaign, there is still time. You may donate to the campaign by leaving a check in the offering plate, mail it to the office or donate online thru our website. When donating via check, please make sure to note it is for Restore His House capital campaign. If you made a pledge to the campaign and are unsure whether you have fulfilled the pledge or still have some remaining, feel free to contact our financial secretary, Beth Gustafson, and she will gladly look it up for you.



Married Couple Small Group Bible Study

New for 2022! A married couple small group Bible study will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31. We will be taking a look at what God's Word has to say about marriage and showing it is still so relevant today! We will meet once a month. Please RSVP to Pastor Brian or the church office.



ND District Men's Winter Retreat

The retreat will be held Jan. 14-15, at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John. Rev. Dr. Michael W. Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, will present on Christian Hope. It begins with a supper at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, and ends at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. The cost is \$100, which includes three meals, lodging, speaker and fellowship activities. Bring your Bible, bed roll, personal items, warm clothing and friends. Call Corey Isaak to register at 281-0240 or email at corey.isaak@gracefargo.org.

Crosstraining for BSLC Children

Crosstraining is for children in first through fifth grade. Crosstraining will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. one Sunday each month. Crosstraining will involve food (both spiritual and physical), fun and fellowship. Our first Crosstraining day this year will be Jan. 30. Contact Pastor Brian with any questions.



Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2022 are available in the narthex. If you don't find your envelopes, please let the office know. Thank you for taking home your envelopes.

Greeter Training Jan. 17

If you like to talk to people, come and learn how to use this gift from God to welcome visitors to our church and members you may not know. We will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17. Come be a blessing to the many members of the body of Christ.

2022 Commitment Cards

Your 2022 annual commitment card can be turned in to the office. Thank you for letting us know what you plan to give! Pledging helps our congregation, members and its leaders to be effective and faithful stewards of our resources.

Evangelism and Stewardship to Hold Joint Meeting Jan. 17

The evangelism and stewardship committees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at BSLC following the greeter training meeting.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	20,921	278,398
Expense	24,493	263,004
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(3,572)	15,394

Clubs and Service Groups



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

Elders - 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 other elders.

Quilting and Fellowship - The BSLC quilters rounded out the year by distributing 99 quilts to various charities, including fund-raisers, first responders, Grace Lutheran School auction, The Women's Care Center, Slumberland's "Making Home for the Holidays" event and the VA hospital.

We also filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child by making doll quilts, hero capes and sewing kits. We are thankful for all donations and look forward to more fellowship and willing hands in 2022.

We meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13 and 27. If you have any questions, 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 - Gather together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next get-together will be at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Bring a dish to warm the soul. Gold Club is for anyone!

LWML - will have their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, in the fellowship hall.

LWML Loose Change Sunday - will be Sunday, Jan. 30. Bring your loose change or bills to drop in the mite bucket or you can mail them to the church office.

LWML Christmas Service Event - instead of a Christmas party, a service event was scheduled for Dec. 8 at the Great Plains Food Bank. Nine Beautiful Savior LWML members and one guest gathered to fill 590 bags with food items for school children to take home with them during Christmas vacation. The shift was one hour and 45 minutes

of standing, walking and light lifting. Many of us probably got our steps in for the day! It gave us a good feeling that we had helped in a small way. We talked about making this an

annual event. Those involved were Deb Asness, Maggie Stende (back); Marlys Gregory, Beth Gustafson, Shirley Elsner, Arla Strege (middle); and Shirley Nordstrom, Claudia Schroeder, Karen Mart-Taverna and Marilyn Schilling (front).



Sock and Mitten Tree Update - 12 pair of mittens were taken to Horace Mann School; 24 hats and socks to Washington School and the remaining items, including three boxes of Thrivent T-shirts, were delivered to Churches United for the Homeless. The schools really value mittens for children. Donations will be taken into January.



Organist or Pianist Needed

We are in need of an additional organist or pianist at BSLC. We are thankful to have Loretta Rasmusson, Mary Seiffert, Ramsey Dahl and Larry Swingen. One or two additional people would be nice to help out and give our regular musicians a break. If you are interested, talk to Pastor Chris, Pastor Brian or Mary Seiffert.

2022 Altar Flower Sign-up Chart

The 2022 flower chart is outside the office on the bulletin board. The cost is \$30, and you can take them home after second service. Please designate the money for altar flowers and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office. Please return vases to the church office when done with them.

Something More

By Pastor Brian

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us," (2 Corinthians 4:7).

In the 1930's and 40's, an actress by the name of Hedy Lamarr was one of the biggest movie stars in Hollywood. Many called her "the most beautiful woman in the world." People flocked into the theaters to see her movies. The profits from her films were in the millions. She was one of the reigning queens of the silver screen.

But as the years went by, her outward beauty faded. Her box office popularity declined, and many dismissed her as an aging remnant from a bygone era. In her closing years she lived quietly, rarely leaving her home. She died in the year 2000.

A recent documentary entitled "Bombshell," reveals that Hedy Lamarr had much more than just a pretty face for moviegoers to see. She also possessed scientific, inventive genius. Unknown to almost anyone at the time, Hedy Lamarr, in the days of World War II, created and patented a radio frequency system to benefit the U.S. Navy. This system is the basis for the Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and GPS technology that the world enjoys today.

People knew Hedy Lamarr for her physical beauty, even though she had much more to offer. What do people know you for? Perhaps some know you for what you do for a living. Perhaps others know you for your favorite hobby or a particular talent you have. Perhaps still others know you for your role as a parent or grandparent. And it's likely that there are all kinds of people in your life who do not know you for anything specific at all.

Regardless, whether people take note of us for anything, you and I have something to offer—something more significant than what we do for a living, how we look or what abilities we have. Beyond all that, you and I possess the treasure of the Gospel. You and I possess the extraordinary news that God has entered our world in the person of Jesus Christ. That he has washed away our every sinful failure through his death on the cross. You and I possess the history-changing message that through faith in Jesus Christ, people receive forgiveness, peace, purpose, fulfillment, and eternal life in the presence of our Savior, Christ the Lord.

What we have to offer outshines even the invention of Wi-Fi. Let's share it.

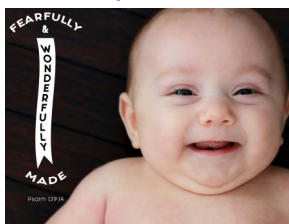


"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:13-14).

During January, many of our Lutheran congregations celebrate Life Sunday because we believe in the God-declared sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Our United States Supreme Court recently heard arguments regarding the life issue and we pray that they, as a part of the civil government established by God for our fallen world, may also rule to once again provide protection for our not-yet-born brothers and sisters created in the image of God. May we also do what we can to support the sanctity of human life!

We invite you to send a special year-end Christmas gift for our Main Street Living media ministry. Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living North," 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card.



January pastors and sermons are as follows:

Jan 2: Rev. Brian Shane, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, presents the message: "The Little Solomon in Us All," based on I Kings 3:4-15. Lutheran Television: "The Other Wiseman."

Jan 9: Rev. Bruce Noennig, Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN, presents the message: "Who Are the Wisemen?," based on Matthew 2:1-12. *This Is The Life:* "Money for Marriage."

Jan 16: Rev. Adam Harvala, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, presents the message: "In the Eye of the Beholder," based on Isaiah 62:1-5. *This Is The Life:* "Burden Made Light."

Jan 23: Rev. Michael Salemin, executive director, Lutherans for Life, presents this year's "Life Sunday Message," based on John 15:12-17. *This Is The Life:* "Like Father Like Son."

Jan 30: Rev. Jacob Wagner, St. John's Lutheran Church, Vergas, MN, presents the message: "Love as We Have Been Loved," based on 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13:13 and Jeremiah 1:4-10. *This Is The Life:* "Twisting Road."



2021 Poinsettia Dedications

Poinsettia Placed by:

Denise, Gene, Lucas
& Lexi Doeling

Shirley Elsner
Patricia Ensrud
Marlys Gregory
Joan Fiechtner & family
Bobbi Hestdalen
Lloyd Jemtrud
Becky Johnson

Chris & LaVon Johnson
James Johnson
Amy Mielke
Sara Palmer
Tyler and Amanda Petter
Dave and Kim Scheer
Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann

Maggie and Gary Stende
Arla Strege
Loretta Swanson
Kim Ternes
Janice Thalmann
Nancy Tykwinski

Poinsettia Placed by:

BSLC LWML
Mary Seiffert
Loretta Swanson

In Loving Memory of:

JP Wiest, Denise's Dad

Bruce Elsner, Husband
Rodney Ensrud, Husband
Bob Gregory, Husband
Gerald Fiechtner
Loved Ones
Donna Jemtrud, Wife
Isaiah Johnson, Son
James Johnson, Father
Our Grandparents
Gail Johnson, Mother
Paula Mielke
Nancy Vogeles, Mother
Lee Crabtree
David Jr., Son
Eugene Paulsrud, Mardi's Dad
Raymond Schlichtmann, Mike's Dad
Our Parents
Lynn Strege, Husband
My Family
Duane Matzke, Dad
Loren Thalmann, Husband
Glenn Hubrig, Dad

In Honor of:

All LWML Women
Our Grandson Leo's Birthday
My Family

You may take your poinsettias home any time. There are bags to wrap them up in the narthex.

Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

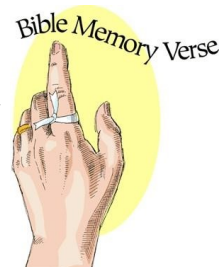
Jan. 2: Matthew 5:16 - In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Jan. 9: Psalm 27:1 - The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Jan. 16: 1 Peter 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Jan. 23: Hebrews 13:15 - Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Jan. 30: Exodus 34:6 - The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."



BSLC Sunday School News

- Regular Sunday school classes resume at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 9.
- Sunday School Help Needed - We are still looking for help on Sunday mornings for Sunday School. We are looking for teachers or team teachers, substitutes and memory work helpers. If interested, please contact Stacy Knudson, Pastor Brian or the church office.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will lead worship on Sunday, Jan. 23. They will practice at the church from 6-7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22 and 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 16 and 30. If you have questions, call Ramsey at 866-5403.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Scholarship



Lutheran Church Extension Fund wants to help you pay for school! LCMS high school seniors and college students (with at least a year of school left) from the LCMS North Dakota district have the opportunity to apply for a chance to win a LCEF \$1,000 scholarship. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Jan. 31. The winner will be announced on March 15. Apply today at <https://zfrmz.com/j8m9YHsoV8drYIUxStEo>

Grace Lutheran School News

- On Friday, Nov. 12, GLS held a Celebration of Grace. More than 100 celebrants attended the in-person event, and many more participated online. We thank all who supported our event as attendees, volunteers, donors, bidders, committee members and those who prayed for our event's success. We raised \$58,370 for our school, students and a new math curriculum.
- National Lutheran Schools Week takes place Jan. 24-28. Our students take part in many fun activities that week, including a competition to raise funds for our yearly outreach project, special all-school activities and the ski trip for our older students, all while also learning the importance of a Lutheran and Christian education.
- All association families with 4-5 year olds, kindergarteners, first graders and middle school students will be receiving special information about GLS. We are devoted to helping families build solid Christian foundations and helping middle school students become leaders as they navigate the unique transition between child and young adult. Parents, if you are seeking a different kind of educational experience, please call us at 232-7747 or check out our website: gracelutheranschoolfargo.com.
- **Upcoming Dates:**
Jan. 3 - School Resumes
Jan. 21 - No School
Jan. 22 - PTL Carnival 1-3 p.m.
Feb. 3 - Band and Choir Concert 7 p.m.



January Youth Events

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

- Wednesday, Jan. 5** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12.
- Wednesday, Jan. 12** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12.
- Wednesday, Jan. 19** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12.
- Wednesday, Jan. 26** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12.



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Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

Worship Schedule:

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

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

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

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