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Summer Office Hours

9:30-1:30 p.m.
Mon. - Thurs.

Please call ahead on Friday to be sure someone is around.

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

God Brings Us Up Close and Personal Through Christ

By Pastor Chris

Even before the coronavirus pandemic, we lived a life of growing convenience and isolation. Need some groceries or new clothes? Just pick, click, and your order will arrive at the door. Want to enjoy some entertainment? Pick, click and watch. Our current situation, however, pushed this into overdrive and even affected how we experience worship and other church activities.

Don't get me wrong. I'm glad that we have the technology and capability to provide online worship, Bible classes and other resources while we deal with the dangers and concerns of our current situation. But the trend of bringing everything into our living room can lead us to separate and isolate ourselves from others in ways God never intended.

Studies have shed light on some challenges with virtual connection, especially Zoom calls, saying they prove taxing on the brain. "Humans communicate even when they're quiet," a recent article from *National Geographic* reported. "During an in-person conversation, the brain focuses partly on the words being spoken, but it also derives additional meaning from dozens of non-verbal cues, such as whether someone is facing you or slightly turned away, if they're fidgeting while you talk, or if they inhale quickly in preparation to interrupt.

"These cues help paint a holistic picture of what is being conveyed and what's expected in response from the listener ... perceiving these cues comes naturally to most of us, takes little conscious effort to parse, and can lay the groundwork for emotional intimacy.

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Proposed Bylaw Change to be Presented at June 8 Voters' Meeting

Beautiful Savior will hold its quarterly voters' meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 8. During these proceedings, we will propose a change to our bylaws. The change would be in Article 6, Section C.1.E regarding terms of office. Wording would be changed from "All elected officers may serve no more than three consecutive terms in the same office" to "All elected officers may serve no more than three consecutive terms in the same office except at the request of the volunteer and with the approval from the voter's assembly by a simple majority vote."

What will this mean? Beautiful Savior will not solicit any volunteer to serve beyond three consecutive terms, but it would allow a volunteer who wishes to remain in their current duties to serve beyond those term limits with approval from the voters. You are receiving this notice because our bylaws may be amended at any of the voter's assembly meetings by a majority vote provided that a motion to amend has been made at a regular meeting of the church council or voters' assembly. (This happened at the Feb. 6 council meeting.) Our bylaws also require that at least 14 days in advance the entire voting membership has been advised of the nature of the proposed changes and of the date of the meeting at which the proposed meeting is to be acted upon. Please call the church office at 293-1047 if you have any questions about the proposed changes.

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"However, a typical video call impairs these ingrained abilities, and requires sustained and intense attention to words instead. If a person is framed only from the shoulders up, the possibility of viewing hand gestures or other body language is eliminated. If the video quality is poor, any hope of gleaning something from minute facial expressions is dashed."

Not only does virtual communication limit our ability to actually communicate, it limits our ability to serve. God created us for relationship, companionship and mutual support. He created us (and commands us) to love our neighbor.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

MATTHEW 22:39

Consider Jesus. During His public ministry, Jesus would often address large crowds, sometimes from an elevated position or from a boat. This positioning allows him to reach more people. But Jesus also spent considerable time in intimate conversations and interactions. He connected with people, showing direct, genuine concern and compassion.

"Going to church" from your living room might be a necessity for some limited by mobility, health concerns and other challenges, but this pandemic can infect us in other nefarious ways, leading us to get stuck in worrying so much for ourselves that we don't have the time or inkling to consider the needs of those around us, especially the exhortation and consolation from fellow Christians. It might convince us that "church" doesn't involve anybody but the immediate family and exclude all the others around us whom the Lord God has called into His Kingdom by the power of the Gospel.

Yes, I encourage you to stay safe in these times. I do not want to burden your conscience. But remember God created us for in-person love, support, connection and service as we gather around Christ, who has forgiven our sins and made us all members of His body and one another.

Our joy in Christ culminates in the hope that one day we shall behold His face. The Saints in the Kingdom of Glory now have the full consolation of resting in the visible presence of our Lord and His glory. The promises of God will be made fully manifest to us on the Last Day as He dwells with His people and they with one another. God bring us up close and personal through Christ. He and His people are meant to be together through more than a screen.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful," the author to the Hebrews writes. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

When it is time, we hope we will see you face-to-face.

Pastor Chris

Upcoming Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study via Zoom - The topic will be "Sunday Sermon Questions, Comments and Answers." The study is intended to allow for more feedback, participation and engagement from the congregation regarding sermon content and proclamation. Come with your questions, comments and insights! The study form will be emailed each week and is also available on the church website.

Please use the following information to access the Bible study.

Meeting ID: 882 2478 2029
Password: 497670
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88224782029>

For those of you using an iPad or mobile phone, download the Zoom app and enter meeting number 882 2478 2029.
Password: 497670

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study via Zoom: "Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times" - In Isaiah, you'll discover that trouble and suffering are nothing new to God's people. Isaiah raises a loud cry for revival amid a rotting society. Isaiah firmly believes that God can triumph even in the worst of times. Join us as we dig deep into the message of repentance, forgiveness and hope. You'll find comfort for coping with your own troubled times.

BSLC Worship Services available at:

www.youtube.com
www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo
www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com
DVDs at 293-1047 or
email office@bslcfargo.com.
Sermon podcasts on
Spotify and iTunes app

Beautiful Savior Worship Services and Safety Protocols

We offer one worship service at 9 a.m. on Sundays and one at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Please note that services will be limited to 50 people. Please sign up to attend a service by going to our website at www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com, click the worship tab and click worship sign up or call the office at 293-1047 to sign up. A return to one service also means that we will host a Sunday Bible study via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. Please note our Wednesday worship service sermons will correspond with the following Sunday. This is a change from how it was done last year. We will continue to offer our services online and on DVD for those who are vulnerable, sick or not yet ready to worship in person.

Please note the following safety protocols have put in place so that we might honor and keep the fifth commandment to not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need.

Social Distancing

- + We will limit worship service attendance to 50 people until further notice.
- + We will use staggered seating in the sanctuary to ensure proper social distancing.
- + We ask that people would enter the sanctuary no more than 10 minutes before service.
- + We will usher people out of service and ask that people exit the church immediately after service.
- + You may stay to socialize, but please visit outside while observing proper social distancing.
- + No access to the nursery, classrooms, office, fellowship hall or east entrance until further notice.
- + Social distancing helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

Face Masks

- + If you are able to cover your face with a mask, please do so.
- + Face masks are designed to help protect others.
- + Pastors will not wear masks during services but will wear them at other times.
- + Wearing face masks helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

When in Doubt, Stay Home

- + If you are at high risk for possible complications from coronavirus, please stay home.
- + If you have ANY symptoms of coronavirus, however mild, please stay home.
- + Staying at home when appropriate helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

Contact Free

- + We have eliminated all hand-to-hand items such as bulletins, hymnals and offering plates.
- + Please refrain from shaking hands, hugging or bumping elbows.
- + Please limit time in restrooms and avoid water fountains, coat room and other high contact areas.
- + No access to the nursery, classrooms, office, fellowship hall or east entrance until further notice.
- + Limiting contact helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

Proper Hygiene

- + Wash hands at home before and after coming to church.
- + Avoid touching your face.
- + Use the hand sanitizer available at the entrance to the sanctuary when entering and leaving church.
- + Proper hygiene helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

Clean and Disinfect

- + Volunteers will wipe down door handles and seating before and after worship services.
- + No access to the nursery, classrooms, office, fellowship hall or east entrance until further notice.
- + Cleaning and disinfecting helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

Voters' Meeting 7 p.m. June 8

There will be a voters' meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 8, via Zoom. Please plan to attend. We will be electing officers, reading reports and voting on a bylaw change for the coming year.

At the special voters' meeting on Monday, May 4, 44 members were in attendance via Zoom. It was decided to accept the approximately \$48,000 in loan/grant money through the Payroll Protection Program of the recently approved federal CARES Act to help our congregation navigate an expected significant budget shortfall this year.

Help Needed to Sanitize for Worship Services

To provide a safe worship environment, we will need help sanitizing the sanctuary and narthex the night before our Sunday and Wednesday services, and after the 9 a.m. service on Sundays. We are looking for five people for each cleaning and should take less than a half hour. To sign up, copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a44a9aa2ca2fc1-sanitizing>. Thank you!

Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for June will not be needed this month. Our July group will be the letter Br-D with captain Janet Koppinger if needed. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume fellowship. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Elders - At least one of our elders are here every Sunday morning. They 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 head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the elders.

Gold Club - We will not be meeting this month. Gold Club is a time to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and some fellowship. Gold Club is for everyone, so feel free to join us for food, faith and fellowship. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

Quilting and Fellowship - We will not meet this month. Being a quilter is not a requirement. We donate quilts to local organizations and sell them to members. If you have any questions, please call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

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. Stay tuned for further details regarding when we will resume.

LWML - Stay tuned for further information on our June meeting which will take place via Zoom.

Beautiful Garden - Our gardening is designed to be an enjoyable fellowship experience, that benefits the gardeners, BSLC members and local food pantries. If you haven't been able to come, we could really use your help! If you know of someone who doesn't have a garden and would enjoy the fellowship, send their contact information to: Tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com and we'll get them added to the communications list.

We typically meet at the garden at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays or whenever you are able. We are promoting social distancing so we ask that you keep a six foot distance at all times and don't come if you are sick. The garden is located north of Beautiful Savior come on back and check it out!

Deaths

Lynn Strege, 81, Fargo, passed away May 2. A private service was held May 4, 2020 at Boulger Funeral Home. Lynn is survived by wife, Arla Strege, daughter Cheryl (David) Lueker of Thompson, Rene' Strege of Grand Forks, two grandsons, David Jr. of Peoria, AZ, Jonny (Heather) and five great grandchildren of Hatton and sister, Karen (Richard) Carrington of Apple Valley, MN.

Doug Smith, 71, Fargo, passed away May 2. A private service was held May 7, 2020 at Boulger Funeral Home. Doug was preceded in death by his wife Carol. He is survived by his children; Shawn Smith, Fargo, Erica (Brandon Salzbrun) Jodsaas, Fargo; two grandchildren, Christina (Logan Kraft) Smith, Mya Jodsaas; sister, Linda (Curt) Blumhardt, West Fargo, brother, Gordon Smith, Rochert, MN.

Memorials

Nikki Anderson (Loretta Swanson's daughter):
Ed & Carol Herrmann

Lynn Strege:
Josephine Aarfor
Duane & Maxine Boehning
Gerald & Donna Ceroll
Ed & Carol Herrmann
Charles Hoge
Dave & Kim Scheer
Linda Stoen
Arla Strege
Juanita Tewksbury



Thank You

The family of Lynn Strege wishes to express their humble gratitude for the prayers, cards, memorials and words of comfort in the loss of Lynn.

Arla Strege and family

Trusting the Promises of God

By Pastor Brian

Jesus rises from the ground, ascends, and when a cloud covers Him, He is no longer seen. Still today, he's no longer seen. We live by faith, not by sight, and that's not easy (2 Corinthians 5:7).

As people of faith, we wrestle with experiences that don't fit our notion of how things should work. Just as people don't rise from the ground unaided, many of our natural experiences in life don't seem to fit with the idea of a close, personal God who cares for us. When we find ourselves not seeing the goodness of God in our lives, we have only faith, only God's promises of His goodness to us. We don't see God. We don't see Jesus. "No one has ever seen God." (John 1:18). "You cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." (Exodus 33:20). Because a hidden God, goes against our natural desire to see and hear, to touch and experience, some people build idols and we Americans worship worldly power, consumerism and celebrities. Living amidst worshippers of what is seen, we followers of Christ can only trust the promise. "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11).

WALK BY
Faith
NOT BY
Sight

When you have gone through tough times, I mean really tough, and had nothing to hang onto except the promises of God, then in hindsight you see that God, though hidden, truly is personal, close, and caring. Faith does sustain us. Hymns say it; the Bible teaches it.

*When all things seem against us, / To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, / One ear will hear our prayer. LSB 915:4*

"We look not to things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:18).

*I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; / Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever / And for all. LSB 729:6*

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"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Have you been watching the "This Is The Life" programs along with the MSL Divine Services each Sunday? Our LCMS President Matthew Harrison states that even though they were recorded in the 1960's and 1970's, the subject matter is still relevant! I look forward to each week's episode and find my emotions welling up as the story line develops. These critically acclaimed dramas do a wonderful job of "bringing Christ to the nations!"

Many congregations have either started meeting face to face or will do so soon. There are likely those within our viewing area who will still be staying close to home. This is an excellent time to make a list of friends and neighbors to check with who may not yet know about the TV and internet ministry of Main Street Living. Please continue to share information about our LCMS Main Street Living media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view all archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link under the picture identified as North (Fargo).

June pastors and sermons are as follows:

June 7: Rev. Jared Nies, St. John's Lutheran Church – Corliss, MN, presents the message: "In the beginning, God ... Who is That?" based on Genesis 1:1-2:4a. *This Is The Life* program is "Give and Take."

June 14: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, presents the message: "What Jesus Sees in Us," based on Matthew 9:35–10:20. *This is The Life* program is: "No Tears for Bill."

June 21: Rev. Eli Voigt, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bagley, MN, presents the message: "God of Joy" based on Hebrews 12:2. *This Is The Life* program is "Two Weeks to Eternity."

June 28: Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, and St. John's Lutheran Church, Belford, presents the message: "The Cost of Peace," based on Matthew 10:34-42. *This Is The Life* program is "The House of Sand."

BSLC High School Seniors

These seniors will graduate this spring. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you in your new endeavors. Congratulations to all of you!

Isaac Berglind, son of Dan and Carrie Berglind, will graduate from Shanley High School. He plans to attend North Dakota State University in the fall and major in construction management.

Addison Fell, daughter of Becky Fell, will graduate from Sheyenne High School in West Fargo. She plans to take a year off from college and pursue writing stories.

Allison Gaber, daughter of Adam and Tiffany Gaber, will graduate from Davies High School. She plans to attend the University of North Dakota in the fall and major in psychology.

Elizabeth Krause, daughter of Rick and Jennifer Krause, will graduate from Park Christian School in Moorhead. She plans to attend North Dakota State University in the fall and major in horticulture.

Abby Tykwinski, daughter of Adam and Nancy Tykwinski, will graduate from West Fargo High. She plans to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead in the fall and major in business finance.



June Youth Events

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

Wednesday, June 3 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

Wednesday, June 10 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.



A look behind the scenes during the recording of a BSLC worship production. Thank you to all the volunteers who help make this available each week.

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School 2020: "Jesus Power Pulls Us Through"

Due to a lot of unknowns, Vacation Bible School will be coming to you in August in a different way than we are used to. This year, VBS will be coming to families as "VBS in a box." If you register for VBS this year, your family will receive a 'box' with: a CD/DVD of songs, craft supplies, snacks, Bible story leaflet and access to our digital resources for VBS. This will include videos by Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian of our Bible stories for each day.

We pray this VBS approach provides flexible options for our families. We will continue to provide you support as needed. All kids age 4 (by Aug. 1, 2020) to sixth grade (fall of 2020) are invited to participate in this year's VBS. To allow us time to order materials and have them available for your family, please register your child, with the enclosed form by **June 30**. Additional forms will be available on the church website.



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church "VBS in a Box" Registration 2020

Child's Name _____ Child's Gender _____

Child's Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Last school grade completed _____

Name of parent(s) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (_____) _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Home church: _____

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ _____

guardian/parent signature

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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 Worship at 9:00 a.m. in-person and via YouTube

Wednesday Worship at 7:00 p.m. in-person

Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Holy Communion Pastors will be available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call ahead for an appointment.

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