



## March 2021

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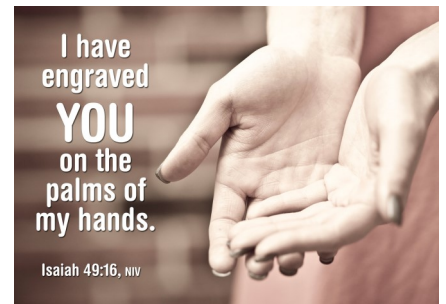
## Need someone to listen, help and give comfort? Christ invites us to pray

Facebook. Instagram. Snapchat. Skype. Zoom. E-mail. Even the phone! With so many avenues for connection, communication should be a breeze. But immediate help often evades us. When will you get a response to that important text or email? Why hasn't your urgent call been returned?

Beyond our personal relationships, the art of customer service needs a major upgrade. Website chats created for immediate assistance often cannot solve the problem. Automated help lines do not understand what you are saying, transfer you from department to department or put you on hold for what seems like an eternity.

Even face-to-face communication can falter. Apathy abounds. Misunderstandings occur. Discouraged by today's cold, distant communication, we might ask if anyone can or will take time out of their busy day to listen? To help? To comfort?

God is always there to listen, help and give comfort. "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?" the Lord speaks through the prophet. "Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me," (Isaiah 49:15-16).



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## Return to the Lord Lenten Worship Schedule

**March 3** – Midweek Lent 2: Return from Betrayal (John 18:1–11)

**March 10** – Midweek Lent 3: Return from False Witness (Matt. 26:57–68)

**March 17** – Midweek Lent 4: Return from Denial (Luke 22:54–62)

**March 24** – Midweek Lent 5: Return to the Kingdom of God (John 18:28)

**April 1** – Holy Thursday: Return to the Table (Mark 14:12–26)

**April 2** – Good Friday: Return to the Truth (John 19:1–16)

**April 4** – Easter Sunday: Return and See (Matt. 28:1–10)

With the addition of overflow seating, you will no longer need to sign-up for services. We will not be holding Thursday night worship services during lent. The Wednesday and Sunday service will be available on YouTube, but they will not be the same service.



## Need someone to listen, help and give comfort? Christ invites us to pray

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God never grows tired, weary or overwhelmed. He remains watchful and vigilant. He does not take his loving eye off you for even a second. "He will not let your foot be moved," the Psalmist declares. "He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep," (Psalm 121:3-4).

We might be tempted to think that when we offer our requests and petitions to God that He does not respond. Maybe we indict God on His "customer service" policies. But God does speak to us. He speaks to us directly through the power and promise of His Word found in the Bible.

We especially have assurance that He hears us on account of Christ, who invites us (and even commands us) to go to our loving, heavenly Father, asking Him to grant us faith and His Holy Spirit. "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?" Jesus asks. "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:11-13).

As you open God's Word, you will discover The One who listens, helps and comforts. Take some time out of your busy day to see what God has to say about calling on Him. Find more of God's promises in the Scriptures. You will hear about The One who perfectly and intentionally keeps you as His own through our Lord Jesus.

*Pastor Chris*



### Plan to "Return and See" for Easter Services on April 4

**BSLC offering three services, overflow to accommodate in-person worship**

Beautiful Savior will have three services on Easter Sunday. The times will be 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Please note that the third service will be 15 minutes later than our current late service worship time. BSLC offers an overflow area in the Fellowship Hall with audio and video of the service to accommodate all those who would like to worship in person for this most holy celebration.

## Upcoming BSLC Bible Studies

### 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible

**study:** Beautiful Savior uses a united curriculum; all grade levels, even adults, will study the same Bible lesson every Sunday in hopes that it will foster discussion between members and equip families for faith formation in the home.

### 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: "Revelations - The Triumph of God":** All women are welcome to join. Please contact the church office or Shirley Elsner at 388-9521 to register.



### Restore His House Capital Campaign

Capital	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Campaign	\$305,450	\$330,000

### BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$58,825	392,359
Expense	56,514	383,629
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	2,311	8,730

## Overflow Seating Now Available in Fellowship Hall

Beautiful Savior now has live audio and video of worship services, along with seating, available in the fellowship hall. If you have not been coming to church out of concern the sanctuary might be too full, the fellowship hall is another option for worship at the church.

While in the fellowship hall, please remember to allow for social distancing. There should only be one family unit per table. Face masks are required. Also, please be respectful of others who are in there to hear the worship service.

## Easter Flowers On Altar

A sign-up genius will be available soon to order Easter flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Lilies will cost \$12 and cyclamen, kalanchoe and begonias will cost \$18. There will be a limited number of each flower so please sign up as soon as possible to make sure you get the flowers you want. Please make checks payable to LWML..



## LWML Virtual Tea Update

The LWML would like to express our appreciation and thanks for the success of the "Virtual Tea." All donations were contributed to FirstLink suicide prevention program. A final tabulation will be available at a later date.



Thank you to Matt Gustafson for emceeding the event. He took us down memory lane with photos from previous teas and snippets from past cabarets, choir performances and special musical events. He also took

us on a tour of some of our members kitchens - let's just say they were in a state of COVID disarray!

The following donations were made in memory of loved ones:

### Donation made by:

Karen Mart-Taverna  
Kim Scheer  
Mindy Stead

### In Loving Memory of:

William Domine, Godson  
Michelle Johnson, niece  
Nathan Olson



## Voters' Meeting March 7

There will be a voters' meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 7, between services, to discuss and vote on the election of officers. Please try to attend this important meeting. Thanks.



## Updated Pictorial Directory

If you had your picture taken for the pictorial directory in the past three years, an updated directory is available in the narthex. You may find your name and take your directory home with you.



LCMS Life Ministry will host its first virtual life conference March 19–20 under the theme "Making Disciples: Valuing Life." Registration is open now at [www.lcms-life.org](http://www.lcms-life.org). Join us!

- Be equipped to speak up for the sanctity of life within your community and society
- Gain ideas on how to care for all human life
- Interact with fellow Lutherans on Life Ministry topics

Be a part of the LCMS Life Ministry community. Dozens of experts in life ministry will present throughout the conference with multiple video presentations available for immediate on-demand viewing as soon as you login. Engage in live question and answer sessions with experts in life ministry.



## Clubs and Service Groups



**Service Group** - Our group for March will not be needed this month. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume fellowship. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Elders** - At least one of our elders are here every Wednesday evening and 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** - We have resumed in-person quilting while practicing social distancing! Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 and 25. 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** - We will not be meeting this month. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

**Beautiful Garden** - The fifth annual Beautiful Garden in Beautiful Savior's backyard is looking for you! If you do not have a garden of your own, love to garden but are inexperienced at growing plants, we are what you are looking for. We meet at the garden at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning in May. We will hold a planning session outside at the garden to figure out what to plant and where, when we work up the soil in the spring. If you are interested in helping with and benefiting from our garden and harvest, please e-mail [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com) and you will be added to the communication list.

**LWML** - LWML will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 22, via Zoom. All women are invited to join. Your participation in LWML is a great way to make new friends and serve the Lord.

## Baptisms



**February 14:** Andy Sean Loecker, son of Kyle and Shayla Loecker, born Oct. 15, 2020. His sponsors are Tanner Loecker and Mataya Johns.

**February 16:** Adalynn Grace Zulauf, daughter of Emily Bartz and Justin Zulauf, born Oct. 12, 2020. Her sponsors are Ian Brace, Conor Brace and Sean Lucas Brace.

## Deaths



**February 12:** Isaiah Johnson, 21, of Fargo, died suddenly due to injuries sustained in a tragic car accident in Fargo. His funeral was at Beautiful Savior on Feb. 20, 2021.

Isaiah was born on Sept. 23, 1999, to Becky Johnson and Akim Kur in Fargo. He attended Grace Lutheran School from kindergarten through 8th grade. He attended Fargo South High where he graduated in 2018. He attended one year at NDSCS in Fargo.

Isaiah was baptized at St. John Church of Hillsboro. He was later confirmed at Beautiful Savior where he remained a member.

Isaiah is survived by his mother, Becky Johnson; sister, Josepine; father, Akim Kur; stepmother, Anna; brothers, Tarjwok, Timothy, Dominic, and Gieth; grandparents, James and Ruth Johnson.

Isaiah was preceded in death by his grandparents in Sudan and his cousin, Benjamin Stuart.

## Thank You

- To the volunteers who serve on our service groups, boards and council that help the church to run efficiently.
- To the volunteers who decorate the church and keep it looking beautiful.
- To the volunteers who record the service, run the power point, sing and play instruments for worship services.
- To the volunteers who help assemble the newsletter each month.
- To the volunteers who got the technology issues worked out so we can have overflow seating.
- To the volunteers who sanitize the sanctuary after worship and other events.

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## A Friend in a High Place

By Pastor Brian

*"But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress."* (Psalm 59:16).

The man who wrote these words had some enemies in high places. David, the composer, wrote the words of this song when the king at the time, Saul, had sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him. I can hardly imagine the danger I would be in if the ruler of my country were trying to kill me. I'm not sure I would be singing. I think I would be trying to keep as quiet as possible, especially if people were watching my house with a view toward ending my residency there.

David was a brave man. In the face of danger, he sang. But he did not sing about his own strength or his own ability to defeat the king. David sang about the strength of the Lord his God, and not just about His strength, but also about His love. David knew that God was stronger than any king, and David knew that God loved him. David had a friend in an even higher place than the top of the government David had a friend in heaven.



No matter your enemy, God is stronger. He is able to control the events of the world, large and small. There is nothing happening in your life that is too big for God to handle. Even better, God loves you. He proved His love by sending His Son into the world to save you. He proves his love today by providing you refuge from your enemies, refuge in times of trouble. He forgives your sins and silences the mouth of your accusers, even of a guilty conscience. His promises are meant to give you security and comfort. He is your fortress, your trusty shield and weapon.

It's great to have friends in high places. Garth Brooks has friends in low places. But it's even greater to have a Savior and friend in heaven.

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## "Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Teaching the Passover has always been one of my favorite Bible lessons! I suppose one of the reasons for this is that the lesson makes such a clear teaching comparison to how the shed blood of Jesus protects us from God's wrath for sin – just as the homes of those with the shed blood of a lamb on their doorposts protected the Israelites during the last plague that God sent on Pharaoh and the Egyptians! May our confidence always be in that shed blood of Jesus – and may we be always ready and eager to say about Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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.

### March pastors and sermons:

**Mar 7:** Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, presents the message "A Fool For You," based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. *This is the Life: "Man Adrift."*

**Mar 14:** Rev. Larry Harvala, Grace Lutheran Church, Sebeka, MN, Zion Lutheran Church, North Germany Township, MN, and Nimrod Lutheran Church, Nimrod, MN, presents the message "Behold and Live," based on Numbers 21:9. *This is the Life: "Time Out for Bill."*

**Mar 21:** Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John's Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: "God Has Prepared a New Covenant For Us," based on Jeremiah 31:31-34. *This is the Life: "A Gift for Grandpa."*

**Mar 28:** Palm Sunday Special: The Holy Land - The Eternal Rock Tour. The entire one hour MSLN broadcast will feature a tour of the holy land. It will replace both the regular MSLN worship service and the *This Is The Life* program. This tour features many places where Jesus walked and talked. It is guided by Rev. Nabil Nour of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, SD, who was raised in Galilee.

## Sunday School News

Sunday School keeps growing! Join us each week for singing, dancing, lessons and crafts. There is still plenty of time to jump back into Sunday School and have lots of fun. We miss you! The sermon theme for this Lenten season is Return to the Lord; bringing your children back to Sunday School is a great way to make this happen. We meet in the fellowship hall from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Join us!

## Palm Sunday Party March 28

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, people celebrated the coming of the Messiah. Beautiful Savior will host its own celebration for kids during Sunday school from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 28, in the fellowship hall.

This year's party will include snacks, four crafts and the story about Palm Sunday.



## Grace Lutheran School News

We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our Giving Hearts Day supporters. We raised more than \$57,000 this year, including a \$25,000 match, which goes a long way in offering scholarships, competitive salaries and other improvements to the quality of the education we offer at GLS. Our hearts are full. Thank you.

It is enrollment season at GLS. We have an open house coming up on Thursday, March 11, for all grades, Pre-K through eighth grade. New Pre-K and K families who register before March 15 will receive a \$600 reduction on tuition. New Pre-K and K families who register before April 15 will receive a \$500 reduction on tuition. Families must commit to returning to Grace again in 2022-2023 to qualify for this discount.

Camp Grace registration is now open to all children in our community. Camp Grace is a full-time summer childcare for 4-12 year old's at GLS, running from June 1 – Aug. 20. The \$175 per week fee covers breakfast, lunch, snacks and all activities. Openings are available for half day mornings or afternoons for \$100 per week.

We thank you for your continued prayers for our students, teachers, families and staff.

Upcoming Dates:

March 9 – Science Fair (by invite only)

March 11 – Open House

March 19 – No School

April 1-5 - No School, Easter Break

April 24 – Spaghetti Dinner

## Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

Psalms 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse each week.

**March 7: Philippians 3:8-11** - Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

**March 14: 1 Peter 3:18** - For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

**March 21: 2 Corinthians 5:21** - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**March 28: Romans 4:24-25** - It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

## LYF Spring Retreat in Carrington

All students in eighth through twelfth grade are invited to the Chieftain in Carrington on Friday, March 5 to Saturday, March 6. We will meet at BSLC at 3:45 p.m. on Friday and return around 7 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$50, which includes program costs, Friday junk food buffet, Saturday breakfast, pizza lunch buffet and snacks. Friday night sleeping room (one to four people/room) is priced separately. Activities include teen-led growth sessions (**co-led by Leah Tykwinski, BSLC**) devotions, music, morning walk/run, snacks and some meals. Extra money is needed for dinner on Friday and Saturday. See Pastor Brian with questions.



## Higher Things Youth Retreat



Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wahpeton will host the "What is Church?" youth retreat, featuring area ND pastors. Cost is \$50 per person, which covers all expenses including classes, food, activities, and lodging at the church. Boys and girls will be housed in separate areas. Bring sleeping bags and pillows. The retreat begins at 6 p.m. Friday, March 26, and ends at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Register at [www.higherthings.org/retreats](http://www.higherthings.org/retreats). RSVP by March 20.

## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Crossfire will practice at the church from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 7, 14, 21 and 28. If you have questions, call Ramsey at 866-5403.

## March Youth Events

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

**Wednesday, March 3** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

**Wednesday, March 10** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

**Wednesday, March 17** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

**Wednesday, March 24** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

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**Junior High and Senior High Youth Zone Nerf Night - Friday, March 19:** Junior and senior high youth and their friends are invited for an evening of games, Bible study, music, food and of course Nerf from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. on March 19 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo. Please bring \$3 to cover the cost of food, or \$5 you bring a friend or team up with another youth kid. Contact Pastor Brian with questions.

**Higher Things Youth Retreat - Mar. 26-27:** Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wahpeton will host the "What is Church?" youth retreat, featuring area ND pastors. Cost is \$50 per person, which covers all expenses including classes, food, activities and lodging at the church. Boys and girls will be housed in separate areas. Bring sleeping bags and pillows. The retreat begins at 6 p.m. Friday, March 26, and ends at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Register at [www.higherthings.org/retreats](http://www.higherthings.org/retreats). RSVP by March 20.



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## Office Hours:

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

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also  
available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule:

Thursday at 7 p.m. in-person

Sunday at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. in-person & via YouTube

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sundays in-person

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

Pastors are also available Monday through Friday  
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call ahead for an appointment.

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