



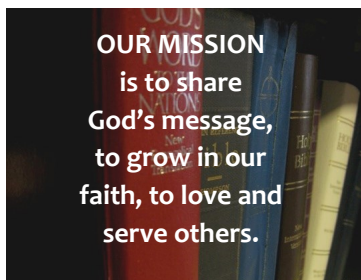
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2 a.m. Sunday, March 13



## Lenten Series: Christ Leads Us Out of Exile

By Pastor Chris

With all the problems facing us today, we might feel like exiles: exiles from work, exiles from family, exiles from church and exiles from connections in general. This year's Lenten series, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey," gives the hearers opportunity to contemplate the reality of their earthly journey in exile, but with eyes always fixed on its ultimate destination—the empty tomb and the open gates of everlasting life—all with an underlying reality of joy as we hear that we do not walk this way alone. During the season of Lent, we travel with Christ from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem, where our Lord will face the cross and the grave for our sake.

Since the first sin in Eden, humanity has been exiled into the wilderness, wandering without any ability to find a way back to God. Each leg of our Lenten journey begins in the Old Testament and continues into the New Testament, pointing us to the joy that is ours on account of Christ Jesus, who brings us from exile into the promised land, the perfect place, the new garden, the courts of God's presence - the ultimate destination made ready for us by Jesus' death and resurrection.

Join us at 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening beginning with services on March 2. We also invite you to join us for soup and sandwich suppers at 6 p.m. before each service. Please bring a dish to share as we prepare to return from exile, led by the Lord Himself.

## Lenten Series Worship Schedule

### March 2 – Ash Wednesday

From Sackcloth and Ashes to Robes of Righteousness

### March 9 – Midweek Lent 1

From Eden to the New Heavens and New Earth

### March 16 – Midweek Lent 2

From Mount Moriah to Mount Zion

### March 23 – Midweek Lent 3

From Slavery to Freedom

### March 30 – Midweek Lent 4

From the Forbidden Tree to the Cross

### April 6 – Midweek Lent 5

From Wilderness to the Promised Land

### April 14 – Holy Thursday

From Passover to the Lord's Supper

### April 15 – Good Friday

From the Day of Atonement to the Atonement of Christ

### April 17 – Easter Sunday

Welcome Home!

Return from Exile:  
*a Lenten*  
**JOURNEY**



## National Youth Gathering Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction

Plan to attend the Lutheran Youth Fellowship chili cook-off and silent auction from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13. Purchase an endless chili bowl for a freewill donation. Sample and vote on Beautiful Savior's finest recipes. A trophy will be awarded for the best chili recipe. Desserts also will be available for purchase. Many wonderful silent auction items will be available. We would like to invite the entire congregation to attend and contribute to this event.



Please consider donating an item for the silent auction. Gift certificates and baskets of any value are welcome. See Pastor Brian if you would like to donate an item.

## Voters Meeting March 6

There will be a voters' meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 6, between services, to discuss and vote on the election of officers. Please try to attend this important meeting. Thanks.

### BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

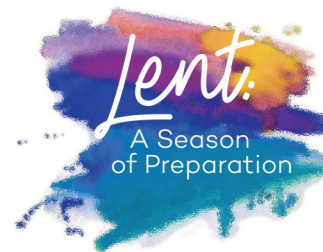
<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	33,019	439,143
Expense	<u>35,311</u>	<u>373,065</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	<u>(2,292)</u>	<u>66,078</u>

## National Youth Gathering Attendees Looking for Sponsorship

Nine youth will be attending the National Youth Gathering July 9-13 in Houston, TX. Their photos, along with sponsorship envelopes, will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. They are looking for sponsors to help them with the costs involved with the gathering.



Members of the congregation can help by taking an envelope off the board and pledging a dollar amount to a youth. Please return your sponsorship envelope in the drop box in the church office by April 3.



## Beautiful Savior Celebrates 40 Years

*The third in a series on the history of BSLC*

The congregation officially became Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church on Aug. 23, 1982, when it was incorporated by the state of North Dakota.

On Nov. 7, 1982, Beautiful Savior received charter members through a special service and potluck dinner. Of the original 113 charter members, eight are still members of our congregation today. They are: Donna Larson, Charolette Simonson, Joan Fiechtner, Teresa Driscoll, Mike Herrmann, Ed and Carol Herrmann and Maxine (Yagow) Rust.

The constitution and bylaws were formally adopted on Dec. 5, 1982. On Dec. 12, 1982, the first voters meeting was held to elect officers, adopt a budget and call Pastor Bauer from missionary-at-large to pastor of Beautiful Savior.

Pastor Bauer continued to lead the ministry until he accepted a call to another congregation in April of 1990.

Beautiful Savior was led to call David Wagner as pastor, who was installed on July 29, 1990.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Did you know that the Thrivent Choice program allows eligible Thrivent members to recommend making charitable contributions to Beautiful Savior? Several BSLC members have supported the church's mission by directing a portion of their Thrivent Choice dollars to BSLC.



If you haven't participated in Thrivent Choice but would like to learn more, you can visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice), or contact your Thrivent representative. You must renew your designation every year. The deadline is March 31.

## 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.



March 2	O-R	Wanda Roesler
March 9	S	Maggie Stende
March 16	T-Z	Kim Ternes
March 23	A-Bo	Andrea Olson
March 30	Br-D	Janet Koppinger
April 6	E-G	Diane Lee

## Easter Flowers On Altar

A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex by Ash Wednesday to order Easter flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Flowers and the prices will be listed on the sign-up sheets. There will be limited quantities of each flower, so get your orders in early. Please make checks payable to the LWML.



## Palm Sunday Party April 10

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 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 10, in the fellowship hall.

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



## New Member Corner

Rita Kaeding recently transferred from St. Peter's in Devils Lake to Beautiful Savior. Rita is retired and moved to Fargo to be closer to her grandchildren. She enjoys doing crafts and listening to audio books. She's active in LWML.

Her favorite Bible verse is Galatians 5:22-23. "I pray others can see the fruits of the Spirit in me." Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

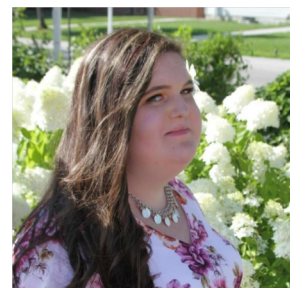


Welcome  
Our New  
Members



## Deaths

**Feb. 17:** Addison "Addy" Mae Fell, 20, passed away after losing her brave struggle against limb-girdle muscular dystrophy, with the love and support of her family by her side. Her funeral was at Beautiful Savior Feb. 25.



Addy began her life on Dec. 3, 2001, the daughter of Becky Wilson and Bruce Fell. She grew up in Argusville, where she attended Northern Cass School. Addy enjoyed singing, performing, speech, debate, drawing and painting. She was active with HOPE Inc. and attended MDA camp. Following her high school graduation, Addy attended the Vocation Training Center.

Addy was a lifelong member of Beautiful Savior. She was baptized on Jan. 27, 2002. Addy completed confirmation April 30, 2017. Addy also sang in the youth praise band.

In honor of both of her great grandfather's service to our nation, Addy is also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #88. Addy also sang our country's national anthem at numerous events.

Addy is survived by her mother, Becky and stepfather, Jason Wilson; father, Bruce; brothers, Tavis and Clay; sister, Cordalynn; and stepbrother, Cade Wilson; grandparents, Paul and Donna Berg and Juanita Fell; step grandparents, James and Debra Wilson; great grandmother, Mary Berg.



## Clubs and Service Groups



**Service Group** - Our captains will call you asking for treats or help with events. Thanks for your help.

**March:** A-Bo with captain Andrea Olson.

**April:** Br-D with captain Janet Koppinger.

**Elders** - Our elders greet members and visitors, help the pastors with any needs and see that all goes well at worship service. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the other elders.

**Quilting and Fellowship** - We meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 and 24. 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** - Join us for some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next get-together will be at noon on Wednesday, March 16. Bring a green dish to share. Gold Club is for anyone!

**LWML** - We will have our monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, in the fellowship hall. All women of BSLC are invited to attend.

**Loose Change Sunday Mite Collections**  
Jan. 30 - \$197.25

**Advent Supper Collection**  
Katie Stende, custodian - \$576.00

**MFM Collection - seminary families**  
Matt & Jen Riley - \$425  
Jason & Emily Groth - \$425  
Dave & Cindy Keane - \$425

**Evangelism and Stewardship** - The evangelism and stewardship committees will meet

at 12:30 p.m. Monday,  
March 7, at Perkins.  
RSVP the church office  
by March 4.



## Upcoming Bible Studies

**9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study:**  
**"Death, Heaven, Resurrection and the New Creation"** - Death is a reality we all must face. Some embrace death as a friend. Others fear it, seeking to avoid it at all costs. But Christians find hope in the Lord Jesus, who overcame the grave. Death has no hold over Jesus, and it will have no hold over you.

Even before the resurrection, Jesus brings us to Himself. In death, Christ becomes our all in all as we live forever in communion with Him. In light of this assurance, we can live this impermanent life in trust and hope.

The promises and victory of Christ will help us appreciate the importance of our physical bodies; approach the experience of dying trusting to Jesus; and consider the nature of our resurrected, glorious bodies in the new heavens and new earth.

**7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study:**  
**"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. 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: "Deuteronomy – Becoming Holy People"** - starts on Thursday, March 3. Do you long to experience God's presence in your life? In this twelve studies of Deuteronomy, the story of God's people seeking after him will be told. It will teach a lesson to follow God more closely by following their journey, experiencing their forward progress, their detours and their obstacles. If you would like to join the group, please call Shirley Elsner at 388-9521.

## Married Couple Bible Study

The married couple small group Bible study 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 at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. Please see Pastor Brian with any questions.

# A Great Faith

By Pastor Brian

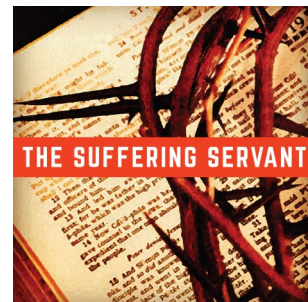
When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment. (Matthew 8:5-13).

Everyone likes to be considered great for something. It feels good to hear someone say, "You have a great voice" or "You are a great cook" or "You are a great parent." At what would you most like to be great? How about being known for having a great faith? Imagine having Jesus himself say that you have a great faith. Wouldn't that be wonderful? That is precisely what Jesus said about a Roman soldier whose servant was sick.

What made the soldier's faith so great? First, he was humble. He recognized that he did not deserve Jesus' help. He did not even consider himself worthy of having Jesus enter his house. He knew he was entirely dependent upon Jesus. So are you!

Everything you have and everything you are, is a gift from God. The only proper way to approach Him is with humility. It is the first ingredient of a great faith. The second ingredient is trust—trust that Jesus can do whatever you ask Him. The centurion trusted that Jesus could command the sickness to leave his servant just as easily as he, himself, could command soldiers to do his bidding. What a great faith!

Jesus did heal the centurion's servant. But...what if he hadn't? What do we do when Jesus decides not to do what we ask? Once again, we trust Him. We humbly trust that He knows what is best for us. We trust his promises to always and only do what is best for us. May God give you the faith of that centurion—a GREAT faith.



## "Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Ash Wednesday falls on March 2 this year. We then enter the season of Lent – a time of the church year set aside for special reflection on the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He took on Himself the necessary and just payment for our sins and those of the whole world! Holy Spirit, please help us to make good use of this important yearly opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's great sacrificial love for us!

To add your financial support, checks may be sent to Main Street Living North, 821 Fifth Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website. Thank you, and God's blessing in Christ!



### March pastors and sermons are as follows:

**March 6:** Rev. Sam Pitsch, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, presents the message: "Resistance is Not Futile," based on Luke 4:1-13. *This Is The Life:* "The Now Crowd."

**March 13:** Rev. Bernie Worrall, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, presents the message: "The Urgency of Repentance," based on Luke 13:1-5. *This Is The Life:* "The Poisoned Banquet."

**March 20:** Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John's Lutheran, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: "The Watchman of Israel," based on Ezekiel 33:7-20. *This Is The Life:* "Smash Up."

**March 27:** Rev. Christopher Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, presents the message: "A New Identity," based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. *This Is The Life:* "Awake with a Stranger."

## Thank You to all Our Volunteers

- To those who serve on our service groups, boards and council that help the church to run efficiently.
- To those who decorate the church and keep it looking beautiful.
- To those who record the service, run the power point, sing and play instruments for worship services.
- To those who help assemble the newsletter each month.

## Grace Lutheran School News

We are humbled by the outpouring of support on Giving Hearts Day. Together with a \$25,000 match we raised just over \$58,000.

Enrollment for 2022-2023 is in full swing. We just re-enrolled 91% of our current students. All who are interested in Grace Lutheran School should join us at our upcoming open houses on March 1 and 15 from 5:30-7 pm at 1025 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Fargo.

We are almost finished with our reaccreditation with National Lutheran School Accreditation. This is an enormous undertaking led by committees of faculty and volunteers to make sure our school meets or exceeds a long list of benchmarks set by NLSA. An accreditation committee will do an on-site visit this month to review hundreds of pages of commentary and evidence. We look forward to finishing this monumental task.

Save the Date: Pasta With a Purpose will be Saturday, April 30. It is our goal to make the spaghetti dinner an association-driven event. If your group is interested in becoming part of this event, contact Amy at 701-232-7747 or [ahirsch@gracels.com](mailto:ahirsch@gracels.com).



**Every 10 seconds a child dies of hunger**

**Pack Event**  
**Saturday, April 9th**  
Grace Lutheran School, Fargo

Volunteers (age 7+)  
& donations needed!

**Sign-up here:** 

Send questions to [corey.isaak@gracefargo.org](mailto:corey.isaak@gracefargo.org)



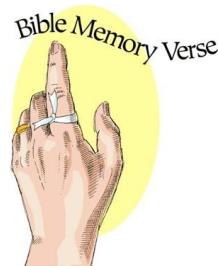
## Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

**March 6: Isaiah 40:1** - Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

**March 13: Colossians 3:2** - Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

**March 20: Romans 8:38-39** - For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**March 27: Zephaniah 3:17** - The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.







## BSLC Sunday School News

**Sunday School Students to Sing:** The PreK through third-graders will be singing at both worship services on Sundays, March 27, April 24 and May 22. Please have your student at the church by 8 a.m. these Sundays for a short practice. They are welcome to sing at both or one service.

**VBS Save the Date:** June 5-9, 2022. If you would like to help out with music, crafts, as a classroom leader or activities, please contact Stacy Knudson or Pastor Brian.

## Crosstraining for BSLC Children

Crosstraining is for children in first through fifth grade. Crosstraining will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20. Crosstraining will involve food (both spiritual and physical), fun and fellowship. Contact Pastor Brian with any questions.

## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will lead worship on Sunday, March 13. They will practice at the church from 6-7 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 and 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 20 and 27. If you have questions, call Ramsey at 866-5403.

## Lutherans for Life 2022 State Essay Contest

Grades six through eight should submit a 400 word essay and grades nine through twelve should submit a 750 word essay based on the theme "Blessed for Life" and Psalm 41:2 by March 27.

A first-place prize of \$100 and second-place prize of \$50 will be awarded by our ND State Lutherans for Life to each level. The two first-place winners will be sent to the National Lutherans for Life office.



Blessed For Life

The grand prize for national winning entry at each level is: \$250 plus free conference registration to the 2022 Regional Conference of their choice and one hotel night at a conference hotel.

Entries become the property of Lutherans For Life. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, go to [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org).



## March Youth Events

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

**Wednesday, March 2** - from 7:45-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, March 9** - from 7:45-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, March 16** - from 7:45-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, March 23** - from 7:45-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

**LYF Retreat in Carrington - Friday, March 4 - Saturday, March 5:** All students in eighth through twelfth grade are invited to the Chieftain in Carrington. 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 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, devotions, snacks and some meals. Please register by Sunday, Feb. 27. Extra money is needed for dinner on Friday and Saturday. See Pastor Brian with questions.

**Junior High and Senior High Youth Zone Nerf Night - Friday, March 25:** All youth grades six-twelve 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 25 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo. Please bring \$3 to cover the cost of food, or \$5 if you bring a friend or team up with another youth kid. Contact Pastor Brian with questions.

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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:

**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.

## Worship Services available at:

[www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com](http://www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com)

[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

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