



March 2024

## A Call to Serve in the Congregation

By Pastor Chris

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It brings great comfort knowing that Christ has accomplished everything needed for your salvation. The second person of the Trinity took on human flesh and, as the God-man, our Lord lived a perfect life under the law. He faithfully taught and proclaimed God's Word. He faithfully fulfilled God's Word. Part of that fulfillment meant being rejected by the religious elite of the day, suffering and dying on a cross and raising to life again – all so that our sins would be forgiven, our relationship with God would be completely restored, we would have peace with God and we would have the hope of eternal life.

Although Christ's work of salvation is completed, sharing the Good News of salvation in Christ alone with those around us is not. Like most churches, Beautiful Savior counts on faithful Christians to help teach the faith and pass it on to following generations. We need elders to extend spiritual care to our members and the pastors. We need friendly faces with a heart for people to help those in the congregation feel welcomed and part of a community.

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### Holy Week Schedule

#### **Palm Sunday, March 24**

*Palm Sunday Party 2 p.m.*

#### **Holy Thursday, March 28**

*Worship at 7 p.m.*

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

*Worship at 7 p.m.*

#### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

*Worship*

*8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.*

*Breakfast*

*8:45 - 10:30 a.m.*

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study



*Spring Forward*

2 a.m. Sunday, March 10

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



## A Call to Serve in the Congregation

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Rev. Adam Filipek, a fellow pastor in the North Dakota district, has written the delightful and insightful book *Life in Christ* about our place in God's salvation story. He writes: Though Christ's body has many individual members, each with their own historical era, life experiences, social interactions joys, sorrows, successes, failures, talents abilities, and dreams, still you, with them, are one body with one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one Baptism and one God and Father of us all," (Ephesians 4:4-5.) He goes on to write that "you are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, both past and present, those who continually urge you to look to and rely on Jesus, the 'founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross .... so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted,' (Hebrews 12:1-3.)"



Beautiful Savior will elect new leaders during a voters' meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. We hope you will consider serving as a chairperson or board member. We have Christ among us. He serves all perfectly, yet deems to work through lowly means, namely us sinners, to show His abiding love and care for those around us. God has gifted all of us to help build up the body of Christ. With Christ, the Word made flesh among us and in us and for us, let us continue to grow in God's word, share that word, live in that word, all the while caring for our neighbor and tending to their spiritual and physical welfare as a community of believers united in Jesus, who has accomplished all things needed for our salvation.

*Pastor Chris*

### Voters' Meeting Sunday, March 10

There will be a voters' meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 10, to discuss and vote on the election of officers and an update on the call process. Plan to attend this important meeting.



### Are You Interested in Serving on the Beautiful Savior Church Council?

At the March 10 voters' meeting, we will hold elections for:

- director of education
- director of church properties
- elders
- RRLSA board member

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact any member of the nominating committee: Travis Olson, Brian Rieck, Jennifer Krause or Pastor Chris.

## Baptisms

**Feb. 25, 2024:** Liam James Loecker, son of Kyle and Shayla Loecker, born Nov. 7, 2023. His sponsors are Dustin Gustafson and Rochelle Bitz.



## encourageMENT Men's Ministry Breakfast

Beautiful Savior men, mark your calendars for the encouragement breakfast event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 23, at Beautiful Savior. Jay Schaefer will be presenting on the Main Street Living ministry. To register, email Corey Isaak at [corey.isaak@gracefargo.org](mailto:corey.isaak@gracefargo.org).

## Butter Braid Deadline Sunday, March 3

Youth who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2025 will be selling butter braids to raise money for their trip. The deadline is Sunday, March 3. They will be available for pick up on March 25.

## Card Shower for Clay Fell and Kim Wagner

There are still slots available. To sign up go to the church website, If you are not able to sign up, contact the office and we will sign you up!

### BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	66,062	425,225
Expense	39,217	398,873
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	26,845	26,352

## Potluck Suppers During Lent

BSLC offers potluck 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 **setup** and **cleanup**. Listed below are the dates for each group. A sign-up sheet for each group is in the narthex. Thanks for your help.



**March 6:** Music Ministry Groups  
**March 13:** LYF Youth  
**March 20:** LWML (O-Z members)

## Palm Sunday Party March 24

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, people celebrated the coming of the Messiah. Beautiful Savior will host its own celebration for kids age four through grade five from 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24 in the fellowship hall. This year's party will include crafts, snacks and the Palm Sunday story. Please pre-register if you plan to attend. Registration forms are available on the church website or in the narthex.



## Easter Flowers

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary this year for Easter, we are trying something new. Anyone is encouraged to bring your own flowering easter plant with a decorative pot cover or in a decorative pot with your name on them. You can let the office know if the plant is in memory or honor of a loved one, and we will put it on our Easter listing. Please drop off your plant in the office between March 24-27. You may take your plant home after the 10:45 a.m. Easter service on Sunday, March 31. Thank you for helping decorate the sanctuary this Easter season.



Easter Flowers

## Lenten Series Explores the Blessings of 'Honest Repentance'

Join us at 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we prepare to examine what repentance looks like in the Christian life.

### **March 6 – Midweek 3**

*Repentance (An Appeal to Nineveh)*

**Jonah 3:1-10**

### **March 13 – Midweek 4**

*Purification (Three Men in the Fiery Furnace)*

**Daniel 3:1-30**

### **March 20 – Midweek 5**

*Salvation (The Crossing of the Red Sea)*

**Exodus 14:10-15:1**

## Easter Breakfast March 31

Bring your appetites to church this Easter! A delicious breakfast will be served on Easter Sunday from 8:45 -10:30 a.m. Thanks to the NYG youth who will be serving our Easter breakfast this year. Stop in the fellowship hall to enjoy food and conversation on this joyous day. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses at the National Youth Gathering.



## Lutheran Family Service

### Building Healthy Families:

"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been," wrote Mark Twain. Yet today we spend millions of dollars trying to look and feel younger than our years. As Christians, we know our value is not found in how we look or in what we can do. We are valuable – even as the number of our limitations (and wrinkles) increase with each passing year – because Jesus says we are. He demonstrated our value by giving His life as a ransom for ours. Does that make us valuable? You bet! Which older members of your church family would welcome a visit, telephone call or card from you this week? Let them know they're not forgotten and how valuable they (still) are!

Lutheran Family Service offers free Christian-based counseling for members of all LCMS congregations. For more information, call (515) 573-3139 or [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



Lutheran  
Family Service

*For Nothing is Impossible with God*



## BSLC Clubs and Service Groups

**Elders** - Our elders greet members and visitors, helps the pastor 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 will meet this month from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 and 28. You do not need to know how to quilt. Come for awhile, or stay the whole time. Call Donna Ceroll at 701-232-2464 with questions.

**Gold Club** - Gather together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next lunch will be at noon on Wednesday, March 20. Bring a dish that begins with the first letter of your **first** name. Gold Club is for anyone!

**Beautiful Garden** - The eighth annual Beautiful Garden in Beautiful Savior's backyard will have a garden planning potluck lunch at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. Bring a dish to share. If you have an interest in gardening, come and help us discuss what to plant and where. Gardeners get to enjoy the benefits of the harvest. All ages are invited to help with gardening activities and enjoy some fellowship. If you would like to be added to the communication list, please email Tim at [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com).



**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 Dr. S., Fargo.

**LWML** - We will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 21. All women are invited.

**LWML Loose Change Sunday March 31:** Bring your coins, bills or checks and drop in the mite bucket to help support LWML missions.

**LWML Zone Spring Event:** will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 13 at Grace Lutheran Church. The event will also include a Bible study and lunch.



LWML Prayer Service attendees, Saturday, Feb. 3.

**Save the date for the LWML State Convention:** Join fellow LWML women at the 2024 state convention "Lord of All Creation" based on Colossians 1:16, Friday, June 14 through Sunday, June 16 at the Ramada in Bismarck. Registration forms are available in the *Messenger* on page five and six, which can be accessed on the church website.



## Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

**March 3: 1 Peter 5:8-9** - Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

**March 10: Luke 9:23** - And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

**March 17: Isaiah 53:5** - But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**March 24: Hosea 6:1-2** - Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

**March 31: 1 Corinthians 15:55** - O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?



## Upcoming Bible Studies

**9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: “Jesus said What?”** - Jesus doesn't always tell you what you want to hear, but He always tells you what you need to hear. Our Lord has the words of eternal life, and even the hard words of Jesus are given in love. In our culture of sound bites, it's easy for our Lord's words to be taken out of context and misunderstood. Come explore 15 of Christ's most difficult teachings on topics such as money, family relationships and consequences for sin. Each lesson will explore one teaching of Jesus by exploring His full treatment of the topic, along with parallel passages through the Bible and its context. “Jesus Said What?” Will help you to understand the hard words of Christ and come to know the love of Jesus behind them.

**7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: “Life in Christ: Rooted, Woven and Grafted into God's Story”** - Reading and understanding the Bible can be difficult, even for lifelong Christians. Perhaps you even have trouble connecting your personal life to the family lineages, narratives, and parables from Christ's teaching.

Rev. Dr. Adam T. Filipek, pastor of Holy Cross and Immanuel Lutheran Churches, in Lidgerwood, ND, help us to understand how your life story—yes, your story today—is interwoven with the life of Christ in the Bible. Piece together each of the narratives in the Old and New Testaments to see how God has grafted your life onto the beautiful saving life of Christ.

**9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study: “Leading a Life of Balance”** - We will invite God to examine our priorities and reveal any area of our life that has gone off-center from Him. We will look at the example Jesus set and see how He balanced the pressures of His ministry with spending time alone with God each day. As we seek to follow His pattern and allow the Lord to work within us, we will discover how we can truly find equilibrium in life.

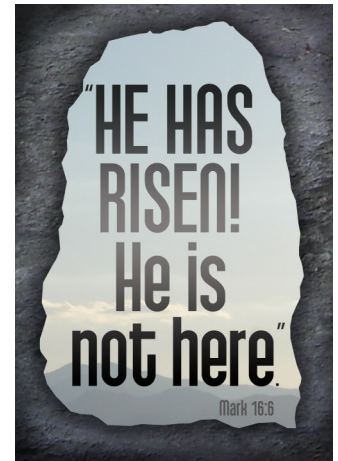
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## “Main Street Living North” TV Program News

This month we remember and celebrate the most precious Bible lessons of the church year - the suffering, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ! May these Scriptural truths of what our loving Creator God has done for us never get too familiar in our ears that we might begin to take them for granted. Rather, may they refresh and renew our faith with the sure hope of forgiveness and eternal life!



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

### March pastors and sermons are as follows:

**March 3:** Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message based on the text of John 2:13-22. *This Is the Life:* “Betrayed.”

**March 10:** Rev. Daniel Suelzle, Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, Grand Forks, presents the message: “The Sign of Salvation” based on Numbers 21:4-9. *This Is the Life:* “Aftermath.”

**March 17:** Rev. Doug Thompson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisher, MN, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Euclid, MN, presents the message: “The Glory of Jesus” based on Mark 10:32-45. *This Is the Life:* “Holy Land Tour part one.”

**March 24:** Rev. Michael Suelzle, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Devil's Lake, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota and St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, presents the message: “Glory” based on John, 12:20-43. *This Is the Life:* “Holy Land Tour part two.”

**March 31:** Rev. Steven Turner, District President, LCMS Iowa District West, presents the message: “Jesus Lives! What does this mean?” based on Mark 16:1-8. *This Is the Life:* “Three Days.”

## Grace Lutheran School News

March is Grace Lutheran School's favorite month – it comes in like a Lion.

There will be an open house from 4:30-6 p.m. on Monday, March 4 for prospective families to explore Grace. Please register at [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org).



A heartfelt thank you for helping us raise \$42,500 on Giving Hearts Day. We had a gracious match donation from DRI (formerly Dakota Refrigeration) to help us reach this goal.

Join us from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 7 for the Geography Fair. Our fifth - eighth-grade students have prepared presentations about many countries across the globe. It will be an educational evening. Taco-in-a-bag will be served at 6 p.m.

**Save the Date: Pasta with a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner** will be from 12-7 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. If you would like to assist with planning, serving, or leading a group, please contact Susan or Amy at 701-232-7747.



## LCEF North Dakota District College Scholarship

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) North Dakota District College Scholarship is offering a

\$1,000 scholarship to at least one applicant. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA or current full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Applicant must also be a member of a congregation belonging to the LCMS located in the North Dakota District. Applications close on April 14. Winners will be announced on May 6.

Apply at [lcef.org/north-Dakota-scholarship](http://lcef.org/north-Dakota-scholarship). If you have questions, contact Tami Ulland, LCEF District Vice President at 701-360-1469 or [tami.ulland@lcef.org](mailto:tami.ulland@lcef.org).



## Growing Together in Grace



In the words of David in Psalm 72 we pray, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!"

We announce with great thanksgiving to God our Father that as of this week the GTIG capital improvement campaign for Grace Lutheran School has raised just over \$1.8 million, the amount needed to award bids for construction this summer.

Grace Lutheran School will get new doors, windows, roof, geo-thermal heating and air conditioning, and six classrooms remodeled this summer.

This campaign has moved at breakneck speed – we received our very first dollar in May of 2023. Today we're over \$1.8 million in pledges. We cannot even begin to express our thanks to all of you who have shared your heart for Christian education.

While monies raised and pledged represent the bulk of the necessary funds for Phase 1, we will continue toward fully funding the project.

If you wish to support the GTIG campaign, gifts may be sent to PACE at 1025 14<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 or through the online giving link at [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org). Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or [amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org](mailto:amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org) with questions.

## GLS Tuition Assistance Available

With classes from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade, Grace Lutheran School is a wonderful option for Christ-centered education. As part of its mission, BSCL offers tuition remission for GLS.

If you would like to apply for GLS tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year, please fill out an application form and return it to the church by April 15. If you have any questions about the application form or about our policy, please call Pastor Chris at the church office at 293-1047 or his cell at (701) 893-6995.

We expect that BSCL scholarships would cover between 50-60 percent of tuition, but it depends on how many families apply. We will let the families know how much tuition assistance they will be receiving from the church in early summer.



## Sunday School Leaders Needed

Sunday School volunteers are needed to help lead in the classroom. For more information, contact Stacy Knudson.



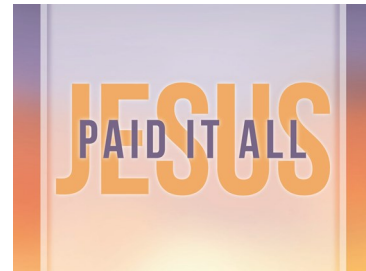
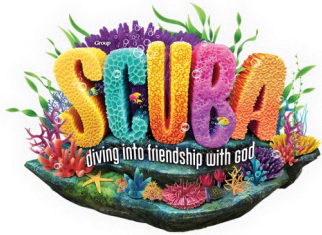
## NYG Chili Cook-off Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the NYG chili cook-off and silent auction! \$3,091 was raised to help the youth attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2025. The trophy for best chili was awarded to Chris Johnson.



## Save the Date for VBS

**Scuba Vacation Bible School - Dive into a friendship with God!** Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never ending love of God. Sunday, June 2 - Thursday, June 6. Contact Stacy Knudson if you would be willing to help in any way.



## March Youth Events

### **DESTINATION UNKNOWN: Where will the youth go this week?**

Join us and find out! Every Wednesday after confirmation class, youth in grades 6-12 can participate in a youth group adventure from 8-9 p.m. Each week, we will travel to a different surprise destination where we will have an activity and short devotion. We will return to church for games, snacks and faith sharing. For more information, see Pastor Chris.

**Wednesday, March 6** - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, March 13** - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, March 20** - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

**LYF Retreat in Carrington - Friday, March 8 - Saturday, March 9:** All students in eighth through twelfth grade are invited to the Chieftain in Carrington. Cost is \$75. The retreat will include devotions, a Bible study led by Pastors Adam Harvala and Jon Bonine, group singing and a coffee house concert by Lloyd Garrelts, large and small group discussion/reflection about Making Saints of Us All: God's Work Through Spiritual Practices, Saturday morning walk, junk food buffet, breakfast buffet, Pizza Ranch lunch, snacks, large and small group games and more! Attendees will be housed overnight at the Chieftain. Please register by Sunday, March 3. Forms are in the narthex or on the church website. See Pastor Chris with questions.

**Nerf Night - Friday, March 22:** It's all out war - but all in fun! All youth in grades six through 12 are invited for a night of Bible study, Nerf games, snacks and friends. The event will be 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 22, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Bring your own Nerf gun; darts will be provided. The cost is \$3 per person, or bring a friend, and you both get in for \$5 total. Please fill out a registration form, along with payment, and turn in to Pastor Chris by Sunday, March 17.



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## Office Hours:

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

Pastor Chris is available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. 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. Pastor Chris is available by appointment Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Worship Services available at:

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

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*Elders are assigned families based on last name*



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