## May 2021

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#### Summer Worship Hours

Sundays 9 a.m. May 30 to Sept. 5 Wednesdays 7 p.m. May 26 to Aug. 25

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

## Our Lord Leaves No Sheep Behind

By Pastor Chris

The motto "leave no one behind" stretches back to antiquity and has influenced military policy throughout the ages. In the United States, the Soldier's Creed, Airman's Creed and Army Rangers' Creed contain vows to prevent injured or fallen comrades from even falling into the hands of the enemy. But it doesn't always work that way. Sometimes, circumstances call for a search and rescue operation. On March 23, 2003, Iraqi forces captured Pvt. Jessica Lynch. A week later, a U.S. combat search and rescue team brought her home. A few years later in Afghanistan, about two dozen special forces operators died trying to find and rescue Lt. Michael Murphy and his recon team, a story told in the film "Lone Survivor."

"We argue sooner or later," naval aviator and author Capt. George Galdorisi writes, "that somebody has to go down there and get the downed airman or missing soldier. And hurry up doing it."

God also has a heart for those behind enemy lines, and that includes more than soldiers in the military. After all, every one of us has wandered into enemy territory. We go usually not realizing our enemy or oppressors. We mistake our captivity to sin as freedom, failing to acknowledge the grasp of sin, death and the devil on us. So the Father sent Jesus on the greatest search and rescue mission ever. Consider the parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15:

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## Treasured Vacation Bible School

Treasured Vacation Bible School will be here soon. Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves and dense jungles from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, June 6 through Thursday, June 10. Treasured VBS is for kids ages four through those in sixth grade.



Get ready to dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures. Children will be busy singing and dancing, playing games, making crafts and going on epic Bible adventures. At Treasured VBS, you will discover that God's greatest treasure is not diamonds, gems or gold - it's YOU!

Don't miss out on the fun; fill out a registration form today. It's available on the church website or in the narthex.

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## Our Lord Leaves No Sheep Behind

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"Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear (Jesus). And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner



who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance," (Luke 15:1-7).

Our Lord suffered, died and rose again, overcoming the enemy. The mission now is to proclaim that there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved," (Acts 4:12), Through His Holy Word, the sword of the Spirit, Jesus frees us from all the lies, snares and traps of the enemy. He also comes to the lost through the sacraments, granting forgiveness, life and salvation and His presence.

As we come to these means, and invite others to receive them, heaven rejoices at our arrival, and we rejoice as well, thankful for our shepherd and search and rescue operator, who leaves no sheep behind. As the Psalmist declares: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies," (Psalm 18:2-3).

You Are Treasured!

## Summer Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, May 30, and going through Sunday, Sept. 5, Beautiful Savior will offer one Sunday morning worship service at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings

Beginning Wednesday, May 26, and going through Wednesday, Aug. 25, our midweek Wednesday night worship will begin at 7 p.m. We will not have a Wednesday night service on June 9 during VBS.

## **Upcoming Bible Studies**

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: Seeking God's guidance: How to make wise decisions -"God, I don't know what to do." We have all said these words and struggled with making God-pleasing decisions. Sin has complicated and compromised our ability to make wise choices that reflect God's perfect and Holy will. Prey to fallen human ideas, opinions and feelings, God's people stray from God's truth! Christians often skip the Divine Service, seeing it as optional rather than God's precious gift. Christians often cohabitate and enter sexual relationships outside of marriage against God's will. Gender and sexuality have degenerated into twisted expressions against God's design. Social media has become a fierce battleground for attacking others. Vulgarities abound in today's speech. Respect for authority has declined significantly. In the Holy Spirit's power, we will turn to the Holy Scriptures as our final authority, knowing that God has given us His word to show us our sin, reveal our Savior and empower us to know and do His will.

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: "Sermon on the Mount" - What does it mean to "seek first the kingdom of God" in our relationships, values, ambitions, finances and commitments? Jesus' answer to these questions amazed those who first heard the greatest sermon ever preached - the Sermon on the Mount. All women are welcome. Please contact the church office or Shirley Elsner at 388-9521 to sign up.



## Installation of New Church Officers

Installation of our newly elected and re-elected officers will be held during both worship services Sunday, May 2. We thank Jennifer Krause, Lloyd Jemtrud and Pam Grothman for their service and all they have done for Beautiful Savior.

Elders: Dale Olson and Adam Tykwinski

Chairperson: Denise Doeling

Vice Chairperson: Mike Schlichtmann Financial Secretary: Beth Gustafson Director of Evangelism: Tim Deitemeyer

Director of Stewardship: vacant

RR Lutheran School Board: Randy Johnson

Please keep our church officers in your prayers.

#### Church Office Summer Hours

Summer hours for the church will start June 1. Kim will be in from 9:30-1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call the church if you need to stop by to be sure someone is around.

## encourageMENt Men's Breakfast

Fargo's LCMS Men's Ministry encourageMENt will be hosting a breakfast presentation beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, at Beautiful Savior. Please RSVP by calling Corey at 701-281-0240 or email at corey.isaak@gracefargo.org.

## **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, BSLC offers tuition remission for GLS.

If you would like to apply for GLS tuition assistance for the 2021-2022 school year, please fill out an application form and return it to the church by May 1. 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 on his cell at (701) 893-6995.

We expect that BSLC 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 May.

## **BSLC High School Seniors**

BSLC would like to honor our high school seniors at the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. worship services Sunday, May 9. Please attend the service that works best for you. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you in your new endeavors. Congratulations to you!

# High School Seniors: Graduation Plans and Pictures Needed

Do you have a youth who will graduate from high school this year? BSLC would like to know their plans. Please leave an update and a picture in the church office or e-mail the church by May 5. A display of our high school seniors will be on the bulletin board outside the office along with a brief description of plans. There also will be a short article on our seniors in our June newsletter.

## **Church Mowing**

If you are interested in helping mow the church grounds this summer, call Mardi Schlichtmann at 730-0466 to get added to the schedule. You can mow as many or as few times as you want!

# Congratulations to the 2021 BSLC Confirmands

Ten youth from our congregation were confirmed at a special 1 p.m. worship service on Sunday, April 25.



Back: Pastor Brian, Jacob Waldvogel, Dylan Barth, Colin Gannon, Nicholas Harvey, Pastor Chris Front: Maia Gilman, Olivia Blotsky, McKenzie Kainz, Clay Fell, Morgan Mielke, Rylee Hans





## Clubs and Service Groups



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

Elders - At least one of our elders are here every Sunday morning. They greet members and visitors, help the pastors with any needs and see that all goes well. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the elders.

Quilting and Fellowship - We have resumed in-person quilting while practicing social distancing! Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 and 27. 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.

LWML - LWML will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 17, via Zoom. All women are invited. We will be discussing summer activities and future fundraising events.

New on the LWML church website are the links to 2-Minute Tuesdays and the Daily Devotions. Go to https://www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com/lwml.

Loose Change Sunday will be Sunday, May 30. Bring your coins or bills to drop in the mite bucket.

Beautiful Garden - The fifth annual
Beautiful Garden at Beautiful Savior will meet at
5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, to start planting! Come
if you can. Bring garden gloves, a garden tool and a
friend. This year, we will be meeting at 5 p.m. on
Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Saturdays. We look
forward to some gardening and
fellowship. Contact the church
office or Tim Deitemeyer at
tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com
to be added to the communication

## Evangelism to Meet May 10

The evangelism committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, at Perkins. We are looking for volunteers to help with distributing BSLC "swag bags." They are designed to increase the awareness of worship, education and service groups at Beautiful Savior. Come, and enjoy some fellowship, lunch and free pie! Please RSVP to the church office or email Tim Deitemeyer at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com by Thursday, May 6.

## **Baptisms**

April 3: Zennik James Kilber, son of Brandon Kilber and Gracynn Young, born Jan. 14, 2021. His sponsors were Macauley Young and Judah Belile.

**April 11:** Shiori Kudo, adult. Her sponsor was Matthew Wolbersen.

## Memorials



In Memory of Mike Breitbarth

Duane and Maxine Boehning Matt and Beth Gustafson Karen Mart-Taverna Loretta Swanson

# God's Greatest Treasure Is YOU!

Restore His House Capital Campaign				
Capital	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>		
Campaign	\$307,650	\$330,000		
BSLC Treasurer's Report				
General Operating Fund				
Oper. Fund	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>YTD</u>		
Contributions	\$26,408	60,801		
Expense	39,735	78,227		
Surplus/	(13,327)	(17,426)		

list. See you at the garden!

#### No Other Name

By Pastor Brian

"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved," (Acts 4:12).

Last month, a couple was driving across a bridge in the western United States. They were riding in their truck, and their truck was pulling a 30-foot trailer. Suddenly, disaster struck. The truck veered out of control and went over the side. It was about to plunge 100 feet to the bottom of the gorge. It didn't, however. Instead, it hung, suspended. There was one reason for this. The trailer was still on the bridge, and between the trailer and the truck was a standard safety chain. That chain—and that chain alone—spared the couple from plummeting to the bottom.

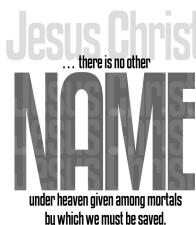
In that moment, as the couple stared straight down into the gorge, it didn't matter what kind of sound system was in the truck. It didn't matter how big the engine was. It didn't matter if the interior of the truck was in pristine condition. What mattered was the chain.

On any given day, you and I encounter many good things that need our attention. Our family, work and physical health all need our attention. So do our homes, finances, hobbies and recreation.

These are all good things. However, none of them are as important as our relationship with Jesus Christ. "Salvation is found in no one else," the apostle

Peter said, "For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Jesus alone is the One who came to live a perfect life on behalf of sinful mankind. Jesus alone is the One who took the sins of all people of all time and paid for them in full at the cross. Jesus alone is the One who links us to life eternal and forgiveness full and free.

With so many things pulling at our time and attention, remember to stay connected to the most important One—your Savior, Jesus.



Acts 4:12, NRSV

"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it," (Isaiah 55:11). These are reassuring words, and all the more as the world seems to increasingly crumble around us. May God continue to bless the words sent out through our MSLN TV broadcasts and internet pathways.

"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

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.

#### May pastors and sermons:

**May 2:** Rev. Nathanael Biberdorf, Zion Lutheran Church, Browns Valley, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Claire City, SD, presents the message "True Vine Connection," based on John 15:1-8. *This Is The Life*: "A Dream of His Own."

**May 9:** Rev. Jared Nies, St. John's Lutheran Church, Corliss Township (Rural Perham), MN, presents the message: "Blood and Water = Forgiveness and Peace," based on 1 John 5:1-6. *This Is The Life:* "A Will to Live."

**May 16:** Rev. Chris Brademeyer, St. John Lutheran Church, Oakes, presents the message: "Endure in Christ," based on John 15:26-16:4. *This Is The Life*: "Home Free."

**May 23:** Rev. Jacob Wagner, St. John's Lutheran Church, Vergas, MN, presents the message "Living Life in the Spirit," based on Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21. *This Is The Life*: "Man in the Middle."

**May 30:** Rev. Brock Schmeling, Peace Lutheran Church, Barney, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, presents the message "God in Trinity" based on John 3:1-17. *This Is The Life*: "Return Trip."

## 2021 Easter Flower Dedications

#### Lily Placed by:

Michelle Hans Kathy Johnson Dale & Polly Olson

Don & Claudia Schroeder

#### Kalanchoe Placed by:

Dave & Amy Mielke family Joe & Lori Pytlik Don & Claudia Schroeder Mary Seiffert Kim, Jack & Noah Ternes

#### Begonia Placed by:

Rich & Virginia Beaver Shirley Elsner Glen & Jodi Haekenkamp Lloyd Jemtrud Karen Mart Taverna Sharon Ring Dave & Kim Scheer Mike & Mardi Schlichtmann Mike & Judy Sellden Arla Strege Pastor Chris Waldvogel

#### Cyclamen Placed by:

Marlys Gregory Becky Johnson Mark & Kay Osman Amanda Petter Mike & Mardi Schlichtmann Gary & Maggie Stende Nancy Tykwinski

#### **In Loving Memory of:**

Chris Hans & Drake Hans Pastor Charles Johnson Our Parents LeRoy & Josie Olson Wayne & Frieda Steinke Ray Larson, Claudia's Brother

#### In Loving Memory of:

Paula Mielke Loren Thalmann, Lori's Father Our Parents My Parents Duane Matzke

#### In Loving Memory of:

Our Parents Bruce Elsner, Husband Edwin Haekenkamp Donna Jemtrud Larry Mart Lynn Ring David Jr. Raymond Schlichtmann Our Moms & Elmer Hammarsten Lynn Strege Carl & Suzie Waldvogel

#### In Loving Memory of:

My Parents Isaiah Johnson Shelley Osman Lee Crabtree Eugene Paulsrud Our Parents My Dad, Glenn Hubrig



#### Lily Placed by:

Gene, Denise & Lucas Doeling Lexi's high school graduation Becky Johnson Jerry & Shirley Nordstrom Joe & Lori Pytlik family

Mike & Judy Sellden

#### Kalanchoe Placed by:

Dave & Kim Scheer

#### Begonia Placed by:

Rich & Virginia Beaver

**Duane & Maxine Boehning** Wanda Roesler

#### Cyclamen Placed by:

Wanda Roesler

#### In Honor of:

Josepine Kur Our Lord Our Parents - Janice Thalmann Leon & Marleen Pytlik Our Children

#### In Honor of:

Dustin & Mitchell Miriam Tollefson, Kim's Mom

#### In Honor of:

Our Children, Grandchildren, Great & Great, Great Grandchildren Grandson Scott's Graduation Parents, Marlyn & Eugene Roesler

#### In Honor of:

My Family

## Memory Verse Challenge

Psalm 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.

May 2: John 1:4 - In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

May 9: Ephesians 1:16-20 - I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you ... that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

May 16: Ephesians 1:13- In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

May 23: 1 John 4:2 - By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

May 30: 2 Corinthians 13:14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards and emails, thoughts and prayers, as I recovered from oral surgery. I am so grateful for all of my church family at BSLC. Your love and support is a beautiful blessing in my life!

Amy Spoor



## Treasured VBS

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We are looking for some volunteers to share your time, treasures and talents.

**Decorating** - this will be done in the weeks building up to VBS. We need help with creating the set and decorating the narthex and fellowship hall.

**Group leaders** - these volunteers would be in charge of a small group of children, directing them from one station to the next.

**Registration** - these volunteers will need to be at our registration table daily to check children in and out.

**Imagination Station helpers** - these volunteers will help out with the craft station.

**Dr. Diggingstone** - this actor is one of our main characters that gets the kiddos ready to learn about the daily lesson for the opening and closing segments.

**Donations** - If you would like to help out in other ways, we can always use donations or gift cards!

If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact the church office, Pastor Brian or Stacy Knudson at 306-4302 or stacy\_anne@hotmail.com. Thank you for helping make VBS a treasured event for all ages.

## Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday school will conclude on Sunday, May 23. A huge thank you to all our teachers and assistants for teaching our youth this year. We hope you sign up to teach VBS. We hope you have a great summer and come back next fall refreshed and ready to lead our youth again!

## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Youth praise band will practice at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 2 and at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8. There will be a Dairy Queen party at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Crossfire will play at the 8:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 9. Crossfire will take the summer off and resume practicing in the fall.

## Grace Lutheran School News

Mrs. Susan Jahnke, interim principal for Grace Lutheran School, has been called to serve as principal. Please lift her up in prayer as she considers this move into school administration.

We thank all who joined us at the Pasta with a Purpose spaghetti dinner. It was wonderful to see so many faces enjoy each other's company at this association-unifying event.

In May, GLS will graduate five eighth-grade students and 20 kindergarteners.

This summer, GLS is getting a landscape makeover. There will be many opportunities to help, including work days on Saturday, May 15 and June 19. Check our website, gracelutheranschoolfargo.com, for some garden plant needs and other ways to help. Call the school at 232-7747 to help or with any questions.

Please continue to hold us up in prayer. We are so blessed to be a ministry in our community and to have the rock-solid support from our church family.



## **LCMS Summer Camps**

Beautiful Savior will offer \$100 scholarships to those who plan to attend LCMS camps. Please call Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian for more information.

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads: This year at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, the summer theme is "Be Strong in the Lord." You can register online at shretreat.org, email Rev. Jon Bonine, executive director, at director@shretreat.org, on the church website or pick up an application in the narthex.

**Lutheran Island Camp:** This year at Lutheran Island Camp, the summer theme is "God of Wonder." LIC has hired a new year-round Program Coordinator, Julia O'Laughlin. You can register online at www.islandcamp.org.

## LYF Youth Events

LYF will be taking the summer off. Stay tuned for special Zone events throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you again in the fall.



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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 & 10:30 a.m. in-person & via YouTube Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sundays

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

#### Worship Services available at:

www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com www.youtube.com www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo Sermon podcasts on Spotify and iTunes app

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