

November 2019

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Through Christ, God Clearly Answers Prayers

By Pastor Chris

"God doesn't listen," a little girl told her older sister.

The statement rattled the older sibling, who pressed her younger sister for an explanation.

"A sick girl I know prayed and prayed to get better," the younger girl said. "And she died anyway."

This exchange happened during a TV show I was watching, and it got me thinking. How many of us think this way? When we don't get what we want in life, especially after we pray diligently for it, do we assume that God has left us on our own? Do we assume He doesn't care? Do we charge Him with not acting?

We all encounter extreme distress or difficulty in life. The loss of a job brings economic hardship. The death of a loved one causes deep grief. An unexpected illness robs us of our vitality. Amid dire circumstances, we can get caught up in the immediate, wallowing in dissatisfaction and even despair. Difficulties have a way of making us forget God's promises.

In the case of the girl lamenting her friend's death – even after fervent prayers asked for a different outcome – it would have helped to remember God's Word. In John 11, Jesus comforts Martha after the death of her brother Lazarus. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

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2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3



BSLC Food Drive

Fall is a great time to give thanks for all God has blessed us with and to help others in our church family who may be in need. Please bring canned goods (check expiration dates), non-perishable food items, paper products and gift cards to food stores to the church by Sunday, Nov. 24.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27

God blesses us abundantly every day. Beautiful Savior will offer a thanksgiving worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. Come and give thanks to God for all His gifts to us.



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

Through Christ, God Clearly Answers Prayers

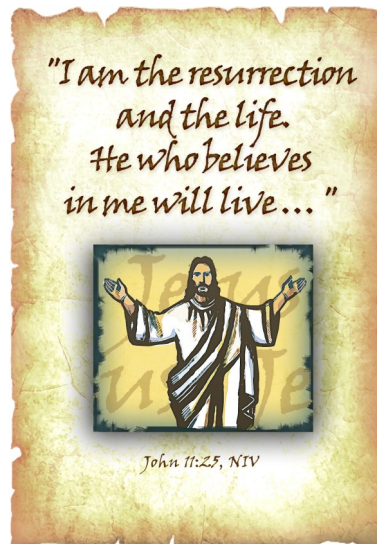
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Many turns in life appear as dead ends. Plans go awry. Things don't work out as we planned. A tragedy strikes. But Amid all these things, God remains in control, and God's promises still hold true. His care for us never ceases.

In the case of Lazarus, Jesus calls him from the tomb, and Lazarus emerges, fully restored and alive. But God fully displays His power over sin and death in His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus was whipped, then paraded, then crucified, then placed in a tomb. To many who followed Jesus, this development appeared to be a dead end. But all along, Jesus had told his disciples that he would suffer, die and rise again. And that's exactly what Jesus did. This wasn't a dead end! In Christ, God overcame sin, death and the power of the devil – all for us.

In Christ, we may not always get exactly what we want, but we receive what we truly need. In any and all types of loss, God's promises do not diminish. In Christ, there is forgiveness. In Christ, there is restoration. In Christ, there is eternal life. God not listening?

Christ, God hears our pleas and answers our helplessness with astounding mercy and grace. In faith, we listen to His Word so we may know He always listens.



Pastor Chris

Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study - Beautiful Savior has moved to 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 Bible study - "Who am I? What does God want me to do? A study on Christian vocation." As children of God, we not only have a place in God's heavenly kingdom, but we also have been given a new status here in God's earthly kingdom. Christians are faced with many questions about living a Christian life in a secular world: How can I live a Christian life in a secular workplace? Is my job God-pleasing? How can I balance my calling as a Christian with my calling as a citizen of this community? The richness of the Gospel will be extolled as we explore this doctrine of vocation - a Christian's service to others and their service to us in this world.

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study: "Jonah, Joel & Amos" - Our busy schedules and the quest for success mean that time with God gets neglected. These twelve studies will help you focus on your number one priority - to seek the Lord and live! Everyone is welcome to spend time in the scriptures.

MSLN Choir to Record

The Main Street Living Choir will be recording new songs on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Practice will be from 1-2 p.m., and we will record from 2-3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

Thank You from Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian

Thank you to all those who sent gifts, cards and words of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation month in October. Your kindness and support is truly appreciated!

Baptisms

October 20: Liara Beth Kenney, daughter of Patrick and Kelly Kenney, born September 10, 2019. Her sponsors are Dustin and Cara Batsch and Bill Dean.



Memorials

Donna Stewart
Loretta Swiontek
Joan Fiechtner

Al Larson
Loretta Swanson

Deaths

October 17: Clifford "Chuck" Kroshus, 64, Fargo, passed away. His funeral was at Beautiful Savior on Oct. 22. Chuck is survived by his daughter, Alexis; siblings, Paul (Bev), Michael, Dennis (Penny), Mary (Tex) and Janice (Dave).

Come, Lord Jesus: Advent series brings table prayer petition into daily devotions

"Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest" begins the common table prayer. In the spirit of Revelation 22:20, we will apply this petition to our midweek Advent sermon series. Through short and simple daily practices, we will learn to pray, "Come Lord Jesus" as the cornerstone of daily devotions.

Daily devotions sound like a huge challenge to many of us. Whether you are a household of one, two, three, or more, finding time for daily devotions can be a struggle. Our Advent series will use God's word to equip disciples for this struggle and provide simple and effective ways to help meet this challenge. With God's help we can learn to daily pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," not only asking God to bless our daily food but also to bless our daily lives as we find strength and hope in Jesus.

Midweek Advent services will begin Wednesday, Dec. 4, and continue through Wednesday, Dec. 18. We also will host soup and sandwich suppers from 6-6:45 p.m. before midweek services. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a food item to share and join in fellowship with fellow Christians.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 4 – Praying "Come, Lord Jesus" to Him who has come to defeat the devil

Wednesday, Dec. 11 – Praying "Come, Lord Jesus" to Him who comes to lead us in daily life

Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Praying "Come, Lord Jesus" to Him who will come again to bring final victory

Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Praying "Come, Lord Jesus" to Him who has come to create faith

Wednesday, Dec. 25 – Praying "Come, Lord Jesus" to Him who brings the enlightening Word



Restore His House Second Year

We are entering the second year of our three-year capital campaign Restore His House, based on 1 Peter 2:4-5. *"As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men, but in the sight of God, chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

Built on Christ as the cornerstone, Restore His House, seeks to remind God's living stones and holy priesthood of their faith foundation in Jesus, building up believers through God's gifts of Word and Sacrament and encouraging the spiritual sacrifices of service, study and fellowship.

During the month of November we will focus on these themes during worship and other activities. Here are some of the opportunities you will have

- **Elder Visits:** Sign up for a time to chat with an elder about any joys and concerns you have. It's also a chance to share thoughts about church and ideas you have or ways you would like to participate. Meetings will be offered from 3-5 p.m. and from 6 - 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 5, 7, 11 and 13. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or you can sign up online at BeautifulSaviorFargo.com
- **Servant Event:** Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.
- **Commitment Card:** Complete a commitment card for your 2020 regular giving financial contributions.
- **Restore His House Capital Campaign:** Update or start your commitment by completing a Restore His House Commitment Card.

You will receive a mailing in the next week with updates on the capital campaign and commitment cards to complete and return to the church office. Feel free to contact Jennifer Krause, Stewardship Chairperson, or any Church Council member with questions. Thank you for your commitment to supporting our ministry and mission!

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$36,359	249,826
Expense	26,090	296,099
Surplus/(Shortfall)	10,269	(46,273)



Restore His House Capital Campaign

	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Capital Campaign	\$274,000	\$330,000

Clubs and Service Groups

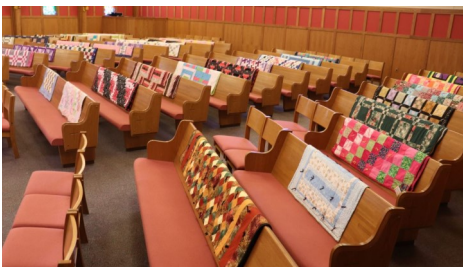


Service Group - Our group for November consists of the letters Br-D with Janet Koppinger as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help with other events. Thanks for your help. Our December group will be the letters E-G with captain Diane Lee.

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

Gold Club - It is a time to get together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next get together will be at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Bring a dish to share and invite a friend, Gold Club is for anyone!

Quilting and Fellowship - The BSLC quilting group recently displayed their beautiful works of art on the pews. We meet twice a month for five or six hours. Join us at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 and 21. The coffee is always on - come join this fun group! You do not need to know how to sew. We donate quilts to local organizations, silent auctions or will sell quilts to members. If you have 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.

LWML News - LWML will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21. All women are invited to join. Check out the North Dakota LWML website as *The Messenger* is now available online and can be found at www.ndlwml.org/messenger/

LWML Autumn Brunch Thank You - There are so many people to thank for the success of the Autumn Brunch. Our table hostesses, the planning committee members were Maggie Stende, Karen Mart-Taverna, Dahlia Shane, Kathy Johnson, Sherri Seeba, Wanda Roesler, Kim Scheer and Mary Seiffert. Our master of ceremonies was Pastor Brian. The Grape Suzettes, Mary Seiffert, Kim Wagner and Theresa Muscha, were our entertainment for the morning. Thank you to Rick Krause for keeping the buffet line running smoothly with the help of Elizabeth Krause, Nate Krause, Ben Thielman, Nate Thielman and Khloe Gehl. Thrivent also contributed funds to help cover expenses. Our guests took time from their busy schedules to attend our event and generously gave to the Veteran's Honor Flight of North Dakota and Minnesota. Thank you to Lori Ishaug and LuAnn McDonald for their presentation. Thank you to those who donated and bid on items for the shop and drop. The LWML is sending the Veteran's Honor Flight a check for \$3,348. This will help send veterans on an upcoming honor flight. Each flight costs approximately \$160,000. Priority is given to WWII vets, the terminally ill and Korean veterans.

Munchies For Missions: The LWML Munchies for Missions bake sale will be on Sunday, Dec. 8, after both worship services. BSLC members are asked to bake and fill containers of Christmas goodies to sell. Containers will be distributed on Sundays, Nov. 17, 24 and Dec. 1. Bring your containers to the church between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, Dec. 7. Then plan to shop on Sunday and take home a variety of tasty goodies for the holidays. Thanks for participating in this fundraiser for LWML Mites!

Beautiful Garden - As we wrap up the third season at the Beautiful Garden, we would like to thank all those who volunteered. This has been a great fellowship opportunity! It's a great opportunity to see how God works, turning a tiny seed into a big plant that yields so many good vegetables! It's not a huge time commitment, so if you are interested in helping, email your name and address to tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com, and we'll get you added to the communications list. See you next year at the garden!

Christian author Timothy Keller tells of a woman who has tasted what real freedom is. As a parish pastor, Keller met this woman when she was in her 40's. Years of trouble, however, made her look far older. She had not always looked this way. In her teens and in her 20's, this woman had a breathtaking physical beauty. In fact, her attractiveness was so striking that powerful men would habitually pursue her. They wanted her by their side, however, just to display her as a trophy - just to show others how powerful and influential they were.

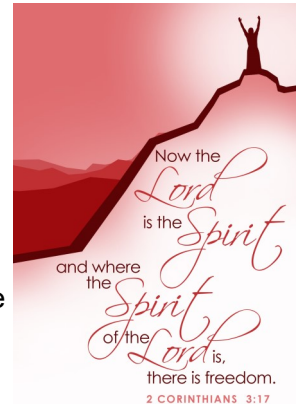
This went on for years. As the years went by, two terrible things happened to her. For one, these men of power often abused and humiliated her. For another, these experiences broke her down. They conditioned her into assuming that if there was any kind of meaning or value in her life, she would only find it when she was with a man - any man.

She started to see a therapist. The therapist helped her see that, for far too long, she had been seeking her sense of worth in the wrong place. Then the therapist offered a solution. "Instead of seeking your sense of worth in a man, you need to seek your sense of worth in some kind of career. Then, when you are successful in that career, your sense of worth will be in a good place."

The woman took in this advice from her therapist. She thought for a moment and then responded. With great respect she asked her therapist. "And so instead of getting all my sense of worth from loving a man, now I'm going to get all my worth from being successful and making money?" Then she asked her therapist this question. "What if I don't want either addiction? Can't you let me build my life on something that cannot let me down?"

It was during this period in her life when the Good News of Jesus embraced her soul. Now she is free. She is free from serving something that cannot possibly bear the weight of her needs. She is free from serving something that can only let her down. She is free because Jesus has washed her in His blood and wrapped her in the blanket of His own righteousness. She is free because, through faith in Jesus, she now belongs to Him. She is free because, through faith in Jesus, the old desperation and the old fears are gone.

Through that same faith in Jesus, you are free too. St. Paul wrote, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom," (2 Corinthians 3:17).



"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Thanksgiving! Thanks to those who get our Main Street Living programs on the air and the pastors of our Minnesota North & North Dakota LCMS congregations for getting their services ready. Thanks to the congregations who serve as our recording sites. Most of the recording is done at Immanuel, Fargo, and once a year at Immanuel, Grand Forks, Messiah, Mandan, and Bethel, Bismarck.

Jay Schaefer, Immanuel, continues to do the technical work. Courtney Johnson, Immanuel, assists with set up and running the teleprompter. Ken Koehler, St. Andrew, coordinates our MSL north operation, setting dates and locations for the recordings and writing the newsletter and bulletin articles. Our Lay Leadership Team is Ken, Doug Schmidt (VP), Mark Jones (Treasurer), and Carole Borchers (Secretary). There are others who help in various ways, including those of you who financially support the programs!

Thank you, and God's blessing in Christ!

November pastors and sermons are as follows:

November 3: Rev. Philip Beyersdorf, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot, presents the message: "Saints Washed in the Blood" based on Revelation 7:9-17. "*This Is The Life*" program is: "*Cell of Hope.*"

November 10: Rev. Tom Marcis, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: "Life out of the Rut" based on Exodus 3:1-12. "*This Is The Life*" program is: "*Undertow.*"

November 17: Vicar Chris Durham, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: "Raise up your heads because your Redemption is drawing near" based on Luke 21:5-28. "*This Is The Life*" program is: "*The Healer.*"

November 24: Rev. Don Fondow, MN North District President, presents the message: "Thanks for Everything!" based on Deuteronomy 26:11 and I Thessalonians 5:18. "*This Is The Life*" program is: "*Flames of Hate.*"

Preschool through Second Grade Christmas Practice

Christmas program practice for the younger children will begin Saturday, Nov. 23. The first-grade and second-grade will practice from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The preschool and kindergarten students are asked to come at 9:15 a.m. Their program will be at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Advent Fun Shop set for Nov. 24

Mark your calendar now for our annual Advent Fun Shop. This fun family event of Christmas crafting for preschoolers through fifth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24. The cost is \$3 per child, and an adult should accompany the children, especially younger ones. Each family is also asked to bring a dozen cookies for a cookie exchange. Please register your child with Pastor Brian or Bobbi Hestdalen.



"Away in the Mango" Christmas Program



Our Christmas practices for third-sixth grade students will begin Saturday, Nov. 2. Listed below are the times and dates of practice. Thank you for bringing your children to practice each week.

Nov. 2	10 a.m. 11-noon	Terrific Twelve All third-to-sixth-graders
Nov. 9	10 a.m. 11-noon	Terrific Twelve All third-to-sixth-graders
Nov. 16	10 a.m. 11-noon	Terrific Twelve All third-to-sixth-graders
Nov. 23	10 a.m. 11-noon	Terrific Twelve All-third-to-sixth-graders
Nov. 30	No Practice	Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec. 7	10 a.m. 11-noon	Terrific Twelve All third-to-sixth-graders
Dec. 14	10 a.m. to noon 12:30 p.m.	All third-to-sixth graders Dress rehearsal Pizza Party!
Dec. 15	10 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Practice and warm-up Program

Our Terrific Twelve will be named later. More students are needed to make this play a success. If you have not signed up your third - sixth grade student for the play, please do so as soon as possible. You can call the office or Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

Grateful, Thankful and Blessed - Thank you...

- To the confirmation students and adults who put on the Trunk or Treat event.
- To the captains of our service groups. You do a great job organizing and making sure we have treats for fellowship and special events.
- To all the members who bring treats and help out in the kitchen. Thanks to Sharon Lorz for her leadership in the kitchen each Sunday.
- To all the women who decorate and make the church look festive for seasons and events.
- To our volunteers who weeded, planted and mowed outside all summer and made the outside of the building look so nice.
- To our Sunday morning volunteers who greet, usher, run the power point, count offering and set-up communion.
- To the people who come in and assemble our newsletters each month! The office really appreciates their help!
- To the people who come and help with the maintenance of our church building.

Extra hands are always appreciated for little jobs so let the church office know if you would like to get involved in projects for the church.

November Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Wednesday, Nov. 6: 7:30-9 p.m. LYF for grades 6-8

Sunday, Nov. 10: 5-7 p.m. – LYF for grades 9-12

Wednesday, Nov. 13: 7:30-9 p.m. LYF for grades 6-8

Sunday, Nov. 17: 5-7 p.m. – LYF for grades 9-12

Wednesday, Nov. 20: 7:30-9 p.m. LYF for grades 6-8

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

The countdown is on! Save the date for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on Sunday, Nov. 17. A list of specific items is located on the collection box in the narthex. You may place donations in the box in the narthex.



Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17. Everyone is welcome! This is a family/all member, open house style event. Our goal is to pack 100 shoe box gifts! There will be no regular Sunday School this day. Parents will stay with your children and pack as a family. Youth sixth grade and up may pack their own box, but parents will still need to sign them in and are encouraged to stay and either pack or assist with other volunteer needs. If you like, you may bring a family photo to include in your box with your note to the child who will receive the box. Note writing materials will be provided so it's optional to do that at the party or bring your own.

Donations toward our shipping costs will be taken until Nov. 17. At the suggested donation of \$9 a box for shipping, it will cost \$900 to ship 100 boxes. If you would like to donate, put your cash or check, written to "Samaritan's Purse," in an envelope marked "OCC" and place it in the offering plate. The Sunday School offerings through Nov. 17 are going to OCC shipping.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band is for any students in grades 6-12 who love to sing and/or play an instrument. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403. Crossfire will lead the 8:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday Nov. 24. We will practice at the church from 6-7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 and 7-8 p.m. on Sundays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17.

Grace Lutheran School News

We have a few individuals who have joined the recess rockstars program. If you would be willing to come and help supervise the half hour recess period, please call the school office or look for an online sign up that should be available soon. That online sign up link will show up in the school newsletter. There is always a teacher on duty and the commitment can be as flexible as you need it to be.

The clipped box tops will continue to be collected for the remainder of this school year and into next school year. Each one is worth 10 cents for the school. You can now download the new app to scan your receipt for the new Box Tops! It's easy to do and there is nothing to submit. Simply scan the receipt and you're done. The app can be found in your app store, just search for our school to link your scans. You can refer to their website, www.boxtops4education.com/ for help or contact Kim Ternes at kternes33@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support of the PTL!

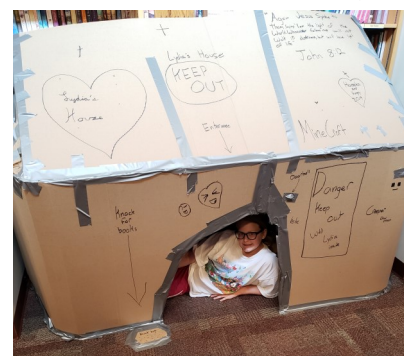
GLS will hold a Barnes and Noble fundraiser on Dec. 8. This fundraiser supports both the library and PTL (parent – teacher league). Please watch for details on how you can participate in this event.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place from 4 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 and Thursday, Nov. 7.

The Christmas musical is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

BSLC Stand Against Homelessness Update

Eight youth participated in the BSLC Stand Against Homelessness on Oct. 12 and 13. Participants were asked to fast for 24 hours, learn about homeless issues in the community and the resources available to assist those in need. Due to the snow storm, the participants had to build cardboard



shelters indoors. Pictured above is Lydia Hestdalen.

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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 Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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

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