



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

### November 2020

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## God's Promise Remains: "Everything That is Mine is Yours"

### Mission and Stewardship Emphasis Puts 2020 Fatigue in Perspective

By Pastor Chris

Although November just arrived, many people want to kick 2020 out the door and move on from a year that brought persistent civil unrest, a relentless pandemic and countless other unpleasant developments.

Yet amid all this uncertainty and difficulty, God has not removed His presence or promise from His people. He still comes to us in Word and Sacrament, offering us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in Christ. He is still with us. We are still with Him.

In the 15th chapter of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about two sons. In a scandalous development, one son asks his father for his inheritance. He leaves home and squanders his property in reckless living. Empty-handed and desperate, the son hopes to come back home as a mere hired hand. But upon the son's return, the Father completely restores his wayward child and hosts an extravagant feast celebrating the son's return.

But other problems develop in the family. The other son, who has remained home with his father, feels slighted. "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command," the supposed loyal son says. "Yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" (Luke 15:29-30).

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### Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25

Even with all the challenges of 2020, come to celebrate God's even more plentiful blessings this year. Beautiful Savior will hold a Thanksgiving service with traditional worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25. Because of current guidelines at the time of publication, the service will be capped at 50 people with masks required by a city mandate. Please use the sign-up genius on our website at [www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com](http://www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com), click the worship tab and click worship sign up or call the office at 293-1047 to sign up.



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

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The Father responds in a loving way, assuring the son he has never lost His father's love; he has been living in his father's uninterrupted favor and providence the whole time. "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours," the father says. "It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found," (Luke 15:31-32).

During November, our Mission and Stewardship emphasis will remember God's goodness to us by exploring the theme "All That is Mine is Yours" from Luke 15:31. As part of the overall campaign "Restore His House," this year's theme reminds us that God continues to provide everything we need as His dear children. Because we belong to Him as His heirs, and because of His kindness and favor in Christ, we take comfort in God's unchanging love and care in a changing, unpredictable time.

Service themes will include:

- Nov. 1: "Paradise is Yours" (Rev. 7:9-17)
- Nov. 8: "Faith is Yours" (Matt. 25:1-13)
- Nov. 15: "Mercy is Yours" (Matt. 25:14-30)
- Nov. 22: "The Kingdom is Yours" (Matt. 25:31-46)

May God grant you thanksgiving and praise for all that He gives through His Son, Jesus Christ.

*Pastor Chris*



### Restore His House Capital Campaign

Capital	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Campaign	\$290,100	\$330,000

## Upcoming Bible Studies

**9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study** - Beautiful Savior uses a united curriculum; all grade levels, even adults, will study the same Bible lesson every Sunday in hopes that it will foster discussion between members and equip families for faith formation in the home.

**7 p.m. Tuesday evening Bible study: Miracles Bible Study** - The scriptures contain many miracles. They cause people to wonder how God's rule presents itself. Certainly, miracles demonstrate God's compassionate acts toward people in need. But they do more than help someone out of a difficult situation. In the New Testament, miracles work together with the words of Jesus to identify Him as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. The miracles help point to the coming of God's kingdom through Jesus.

Miracles do happen but to expect one or claim one from God is not the promise given in Scripture. Instead, Jesus's gifts of forgiveness and eternal life are the promises we claim and expect through faith.

**9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study via Zoom, "A Study of the Ten Commandments - Love Rules."** - What do the Ten Commandments do for you? Do they send you on a guilt trip? Are they a mirror of your frailties? Or do they hold life-changing love? This Bible study addresses one commandment each week and then follows up with four devotions from different angles. This study will run through November.

## 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!

### BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$26,741	244,738
Expense	28,582	240,052
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	<b>(1,841)</b>	<b>4,686</b>

## Christmas Program, Wednesday Advent Services Cancelled; Regular Thursday Service to Continue

Because of challenges with the coronavirus, Beautiful Savior will not have a Christmas program this year. The children, however, will be celebrating the birth of Jesus during Sunday school throughout December. Because of challenges with the coronavirus, we also will not host soup and sandwich suppers, special Wednesday Advent services or an Advent Funshop this year.

We will continue to offer regular services at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Thursday's service will be the same as the following Sunday's services.

In November, there will be no service on Thanksgiving Day.

## Please Consider Attending Thursday, Late Sunday Morning Services

We are delighted to continue in-person worship services and hope that you will consider coming in person to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament. However, the governor's current guidelines ask for a cap of 50 people at worship services and masks are required by a city mandate. To help reach this goal at Beautiful Savior, please consider worshipping at 7 p.m. on Thursday or at the second service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. We would like to avoid using the inconvenience and hassle of sign up genius for regular weekly services. We will continue to post our services online. All three services feature the same liturgy/music.

## Sign Up Now for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day Services

Christmas Eve is one of the most widely attended services of the year. However, because of guidelines established by the governor, BSLC will be capping attendance for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services to 50 people.

BSLC will offer more times to accommodate this change with services at 2, 3:30 and 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We will offer one worship service on Christmas Day at 10 a.m. If those services fill up, we will add more times.

Please use the sign up genius on our website or call the office to reserve your spot for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.



## New Member Corner

Royce and LoAnn Warnsholz have recently retired and joined Beautiful Savior. They come from Twin Valley, MN. They enjoy traveling, golfing, embroidery and reading in their spare time. Their favorite Bible verses are Ephesians 2:8-9 and John 3:16. We are saved by grace alone!



Welcome  
Our New  
Members

## BSLC Thanksgiving 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. 22.

## Sign Up for Poinsettias On Altar

Sign up now for poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved ones. We only have 30 slots available for poinsettias this year, so sign up as soon as possible to make sure you receive a plant. You can use the sign up genius on our website or call the church office to reserve your plant. The plants are \$15. You can make checks payable to LWML.



## 2021 Altar Flower Sign Up Chart Available Now

Consider signing up for a bouquet on the altar in memory or honor of a loved one. The flower chart is located outside the office on the bulletin board. The cost is \$25, and you can take your bouquet home after the second service on Sunday. Please designate the money for altar flowers and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

## Clubs and Service Groups



**Service Group - Our group for November will not be needed this month.** Our December group will be the letter S with captain Maggie Stende, if needed. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume fellowship. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

**Elders -** At least one of our elders are here every Thursday evening and 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 - We will not be meeting this month.** Gold Club is a time for members and friends to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and some fellowship. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

**Quilting and Fellowship -** We have resumed in-person quilting while practicing social distancing! Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 12. 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.

**Beautiful Garden -** As we wrap up the fourth season at the Beautiful Garden, we would like to thank all those who volunteered. This has been a great fellowship opportunity - even if we were six feet apart! It's also a great opportunity to see how God works, turning a tiny seed into a big plant that yields so many wonderful vegetables! If you are interested in helping next year, email your name and address to [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com), and we'll get you added to the communications list. See you next year at the garden!



**LWML -** LWML will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, in the fellowship hall.

**Munchies for Missions:** Due to Covid-19, this year's LWML annual bake sale will not be held. We thank you for contributing to MFM in the past years! The proceeds from MFM were entirely donated to mites, which help with LWML mission projects. This year instead, we will be collecting mites on Sunday, Nov. 29, which is Loose Change Sunday. Please consider contributing a few (or many) dollars to the LWML mites collection buckets or you can send your donations to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

**Election of LWML Officers:** All members have an opportunity to serve as an officer, so prayerfully consider serving as LWML president (Mary is ready to step down) or there is also an opening on the Friendship Circle. Elections will take place at our next meeting on Nov. 19.

**Confirmation Sponsors Needed -** Sponsors are needed for the new seventh-grade confirmation class. Anyone from the congregation is welcome to sponsor a confirmand. Contact Mary Seiffert at [mseiffert@midco.net](mailto:mseiffert@midco.net) for a name and the student's information. Support your student with prayer and other ways you wish to remember them, be it a card or treat, but most importantly, with the power of prayer.

**Mustard Seeds Daily Devotions:** The mustard seed is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly inconsequential can have a powerful impact.

In 1971 the LWML developed a new series of short Bible studies called Mustard Seeds. These were designed to help women working outside the home share their faith during coffee breaks and lunch hour discussions. Over the years the LWML developed many Mustard Seeds packets, all on different topics.

Mustard Seeds packets are used both for personal Bible study and as an evangelism or witness tool. The newest packets in this series include a devotional text, clear Gospel message and include the complete text of quoted scripture. To sign up to receive or view your daily devotion, go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

# He Will Prepare a Feast

By Pastor Brian

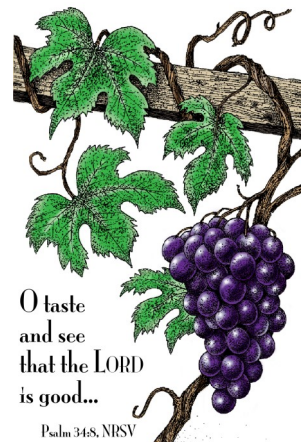
“On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines,” (Isaiah 25:6).

When was the last time you went to a banquet? You know, a fancy meal, probably in a fancy place, attended by people dressed up in their fanciest clothes. Perhaps it was a wedding banquet, or a banquet celebrating someone’s retirement, or a couple’s golden anniversary. We don’t go to banquets every day. They’re reserved for special occasions. Maybe even later this month, someone will be preparing a fancy feast to be eaten with friends and perhaps family.

In chapter 25 of his book, the prophet Isaiah wrote about an extraordinary banquet. It’s extraordinary because of the host. Isaiah wrote that “the Lord Almighty” would prepare this banquet. We might glance over the words “Lord Almighty” without too much thought because they appear often in the Bible. But the name “Lord Almighty” is intended to express power. This is the God who summons and commands the angel armies! He sets the stars in their places and draws up the boundaries for the oceans. And yet, Isaiah insists that he is the one preparing a banquet.

Isn’t that remarkable? The God we serve is also willing to serve us, to make sure that we have all we need—especially everything we need to feed our souls. This world is barren and devoid of rich spiritual food. Material possessions, humanistic philosophies, knowledge, relationships, adventure all claim that they can fill us up and make us satisfied. And they might for a while, but when all is said and done, we find ourselves still spiritually hungry.

What we really need is the food God prepares. And unlike most banquets, this feast is one that is before us every day—as we are filled up by God’s Word revealed in the Bible. There we see Jesus, the bread from heaven, who feeds us with the forgiveness he won for us and soothes our thirst for joy and peace. Remember the psalmist, “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!” (Psalm 34:8). In Jesus, we have the most abundant spiritual feast imaginable.



## “Main Street Living North” TV Program News

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.” (1 Tim. 2: 1-3). Because God has established civil government for the good of our fallen world (see Romans 13), it is very important that we as Christians actively participate in the structure of government under which we live. We are therefore to work for laws and to elect civil representatives that will best represent God’s will and the good of our neighbor. If you have not yet voted, you are encouraged to be informed as a Christian citizen, vote and then continue to pray for those who are elected to serve as our civil representatives.

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.

### November pastors and sermons:

**Nov. 1:** Rev. Jim Meyer, member at St. John Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message: “Lavished With Love,” based on I John 3: 1-3. This Is The Life program: “Cell of Hope.”

**Nov. 8:** Rev. Jon Walla, Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: “Ready or Not, Here He Comes,” based on Matthew 25:1-13. This is The Life program: “Undertow.”

**Nov. 15:** Vicar Benjamin Ramthun, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: “Our Certain Future,” based on I Thessalonians 5:1-11. This Is The Life program: “The Healer.”

**Nov. 22:** Rev. Arie Bertsch, ND District President, presents the message: “Thanks for Nothing,” based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24. This Is The Life program: “Flames of Hate.”

**Nov. 29:** Rev. Toby Heller, Concordia Lutheran Church, Beulah, presents the message: “Appearances Can Be Deceiving,” based on Mark 11:1-10. Lutheran Hour animated series: “The City that Forgot About Christmas.”

## Grace Lutheran School News

Greetings from Grace!

Time flies when you're having fun. It's hard to believe that the first quarter is already done! We are so thankful for your continued prayers for the health of our students and teachers.

The in-person Celebration of Grace has been changed to an online event. There will be a silent auction available for bidding from Nov. 15-20 and a program on Nov. 20 to cap off the week! We are so excited to share all the wonderful things happening at our school! Please stay tuned for specifics on our online auction and program and like us on Facebook for auction item previews!

GLS needs substitute teachers. Teachers must have a current ND teaching license. Please contact Susan at 232-7747 to be added to our sub list.

Grace could use help from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. each day to help supervise lunch. This can be sporadic volunteer work, or a paid regular position. Email [secretary@gracels.com](mailto:secretary@gracels.com) for more information.

### Upcoming Calendar

Wednesday, November 11 - An Online VIP Event

Friday, November 13 – Veterans Day - No School

Friday, November 20 – Celebration of Grace Program (virtual)

Saturday, April 24 - Pasta With a Purpose spaghetti dinner fundraiser



## So Grateful, Thankful and Blessed by Your Service...

- To the volunteers who sanitize, greet, usher, run the PowerPoint, count offering and set up communion.
- To the volunteers who help with the singing and recording of the weekly worship services.
- To the captains of our service groups.
- To the members who bring treats and help in the kitchen. Thanks to Sharon Lorz for her leadership in the kitchen.
- To all the volunteers who decorate and make the church look festive for seasons and events.
- To our volunteers who weed, plant and mow outside all summer and make the outside of the building look so nice.
- To the people who help in the office and assemble the newsletters.
- To the people who come and help with the upkeep and maintenance of our church building.
- To our church council members and elders.
- To Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian for meeting the spiritual needs of the congregation while leading us through these difficult times during the pandemic.

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

## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Crossfire will lead the Worship services on Thursday, Nov. 19 and Sunday, Nov. 22. We will practice at the church from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

## Congratulations to Leah Tykwinski

Leah was confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Oct. 25. She was unable to attend the service on Sept. 27.



Pastor Brian, Leah Tykwinski, Pastor Chris

## Signup for Operation Christmas Child Packing Party



The countdown is on! Save the date for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on Saturday, Nov. 21. We are looking for these items in order of importance:

149 bars of soap - any kind or size	13 washcloths
129 regular size pink erasers	62 scissors
44 shirt/t-shirts - age 2-4	43 shirt/t-shirts - age 5-9

5 ball pumps

Other needed items in any amount: floss, chap stick, deodorant, band aids, small notepad/memo books, pencils

Drop your donations in the collection box by Nov. 15. The packing party will be from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Donations toward our shipping costs will be taken until Nov. 15. At the suggested donation of \$9 a box for shipping, it will cost \$1,800 to ship 200 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 or mail to the church office. To sign up for a packing time slot go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f45a4aa229-operation2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f45a4aa229-operation2)

## Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

The church confesses to Christ, "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." (Col. 3:16). 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.

**Nov. 1: Hebrews 12:1** -- Therefore, because we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

**Nov. 8: John 6:40** -- For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

**Nov. 15: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14** -- But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For because we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

**Nov. 22: Revelation 22:20** -- He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**Nov. 29: Jeremiah 23:5-6** -- "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch. ... In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' "

## November Youth Events

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 4** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

**Wednesday, Nov. 11** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

**Wednesday, Nov. 18** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

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## Office Hours:

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

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule:

Thursday at 7 p.m. in-person

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

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

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

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

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