



## August 2024

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## Bad News? No, Good News!

By Pastor Chris

Imagine hearing the news for the first time: Jesus “must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day, be raised,” (Matthew 16:21).

And this news comes directly from a completely reliable source: Jesus Himself.

How would you have taken this news upon hearing it for the first time? What had Jesus done that deserved this? Surely this was a mistake. Surely there was another way. Surely, Jesus had it all wrong. This didn't make sense! The world needs Jesus! He teaches with authority, preaching about the Kingdom of God and its fulfillment. He performs miracles. He miraculously feeds crowds. He confirms that He is the Christ! He promises to give “the Keys of the Kingdom” to the disciples with His authority to forgive and retain sins. But right after this glorious promise of The Keys comes the hard announcement: Jesus must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed.

Upon hearing the news, Peter couldn't handle the scandal of it all; he curtly “rebukes” Jesus, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you,” (Matthew 16:22).

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## Important Upcoming Fall Dates

We will continue to offer 7 p.m. Wednesday worship through Aug. 28, while our 9 a.m. Sunday service will continue through Sept. 1.

### Wednesday, Sept. 4

6:15 p.m. - Confirmation begins for grades 7, 8 and 9  
7:40 p.m. - Confirmation parent meeting

### Rally Sunday, Sept. 8

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. - Worship  
9:15 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School and Adult Bible Study  
Third-graders receive Bibles at either service.  
Noon - Congregational Picnic at Rheault Farm

### Wednesday, Sept. 11

7:30-9 p.m. - LYF Destination Unknown for grades 6-12



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TOWARD  
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Numbers 6:25

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

## Bad News? No, Good News!

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But Jesus had come for exactly this reason--to suffer and die to atone for the sins of the world so that forgiveness of sins in His name would be preached to the ends of the earth. And amid all the sorrow, confusion and anger surrounding the news of Christ's impending suffering and death, Peter missed something important that Jesus had said would happen: On the third day, The Christ would be raised! Jesus would take all the fury and wrath of sin and death and break their power.

When disease, disaster and death affects your life and the life of those whom you love, it becomes easy to question God and His purposes. But God's purposes don't find their greatest and most precious expression in the things of man, such as worldly glory, riches and treasures. Instead, God provides

something far greater, something that seems trivial to those without faith: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. Through the faithful proclamation of this Gospel, God carries you through all things, even through death, and will repay you not for the things you have done, but by the great things Jesus has done for you.

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Bad news? No, good news!



**Jesus Rebukes Peter**

## Past BSLC Directories Available to View

Check out the binder in the church office with past Beautiful Savior directories. It includes families from our beginning in 1982 through our 40th anniversary. Please do not remove binder from the church.

## College Students Addresses

Please leave your child's new college address with the church office. This allows us to keep in contact with them as well as to notify the campus ministry so they can make contact with your child.

## Sunday Morning Treats

There are sheets in the narthex where members can sign-up to bring two dozen treats, help serve and clean-up on Sunday mornings. We will still have coffee if no one signs up, but there will be no treats.

## 2024 Flower Chart

The 2024 flower chart is outside the office on the bulletin board. The cost is \$30, and you can take the flowers home after the second service. Designate the money for flowers and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office. Return vases to the church office when done with them.

### BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	27,464	184,492
Expense	<u>22,396</u>	<u>128,552</u>
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	<b>5,068</b>	<b>55,940</b>

## F-M Bach Choir at Immanuel

The F-M Bach Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. This concert will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the first two Lutheran hymnals (published in 1524). Music will feature settings of hymns from these hymnals, including Bach's cantata Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 62; choruses from cantatas Es ist das Heil (Salvation Unto Us Has Come), BWV 9, and Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir (Out of the Depths I Cry to You), BWV 38; and choir and congregational settings of Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice and Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands.



## Sunday School Begins Sept. 8, Volunteers Needed



The first day of Sunday school is Sunday, Sept. 8. Please register your child for class as soon as possible. The registration form can be found on page seven of the newsletter or on the church website.

As the school year approaches, we are looking for classroom leaders, team leaders/subs, assistance in classrooms, help with memory work, attendance, and help with the Christmas program. Let Stacy Knudson, Pastor Chris or the office know if you are willing to help our Sunday School program in any way.

## Memorials



### Juanita Tewksbury:

Matt and Beth Gustafson  
Deb Koeplin  
Larry and Vicki Peihl  
Arla Strege  
Loretta Swanson

### Eugene Wagner (Pastor Dave's Dad):

Larry and Vicki Peihl  
Dave and Kim Scheer

## Baptisms

**July 27:** Sonya Linda Kilber, daughter of Brandon and Gracynn Kilber, born May 8, 2024. Her sponsors are Macauley Young, Brittany Hoffman and Jordan Hoffman.



## Anniversaries

**July 27:** Mike and Judy Selden celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mike and Judy were high school sweethearts and met in 1972. They were married July 27, 1974. They have five children Daphne, Jennifer, Heather, Trevor and Tonya; six grandchildren; six step grandchildren; two great grandchildren and one great grandchild due in August.



*Please let the office know if you are celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary.*

## Confirmation Begins Sept. 4

This year's confirmation program will begin Wednesday, Sept. 4. The purpose of confirmation is to learn about and to grow in the faith into which the individual is baptized.



Throughout history, the church also has used a time of instruction to prepare Christians to take communion. Scripture teaches that when a congregation celebrates communion, the individuals communing there make a public confession of the faith as taught by that congregation and, by extension, its church body.

Beautiful Savior has a three-year confirmation program designed for seventh- through ninth-graders. Confirmation meets from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from September through April-May.

We will have a parent informational meeting at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, after the first class with further details. If you are new to Beautiful Savior, please fill out an information form prior to the meeting.

## Congregational Potluck Meals

**Final Wednesday Night Potluck:** We will host our final potluck meal for the summer at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14 in the fellowship hall. Brats and hamburgers will be served. Bring a dish or dessert to share and enjoy some fellowship!

**Rally Sunday Picnic at Rheault Farm:** Come celebrate rally Sunday! Following the service, there will be an opportunity for fellowship and fun with a church potluck beginning at noon on Sunday, Sept. 8, at Rheault Farm 2902 25th St S, Fargo. Hamburgers and brats will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and enjoy a picnic and fellowship with your church family!



*All-Church Potluck*

## Music Ministry Leaders Needed

Beautiful Savior is in need of music ministry leaders for adult choir, youth praise band, children's Sunday School and Christmas Program.

Prayerfully consider if you could share your gifts, talents and step up in any of these positions. If you want more information on any of these positions, visit with Pastor Chris or leave your name in the church office.



## 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 once this month from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8. 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, Aug. 21. Gold Club is for anyone!

**Beautiful Garden** - If you haven't come in a while, we have veggies to pick, a bit of weeding and some fun and fellowship. Bring your gloves, water, a hoe and any smaller boxes, bags or containers to put veggies in. Our weekly gardening sessions are at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays or whenever it works best for you. This is designed to be good Christian fellowship and a little gardening work. If you wish to be added to the communication list, email [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com)



**Evangelism and Stewardship** - There will be an evangelism and stewardship committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is invited to attend.

**BSLC Coffee Club** - BSLC members, men and women of any age, are invited to gather at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings. We are now meeting at Fryn' Pan, 2920 Hwy 10, Moorhead.



**LWML - Save the date for following events:**  
**Fall Retreat Sept. 13-15** - "Christ's Creation: Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ," Sept. 13-15, in Grand Forks. Registration forms are in the narthex.



**LWML Fall Luncheon Saturday, Oct. 26** - The Beautiful Savior LWML will host a fall salad luncheon starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. The theme will be "Heaven and Nature Sing." The event will feature entertainment, a presentation from the Women's Care Center followed by a lunch featuring a variety of salads. There will be a shop and drop auction, table preview and a special donation will be taken for The Women's Care Center.

We are asking for donations of six kinds of salads - three 9 by13 pans of each. Three or four people can team up to make the same salad recipe, as some of the salads will be more costly to make. This way the salads will be uniform.

If you are interested in hosting a table or making a salad for the luncheon, contact Kim in the church office.



## Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to "spring" clean the church in the past few weeks. We appreciate all you have done to make God's House clean and spotless. There are still a few rooms to clean before Sunday School and Confirmation starts back up.



## Upcoming Bible Studies

### 10:15 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study:

**“Defending the Faith”** - Are you be ready to defend your faith? If someone asked you why you were Christian, what would you say? Would you say you're a Christian because you were raised that way, or would you say you're a Christian because you just believe it? Do you have a good defense for why you believe what you do?

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter writes: “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” (1 Peter 3:15).

We believe, teach and confess that no one can come to or remain in the faith without the power of the Holy Spirit, so we give all glory to God, who works faith through the means of Word and Sacrament. But there is another part to why you are a Christian. You are a Christian because Christianity is true. How can you defend that statement?

### 7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: “God’s Encouraging Word: True Comforts When Worldly Advice Fails” begins Tuesday, Aug. 20 -

“Just be positive!” “God only gives you what you can handle.” “Others have it harder.”

People mean well when they say these phrases. They intend to offer comfort and help during difficult times. Yet do these self-help phrases actually offer comfort to you, or do they make things feel worse? Do these self-help phrases align with God’s Word? Author Faith Doerr has heard her fair share of these phrases during struggles in her life. And she knows first-hand how they feel like “nails on a chalkboard” from the receiving end. If these phrases don't offer comfort, then is there something that can? Scripture. God's Word is full of true comfort that can help you in times of trouble and distress. Take a look at eight self-help phrases to see how they can actually do the opposite of their intentions, then turn to the Bible to find real words of comfort you can offer to those who need it.

Each chapter includes a journal prompt, Scripture verses, a prayer, “gentle reminders,” and responses for when you hear these eight phrases. Learn how to offer real comfort and hope to those in your life through Scripture in God's Encouraging Word.

Copies of the book are available for \$11.

**9 a.m. Thursday Women’s Bible study will resume Sept. 5 with a new Bible study.**

## “Main Street Living North” TV Program News

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction,” (2 Timothy 4:2.)

Continue to share our “Main Street Living” media ministry with others. Archived programs, worship services from the five other MSL broadcast areas, as well as *This Is the Life* programs can be viewed anytime at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

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!

### August pastors and sermons are as follows:

**Aug. 4:** Vicar Dylan Meyer, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: “Christ, Our True Manna” based on John 6:22-25. *This Is the Life:* “The Sound of Doors Closing.”

**Aug. 11:** Rev. Jonathan Walla, Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: “Jesus Comes Down to Give Eternal Life,” based on John 6:35-51. *This Is the Life:* “Tina.”

**Aug. 18:** Rev. Thomas Marcis, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: “To Whom Shall We Go?” based on John 6:51-69. *This is the Life:* “Look to the Mountain.”

**Aug. 25:** Rev. Justin Woodside, Bethel and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Churches, Bismarck, presents the message: “Why Do What We Do?” based on Mark 7:1-13. *This is the Life:* “Home Free.”

## Memory Verse Challenge

Bible Memory Verse



**Aug. 4:** Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Aug. 11:** 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.

**Aug. 18:** Romans 10:17 - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**Aug. 25:** Acts 4:12 - 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.

# Lutheran Family Services

**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents and pew buddies -- Have you ever heard a young child sing? Are they on key, in tune, or even singing the right words? Maybe not, but boy, oh, boy are they exuberant!

Encouraging little ones to sing throughout the worship service is a wonderful way to involve them and imprint God's Word and the teachings of our faith on their hearts. Focus on regularly occurring songs in the worship service and common hymns or songs with refrains. Consider selecting a song for the month (at church or home; or even better, both!) and take it a verse per week. What a joy it is for the whole church family to sing together, making a joyful noise to the Lord!

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)



# Join the OCC Prep Team



Everyone is welcome to help begin preparing for our Operation Christmas Child Packing Party in November. Tasks will vary each week and may include sorting, counting, organizing, assembling, removing packaging and more. Come for as long as you are able from 5-7 p.m. on any of these Mondays, Aug. 5, 12 and 19. More opportunities and dates will be added in the fall. Donations of shoebox items are welcome anytime.

Medium and large clear plastic totes with lids are needed to store items for Operation Christmas Child. They can be dropped off at the church or bring to any OCC prep team time.

School supplies are on sale now. The top needs are one half size composition, 5 by 7, or 4 by 6 size notebooks, as they fit flat in the bottom of shoe box; 24 count crayons; 12 count colored pencils; black or blue pens; adult or child scissors; pencil pouches; pencil top erasers; pencil sharpeners; hair brushes; combs; toothbrushes and toys. Our goal is to pack 500 boxes this year. Watch for future announcements highlighting wish list items to be sure we have all categories covered. A complete list of gift ideas and the Do Not Include list can be found on the donation box in the narthex or on the church website. Email Jennifer at: [rjnkrause@yahoo.com](mailto:rjnkrause@yahoo.com) with any questions.



## 2024 NORTH DAKOTA COLLEGE FALL RETREAT



**FAITHFUL IN OUR CALLINGS**

**God has called each of us** to unique and specific vocations: son, daughter, sister, brother, friend, employee, just to name a few. Each of those vocations brings challenges, joys, and responsibilities.

This year's **Fall Retreat** will focus on the vocation of student, as we discuss the unique challenges and joys of navigating university life as those who are baptized into Christ.

**WHO:** ND COLLEGE STUDENTS / YOUNG ADULTS

**WHEN:** SEPTEMBER 20-22  
(7pm Friday – Noon Sunday)

**WHERE:** SHEPHERD'S HILL AT THE CROSSROADS  
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## 2024-2025 Pre-K-6th Grade

### Christian Education Registration Form

Please fill out this form and return it to the church office.

You may also email the completed form to the church at [office@bslcfargo.org](mailto:office@bslcfargo.org).

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

May we use pictures of your child on BSLC social media, website and publications?

Yes  No  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ guardian/parent signature

<u>Names of Children</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Baptism Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade (24/25)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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#### I am interested in helping in the following areas:

- Leader                       Attendance                       Memory Work  
 Team Leader/Sub               Classroom Helper               Crafts  
 Help with Christmas Program              Please indicate a preferred grade \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School begins **Sept. 8, 2024**

Sunday School Classes available for children ages 3 thru Grade 12

### August Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study opportunities. Join us for food and fun! For more information, talk to Pastor Chris.

**Wednesday, August 14** - 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, August 21** - 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

**Wednesday, August 28** - 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12



**Monday, Aug. 5: Back to School Youth Event at Thunder Road** - This event is for sixth through twelfth-graders in the fall. Enjoy laser tag, miniature golf, go-cart rides, batting cages and more, along with Bible study. Parents please drop off and pick up your kids from Thunder Road. We will be meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 5. Cost is \$20 for 5 tickets. Snacks will be provided. Forms are on the church website or in the narthex and may be returned to the office.

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## Office Hours:

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Pastor Chris is available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9 a.m. - in-person & via YouTube

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Adult Bible Study 10:15 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:

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