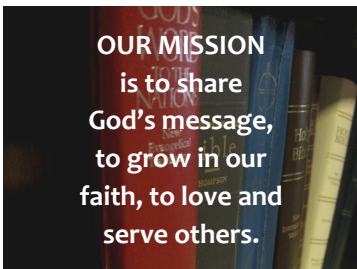




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## Who is the Greatest Among Us? The Lord Jesus!

By Pastor Chris

The Gospel of Luke records that after Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper, Christ warns His disciples that one of them at the table would betray them. The conversation then takes a surprising turn as a dispute arises about "which of them was to be regarded as the greatest," (Luke 22:24b).

But what constitutes being great? In the world's eyes, wealth, accomplishment and status pave the road to greatness. Being adored, admired and served by others indicates greatness. But Jesus turns the tables on this view, saying: "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves," (Luke 22:25-26).

When Jesus impresses upon the 12 that He will give His true body and blood to the world for the forgiveness of sins and then continue to serve His church and give of Himself in the Lord's Supper, the disciples miss the point. As He serves them and they recline at table, Jesus then contrasts the world's view of greatness with greatness within the kingdom of God. "For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves," (Luke 22:27).

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## North Dakota District 41st Biennial LWML Convention, "Lord of All Creation"

Ten people from Beautiful Savior attended the North Dakota District 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women Missionary League in Bismarck. They were Emma Parkman, Jane Kunkel, Marlys Gregory, Rita Kaeding, Jamie Waldvogel, Eunice Deitemeyer, Shirley Elsner, Loretta Swanson, Pastor Chris and Pastor Leo Deitemeyer. The theme for the convention was "Lord of All Creation," based on Colossians 1:16.



The convention attendees celebrated our Lord through Word and Sacrament, honored God by serving our neighbors and focused on His Word and shared His Word with others.

Pastor Chris gave the sermon on Friday evening and the Bible Study based on the convention theme, "Lord of All Creation." He did the closing worship service on Sunday, "Jesus Spoke the Word to them as much as they could understand," taken from Mark 4:33.

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# Who is the Greatest Among Us?

## The Lord Jesus!

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Throughout His life on earth, Jesus serves at great cost. He serves big crowds to the point of exhaustion. He serves people with God's true word even as some conspire to dispose of Him. He serves even His enemies in perfect love amid their hatred and spite. This is exactly why Jesus came. To fulfill the law on our behalf and then die for our sins in our place. You can't be the greatest in the Kingdom. That is reserved for Jesus.

When James and John seek positions of glory within the Kingdom of God, Jesus tells them: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many," (Mark 10:45).

You only have a place in the Kingdom of God because Jesus brought you under His rule and reign over all things by virtue of your baptism. You only stand as great in the Kingdom of God because God has clothed you with the robe of Christ's righteousness which has covered all your sin. You only have favor with God by His undeserved kindness in Christ Jesus.

Yet your service has a place in the Kingdom. Your service does benefit your neighbor. It doesn't earn you special recognition or vault your status. In fact, if you consider yourself great because of what "you have done" in the Kingdom, you disqualify yourself from that Kingdom because it is not based on anything that you have done. But by His Gospel, the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. Especially when you proclaim the perfect service of our Lord Jesus.



"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

MARK 10:45, ESV

*Pastor Chris*

## Prayer List Update

Jesus invited us to pray, entrusting our cares and burdens to our heavenly Father. We pray not only for ourselves but also as an act of Christian love and concern for our neighbor. The Scriptures exhort us to pray for our enemies (Matthew 5:44), for workers in the Church (Matthew 9:38), for the suffering, cheerful and sick (James 5:16) and for all people, especially those in positions of authority, (1 Timothy 2:1-2). As we engage in this act of love together as Christ's Church in faith, please help us to keep our list current. As a rule, people remain on the prayer list until we are told to remove them by the person making the request. We also will increase those who mourn loves ones to four weeks.

Please consider praying for those who have requested our prayers in corporate worship but also in your own personal prayer time. Know the outcome of those prayers does not depend on our efforts or anything that we do, but rather are heard by God for the sake of our Lord Jesus, who has invited and commanded us to pray in faith toward Him and love toward others.

Please Pray for...



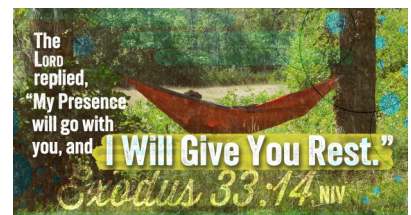
## NYG Thank You

The youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2025 would like to say thank you to everyone who came out to Pizza Ranch and who ordered from the Tastefully Simple party. Both of these events raised more than \$650 to help the youth with the expenses of the trip.

What a blessing our congregation is to us! The youth are going to relax and enjoy some summer in July, but they'll be back in August with more fun events. Thank you again!

## Portals of Prayer Available

The July-September Portals of Prayer are now available in the narthex. If you stop in during the week, call the church office to make sure someone will be around.



## 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>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	37,153	123,259
Expense	30,561	84,075
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	<b>6,592</b>	<b>39,184</b>

## Beautiful Savior Call Meeting

Beautiful Savior will have our next congregational call meeting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 7, to review and vote on the candidate to whom we will extend a divine call. If you have any questions, please visit with Pastor Chris.

## Summer Potluck Meals

This summer we will host potluck meals in the fellowship hall at the church to get to know our BSLC family. The meals will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 21, and at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14. Brats and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share and enjoy a meal and fellowship with your church family!



## Encounter Camps at Shepherd's Hill

All Beautiful Savior students who will enter grade seven or above should consider attending an Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Junior High Encounter Camp runs from Sunday, July 14 through Friday, July 19, and High School Encounter Camp runs from Sunday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 2. Join us as we encounter God through word, world, worship and recreation encounters. Make new friends. Learn leadership skills and spend time being fed by God's Word in a camp setting! BSLC has scholarship money available to help offset the cost. See Pastor Chris for more information.



## Cleaning at Beautiful Savior

Volunteers are still needed to continue with the spring (summer) cleaning of the church above and beyond what the custodian cleans each week. This includes classrooms, sanctuary, fellowship hall and the church yard. Stop in for a half an hour or half a day. Task sheets are posted in each room. Return sheets to the office when all the tasks have been completed. Thank you for volunteering to clean God's house.



## Calling All Crossfire Praise Band Alums and Their Families

There will be a karaoke party and alumni gathering of Crossfire Praise Band alumni, and their families, from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, July 21 at Ramsey and Lyndell's home, 1052 Meyer Blvd, West Fargo. Pizza will be provided but bring your own beverage and a snack to share. If you have questions, call Ramsey at 866-5403.



## Baptisms

**June 30:** Luka James Stewart, son of Nicholas and Elaina Stewart, born Jan. 31, 2024. His sponsors are Thomas Stewart and Calvin Salander.



## Funerals

**June 18:** Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury, formerly of Edgeley, passed away at Eventide, Fargo. Her funeral was held at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, on Monday, June 24. The burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Edgeley.



Nita, 93, was born on her grandparents' farm near Edgeley, on March 27, 1931. Her joys from childhood were her pony "Snooks," participating in 4-H and being crowned second ever Dairy Queen. Nita graduated from Edgeley High School in 1949. In 1953, She graduated from NDSU and taught home economics in Barnesville, Minnesota, before moving to Medina.

Nita married Richard Tewksbury on Dec. 28, 1952. In 1956, they moved to Edgeley where they had a dairy and crop farm. They had three children. In 1998, they retired from farming, moved to Fargo and wintered in Mesa, Arizona. Richard died January 25, 2012.

Nita is survived by her children Deborah (Bobby) Koeplin, Scott (Jodi) Tewksbury and Kathy (Doug) Hegseth; grandchildren Mindi (Caleb) Leonard, Jessie Koeplin, Jeremy (Paige) Koeplin, Shannon (Rick) Duerr, Allison (Andrew) Bauers, Austin Hegseth and Breanna Hegseth and four great grandchildren Mazzi and Nori Leonard, Teagan Koeplin and Calvin Bauers.

She is preceded in death by her husband and parents.

## BSLC Clubs and Service Groups

**Elders** - Our elders greet members and visitors, helps the pastor with any needs and see that all goes well at worship service. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the other elders.

**Quilting and Fellowship** - We will meet Once this month from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 11. 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, July 17. Gold Club is for anyone!

**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.

**Beautiful Garden** - As you are reading this, the garden should be planted and God willing, showing signs of growth. Camp Grace kids will be helping out on Tuesdays. We plan to have gardening sessions at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:15 a.m. on Sundays after Bible study or any time that works good for you. All ages are invited to help with gardening activities and enjoy some fellowship. If you would like to be added to the communication list, please email Tim at [tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com).



## LWML - Save the date for the LWML Fall Luncheon

**Luncheon** - 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. This year's donations will support the Women's Care Center. Let the church office know if you are interested in hosting a table.



## North Dakota District 41st Biennial LWML Convention, "Lord of All Creation"

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LWML President Eden Keefe brought greetings from the National LWML.

The ladies took part in the servant event packing 6,048 Mercy Meals.

The Saturday evening entertainment was the "Sweet Adeline's," River Rhapsody Chorus, Bismarck.

The keynote speaker was Rev. Adam Filipek, author of "Life in Christ: Rooted, Woven, and Grafted into God's Story". Rev. Steve Schultz, Mission Central, Mapleton, IA, and Rev. Max Phillips, Lutheran Family Service, also spoke.

There were 136 in attendance with a 2024-2026 Biennium LWML ND District Mission Mite Goal set at \$78,000. The goal, by the grace of God, will fund nine mission grants. The next convention will be held at the Northeast Zone. The National Convention will be held in Omaha, NE, in June 2025.

The LWML would like to thank the Beautiful Savior congregation for the ingathering items for the "Gifts from the Heart." There were a total of 3,229 items collected. Praise the Lord and thank you for your donations.



Top left: LWML members and pastors who attended the convention; Top right: Pastor Chris giving the opening sermon on Friday; Bottom left: mercy meal packing; Bottom right: Marlys Gregory, Jane Kunkel, delegates and Emma Parkman, 2023 national convention young woman representative.

## 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: “Life in Christ: Rooted, Woven and Grafted into God’s Story”

- Reading and understanding the Bible can be difficult, even for lifelong Christians. Perhaps you even have trouble connecting your personal life to the family lineages, narratives, and parables from Christ’s teaching.

Rev. Dr. Adam T. Filipek, helps us to understand how our life story is interwoven with the life of Christ in the Bible. Piece together each of the narratives in the Old and New Testaments to see how God has grafted your life onto the beautiful saving life of Christ.

### 9 a.m. Thursday Women’s Bible study:

**“Pursuing Contentment”** - All too often, life falls short of our expectations, and happiness seems just out of reach. We face disappointments, disarray, delays and drawbacks. We want to be the kind of women who exude serene calmness, cheerfulness, and acceptance even in the midst of trials and difficult situations, but that is hard to do!

In Pursuing Contentment, you will explore what the Bible says about true contentment how it is a skill to be learned. You can break old habits and patterns of thinking and choose to be grateful in all circumstances. You can say, like the apostle Paul, “I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content” (Philippians 4:11). You can cultivate contentment in your heart.

## “Main Street Living North” TV Program News

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!

### July pastors and sermons are as follows:

**July 7:** Rev. Paul Preus, Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale, presents the message: “Righteousness” based on Matthew 5:20-26. *This Is the Life:* “No Laughing Matter.”

**July 14:** Rev. Eric Souer, St. Johns’ Lutheran Church, Barnesville, MN, presents the message: “The Compassion of Christ” based on Mark 8:1-9. *This is the Life:* “My Husband, My Sorrow.”

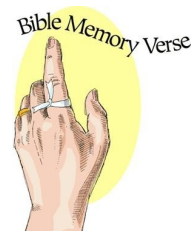
**July 21:** Rev. Matthew Lorenz, Zion Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN, presents the message: “Only An Appetizer” based on Mark 6:30-44. *This is the Life:* “The Cup.”

**July 28:** Rev. Chris Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, presents the message: “Take Heart; It Is I. Do Not Be Afraid!” based on Mark 6:45-46. *This is the Life:* “Stranger at the Door.”



## Memory Verse Challenge

**July 7: Colossians 3:16–17** - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



**July 14: Galatians 2:20** - I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**July 21: Psalm 96:2** - Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

**July 28: John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

# Scuba VBS was a Whale of a Success

VBS was a whale of a success thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, kitchen staff, gracious donations and amazing families that participated! We had 42 children registered this year who dove into friendship with Jesus. Additionally, more than 25 volunteers helped run the program.

The children gave more than \$307 in offering and donated more than 1,000 items for Operation Christmas Child. It was a great week that ended with Pastor Chris getting pelted with cool whip pies from all the children! The girls got to add chocolate syrup to their pies as the girls won the donation challenge. Thank you to everyone for making this event so successful and fun for the children in our congregation.



## Growing Together in Grace Update



Construction is moving along at a nice pace. The crews are on schedule. Construction progress photos can be found on the GLS Facebook page.

We will continue to fundraise for the Growing Together in Grace capital improvement campaign until it is fully funded, and we are close. We have raised more than \$2 million with \$200,000-\$300,000 remaining.

## GLS News

Enrollment is open for this fall at Grace.

We are so excited that we will be coming back to a remodeled building this fall.

We are in the process of assembling a complete alumni database to increase engagement and connection. We are searching for alumni for our Legacy Leader Program, which is a person to represent each alumni class. They will assist in tracking down contact information, be a liaison between the school for events, donor opportunities, and other alumni business. If you have yearbooks, directories or other class list information for any of the following years we would love to make a photocopy: 1948-1973, 1978-1981, 1983-84, 1985-1992.

Please contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or [amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org](mailto:amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org) if you are interested in enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year, the Legacy Leader Program, have yearbooks or would like information on donating to the Growing Together in Grace campaign.



## 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 on any of these Mondays:

- 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. July 8, 15 and 22
- 5-7 p.m. August 5, 12 and 19

More OCC prep team dates will be added in the fall. Stay tuned for more opportunities to help. 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 church or bring to any OCC prep team time.



## LCMS Summer Bible Camps

To register for summer camp programs at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, visit [www.shretreat.org](http://www.shretreat.org) or call Rev. Jon Bonine at 701-244-5225.

For a full list and description of summer camp programs at Lutheran Island Camp, visit their website at <http://www.islandcamp.org/registration>.



## July Youth Events

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

- Wednesday, July 10** - 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12
- Wednesday, July 17** - 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12
- Wednesday, July 24** - 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12
- Wednesday, July 31** - 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12



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Pastor Chris is available by appointment.

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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.

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