



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

## November 2024

## November Update: You Have Been Elected

By Pastor Chris

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Elections can send people into a tizzy. Depending on the outcomes, you might find yourself worrying and wondering about the future. Will policies reflect God's will? Does the new regime fall in alignment with your priorities and values? As part of our vocation as citizens, Christians have the opportunity to elect leaders that will meet these conditions. As we consider what God's word says about authority, marriage, human life (helping and supporting our neighbor in every physical need), we will find that some candidates check boxes while others don't.

But no one checks all the boxes.

To place all our hopes on an elected leader gives that leader more responsibility than he or she can carry. No matter the affiliation, all politicians are sinful and fallen. That means they will sometimes neglect God's will. At times, they will act in their own self-interest and preservation. They will make promises they can't keep. They will make mistakes. In addition, all voters are sinful. That

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### Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

A Thanksgiving worship service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. Come and give thanks to God for all He has given to us.



### BSLC Thanksgiving Food Drive

Fall is a great time to give thanks for all of God's blessings and to help others in our church family who may be in need. Bring canned goods (check dates), non-perishable food items, paper products and gift cards to food stores to the church by Sunday, Nov. 24.



### Advent Midweek Schedule

Advent Midweek services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Soup and sandwich potluck suppers will be at 6 p.m. before worship services. Bring a dish, side or dessert to share.



### Help Decorate the Church Nov. 30

Help decorate the church for the Christmas season from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 30. Come for awhile, or stay until it is done!



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means they will sometimes neglect God's will. At times, they will act in their own self-interest and preservation. They will make mistakes. Indeed, no establishment that requires human involvement or inventions will produce a utopia, especially one totally congruent with God's plan for a renewed heaven and renewed earth without sin.



Yes, we can pursue godliness and love for neighbor through government, but laws and policies don't change sinful hearts. Only God's Word, working through Law and Gospel, can accomplish that. After all, you didn't elect God. He elected you. He chose you to receive His perfect salvation, justice and righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is He who grants you forgiveness of sins. It is He who makes all things new. It is He who gives His Holy Spirit who changes your heart and mind, granting saving faith and by giving you holy impulses according to God's will. But this will never be completed in this life.

Yes, government is a gift of God, but God empowers us to fear, love and trust in Him above all things. And with good reason! The Psalmist summarizes it perfectly, writing: "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day, his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin," (Psalm 146:3-9).

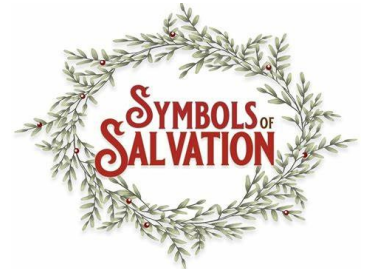
## Thank You from Pastor Chris

Thank you to all those who sent gifts, cards and words of encouragement during pastor appreciation month in October. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated!

*Pastor Chris*

## Midweek Advent Series Explores Symbols of Salvation: Foretelling Christ's Coming in the Old Testament

When we think of Old Testament prophecies regarding Christ, we might remember "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son," (Isaiah 7:14); "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given," (Isaiah 9:6); and "From you, (O Bethlehem), shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days," (Micah 5:2).



But Jesus teaches that the entire Old Testament points to Him. Luke's Gospel records that "Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, (Jesus) interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself," (Luke 24:27). In the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaims "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me," (John 5:39) From the beginning of creation, the ways God interacts with His people give us living symbols that foreshadow and foretell Christ's incarnation.

This year's midweek Advent series is "Symbols of Salvation: Foretelling Christ's coming in the Old Testament." A devotional booklet also will be included with the series. The Old Testament is not just a historical record; it is the active, Spirit-filled Word of God that proclaims Christ coming to us.

Join us for services at 7 p.m. Soup and sandwich suppers will be served from 6-6:45 p.m. before service. Please bring soup, sandwiches, sides and desserts to share.

### 2024 midweek service schedule:

**Wednesday, Dec. 4** – "An Old Testament Christmas" - **Exodus 3:1-14**

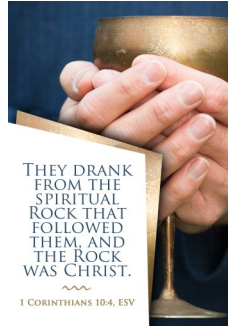
**Wednesday, Dec. 11**– "The Lord Dwells Among Us"- **Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38**

**Wednesday, Dec. 18** – "You Shall Defeat Them as One Man"- **Judges 6:11-24; 7:2-9**

## BSLC to Offer Chalice Beginning Dec. 1

A new church year begins Sunday, Dec. 1, with the season of Advent. To celebrate our Lord coming to us through Word and Sacrament, Beautiful Savior now will offer the chalice as part of our communion celebration. Individual cups still will be offered.

To help with orderly distribution of the Lord's Supper, we ask that those who drink from the individual cups would keep them visible, so that we can know which communicants desire to drink from the chalice. In addition, for those drinking from the cup, please support the chalice from the bottom to help tip the cup for proper distribution.



Incorporating the chalice allows each communicant an option according to the established reception of our Lord's gifts. It recognizes our participation in the body and blood of Christ and our participation in a common confession of faith as a congregation and church body.

## Munchies for Missions Bake Sale Sunday, Dec. 8



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 Sunday, Nov. 10, 17, and 24. Bring your containers to the church between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, Dec. 7. Shop on Sunday and take home a variety of tasty goodies. Items will be available for a free-will donation. Thanks for participating in this LWML mites fund-raiser!

## Poinsettias for Christmas

A sign-up sheet will be available soon in the narthex to order poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved ones. The price will be listed on the sign-up sheet. Quantities will be limited to 25, so get your orders in early. Please make checks payable to the LWML.



## Second Annual "Gingerbread Bash" for Beautiful Savior Families

2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1



Join us for the second annual "Gingerbread Bash," from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 in the fellowship hall.

"Gingerbread Bash" is a gingerbread nativity building party designed for the whole family. A parent must attend with the child. In addition to building and decorating your own gingerbread nativity, you'll get to play games, sing songs, hear the Christmas story from the Bible and discover the good news of Jesus. It's a sweet way for your family to celebrate the birth of our Savior!

You won't want to miss out on the fun, but we need you to register! You can do that by signing up in the narthex no later than Nov. 24.

We will need decorations and supplies, so watch for the gingerbread donation house coming soon. We can't wait to "bash" with you!

## encourageMENT - LCMS Men's Ministry Breakfast

Beautiful Savior men, mark your calendars for the encourageMENT - LCMS Men's Ministry breakfast event. This will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo. Nonda Mack will be the speaker. To register, email Corey Isaak at [corey.isaak@gracefargo.org](mailto:corey.isaak@gracefargo.org).

## Grateful, Thankful and Blessed...

- For the volunteers who greet, usher, run the PowerPoint and set up communion.
- For those who share their musical talents.
- For those who bring treats and help out in the kitchen with fellowship.
- For those who help out with the youth activities.
- For all the volunteers who decorate and make the church look festive for seasons and events.
- For our volunteers who weed, plant and mow make the outside of the building look so nice.
- For the people who help in the office and assemble newsletters.
- For the people who come and help with the upkeep and maintenance of our church building.
- For our church council members and elders.
- For those who help out behind the scenes.



## 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** - Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 and 21. We meet twice a month for five or six hours. The coffee is always on, and we have lunch at noon. Come join this fun group! You do not need to know how to sew. If you have questions, please call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

**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, and we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Invite a friend, 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 at the Fryn' Pan, 310 Main Ave., Fargo.

**Beautiful Garden** - The harvest is complete, and we thank God for the incredible bounty reaped this year. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. We will meet in early 2025 to decide how to proceed with the garden next summer. If you wish to be added to the communication list, email Tim at Tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com. See you at the garden!



**Evangelism and Stewardship** - There will be an evangelism and stewardship committee meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in the fellowship hall. Anyone is invited to attend.

**LWML** - We will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21. All women are invited to join. Your participation in LWML is a great way to make new friends and serve the Lord!

Save the date for the LWML Christmas party at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8. It will be held in the community room in Shirley Elsner's development 5309 University Dr. S. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift - the more outrageous, the more fun!

Photos and a wrap up of the fall luncheon can be found on page 6.

## Memory Verse Challenge

Bible Memory Verse



**Nov. 3: 1 Corinthians 15:22** - For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Nov. 10: Romans 4:24-25** - It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**Nov 17: 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 since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

**Nov 24: 2 Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

## Baptisms



**Oct. 20:** Owen Nathaniel Deitemeyer, son of Tyler and Kara Deitemeyer, born July 13, 2024. His sponsors are Tim and Tina Deitemeyer and Laura Haukedahl.

**Oct. 20:** Beckett Allen Marthaller, son of Zachary and Kristin Marthaller, born Sept. 4, 2024. His sponsors are Dustin and Morgan Lindahl.

## Memorials



**Harlan Sittig**  
Matt and Beth Gustafson  
Loretta Swanson

**Don Schroeder**  
Wesley Belter  
Kathy Braseth  
Ronnie and Carol Erickson  
Marlys Gregory  
Matt and Beth Gustafson  
John and Kay Heidrich  
Charles Hoge  
Andrew and Tracy Nelson

Stephanie Nilles  
Vincent and Cheryl Olstad  
Dave and Kim Scheer  
Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann  
Logan and Brandy Sprunk  
Arla Strege  
Loretta Swanson  
Allan and Carrie Wuollett

<b>BSLC Treasurer's Report</b>		
<b>General Operating Fund</b>		
<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	34,703	282,916
Expense	<u>17,067</u>	<u>218,372</u>
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	<b>17,636</b>	<b>64,544</b>

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## Upcoming Bible Studies

**9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: “The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament”** - The Old Testament is God’s inerrant, Spirit-given Word that reveals the One who is to come. To see Jesus as the promised Christ and Messiah requires a deep dive into the Old Testament – 39 books full of drama and action, history and poetry, promises and praise.

The Messiah, God’s Anointed One, Jesus Christ, did not appear unannounced. What He came to do was not hidden. His cross and empty tomb are declared in advance throughout the pages of the Old Testament. After rebuking Cleopas and His companion on the road to Emmaus for their slowness to learn, Jesus opened the Scriptures for them. (Luke 24:27). What Scriptures did Jesus mean? The Old Testament, of course! They will do the same for you.

**5:45 p.m. Sunday night Family Bible Study: “The Chosen - Season 4”** - See the Bible come to life through *The Chosen* video series. We will watch one episode each week followed by a brief discussion. Bring a dish to share, and at 5:45 p.m., we will have a potluck meal in the fellowship hall, watch the nightly episode at 6 p.m., have a discussion at 7 p.m. and end our study by 7:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends for a night of fellowship and faith.

**7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: “God’s Encouraging Word: True Comforts When Worldly Advice Fails”** - “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? Do they make things feel worse? Do they 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.

**9 a.m. Thursday Women’s Bible study “Finding Rest in a Busy World”** - In *Finding Rest in a Busy World*, you will explore what the Bible has to say about the importance and value of rest. You will learn ways to recognize if your schedule has gotten out of control and how you can apply the brakes to restore healthy boundaries in your life. Even more, you will discover how God promises you can rest in who He is, what He’s done for you, and what He will do for you.

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## “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.” Because God has established civil government for the good of our fallen world, based on 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 revealed will and the good of our neighbor. If you have not yet voted, you are encouraged to first be informed as a Christian citizen, then vote and then continue to pray for those who are elected to serve as our civil representatives.



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!

### November pastors and sermons are as follows:

**Nov 3:** Rev. Daniel Provost, Trinity Lutheran Church, Drayton, and Zion English Lutheran Church, Grafton, presents the message: “What Will Heaven Be Like?” based on Revelation 7:2-17. *This Is the Life:* “The Priceless Book.”

**Nov. 10:** Rev. Vernon Meyer, retired, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message: “Jesus Treats Us All Lovingly,” based on I Kings 17:8-16. *This Is the Life:* “In Search of Dignity.”

**Nov. 17:** Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cavalier, St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Thomas, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Langdon, presents the message: “Amidst Trials and Tribulations, Jesus Is Coming” based on Matthew 24:15-28. *This is the Life:* “Which Way Grows the Vine.”

**Nov. 24:** Rev. Brady Finner, President of the Minnesota North District LCMS, Baxter, MN, presents the message: “We Will See,” based on Mark 13:24-37. *This is the Life:* “Prescription TLC.”



# OCC Shoebox Packing Party News

**We need more toys!** Check out our Amazon wish list for a variety of toys and fun items kids would love to find in their boxes. Place all donations in the box in the narthex by Nov. 10.



**OCC Prep Meetings** - Help us make final preparations for the packing party.

6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 and 20

2:30-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, 15 and 22

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 packing party set up

2-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 team training for packing party volunteers

**OCC Packing Party** - 9:15 a.m.– 1 p.m. or until done, Sunday, Nov. 24. Everyone is welcome; bring your family and friends. There will be fellowship, treats and lunch too.

For ideas, visit the Amazon registry. These can be shipped directly to the church.

Amazon registry:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PAMPUJDWMOS9?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PAMPUJDWMOS9?ref=wl_share) .

Visit the official OCC website for more information and shoebox gift ideas or to make a donation for the cost of shipping:

<https://samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



## LWML Heaven and Nature Sing Fall Salad Luncheon a Success

A fun time was had by all who attended the Heaven and Nature Sing fall luncheon. We enjoyed a variety of musical selections from Mary Seiffert, Kim Ternes, Amanda Johnson and Theresa Muscha. Chloe Kramer from the Women's Care Center, shared information on their services. We enjoyed the luncheon and the beautiful and original decorated tables. A shop 'n drop auction was held during the event, quilts were sold, as well as a free-will offering for the Women's Care Center. A combined total of \$3,445.00 was collected. All proceeds will be donated to the Women's Care Center.

Thank you to Matt for emceeing; Tim, Mike, Randy, Jayson, Seth and Brian for serving; the ladies who prepared the delicious salads; Mary, Kim, Amanda and Theresa for the entertainment; Chloe for her presentation and, of course, the ladies of the LWML for your hard work in making this event happen. It was a fun, delicious event for a worthwhile cause.





## Sunday School News

The PreK through fourth-graders will be singing at both worship services on Sunday, Nov. 24. Please have your student at the church by 8 a.m. for a short practice. They are welcome to sing at both services.

Save the date for the BSLC Children's Christmas programs. They will be held during the 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 22. Practice will begin Sunday, Nov. 3 during Sunday School. A registration form is available in the narthex or on the church website. Please let Stacy Knudson know if your child will be able to participate.



## Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Sunday School and Christmas program volunteers are always needed. If you only have a few Sundays that work for you, that's ok. We'll work around your schedule. Let Stacy Knudson, Pastor Chris or the office know if you are willing to help in any way.



Tickets at [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org) or scan the QR.

Friday, November 8, 2024  
 5:30 PM  
 Sanctuary Events Center  
 670 4th Ave N, Fargo  
 Social hour, 3-course dinner, program, and live and silent auctions.

## GLS News

Thank you to all who attended the rededication ceremony and open house on Oct. 6. We filled the halls with singing voices and enjoyed a dessert bar and tours afterwards.

Our largest celebration of the year is coming up on Nov. 8 – A Celebration of Grace Dinner and Auction. Tickets may still be available at [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org). Silent auction previews open on our website at noon on Nov. 4. All are welcome to participate in the silent auction action. If you'd like to make a donation that directly impacts students through curriculum updates and scholarships, use the ticket link or send gifts to 1025 14th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103.

Save the date for the Grace Christmas musical, "Miracle on Main Street," at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Fall blessings and Happy Thanksgiving from Grace Lutheran School!



## Growing Together in Grace



We have settled into our "new" building and construction is wrapping up as supply chain issues resolve. Words cannot describe the sheer awe from our students as they saw their classrooms for the first time in September.

We continue to fundraise the last \$200,000 needed for this project so we can avoid taking on that amount as debt.

Please consider GTIG and GLS as you make year-end giving decisions. GLS is a non-profit capable of receiving qualified charitable distributions from those needing to make required minimum distributions from IRA accounts.

We are so grateful for every single person who made this project possible.

## November Youth Events

**Destination Unknown: Where will the youth go this week?** Join us each week for a surprise destination, devotions, games, snacks, faith and fun! For more information, talk to Pastor Chris.

- Wednesday, Nov. 6:** 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12
- Wednesday, Nov. 13:** 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12
- Wednesday, Nov. 20:** 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12





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## Office Hours:

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

Pastor Chris is available by appointment.

## Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 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.

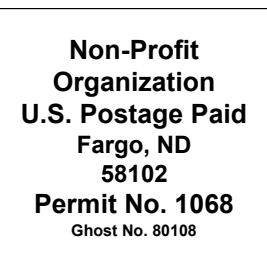
## Worship Services available at:

[www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com](http://www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

[www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo](http://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo)

Sermon podcasts on our website & iTunes app



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## Other Volunteers

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