



## TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

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### Singing with the Exiles

Gathered by the waters of Babylon, Judean exiles wistfully wondered: Is God for real? If so, does He really care about us? What does our future hold? Will this ever change? God's people had watched their world shatter into a million pieces. They were demoralized and disillusioned. Their disaster looked terminal.

Do you feel this way? Does it look as though your current problems are more than you can bear? Do you find yourself asking: Why did this happen? Why did God allow it? Is there any order in the world? Will God really deliver on what He said?

Isaiah answers these questions in chapters 40–55 of his book. He announces that just when Israel's history seemed closed and controlled by hopeless Babylonian imperial policy, to the shock and surprise of everyone, the Lord will stir up a king named Cyrus and a new exodus will explode in the desert! A Servant will be wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. And barren Zion will be given so many children that, like the old woman in the shoe, she won't know what to do! Standing behind these marvelous promises is God's almighty Word. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8). The exiles are going home!

That's why we are "Singing with the Exiles" as they are restored to their home.

This Lent, Isaiah 40–55 will shape us as we listen to the following sermons:

March 16: "Marked" (Isaiah 44:1–5)

March 30: "Get Out!" (Isaiah 48:17–22)

April 6: "One Little Word Can Fell Him" (Isaiah 49:1–6)

April 13, Palm Sunday: "You are My Servant...in Whom I will Display My Beauty" (Isaiah 49:3)

April 17, Holy Thursday: "He Prepares a Table" (Isaiah 49:7–13)

April 18, Good Friday: "All" (Isaiah 52:13–53:12)

Plan now to sing with the exiles as we learn from Isaiah to walk the Lenten way to the cross and to the empty tomb. God promises to turn our weeping into joy and our present pain into an endless Alleluia!

### Worship Opportunities During Lent and Holy Week:

Ash Wednesday, March 5: 6:30pm

Wednesdays: March 12-April 9: 5:30-6pm Dinner  
6-7pm Bible Study

Maundy Thursday, April 17: 6:30pm

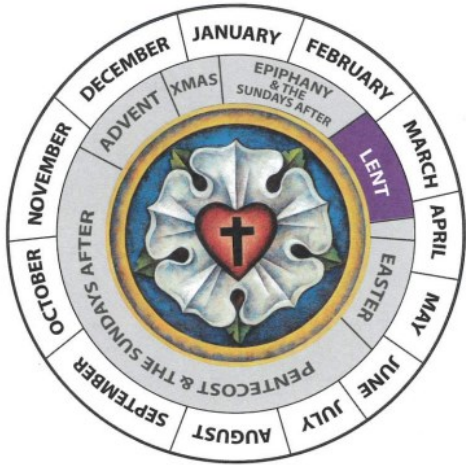
Good Friday, April 18: Noon and 6:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20: 9:30am

Where are we in the Church Year?

## The Time of LENT

Begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with midday prayer on Holy Saturday.



The church is decorated in violet, the color of royalty and repentance. This period of repentance is marked by a purposeful turning away from our sin and turning toward Christ for His mercy and forgiveness.

Matthew 4:1-11      Isaiah 58:6-12  
Matthew 6:1-18      Romans 6:1-4

In the early church, Lent was a period of preparation first prescribed for baptismal candidates. During this period. The candidates were examined in preparation for Baptism at the Easter (or Paschal) Vigil. Later, these forty days were associated with Jesus’ forty days in the desert prior to His temptation (Matthew 4:1-11) and with the forty years the children of Israel spent in the wilderness (Numbers 14:34), becoming a period of preparation for every Christian.

The Sundays during this season are not “of Lent” but “in Lent.” Thus the Sundays retain an Easter tone and may be less solemn than midweek services. *Alleluia* is the Hebrew word for “Praise the Lord.” It is a joyous expression of faith in God. During Lent, we forgo using this joyous response in order to focus on our need for repentance and faith.

**In Lent, we prepare our hearts to receive our crucified and risen Lord.**



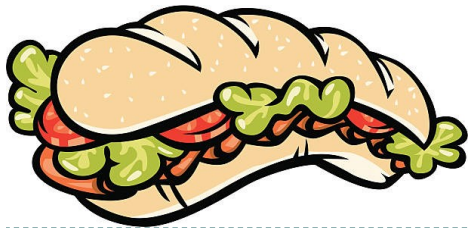
### Midweek Lenten Meals and Bible Study:

Wednesdays, March 12-April 9

5:30-6pm Dinner; 6-7pm Bible Study (Join us as we explore five extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant, and Friend, Jesus.)



<u>March 12:</u>	Lasagna	Session 1: Forgiver
<u>March 19:</u>	Chili	Session 2: Healer
<u>March 26:</u>	Pulled chicken	Session 3: Listener
<u>April 2:</u>	Walking Tacos	Session 4: Encourager
<u>April 9:</u>	Pizza	Session 5: Protector



## 2025 National Youth Gathering

*New Orleans, July 19-23, 2025*

*Thank you to everyone who purchased subs in support of our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July!*



### **Game Night:** **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** **6:30pm @ BSLC:**

Bring a favorite game or play one that someone else brings. Don't be "board!" Join in on some fun, healthy competition, and fellowship with your church family. All ages are encouraged to attend! Maybe even bring a snack to share—optional!

### **Travel Ministry: North WI District**

We are excited to announce our new travel ministry in the North Wisconsin District. We have 3 trips planned each year. These are like bus tours, but with a distinctly Lutheran perspective. Each trip will include Lamer's bus transportation, hotel accommodations, 2-3 meals, shows or attraction tickets, daily devotions, and good Christian fellowship. These tours are designed for our older members that love to travel and want to see what our younger members experience when they attend Youth Gatherings, servant events, or class trips (but maybe not quite as grueling!). The following is the schedule for the first 6 trips.

- March 17-21, 2025 (4 nights): St. Louis and Branson, Missouri
- End of July, 2025 (4 nights): Creation Museum & Ark Encounter
- Christmas, 2025: New Orleans & Laurel, MS (HGT's Hometown filming location)
- Spring Break, 2026: Lake Michigan Circle tour (including Frankenmuth, MI)
- Summer, 2026: Washington DC with history expert, Mr. Jim Wegner
- New Years 2026: Pasadena, CA to work on LHM Rose Bowl Float.

All tours require a \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit. If we do not get at least 35 individuals for the tour, the tour will be cancelled and your deposit will be returned.

More details are available for interested adults. Please contact Sue Lilienthal at St. Paul Lutheran for further information (715-344-5660). Friends and family welcome. You do NOT need to be a member of a NWD church to attend.

Registrations for the March 2025 trip to St. Louis & Branson are now available. Cost for this trip is \$950/person for single, \$745/person for double, \$660/person for triple or quad. Registration for the summer Creation Museum/Ark Encounter trip are also available, but I do not have the costs for this one. Please call St. Paul's for more information.

## Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive: Feb. 23-March 16

There is a box in the narthex for your donations (all of which will remain in the Stevens Point/Plover area). Most needed items include:

- Deodorant
- Dental care items
- Feminine care products
- Soap
- Diapers
- Trash bags
- Laundry detergent
- Bathroom Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies
- Razors
- Textured Hair Care

Small sized items found at a Dollar Store are perfect.

We are also collecting **sweatshirts and sweatpants** (sizes L or XL preferred) for the mental health unit.



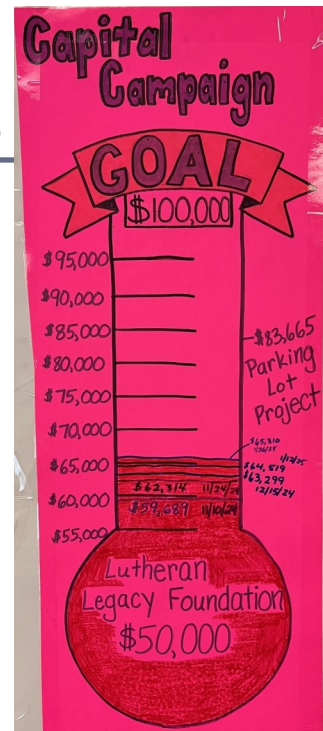
**Thank you for your donations.**

## Parking Lot Project

Thank you for your continued donations toward the Parking Lot project. We have paid off \$22,000 of the \$50,000 loan! Praise God! Keep those donations coming.

**Financial Update:** Including the money from the Endowment Fund, we have received \$65,775. Thank you! The goal is \$100,000. This leaves \$34,225 yet to go.

\$28,000 of that will pay off the principle on our loan; the rest is for interest, and future necessary improvements at Beautiful Savior.





BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
FUNDRAISER WITH  
**SILENT AUCTION**



TICKETS AT THE DOOR  
**APRIL 6, 2025**

AGES 13+ : \$10

AGES 6 - 12 : \$5

5 & UNDER : FREE

SERVING FROM 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.  
3210 MAPLE DR, PLOVER, WI, 54467

<https://www.facebook.com/bslc.church/>

PROCEEDS GO TO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SHIPPING

  
**Family Fellowship**

A good time was had by the 15 people who had dinner together at the Legacy Family Restaurant on Valentine's Day!





**BIBLE IN A YEAR READINGS**

**March:**

Exodus 12:22-40

Leviticus 1-3

Job 30-42

Proverbs 1-18

Luke 15-24

John 1-21

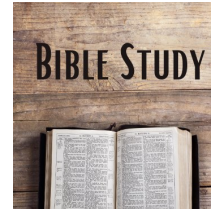
These readings are from the Classic Reading Plan as prepared by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Pamphlets and outlines are available at church (or I can mail one to you—let me know!).

Read one chapter per section above per day. (Double up on Leviticus on March 31.)

**BIBLE STUDIES CURRENTLY OFFERED**

**Men's Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30-**

**7:15am** All men are invited to attend each Wednesday morning at St. Paul Lutheran in Stevens Point. Men from St. Paul, Beautiful Savior, and other area churches are in attendance, and we welcome any man who would like to start his day off with Bible Study and prayer support. If you can't come every week, come when you can. Ron Thies leads.



**Friday Morning Bible Study: 10-11:30am:** Pastor Dan will lead "You Are Never Alone" based on a book by Max Lucado. This study will run March 7th-May 30th.

**Women's Monday Study:** We are taking a break until after Easter and are encouraging everyone to attend the Wednesday night Lent study (see p.2 of this newsletter).

**LUTHERAN HOUR SERMON SCHEDULE**

March 2

**"It's Best to Be with Jesus"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz](#) Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts. (Luke 9:28-36)

of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (John 8:12)

March 9

**"Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (John 12:24)

March 23

**"Even Me, Even You"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21)

March 16

**"Light of the World"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) Jesus is the Light

March 30

**"The Difference Between Anger and Contempt"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. (John 11:35)

The Lutheran Hour in Stevens Point can be heard on three radio stations: 93.1 FM, 100.9 FM, and WRVM 94.3 on Sundays at 10am and from Wisconsin Rapids WFHR 1320 AM on Sundays at 9:06am or on the computer at any time including archives. See also [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

# Orphan Grain Train †



Orphan Grain Train volunteers meet every week at Beautiful Savior on Tuesdays from 8-noon.

Everyone is welcome! Come see how this ministry works.

## Ongoing OGT collections:

Shoes (even your crummiest shoes!)

Eyeglasses

Did you know Beautiful Savior is a packing station for Orphan Grain Train? This is a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod outreach which provides relief for human needs worldwide...that includes needs for the USA and foreign countries.

How can you help? Do you have any of the following items you can donate?

**CLOTHING** . . . men, women, infant, toddlers, children . . . underwear to outerwear

**HYGIENE** . . . towels, washcloths, personal care items

**BLANKETS** . . . quilts, baby blankets, bedding, linens, sheets, pillowcases

**TOYS** . . . clean dolls, stuffed animals, balls, soccer balls, basketballs, baseballs / bats

**HOUSEHOLD** . . . plastic dishes, cooking utensils, silverware, curtains, rugs, Christmas items, empty suitcases, purses, bags, backpacks, school supplies

**MEDICAL** . . . canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, splints, bandages, braces

In 2024, the Wisconsin OGT branch sent out 55 loads containing food, medical supplies, clothing, hygiene supplies, furniture, household, bedding/quilts, school supplies, and hay bales. 19 shipments went overseas( Ukraine, Liberia, Moldova, etc.), 20 went to the Texas/Mexican border, and 16 loads went to other domestic places requiring aid (SD, KY, GA, WI).



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN.....

## DOLL MAKEOVER PARTY

SUNDAY, March 23rd from 1-3pm

Come help us MAKEOVER the many DOLLS donated to our Orphan Grain Train!

Most dolls come to us without clothing, but then we have also received donated doll clothes.

So help us give these dolls a little love before they travel to new places and waiting children.

Join us as we wash their faces, comb their hair, pick out their clothes, and add accessories.

Finally, we top each one off with a hat, bow, or braided hair!

ALL ARE INVITED – children accompanied by an adult....and ALL who remember their “doll playing days”.

Last year 113 dolls were “made-over” at this event!



# LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Join our local LWML group at BSLC S.A.L.T.—Serving and Loving Together



How can you help support the work of LWML? They have ongoing collections as outlined here:

## **PILLOWCASE DRESSES, T-SHIRTS, SHORTS, EYE GLASS CASES . . .**

ongoing projects throughout the year sponsored by our LWML / SALT Women's Group. The simple patterns, instructions, & materials are available. Please ask Louise Skornia or Pam Hinrichs.

## **BEVERAGE TABS AND USED POST-AGE STAMPS . . .**

ongoing collections for the Ronald McDonald House and for missions may be deposited in the designated containers in the church narthex near the front entryway. (Instructions are on the side of the postage box of how to cut the stamps.) Thank you.

**S.A.L.T. – LWML MITES . . .** The mites and children's mites are ongoing missions. Need a mite box? They are located near the front entryway in the church narthex. A larger mite box is available to deposit your change when your small mite box is full.

**CHRISTIAN GREETING CARDS . . .** Assorted birthday, sympathy, get well, wedding, anniversary, baby, and a few other types of cards. Cost: \$1.00 each.

## **LOOSE COIN COLLECTIONS: FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**

On the first Sunday of each month, all loose change in the offering plates go to the LWML Mission Grant focus for that month. These project grants help spread the Gospel throughout the world. Thank you!

Loose Change collected on 2/2/2025:

\$8.77



March Mission Grant

Focus: **In Every**

**Tongue: Transla-**

**tors for "MOST Ministries" Teams**

This LWML grant will be used to secure translation services to assist MOST Ministries teams as they share the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ through their eyeglass, water filtration, and other short-term mission projects.

**Sewing Opportunity** after the OGT potluck we will have a sewing session for eye pockets (March 4). Bring your sewing machine and join us. These eye pockets will be going to Matt Holman (Karen and Joe's son) who is going to Kenya on May 29th with the Trinity Ablaze group. They conduct eye exams to see if people need glasses. Each person who gets a pair of glasses gets an eye pocket to hold them. They also hear about Jesus when they are there.

**March 4  
1pm**





**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**

3/3 Karol Harris  
3/8 Jason Cisewski  
3/8 Andrew Giles  
3/9 Dene Mueller  
3/10 Blake Carroll  
3/14 Donna Baumhofer  
3/15 Keith Metz  
3/20 Claire Vogler  
3/22 Traci Adams  
3/27 Brian Krueger  
3/29 Marlys Gross  
3/29 David Norrgran  
3/30 Carson Deater  
3/30 Peter Gunn  
3/30 Pam Lutz  
3/31 Jonilee Gunn

**BAPTISMAL  
BIRTHDAYS**

3/1 Jan Higgins  
3/5 Troy Adams  
3/16 Noah Viegut  
3/17 Jeff Viegut  
3/18 Anna Peters  
3/19 Addie Barthel  
3/20 Curt Hughes  
3/22 Kyle Wagoner  
3/24 Rylee Pardon  
3/25 GiGi Diekelman  
3/25 Paula Pratt  
3/26 Sharon Hughes  
3/28 Jason Cisewski  
3/31 George Diekelman

**WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARIES**

3/15 Alivia & Philip Jagielo  
(12 yrs)



And now these three  
remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is  
love. 1 Cor.13:13



# Worship Anew

Worship Anew is available the following ways:

Watch online 24/7 on a computer at  
<https://worshipanew.org/>

Watch on Stevens Point Community Television  
<https://stevenspoint.com/1305/Community-Television>  
or Spectrum Channel 984 & TDS Channel 13

Days and Time on TV and live online from TV stations:

Monday 12:30 PM  
Tuesday 2:00 PM  
Thursday 2:30 PM  
Friday 11:30 AM  
Saturday 11:00 AM


Elaine Rubel drops off Worship Anew DVDs at a variety of assisted living housing facilities for Sunday Worship Services. Any questions, contact Elaine Rubel, 715-347-2417.

**Hear the good news when  
and where you choose.**

Worship Anew offers a range of multimedia resources designed to help you connect with God and strengthen your faith. Our weekly programs and video devotionals provide powerful messages of hope and inspiration from a faith-based perspective. Whether you prefer to watch or listen, our resources are available to you anytime, anywhere, offering the flexibility to fit into your life.

## March 4—May 27

4:30-6pm



**Grieving the loss of someone close to you?**  
Find comfort and support at GriefShare

Tuesdays, March 4 - May 27  
4:30-6 pm  
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
For more info, call 715-341-2898  
Rev. Dan Hinrichs will be leading.

13-week grief support group.  
You can join at any time!  
[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)

### Topics covered:

- Your Grief Journey
- Sadness & Loneliness
- Fear & Anxiety
- Anger
- Regrets
- Grief & Your Relationships
- Questions for God
- Hope & Resilience



### How will GriefShare help me?

At this 13-week grief recovery support group, you'll:

- Hear insights from grief recovery experts
- Meet others who understand what you're going through
- Receive comfort and support
- Learn practical tips for navigating your grief
- Discover the six signs of healing



Join the fun at the

2025 North Wisconsin District LWML  
**Ready, Set, Rejoice!** Spring Retreat  
At Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI

March 29th, 9am-3pm



“But all who take refuge in You rejoice, let them ever shout for joy!” Psalm 5:11

We invite you to come ready to relax, laugh, study His Word, and enjoy the rest and retreat of Camp. Bring a friend—all ladies are welcome!

Back again this year! An optional overnight at Camp Luther on Friday, March 28, Retreat Center lodging or cabins, fellowship, snacks, and fun will begin at 7pm on Friday!

- \* Saturday only includes retreat registration, programming, and lunch: \$40/person
- \* Friday and Saturday includes retreat registration, Retreat Center lodging, programming and two meals: \$85/person

Registration is due March 15. For more information, contact Teresa in the church office or Heidi Gross. We have the registration form if you are interested in attending.

# facebook

Many important announcements and devotional thoughts are shared on Beautiful Savior's Facebook page. If you haven't already, "friend" us on Facebook: **Beautiful Savior Lcms (Beautiful Savior)**. Need help finding it? We would be happy to help!



CHECK OUT OUR



Have you checked out our Website lately?

**beautifulsaviorploverwi.com**

On our website you can find the weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, newsletter, worship service information, worship service videos, and more.

If you are unable to attend worship in the building with us, simply click on the "worship service videos" button on the website, this will bring you to our YouTube page, then click on "Live." Previous services can be found there as well. Stay connected!



Think of the places you frequent. Groceries? Gas? Restaurants? Menards? Walmart?

Use **SCRIP**.

Do you have a big project coming up?

Use **SCRIP**.

Do you give gift cards for birthdays? Graduations? Anniversaries? Use **SCRIP**.

## What is available?

Arby's	I-tunes	Polito's
Barnes & Noble	JC Penney	Starbuck's
Bath & Body	Kohl's	Subway
BP Gas Station	Kwik Trip	Target
Buffalo Wild Wing	Land's End	Walgreen's
Burger King	Lowe's	Wal Mart
Cabela's	McDonalds	
Chili's	Menards	
Coldstone	Noodle's & Co.	
Copps/Roundys	Olive Garden	
Fazoli's	Panera Bread	
Hardee's	Papa Murphy's	
	Pizza Hut	