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And it shall be said,
"Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people's way."
¹⁵ For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Isaiah 57:14-15

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 40:1-5

Greetings, in the name of Jesus, Amen. Both passages have a Christological context. It is a prophecy of Isaiah's and is attributed to both John the Baptist and Jesus. John the Baptist is the one who removes the obstruction and clears the highway for Jesus by preaching his baptism of repentance. He clears the road, so to speak, so that Jesus may come to His people. John declares that repentance is necessary to prepare the way for Christ. Jesus, the Christ, is the one who dwells in the high and holy places and also with His people who are contrite or sorrowful over their sin. He promises to revive the hearts of those who are contrite of heart. The first passage is often linked with Isaiah 40:1-5. Notice in both passages build up, build up and comfort, comfort my people are double commands or imperatives. The parallels and similarities are apparent in form and structure. The results are the same. Prophecies about Jesus, His coming that all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Lord speaks through His word to be certain. He also speaks through His messengers- His sent ones, that's us. As we go about our daily lives, Jesus sends us into the lives of others to make straight the paths of all people. Just as John the Baptist was given a specific mission,

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we are also sent to build up the kingdom of God, comfort God's people —His children — and remind them, with tender love and gentleness, that our sins are forgiven and that we receive a double portion of the good things that Christ has for us, his children. As His sent ones, we are called to share His love and truth with others actively.

Therefore, as we go about our daily lives, we should pray for those around us and those we encounter daily. Let us show them the tender mercies of Jesus, while speaking His truth in gentleness and love to all whom we encounter. May they see, hear, and experience the love of Christ that dwells richly in us and thus be built up and comforted by their interactions with us, as Jesus representatives, and sent ones. Remember, you are His ambassadors, His hands and feet in this world. So that the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Graciously Called to Serve,

Pastor Joe Leech

New Member Classes: Thinking About Becoming a Member?

Have you been worshipping with us at Beautiful Savior but have not yet taken the step to join? We would love to officially welcome you into the Beautiful Savior family!

Starting **September 14th**, immediately after Sunday Adult Bible Study (11:45-12:45), we will begin a New Members Class designed just for you. Over the course of six weeks, we'll explore the six chief parts of Luther's Catechism together. Included with this study will be the 10 Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacraments of Baptism & the Altar (Holy Communion), and Confession.

Each session will last about an hour. It is a great opportunity to grow in your faith, ask questions, and connect with others on their faith walk.

We would be honored to walk alongside you.



New Member Class



Youth Group

**Wednesday, August 6,
6:30pm**

**Youth Planning Night for
August 24th Youth Led
Church Service**

All middle school and high school students are invited to attend! We will be working on assigning parts and talking through the service for Aug. 24th. Please plan to attend!



Central Wisconsin Lutheran High School--
coming in the fall of 2026! The website is live!

www.cwlhs.com

Are you interested in helping out? Teresa,
JoAnn, or Werner can get you plugged in
where you are most comfortable! Call BSLC
for more info. (715) 341-2898

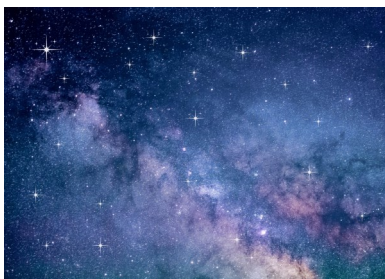
Will you join the 500@50 Challenge?

We're looking for 500 people to pledge \$50 a month in support of Christian Education at the High School level. What a blessing this will be for our young people in Plover, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids, and beyond! Funds will support building modifications, classroom supplies, highly qualified teachers, and financial aid for students. Join our mission as we create a high school where students know God's love and their place in this world.



CWLHS GALA:

COUNTING THE STARS



October 24th, 2025

6:00-9:00PM

@ Immanuel Lutheran Church Mission Center,
Wisconsin Rapids

Join us as we celebrate God's promises through the generations at our first annual CWLHS fundraising gala. Those in attendance will receive a delicious dinner of hearty appetizers and decadent desserts, listen to great music, hear inspiring stories, and engage in a silent auction to raise funds for our new school! Check back soon to reserve your tickets!

Join us for VBS:

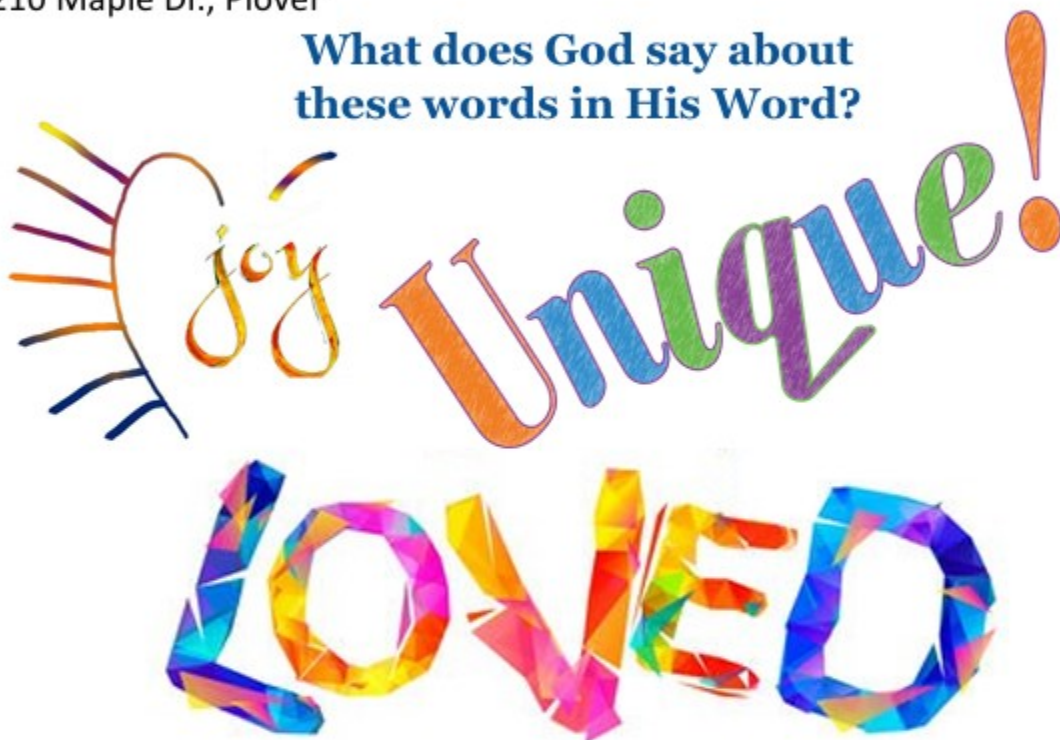
It's not too late! VBS is next week and we'd love to have your kiddos or grandkids join in on the fun! Give Teresa a call (715)341-2898.

August 11-13, 6-7:30pm

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**What does God say about
these words in His Word?**



Fun crafts: Joy Garden Stones, Tie Dye Name Towels, Crosses

Marina is providing snacks and Sandy Wagoner has helped with crafts supplies. Thank you both for sharing your gifts with us!

Students ages 5-12 are invited for Bible stories, crafts, singing, snacks, and fun! Families are encouraged (not required) to come have fun together. Bring the littles, too!

Kindly RSVP so we can be sure we have enough supplies for everyone.

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Donations can be brought to Beautiful Savior and left in the narthex between now and August 11th. Thank you for your generosity!

Decorative elements include three colorful paper clips (blue, green, orange) on the left and a green ruler with a yellow protractor on the right.

DONATE SUPPLIES AT THIS SITE!

JUNE 2-AUG 11

Most Needed Items:

- Durable Backpacks
- Pencil Box/Pouch
- 1-Subject Notebooks
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Washable Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pencils
- Glue Bottles
- Glue Sticks
- Child Safety Scissors
- Ruler
- Index Cards
- Watercolor Paint Sets
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpener
- Red Pens
- Black/Blue Pens
- Earbuds/Headphones

LEARN MORE!

VISIT: UnitedWayPoco.org/ProjectFreshStart
EMAIL: Stephany@UnitedWayPoco.org
CALL: 715-341-6740

The United Way logo, featuring a stylized person with arms raised inside a circle, with the text "UNITED WAY Portage County" below it.A blue cup filled with various colored pencils.

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION !

A square QR code with a black border.A red and blue backpack with a yellow arrow pointing towards the QR code.

- Access the Amazon wishlist and donate that way.
- Volunteer to help!

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.

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

Ongoing OGT collections:

Shoes (even your crummiest shoes!)

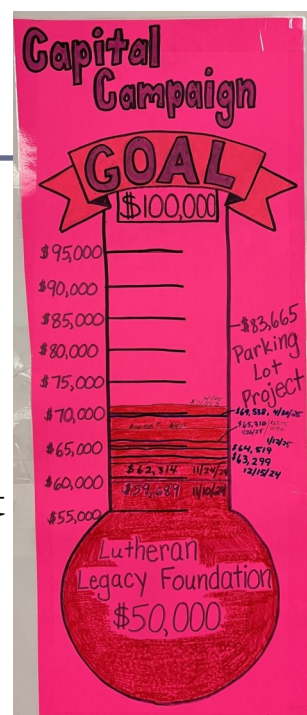
Eyeglasses

Parking Lot Project

Thank you for your continued donations toward the Parking Lot project. We have paid off \$34,441.92 of the \$50,000 loan! Praise God! Keep those donations coming.

Financial Update: Including the money from the Endowment Fund, we have received \$74,023. Thank you! The goal is \$100,000 (with excess going to the next project). This leaves \$25,977 yet to go.

We have **\$13,509.15** remaining on the loan and continue to chip away at the balance each month!



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:

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

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.

Classical Conversations Home School Group Update:

Hi Teresa,

I hope you're having a wonderful summer and that your new pastor is settling in smoothly. I'm writing to share a change of plans regarding our homeschool co-op this fall.

As my children have aged out of the elementary programs, it's become necessary to find a parent within that program to take over leadership of the group. Unfortunately, we weren't able to identify someone to take the reins, so the group will not be continuing this year. It's a bittersweet transition, as leading this community has been such a joy.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you, Pastor Ficken, and the entire congregation at BSLC for so graciously opening your doors to us over these past five years. Your generosity has provided far more than just a meeting space—you've created a place where families could grow in faith, community, and purpose. Your hospitality has left an eternal impact, and I truly believe fruit will continue to grow from what was planted here.

With sincere thanks,
Rachel



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
8/3/2025:
\$22.65



August Mission Grant: North WI Professional Church Workers Student Grants:

The North Wisconsin District LWML has been a strong and faithful supporter of professional church work students from District for many years. This grant is paid in two installments in January 2025 (paid) and January 2026. It supports students from the North Wisconsin District studying to become professional church workers.

Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Trip

On Tuesday July 29th at 6 am 33 people left for a trip lead by Sue Lilienthal of St. Paul Lutheran in Stevens Point to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. Eric Anderson and his wife Nancy and sister-in-law Teresa, Claire Vogler and Louise Skornia went from Beautiful Savior. There were a number of churches represented (you didn't need to be a member of St. Paul's to go on this trip).

On the way down we stopped at Shipshewana Flea Market and then into town to shop and eat. On Wednesday morning we went to the Creation Museum for the day, then on to Newport, KY and a stop at the Purple Bridge where you can have foot in KY and a foot in Cincinnati, OH. Thursday we went to the Ark Encounter for the day. Friday we headed home with a stop at Phil's Friends in Crown Point, IN to help make cards and other things. After that we headed to Concordia Mequon for a rest stop and to see the bluff which has a windy path down to Lake Michigan. After that it was the last leg of the journey home. We got back to St. Paul's about 8 pm. This was a very enjoyable trip and if you have the opportunity to go to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, please do so. It was really great to see.

Sue is planning on doing more trips. The next one will be early December and is a two day shopping trip. About this time next year Sue, along with the principal from St. Paul's, are planning a trip to Washington D.C. looking to travel there on Amtrak. At the end of 2026 a trip to the Rose Parade is being looked at. As we have more details we will let you know.



Article and photos submitted by
Louise Skornia



**New Pens! Beautiful Savior
now has pens. Please feel free
to take one or two to use at
home and in public!**



BIBLE IN A YEAR READINGS

August:

Judges 15-21

Ruth 1-4

1 Samuel 1-24

Jeremiah 28-52

Lamentations 1-5

Ezekiel 1-3

Acts 19-28

Romans 1-16

1 Corinthians 1-5

These readings are from the Classic Reading Plan as prepared by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Pamphlets and outlines are available at church.

Read one chapter per section above per day.
(Double up on Ruth one day)(Double up on 1 Samuel three days)(Double up on Jeremiah two days)

Have you been doing the questions in the bulletin?

Do you need past copies you may have missed? Let me know!

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: Stay tuned for more info and a new plan for the fall.

Women's Monday Study: On August 25th at 6pm, we will be starting "Stepping Out to a Life on the Edge" by Deb Burma. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.



LUTHERAN HOUR SERMON SCHEDULE

August 3

"Proclaim His Glory"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer](#) Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47)

August 10

"Writing Him Off"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: [Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus](#) After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. (Luke 4:21-32)

August 17

"The Stuttering Man of Destiny"

Guest Speaker: [Dr. Oswald Hoffmann](#) Archives August-- Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses.

August 24

"Gideon, the Farmer General"

Guest Speaker: [Dr. Oswald Hoffmann](#) Archives August-- Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader.

August 31

"Life Narrows Down"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer](#) "Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus."

See www.lutheranhour.org for additional broadcast times. 93.1 FM, 94.3 FM (Sundays at 10am) and 1320 AM (Sundays at 9:06am) or on the computer anytime.



Celebrate Plover Outreach Opportunity:

tunity: Thank you to Kristi Philhower for organizing our Beautiful Savior booth and for everyone who helped out that day. The love of Jesus was shared with many people in our community!



National Youth Gathering Summary:

"2025 gathering in New Orleans was about Endure and Endurance. Every morning we went to Bible study and every night mass. During the day we had sessions like Gone Too Soon, 3 Lies We Tell Ourselves, and many more. Orphan Grain Train had a big set up from all over the states with different areas you could work and help out in. Listening to 20k kids and adults singing was a amazing thing to listen to every night. I encourage anyone wanting to go to a gathering to put it at the top of the list."

Trisha Edmundson and Megan DeYoung attended from Beautiful Savior. We look forward to many more of our youth having this opportunity in July of

2028 in San Antonio, Texas!

(article and pictures submitted by Megan)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Amelia Crozier
8/3 Charles Crozier
8/5 Lee Loomis
8/9 Romie Kropidlowski
8/12 Sandy Wagoner
8/13 Kristy Harhay
8/15 June Holford
8/18 Sam Lipke
8/19 Charlene Kawleski
8/21 Dakota Harhay
8/25 Emma Koepsell
8/29 Kaytlyn Kowalski
8/30 Kolton Cisewski



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Shayla Langenhahn
8/1 Judy Suchowski
8/2 Cindy Marczak
8/3 Collin Lockman
8/5 Desi Harhay
8/10 Tabi Adams
8/10 Seth Peters
8/11 Aaron Ehlinger
8/15 Bryan Lockman
8/15 Elaine Rubel
8/16 Grayson Jagielo
8/20 Ella Ehlinger
8/25 Jon Carroll



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/4 Werner & Heidi Gross
(35 yrs)
8/4 Mike & Bonnie Krueger
(41 yrs)
8/11 Romie & Julie Kropidlowski
(8 yrs)
8/12 Bryan & Karla Lockman
(21 yrs)
8/14 David & Lori Norrgran
(32 yrs)
8/21 Jason & Leigh Kraemer
(21 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.

facebook Have you checked out, liked, and followed our brand new Facebook page? Like and follow us at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plover, WI to stay in the loop with the latest news, opportunities, and ways to get involved. Thank you for being a part of our community!



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	