



# TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

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# Beams

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## Happy Easter!

Matthew 28:5-6 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

As a lifelong Christian, baptized as a baby, a student at Lutheran grade school and high school, I was always connected to the Christian faith and the practices of the church. Our church had a bustling Sunday School and packed gym for Easter breakfast. I loved to sing during worship. I later played the French Horn for services when our H.S. jazz lab toured, playing area churches. Hymns like "For All the Saints" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" still move me to my core.

Likewise, a Christian recently shared how important the season of Lent is for them. Incidentally, I've recently heard this same sentiment from some younger Christians at another church. These people are looking not to give something up for Lent but to follow Jesus, as if they were there as one of His disciples, to Jerusalem to fully take in the blessings of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

..."we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."  
Acts 2:11

How do we explain this connection to our faith and worship to someone today who has no experience with church and has not heard about Jesus? May I suggest: First, be ready. What is your faith journey/story? How has the risen Christ impacted your life? Second, pray for the opportunity to have that conversation. Maybe a conversation starter might come from wearing a religious pin or having a religious bumper sticker on your car or adorning the ashes on your forehead. Third, carry yourself with some Easter joy. Plenty of Christians wonder if they are truly forgiven. The Gospel (good news) of Christ crucified and risen brings the resounding 'YES' to that question. So ask for the Spirit to give you that joy-filled confidence such that people ask about your positive demeanor.

Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Fourth, have the simple this-is-what-I-believe conversation with the goal of sharing your simply stated faith. We are not looking for arguments or debates. We just want to share Jesus. Lastly, ask how you can support

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the person in their quest. It is not that you will pray for them and leave but that you might get to know them more if they are open to it. Then walk with them. Meet again. Yes, pray with them but specifically for them after asking what they might like a prayer for in their lives.

Christ is risen! Blessings on your faith journey, living in this confidence. Blessings on all conversations and interactions as the Spirit uses you to share Christ with others! Happy Easter!

Pastor David E. Ficken

### ADDRESS CHANGES

- If you have a change of mailing address, phone number, or email address you may notify the church office, 715-341-2898 or [secretary@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:secretary@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com)

### PORTALS OF PRAYER

- Copies can be found on the table near the church. Please take a copy home for your devotions or share with a friend.

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Jeff Langenhahn  
4/03 Lori Hopp  
4/09 Emily Hansen  
4/09 Art Holford  
4/10 Austin Norrgran  
4/11 Jim Barge  
4/12 Jessica Hansen  
4/21 Keely Ann Lipke  
4/24 Kristi Philhower  
4/26 Phil Idsvoog  
4/27 John Rubel



#### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

4/09 Dave Ficken  
4/11 Keith Metz  
4/14 Traci Adams  
4/21 Peter Gunn  
4/24 Werner Gross  
4/30 Pam Lutz



#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/8 Tom & Kristi Philhower  
(18 yrs)

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

1 Cor.13:13



Join LWML/S.A.L.T. and the Friends of our Orphan Grain Train volunteers for lunch on April 21st!

There will also be a basket auction. Here are some of the beautiful baskets you can bid on in support of OGT. See you there!



# BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER WITH SILENT AUCTION



TICKETS AT THE DOOR  
**APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**

AGES 13+ : \$10      AGES 6 - 12 : \$5      5 & UNDER : FREE

Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Alfredo with Chicken, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert  
TAKE OUT DINNERS ARE AVAILABLE

**SERVING FROM 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.**  
**3210 MAPLE DR, PLOVER, WI, 54467**  
<https://www.facebook.com/bslc.church/>



Relief for Human Need Worldwide  
Wisconsin Branch

PROCEEDS GO TO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SHIPPING

# Orphan Grain Train †

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

John 14:18

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

## OGT Featured Volunteer: Karen Holman

Karen has been a faithful volunteer with Orphan Grain Train since the very beginning at Beautiful Savior. Since their first packing day in 2015, Karen has showed up week after week. We are incredibly grateful for her nine years of sorting, folding, and packing boxes for people near and far.

God bless you, Karen, as you are a blessing to so many!



### Ongoing collections:

Shoes (even your crummiest shoes!)

Eyeglasses

Empty prescription pill bottles (labels removed)

Palm Sunday was an exciting Sunday at Beautiful Savior! We celebrated the baptism of Rylee Noel Pardon. We also welcomed new members Ashley Pawlowicz, and Kevin, Tara, and Rylee Pardon. Please give these

new members a warm Beautiful Savior welcome!



**Confirmation Sunday is April 28.** Join us as we celebrate this exciting step in the faith walk of our five confirmands. This year's confirmation class includes: **Trisha Edmundson, Evalee Kraemer, Marina Kubisiak, Sam Lipke, and Brenna Lockman.** Praise God for these faithful young men and women and their families. Please keep them in your prayers as we look forward to Confirmation Sunday.



## Member Directory

We have several new faces at Beautiful Savior so are looking to update the church directory! Please send us an updated family photo and let us know your most up to date phone, address, and email. Also, are you getting the Beams and Calendar each month in your email? Finally, would you be okay with being put on a text list for important messages such as weather related changes? Send to [secretary@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:secretary@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com). Thank you!



Have a prayer request ?

Call the church office at (715) 341-2898 or email [pastor@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:pastor@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com). Your prayer request will be passed on to our Prayer Chain.

Requests are kept confidential.

Thank You

## Altar Guild Works Overtime During Holy Week

Thank you to the Altar Guild for all their work during Holy Week and throughout the year. The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up for Communion each Sunday, as well as seeing that the worship space is kept beautiful in order to glorify God and provide a setting which enables the congregation to worship in a meaningful way. They have done a beautiful job!

We want to thank Karol Harris, Tammy Kowalski, Char Kawleski, Louise Skornia, and Pam Hinrichs for serving our Lord in this way.



Lent entrance and cross



Palm Sunday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday and the empty tomb

A lot can happen in three days!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

## 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 the class.



### Friday Morning Bible Study: 10am

"God Never Gives Up On You," written by Max Lucado, is the book we are now studying. This study looks at the story of God's grace through the life of Jacob in Genesis 25-35. This study began on Jan. 26th and will conclude April 19th.

### Women's Monday Bible Study:

We completed our study of Hosea. Stay tuned for the next study topic.

## LUTHERAN HOUR SERMON SCHEDULE

April 7

### "Raise the Flag"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. (Acts 1:1-11)

April 14

### "Breathe In, Breathe Out"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez](#)

The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. (Acts 2:42-47)

April 21

### "More Than He Bargained For"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect. (Acts 3:6)

April 28

### "We Can't Stop Talking"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation. (Acts 4:20)

[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)



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.

## BIBLE READINGS



### April:

- 1 2 Samuel 8-11
- 2 2 Samuel 12-13
- 3 2 Samuel 14-16
- 4 2 Samuel 17-19
- 5 2 Samuel 20-22
- 6 2 Samuel 23-24
- 7 1 Kings 1-2
- 8 1 Kings 3-5
- 9 1 Kings 6-7
- 10 1 Kings 8-9
- 11 1 Kings 10-12
- 12 1 Kings 13-15
- 13 1 Kings 16-18
- 14 1 Kings 19-20
- 15 1 Kings 21-22
- 16 2 Kings 1-3
- 17 2 Kings 4-5
- 18 2 Kings 6-8
- 19 2 Kings 9-10
- 20 2 Kings 11-13
- 21 2 Kings 14-16
- 22 2 Kings 17-18
- 23 2 Kings 19-21
- 24 2 Kings 22-23
- 25 2 Kings 24-25
- 26 1 Chronicles 1-2
- 27 1 Chronicles 3-4
- 28 1 Chronicles 5-6
- 29 1 Chronicles 7-9
- 30 1 Chronicles 10-12

# 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. The April mission is outlined here:

### **April:**

#### **EXPANDING GOSPEL OUTREACH TO HISPANICS IN THE U.S.**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is using media and outreach technology for Gospel outreach by crafting programming, media content and written materials for Hispanics by Hispanics. Mites for this grant will share God's message of salvation with the Hispanic people--in their own language--to strengthen their faith and encouraging them to seek to learn more about Jesus.

**Loose Change on 3/3/2024: \$11.00**



## **VOLUNTEER**

### **OPPORTUNITIES @ BSLC:**

- Snow Shoveling
- Sunday Coffee
- Sunday Treats
- Worship
- Reader
- Acolyte
- Live Stream Operator
- Counters
- Property items
- Greeters
- Ushers

Please call the office if you have some time to donate or any questions!

Thank you!



**TRUST  
IN THE  
LORD  
WITH ALL  
YOUR** ♥  
{proverbs 3:5}

## College Student Addresses

Please send us your college student's address so we can remember them as they near the end of another school year.

We would love to send them a gift from the church!

Thank you!



# Worship Anew

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.

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 .

# 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	

# For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

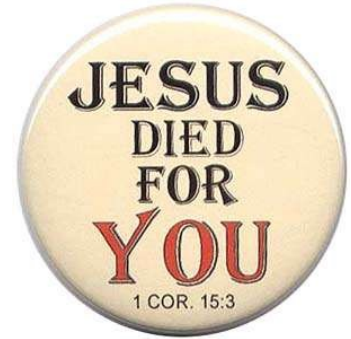
## An antidote shared by John Rubel:

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday school, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!"

The visitor still said nothing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" As a tear fell from his eye, he said "I took your place."



REMINDER to the readers to please send in items for our April newsletter.

A variety is good!

It makes for fun reading.

DEADLINE for newsletter articles:

**Wednesday, April 24**

Email to: [secretary@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:secretary@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com)

## Church Fellowship:

What would you like to do together as a church body:

Bonfires?

Game night?

Movie night?

More potlucks?

Brewers Baseball watch parties?

Crafts?

Share your ideas and let's make it happen!



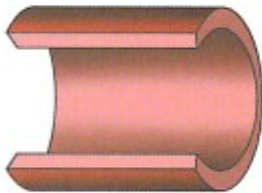
# Keep doing the things you love.

## Catch health problems before they go too far.

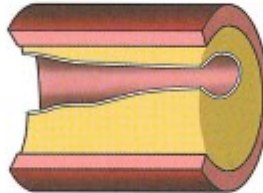
Life Line Screening offers a 4-screening package to provide peace of mind or early detection for risks of stroke and cardiovascular disease. The combination of these tests helps detect problems—before you have symptoms and while you and your doctor can still take action...so you can keep doing the things you love.



### Plaque buildup can lead to cardiovascular disease, stroke and aneurysms.



A normal artery allows blood to flow through easily.



Plaque buildup in the arteries reduces your blood flow and can be dangerous if left untreated.

**Register now to check the health of your arteries**

**4 Important Screenings for Only \$149 (Special Package Pricing)**

- Carotid Artery Disease
- Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)
- Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)

Join the **10 million people** who have been screened.  
We are coming to your neighborhood.

**Where: Plover - Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**

**When: Monday, April 8, 2024**

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call toll-free **877-792-8479** or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC)

Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.

Adam Tanney will join almost 60 students at the Seminary in St. Louis who will receive their calls on April 23rd. Ford Wayne's call day is April 24th. Please pray for these new pastors as they enter full time ministry!

Dear Beautiful Savior LWML,

I am sure that this letter will arrive as your thoughts begin to turn towards Holy Week. It is a wonderful time a year, where we reflect on the reason Jesus Christ came to Earth. I'm reminded of one hymn that says, "that spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies, the mockery, and yet replies, 'all this I gladly suffer'". During Holy Week, Jesus turns himself toward the cross with you and me in mind, that is the greatest gift we could receive.

Our community here is a buzz with excitement for Easter, but also for the upcoming Call Day. With almost 60 students from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis receiving Calls this year, our joy for the church at large is overflowing! We know that God's will will be done in the process and are so excited to meet the congregation that He will lay before us. With that said, we would covet your prayers as we anticipate this day and prepare our children for another change.

While we wait for Call Day, we have had a lot of fun and joy here in St. Louis. We have spent time with friends and families, celebrated Quinn's first birthday and enjoyed the end of my Preacher Basketball "career." Recently, Etta has been grabbing every chapter book she can find, Sloane has developed beautiful drawing skills, and Milo is making leaps and bounds in his speech classes. Our new one year old, Quinn, is walking everywhere and also into everything! Nicole has been cherishing time with her dear Seminary friends and helping to host events for Seminary women in her role on the team for the Seminary Women's Association.

I continue to thank God for the blessing that you are to our family and the support and prayers you have provided. We feel so blessed by the Lord and the ways that He has used others to support us through the Seminary. Thank you again as you pray for us, the many congregations seeking Pastors, and for the candidates of both Seminaries who will receive Calls next month.

We continue to thank God for you and pray that you have a joyous Easter season.

In Christ,

Adam Tanney and family

