

# The Messenger

Share the love and grace of God with all people.



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## OUR CHANGELESS GOD

Dear members and friends, we are all going through very disruptive times. Social distancing, gathering size limitations, food and supply shortages, school closings and self-quarantining; who would ever have imagined such realities in our complex, interrelated society? Through live-streaming of our 8:45 AM Sunday morning service we have tried to connect our members and friends with God's Word and encouragement, but our hearts yearn for the Lord's Supper and Christian fellowship that we cannot enjoy at present. In a seeming blink of an eye, everything was changed in our lives, right?

Well, not everything has changed. God has not changed, nor our need for Him. The Lord said in Malachi 3:6a "I the LORD do not change." He is still the Maker and Sustainer of the world and universe, and His compassion for us has not diminished one bit. Though we humans are weak and sinful, God loves all those He made and above all desires to restore us to life with Him through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We need the forgiveness only Jesus gives whether life is 'normal' or upside down and we need Him with us and in us to give faith, strength, hope and everlasting life. And He is with us, as He promised in Matthew 28:28:20b "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Our Savior comes to us in His Word (I encourage you to daily use the Scripture readings printed elsewhere in this newsletter) and hears our every prayer. If you feel the need to receive the Lord's Supper before we can again celebrate and share it in regular worship services, contact me and I can share that precious gift with you at an appropriate place and time. As long as I can safely do so, I will lead Sunday and Lent/Holy Week worship services which will be livestreamed on our congregation's Facebook page to bring confession, absolution, God's Word, a sermon, prayers and God's benediction to those distanced from our building. Remember, the church is not a building made with hands but the very Body of which Christ is the Head, wherever we may be. So lift up yours hearts to the Lord in faith and hope, for He will bring us through these unusual times and finally home to be with Him in Heaven.

**OUR SPECIAL THANKS** to Dennis and Donovan McConnell for video livestreaming the worship services and our organists and media techs for making the worship services as inclusive and uplifting as possible!

Your bother and servant in Jesus,



*Pastor Bob Deardoff*



## "Rest"

### A Note from Jarryn

Rest....what does that word mean to you? Does it mean taking it easy, maybe sitting on your couch watching tv, maybe out fishing or hunting. Whatever that word means to you, I'm guessing it doesn't mean mixing cement by hand, hammering wood together to make walls, or even mixing stucco and then applying it to the walls of a soon to be family house. Most of us would consider that hard and heavy labor and honestly by the end of the first work day in Puerto Penasco your body is feeling all of those shovel fulls or hammer swings. By evening using the word rest to describe the Mexico Mission Trip seems a bit crazy.

However, a few years ago a gentlemen on the trip used that exact word to describe this trip. That word came back this year in one of the evening devotions. This trip can give you rest unlike any other. It has a way of pulling you out of checking your phone every five seconds or worrying about the next text message or email. A way of pulling you out of your normal world. Instead of worrying about planning this or that or worrying about little things; like what is for supper, your focus goes to what we are there to do, sharing Christ's love and building a house.

Having that time away from all the little stuff that gets in the way, our focus is on Christ. When our focus is on Christ there is no way we won't have rest. *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* - Matthew 11:28-30

We can lay all of our issues and problems in Christ's hands and when you have those moments of rest you realize that He will take care of you. Christ has already accomplished everything for us, sometimes it takes a moment away from everything to see or be reminded of that.

In Christ,  
Jarryn Wiley-Pearce

**AT THE TIME** of this **NEWSLETTER'S** production, we have unfortunately suspended many of our Congregations regular and holiday activities.

**We will not** have Easter Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt or the Maundy Thursday Seder Meal, Wednesday evening activities or Tuesday and Sunday Morning bible class unless it becomes safe to do so. **However, Midweek services including Holy Week Services will be held at 6:30 pm and livestreamed on Facebook as is our Sunday 8:45 am service**

**For updates** please check the congregations website: [www.bslcnp.com](http://www.bslcnp.com)

Facebook page: facebook.com/bslcnp

Call the church office: 308-534-7004

Or Email the church: [bslc@bslcnp.com](mailto:bslc@bslcnp.com)

**WE HOPE** to have Confirmation Essay Readings on April 29 (livestreamed?) and Confirmation Day on May 3, 2020, but may have to delay those if necessary. *WATCH FOR UPDATES*

**PLEASE REMEMBER GOD'S** constant love and our congregations ongoing financial needs. As you are able, your regular contributions may be mailed to BSLC or dropped off at the office when someone is here. (mornings are most certain). Thank you for your faithful stewardship to God and His ongoing work.



# *In Service to the Lord*



## **Organists (8:45 AM):**

April 5: Shary Asher  
 April 12: Jean Niedan  
 April 19: Jean Niedan  
 April 26: Shary Asher

## **Acolytes (8:45 AM):**

April 5:  
 April 12:  
 April 19:  
 April 26:

## **April Ushers (8:45 AM):**

## **April Ushers (11:00 AM):**

**If this is a ministry that you would like to participate in—please contact the church office or Rod Lamp**

## **Media Tech (11 AM):**

April 5: SERVICE CANCELLED  
 April 12: SERVICE CANCELLED  
 April 19: SERVICE CANCELLED  
 April 26: SERVICE CANCELLED

## **Musicians (11 AM)**

April 5: SERVICE CANCELLED  
 April 12: SERVICE CANCELLED  
 April 19: SERVICE CANCELLED  
 April 26: SERVICE CANCELLED

## **Acolytes (11:00 AM):**

April 5: SERVICE CANCELLED  
 April 12: SERVICE CANCELLED  
 April 19: SERVICE CANCELLED  
 April 26: SERVICE CANCELLED

## **April Elders (8:45 AM)**

Leland Poppe  
 Don Roehrs

## **April Elders (11:00 AM)**

**Service Cancelled**

**Official Acts and Directory Changes  
 None**

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

In an effort to keep members up to date on the financial condition of Beautiful Savior, we will put monthly updates in the Sunday bulletin and Messenger. This information is current as of March 31, 2020

Budgeted Expenses Needed Monthly	<b>\$ 32,349.84</b>
<b>Income year to date through March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 63,715.16</b>
<b>Actual Expenses year to date through March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 18,851.84</b>



# **Birthdays This Month**

## **April 1: Happy Birthday to Betty Cook on her 90th birthday;**

April 1: Heather van Velson

April 3: Kevin Blaschko; Steve Mueller; Brian Roehrs;  
Matthew Roehrs;

April 4: Marcia Colvin

April 5: Kent Battreal; Adley Knopick; Steven Koehn;

April 6: Kason Bruns; Rodney Lamp; John Sabin;

April 7: Calvin Huebner; Jadelyn Rutherford;

April 8: Ronald Asher

April 10: Brenley Johnson

April 11: Christina Butterfield; Steve Van Boening

April 13: Annika Bowman; Maci Hansen; Jaclyn Paloucek;  
Andrew Parish; Zachary Parish; Ellie Siegel;  
Larry Wallace

April 14: Mae Siegel

April 15: Jill Thompson

April 17: Dean Nutt

April 18: Cathy Christman; Sharon Lantis;  
Betty Van Boening

April 19: Lilah Krupicka; Beth Moore

April 20: Stacie Bruns; Landon Hack; Diane Huebner;  
Wayne Mueller; Denise Skiles;

April 23: Manuel Nila; Nancy Peartree

April 24: Caden Joneson; Heather McClellen;

April 25: Gunnar Beller; Wesley Gilbert; Connie Niedan

April 26: Mike Unger; Natalie Van Velson

April 27: Tammy Duggar; Daniel Krupicka; Don Roehrs;  
Jared Sabin; Luke Sabin;

April 28: Gatlin Fattig; Aleksandr Morales

April 29: Kellie Macumber; Todd Rhodes

April 30: Dave Baade; Robert W. Deardoff; Lisa Flynn

# Theology ON TAP

# HAPPY



# ANNIVERSARY!

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

April 14, 2020 at 6:30  
pm at Switchyard

Topic: "to be  
determined"

Join us for Christian  
fellowship, Bible study and a  
cold one with fellow  
believers. Anyone 21 years  
and older and young at  
heart!

## April Anniversaries

*Don't see your special date  
listed here? Contact the church  
office.*

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|------|--|
| 4/3  | Charles & Julie Boettcher<br>Vincent & Patricia Gill |
| 4/4  | Cheryl & Kurt Schiel                                 |
| 4/19 | Kevin & Elya Blaschko                                |
| 4/21 | Steve & Betty<br>Van Boening                         |
| 4/28 | John & Lisa Flynn<br>LaVerne & Janice<br>Hagmann     |





## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

We made it to April it is such a wonderful time of the year. Our color for the month is yellow, we will be learning about spring and all the great things that come in the spring. We will be celebrating Easter and having an Easter party. in chapel we will learn about Psalm Sunday, Jesus dying on the cross, Jesus is Alive, the Ascension and Pentecost.

If you are interested in enrolling your child for next year, please pick up an enrollment form today. Your place will be reserved upon return of your registration form and a deposit of \$25.00. As classroom space is available, students will be accepted as follows:

Classes are limited to 12 students. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Annie. Thank you.

*Ms. Annie*



Jr. High Youth  
Group

Check weekly updates



Sr. High Youth Group

Check weekly updates



Join us April 24 & 25 as we head to Colby and Rexford Ks, for the chance to watch a Western and have the 'Great Paintball Shoot Out'. For more information pick up a registration form from the office or talk to Jarryn. **WATCH FOR UPDATES**

Registration is due Wednesday April 15!

Parents of graduates and graduates check out the promo for the LVR servant event trip over memorial weekend.

Annual Canoe Trip  
Aug 5—8, 2020  
Valentine, Ne

Information Coming Soon!



Easter Egg Hunt

Date: April 12th **CANCELLED**

Check the bulletin for more youth activities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CANCELLED THROUGH APRIL 26, 2020

WE HOPE TO RESUME CLASSES IN MAY

# **Sunday School**

## **Preschool through 5th grade:**



**Jr. High girls are upstairs studying  
with Tara and Paulette**

**Jr. High boys are upstairs  
studying with Jeff Boeka**

**Sr. High are upstairs studying  
with DCE Jarryn**



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

## **LWML CIRCLES**

Evening Circle will not meet in April.

Afternoon Circle will not meet in April

## **LWML April Happenings**

**LWML Circles will not meet in April**

**LWML April Board Meeting—date and time to be determined.**

**The 4th Sunday of each month is LWML MITE Sunday. The Mite box will be in the back of the church for anyone that would like to donate their loose change to missions.**

## **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSION LEAGUE: GOSPEL OUTREACH MESSAGE:**

Add to your Lenten devotional time throughout the Easter season by reading through one of the Gospels chapter by chapter.

## **April 2020 DAILY BIBLE READING**

### ***God's Life-Giving Word of Hope***

#### ***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

- 1 Isaiah 40:1-31
- 2 Isaiah 51:1-23
- 3 Isaiah 52:1-12
- 4 Isaiah 52:13-53:12

#### ***Palm Sunday***

- 5 Matthew 21:1-22
- 6 Matthew 21:23-46
- 7 Matthew 26:1-35
- 9 Matthew 26:36-75

#### ***Maundy Thursday***

- 9 Matthew 27:1-26

#### ***Good Friday***

- 10 Matthew 27:27-56
- 11 Matthew 27:57-66

#### ***Easter Sunday***

- 12 Matthew 28:1-20
- 13 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- 14 1 Corinthians 15:12-34
- 15 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
- 16 John 20:19-31
- 17 John 21:1-14
- 18 John 21:15-25
  
- 19 Hebrews 1:1-14
- 20 Hebrews 2:1-18
- 21 Hebrews 3:1-19
- 22 Hebrews 4:1-13
- 23 Hebrews 4:14-5:10
- 24 Hebrews 5:11-6:12
- 25 Hebrews 6:13-20
  
- 26 Romans 3:19-31
- 27 Romans 4:1-25
- 28 Romans 5:1-21
- 29 Romans 6:1-23
- 30 Romans 15:1-13

**LWML Executive Board  
did not meet in March....**

**April Board meeting  
date and time to be  
determined.**

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Sunday of each month  
is LWML MITE Sunday.**

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in the back of the  
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missions.**

## **EYES ON JESUS**

The eyes are sometimes called the window to the soul.. We speak of greedy eyes, jealous eyes, lying eyes, prying eyes. How did the people around Jesus look at Him during the Passion week? What were they seeing in Him, and what do we see? Join us for a look at the Savior and His loving work for us in our Lenten services this year, entitled "Eyes on Jesus."

Lent and Holy Week Services.

Come and worship at 6:30 PM

Services will also be livestreamed.

**Women's Resource Center:** The annual Walk for Life has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 209 McNeel Lane in North Platte. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. If you would like a sponsor pledge form or would like to sponsor a walker, please contact Lisa Parish at 308-530-4067. You can pledge now and be billed after the event. Free t-shirt for \$50 in pledges. Check out their website to get more information on all the services the Women's Resource Center provides to our community.

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020** is the WRC Annual Fundraising Banquet with guest speaker, Dr. Marc Newman, founder and president of "Speaker for Life". He is considered one of the top pro-life trainers in the nation.

Board of Youth March 10, 2020  
Present: Jarryn, Lavonne and Stacie

We reviewed the financial transactions from Feb and March and were approved by the board.

Report from Jarryn: Sunday youth group has been really picking up while Sr. Youth group has dropped off a bit. The Valentine's Dinner went really well. Both settings were full. The theme worked out well and the food was well received.

A possible Service Event would be Easter baskets to our shut ins. We may plan to work with the youth from Our Redeemer. They will help assemble and deliver the baskets to shut ins from the two churches. We will fill them with candy and other items. We will be working on a date.

We will plan on running the rummage sale again in September and will ask the congregation for items to sell.

The Sr. High group will be serving the March 11 Lenten meal. The menu will be lasagna, salad, rolls and dessert. The Jr. High will do the March 25 meal. We will serve Hot ham and cheese sandwiches, salads and dessert.

The upcoming youth services will be March 29 and May 31. Wild, wild west is April 24-25. Our Redeemer will be hosing a lock in May 8-9 or 22-23.

**Board of Christian  
Education Minutes  
Not available  
at time of publishing**

# Bible Studies



**Sunday Mornings WILL RESUME WHEN POSSIBLE,**  
Led by Pastor Bob, Current Event questions are welcome.  
We are continuing our study of the Book of Luke

## **Wednesday Mornings**

Every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. in  
The Fellowship Hall at BSLC until further notice.  
Led by Pastor , join us as we enjoy a study of God's  
Word in the Psalms!



## **Tuesday Afternoons**

Ladies Bible Study  
Will not meet during the month of April.  
Led by Pastor Bob on the Book of JEREMIAH.  
Join us!

**Board of Elders Minutes  
March 23, 2020**

· THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO  
· APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING

· **Persons in Attendance:** Pastor Bob Deardoff; Jeff Boeka;  
· Wayne Mueller; Byron Fritz;  
· Jim Parish; Leland Poppe; Don  
· Roehrs;

· **Meeting called to order**

· **Opening prayer** given by Pastor Deardoff

· **Minutes of the February 17, 2020** meeting were read. Motion by  
· Jeff Boeka to accept,  
· seconded by Jim Parish – motion carried

· **Reports:** Pastor went over his monthly report of activities.

· **Unfinished Business:** Ministry Mapping – Congregation Follow-  
· up meeting. Unable to reschedule at this time due to COVID19  
· quarantines.

· **New Business:** **Worship changes** during pandemic were  
· discussed and decision was made to  
· continue to have Lenten Services.

**Midweek services** including Holy Week  
will continue to be held at 6:30 pm

**Midweek meals** including Seder Meal have  
been cancelled until further notice

**It was suggested** to wait a month or after  
April 26, 2020 to resume the  
normal worship schedule if possible.

**It was suggested** to post the Constitutional  
changes on the church website due to  
services being livestreamed and  
congregation not in attendance to get the  
bulletin insert showing changes.

· **Tabled Items:**

· Meeting ended with the Lord's prayer.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES OF 3/23/20

**Persons in Attendance:** Pastor Deardoff, Loren Babcock,  
Allen Miles, Dennis McConnell, Wayne Mueller.

**Meeting cancelled for a lack of a quorum.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Loren Babcock, Secretary

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**The following proposed changes to the By-Laws under Article VI (Duties of Boards) B. (The Board of Christian Education) as presented at the December 8, 2019 Voters Meeting will be voted upon:**

Change: The Board of Christian Education shall consist of six (6) members.

**To: The Board of Christian Education shall consist of up to six (6) members, with a minimum of three (3) members.**

Change: the basic objectives of the board are to plan, direct and supervise, in accordance with the Scriptures, and in consultation with the Pastor(s), the educational programs of the congregation.

**To: The basic objectives of the board are to plan, direct and supervise, in accordance with the Scriptures, and in consultation with the Pastor(s) and the DCE, the educational programs of the congregation.**

Change 5. Approve curriculum on the basis of the Bible and Lutheran Confessions and analyze performance at every level.

**To: Recommend curriculum on the basis of the Bible and Lutheran Confessions and analyze performance at every level, to be approved by the Pastor and DCE.**

Change 11. Consider provision of special educational opportunities for mentally retarded and handicapped persons.

**To: Consider provision of special educational opportunities for children who have physical and/or developmental disabilities**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

### **March 23, 2020**

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**Present:** Robert Reigan, DeWayne Livingston,  
Allen Miles

**Minutes & Bills:** Reviewed and approved.

**Reports:** **North bathroom** power door  
openers are installed.  
**Workers Comp** Audit Complete  
– Refund of \$176.00

**New Business:** **2 Rings** in the Playground were  
cut off and stolen, looking for  
new ones to replace them

**Unfinished Business:** Plans / changes due  
to pandemic

**Meeting adjourned.**

### **Deborah's Legacy—Fundraising Banquet**

April 2, 2020—Seating 5:30 pm Program 6:00 pm  
Sandhills Convention Center—2102 South Jeffers,  
North Platte NE

### **USHERS NEEDED!!!**

Church ushers are a significant part of our church hospitality system, and fulfill specific duties to accomplish that, such as greeting our members and visitors when they arrive, handing out bulletins, finding seating for those who need assistance, assisting with the gathering of offerings, leading the congregation to the front to receive Holy Sacrament amongst other vital duties. If you are interested in being a servant in the House of the Lord, Please contact the church office or Head Usher, Rod Lamp.



# Vacation Bible School 2020!!! July 6 –10 9 a.m. to Noon

Our theme for this year has been released!

There will be a ton of information in the upcoming months so keep your eyes and your ears open.

## Early Areas to Volunteer

The DCE and VBS Director are still looking for some willing volunteers to be apart of the VBS planning committee.

Other ways to volunteer early:

**Volunteer Recruitment:** These would be people who don't mind making calls to members of the congregation to help recruit volunteers.

**Supply Organizers:** These would be people that want to work behind the scenes when they can; to help keep track of supplies and make sure the post it notes are put out for the congregation.

**Decorations Crew:** Anyone that has a heart to help with decorating for VBS. Decorations are a huge part of VBS and getting the kids into the theme for the week.



**OFF TO A GOOD START: 2020 ABS Daily Bible Reading Guides** are available at the rear of the church, along with “Through the Bible in a year” sheets. OR you can download either at [Daily.Bible.AmericanBible.org](http://Daily.Bible.AmericanBible.org) OR [TheBible.net](http://TheBible.net)

### REMINDER!

If you or a loved one are hospitalized and desire a visit from Pastor, PLEASE call the church office and tell us! Or if you desire a home visit, let Pastor know so he can set up a time to see you.

You're loved and worth it!

**“I was  
sick and  
you visited  
me . . .”**

—Matthew 25:36 NKJV

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

The New Directory is available on the back table in the sanctuary or pick up a copy from the church office



**Check out our Website**  
(click here)

Our Website has  
been updated!  
Check it Out!

## God's Gift of Life

"For one who has died has been set free from sin" (Rom. 6:7)

Here we are, talking about death. Death can be so unsettling for those of us who want nothing more than to possess life. Death is so final. The one who dies tends to stay dead. Those who are dead can't do anything. If stewardship is something we have been created and redeemed to do, what good is death?

But once again, our Lord, through His servant Paul, reminds us of the great stewardship of life that has been given to us in Jesus Christ. We are not called to free ourselves from death for stewardship. It is Christ's death on the cross that sets us free. His death is far from being in vain. In fact, it is His death that gives us the greatest freedom: Life!

Life is meant to be lived and lived to the fullest. However, because we were once in bondage to death, we have not been set free from death in Christ for a purpose. The purpose, like the life we now live in Christ, comes from outside of us. Stewardship of the new life we have in Christ is never about us. It is always about the One who gives us life: Jesus

All that we are and have then becomes a living, breathing, baptism-inspired billboard for the new life that comes to all those in Christ. How we live and how we give of ourselves is to be for the glory of Christ and for the sake of our neighbor. We give freely of ourselves because Jesus has given freely of His life for us. He gave that life so that we might know the love of God. We give so that others might experience that love which comes in Jesus.

We are free. Free from death. That means we are free to live. This free life is a steward life. We give all that we are and have for the sake and glory of the One who gave it all to make it possible. This is the new life we are called to live for Him!

### Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Your death set us free from death. Those free from death are given life. May that life flow out from us to others. Lead us to live and love as stewards of this gift of life in such a way that others would crave this grace as well. Use us as Your instruments in this new life. Amen

**Excerpt from:**

***<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/stewardship-ministry>***



Lutheran Hour  
Ministries

## **April 2020**

### **April 5**

"There's Still Time"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

People can be unreceptive to God's love because they are very bad-or because they think they are very good.

(Exodus 11-12)

### **April 12**

"You Haven't Lost Me"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Exodus 14)

### **April 19**

"The Great Pursuit"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

(Exodus 15)

### **April 26**

"Rescue, Test, Rest"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Exodus 16)

# Young Adult Servant Event

May 21-25, 2020

Lutheran Valley Retreat  
near Divide, Co  
Cost: \$100.00

See Jarryn for details

