



# THE GATHER, GROW, & GO NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

Join us for our Lent/Easter Sermon and Bible Class Series: **Be Gracious to Me.**

No Old Testament saint attests to God's grace quite like King David. Raised from the sheepfold to the throne of the house of Israel; raised again (and again, and again) from sin: pride, murder, adultery, and despising of God; lifted clear of the snare of the wicked (Psalm 119:110), of the pit (Psalm 30:3), of the very gates of death (Psalm 9:13); with no merit or worthiness in himself, David was continually raised up by God's grace and favor.

God's grace wells up in Psalm 41, where David exults in divine mercy amid his own weakness, powerful enemies, and treacherous friends. In this psalm, David tracks the flow of divine grace back to its source at the cross and, with prophetic vision, finds it springing forth in the lives of all baptized believers—including you.

How has God's grace raised you? If you haven't been set on a royal throne or made ruler over a great people, maybe you've seen improvements in your finances or employment. Or perhaps family strife has been quieted. Or maybe a compassionate helper or valuable ally has entered the picture at just the right moment. Have you shaken off a bad illness, a bad habit, or a bad influence? If so, rejoice and thank God for His grace and favor!

But if you feel like you're sinking instead of rising, what then? Is there any comfort for the saint of God who looks around to find that "the waters have come up to my neck" (Psalm 69:1)? David knows that saint's fortunes because they are his as well:

**In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;  
the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;  
he is called blessed in the land;  
You do not give him up to the will of his enemies. (Psalm 41:1–2)**

You have a sure hope! Therefore, do not look for hope in your experiences or your emotions, which will portray for you the same bleak scene that David captures in Psalm 41:



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## NEWS & NOTES

### For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- Dale Brandt (cancer)
- **Dani Chapin (cancer)**
- Mary Lou Denny (cancer)
- Karen Feldes (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Charlotte Hundley (cancer)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- John Huss (brain tumor)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Mikaela Koch (cancer)
- Karen Kuhn (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)
- Jessica Luck (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorrette Marsh (cancer)
- Milroy Moses (cancer)
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- Bert Potter (cancer)
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- **Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)**
- Neal Wurth (cancer)



### For Military Service Men and Women:

Serving stateside: PVT, Casin Down-Wilson (KS Army National Guard), STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Lewis-McChord, Wash.), CPT. Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.) CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Campbell, Ky.), Caleb Schempp (KS Air Natl. Guard-Qatar), SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron), and **PFC, Nathan Wibe (Deployed to Kuwait - KS Army National Guard)**

**For Our Expectant Mothers:** Alaina Booth, Elise Christensen, Michelle Giangrosso, Marissa Lippe, Charisse Meier, Cassie Nichols, Amy Oestmann, and all other expectant mothers, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

### For the Sake of the Gospel:

For Vicar Nathan Harkins and his wife Tiffany, as they spend their vicarage year with us.

\*New additions to the continued prayer list are in **red**.

\*Please contact the Church office when a prayer can be removed.\*



## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

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- \* My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?" (v. 5)
- \* When one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while His heart gathers iniquity. (v. 6)
- \* Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. (v. 9)

Faith offers a better vision: despite all that binds and bruises and bleeds you, God *will* raise you up. He has raised you already! In Holy Baptism, God has "raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6). If you are *in Christ*, how can you sink? How can you fall?

Lent is the ideal time to meditate on David's ordeals and your secure position in Christ. Psalm 41 provides the ideal guide to your meditation. If the laments of Psalm 41 call to mind your numerous difficulties and need for deliverance, they depict even more clearly the work by which your deliverance has been won.

David "prophesied about the grace that was to be yours" and "searched and inquired carefully" concerning your salvation (1 Peter 1:10). And that salvation is this: the Son of David, by grace, "might taste death for everyone" (Hebrews 2:9).

Are the scheming enemies of Psalm 41:5 not the foes of Christ, who is sustained on His sickbed (v. 3) but the one by whose wounds you are healed (Isaiah 53:5)? Even the close friend of our Lord has lifted his heel against Him (Psalm 41:9). God be praised, all these sufferings are yours too! Or "do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death" (Romans 6:3)?

Because you are in Christ, you share in all things with Him, even the prophetic Word. David's vision in Psalm 41 has become your reality in Christ. In the day of trouble, the Lord delivers you; the Lord protects you and keeps you alive; you are called blessed in the land (see Psalm 41:1-2). Press on to know the Lord's suffering, death, and Word. As surely as the Lenten journey ascends to the victory of Easter, you shall be raised up.

In Christ's Love and Service,

*Pastor Joel Schultz*

## NEWS & NOTES

### Health Ministry



**FENTANYL** The Health Ministry invites you to be prepared for an accidental fentanyl overdose. You can order free for your Kansas home or organization through the following link: [www.dccca.org/naloxone-kitrequest-form/](http://www.dccca.org/naloxone-kitrequest-form/) If you are interested, we encourage you to order soon before supplies or the grant runs out. Any Questions? Please contact [Char Ludwig](#).

**Health Ministry need!** Please consider helping lead a grief and loss support group at BSLC. We are looking for a couple of people willing to host/lead. Training, materials, and support provided. We need someone with empathy and compassion to host/lead the group for a 12

week session, once or twice a year. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents for this need. Please contact [Pastor Schultz](#) or [Char Ludwig](#) for more details.



## NEWS & NOTES



# LENTEN & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14

Services at 12 pm and 6:45 pm

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SUPPER

February 14, 21, and 28

March 6, 13, and 20 Served  
from 5:30 pm – 6:20 pm

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

February 21 and 28,

March 6, 13, and 20

Services at

12 pm and 6:45 pm

Hymn sing at 6:30 pm

### HOLY WEEK

#### **PALM SUNDAY – March 24**

8:00 am Service with Holy Communion

9:30 am Education Hour

10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

#### **LESSONS AND CAROLS – March 24**

Service at TBD

#### **SEDER MEAL – March 26 at 6:30 pm**

Advanced reservation is required.

Please email the [office@bslcks.org](mailto:office@bslcks.org) to reserve your spot.

#### **HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY – March 28**

Services at 4:45 pm and 6:45 pm

#### **GOOD FRIDAY – March 29**

Services at 4:45 pm and 6:45 pm

#### **EASTER EGG HUNT – March 30**

9:30 -11:00 am

#### **EASTER VIGIL – March 30**

at 6:00 pm

#### **EASTER SUNDAY – March 31**

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service  
with Holy Communion

7:30 am – 10:30 am – Easter Breakfast

8:00, 9:30, & 11 am Easter Service  
with Holy Communion



Join us in February when the **Faith Alive (55+) group** will meet on **Saturday, February 11, at 4:30 pm in Room 114**. Pizza will be provided for the evening. Others may bring sides and desserts to share. Brad Keefe will share a topic from the book, "Joyful Aging", by Richard Bimler. We'll end the evening with some fellowship activities. Come for an evening of food, fellowship and fun! More info will be sent to those on our email list as the event gets closer.

Contact [Brad & Eden Keefe](#), [Randy & Jeanne Kanoy](#) or [Charlotte Hundley](#) if you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list.

## MISSIONS



**THANK YOU** for  
all the **HUGS!**  
We will be shar-  
ing the **Hats,**  
**Underwear,**

**Gloves and Socks** with our Fieldstone neighbors and Mission Southside. Your generosity will be a blessing to those who will feel the warmth of your donations. It feels good to give or get a **HUG!**



The **SUPER BOWL** is coming! We will have our annual soup challenge on Feb. 11 – Super Bowl Sunday. Watch for sales of **HEARTY SOUP** so you can vote for your favorite team. The soup will be given to Pioneer Trail Middle School and a local food pantry.



## MISSIONS



Planning is well underway for BSLC's Guatemala Mission Trip 2024, July 6-13. We have 19 members on our team: Pastor Ada, Beau Campbell, Nancy Jankowski, Joel Ada, Rachel Ada, Eric Schlef, Tim Schlef, Ava Morain, Cheryl Kerns, Michele Kerns, Michelle Wibe, Riley Wibe, Lisa Bahr, Zach Bahr, Richard Hainje, Ryan Wolff, Alexius Wolff, Carol Vandenberg, and Keegan Beisel. Eleven are new to this BSLC mission experience! Our projects will include VBS at El Divino Salvador and surrounding communities, chime lessons and health screenings for the school children, and church maintenance. Prayers are appreciated as we continue preparations to work alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in Zacapa.

We had a recent meeting with Mission Southside. We will now be a *Neighborhood Team* vs. a *Site Team*. There will be opportunities for more training and encouragement for our Team at Mission Southside as they strive to equip us with knowledge, understanding, and resources to minister to our neighbors and share the hope we have in Jesus (which is our main goal). We have been reaching out to our neighbors at Fieldstone for a more than two years and relationships *are* being built!



- Pray that in these personal relationships, we are able to extend help through HOPE in CHRIST.
- Welcome baskets are fun to put together for new residents each month, would you be interested?
- Would you be willing to put together a one-page flyer each week for the food boxes?
- Would you be willing to help with one of our upcoming events?

Please let [Vicar Harkins, Ann Campbell, or Greg Koontz](#) know if you would like to help or have any questions.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### LWML KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

Registration is now open for the 40th Biennial LWML Kansas District Convention. Our theme is Jesus is my Anchor based on *Hebrews 6:19-20a - We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.* District Convention will be held April 12-14, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Wichita. What happens at District Convention? There is opening and closing worship, election of officers, selection of Mission Grants and God's Gracious Gift Fund grants for the next biennium, Interest Session Speakers, Leader Development Sessions, Servant Events, Bible Study with Donna Snow and Saturday night banquet entertainment with Wendysue Fluegge. There is something for everyone, and it's a great opportunity to learn more about the mission of the LWML. Do not worry that you won't know anyone there - Beautiful Savior has many women involved at the District level that will be attending. Beautiful Savior can send three voting delegates. If you are interested in attending in that capacity, please speak to Christy McCombs. Details and registration form can be found in the Convention Registration issue of the *The Kansas Sonshine* at: [www.kansaslwml.org/2024-lwml-kansas-district-convention/](http://www.kansaslwml.org/2024-lwml-kansas-district-convention/).

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Preschool News



## 2024 CONNECTED NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Preschool and MDO classes celebrated our church's Lutheran Preschool during the last full week in January. Our theme was Connected, based on John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches." In the narthex we had a vine on the cross with children's pictures in the shape of grape bunches. Our daily themes were Connected to Jesus, Connected to One Another, and Connected to the World.




For Connected to Jesus, our pastors and vicar did "I AM" stations for Jesus in our new building to show that He is the Way, the Good Shepherd, the Light of the World, the Resurrection, the Bread, and the Vine. During Connected to One Another, we celebrated our school family by playing on the bounce house and slide and with our scooters. On our last day of the week, we remembered that we are Connected to the World by sharing food with Pioneer Trail Middle School's Backsnack Program and by watching videos about Heifer International, our current mission project for Chapel offerings. We had so much fun celebrating Beautiful Savior Lutheran Preschool with all the other Lutheran schools in our country!





# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

		February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Acolytes:	8:00 am	John Yarnell Olivia Travis	Blake Hughey Maya Hughey <i>Crucifer:</i> John Yarnell	George Delancy Isla Delancy	Nate Delancy Olivia Travis
	10:45 am	Hank Talmage Rowen Clark	Rowen Clark Britta Tripp <i>Crucifer:</i> TBD	TBD TBD	Aubrey Huseman Greyson Huseman
Greeters:	8:00 am	Bob & Karen Rinne	Beau & Ann Campbell	Chris & Michelle Wibe	Zach & Stephanie Gardner
	10:45 am	Scott & Angela Hodge	Barb Gossen & Carol Vandenberg	Brad Keefe	Brett & Bobbie Clark
Altar Guild	Doris Baker, Karen Benz Carolyn Clarke, Angela Hodge, & Jeanie Zeller		Deb Hodnik, Dana and Deb Froelich, & Mary Jane Rees	Nancy and Jim DeLaney, Debbie Johnson, & Gina and Tim Stoehr	Janette Copeland, Tiffany Harkins, Angela Hodge, & Rebecca McDonald
Education Hour Nursery:	Jason & Alli Bauck <i>Helping Hands :</i> Husemans		Jerod & Shelby Waldman <i>Helping Hands:</i> Riechers	Matt & Nicole Christensen <i>Helping Hands:</i> Baucks	Matt & Morgan Riechers <i>Helping Hands:</i> Husemans
Counters:	George Ledgerwood & Todd Scheumann		Eric Domsch, Todd Scheumann, & Bob Welsh	Brian Olson & Paul Peterson	Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle
Altar Flowers:	<i>In honor of Henley Holste's Baptism</i>		OPEN	OPEN	Ken & Shirley Knese <i>64th Wedding Anniversary</i>
	OPEN				OPEN
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am	
	Tom Bremer, Shannon Buckendahl, Jim DeLaney, George Ledgerwood & Terry West			Colton Clark, John Koetting, & Rick Vaughn	



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**THURSDAY  
MARCH  
7  
7P.M.**

 **CONCORDIA  
UNIVERSITY**  
CHICAGO

Christ at the Center

*Event is free & open to the public*  
*A freewill offering in support of the Wind Symphony will be received.*

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## Farmstead Treats Fundraiser Thank You Notes

*Dear Ladies of the LWML,*

*Thank you so much for the support you continue to show to me and my family. Thank you for organizing the Farmstead Treats. It is a huge blessing to us. Please keep us in your prayers as my final year wraps up.*

*In Christ, Josiah Schultz*

*Ladies of LWML,*

*Thank you so much for your fundraising efforts in support of BSLC members pursuing church work. It has been a great blessing each year. We know that managing the Farmstead Treats must a lot of work and are grateful for your commitment to support us with your efforts. Thanks again.*

*In Jesus Name, Vicar and Tiffany Harkins*



## ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
1/7/2024	415
1/14/2024	321
1/21/2024	380
1/28/2024	427



**Lutheran Hour Ministries** (LHM) is a congregational outreach ministry supporting The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and partnering churches worldwide. It is independently funded by generous Christians who want to spread the pure and powerful message of the Savior's love in their own communities and throughout the world. The Lutheran Hour is available on local radio stations. To find a station search [here](http://www.lhm.org).

Lutheran Hour Ministries has apps available for the Lutheran Hour and Daily Devotions through:



### Church Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**

8 am to 4 pm

**Friday**

8 am to 12 pm

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**Sunday Worship**  
8 am & 10:45 am,

**Sunday Education Hour**  
9:30 am

### Preschool Office Hours

**Monday — Friday**

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

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Growing in Jesus...

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
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### Mission

Connecting children and families to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.