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# Sanctuary

You are God's Temple

...God's Spirit Lives in You. 1 Cor. 3:15

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## Upcoming Events

**March 2022**

**Tues. Mar 1**  
Quilting 930-12

**Wed. Mar 2**

Ladies Bible Study 10  
Ash Wed Service 7 pm

**Sun. March 6, 13, 20, 27**

Worship 930 am  
Sunday School 1045 am  
Confirmation 4 pm

**Mon. Mar 7**

Elders Mtg 7 pm  
Support Group 7 pm

**Tues. Mar 8**

Church Council 7 pm

**Wed. Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30**

Ladies Bible Study 10  
Lenten Dinner 6 pm  
Lenten Worship 7 pm

**Sunday Mar 13**

Spring Forward!

**Tues. Mar. 15**

Quilting 930-12  
Christian Ed Mtg 7

**Thur. Mar 17**

Fellowship Mtg 430  
Ladies Night Out—Bunco  
6 pm

**Sunday, April 24**

Semi Annual  
Voters' Meeting  
11 am

## Lenten & Easter Worship Schedule

**Midweek Lenten Worship**

**Ash Wednesday—March 2**

Worship 7 pm

**Midweek Lenten Worship**

**March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6**

Dinner 6 pm

Worship 7 pm

**Palm Sunday, April 10**

Worship 9:30 am

**Maundy Thursday, April 14**

Worship—7 pm

**Good Friday, April 15**

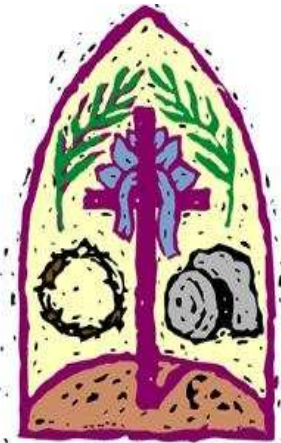
Worship - 7 pm

**Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 16**

9:30 am

**Easter Sunday, April 17**

Easter Communion Celebration 9:30 am



**Worship  
Schedule  
For Lent**



**Don't forget to change  
your clocks on  
Sunday, March 13.**

**EVANGELISM is Reflecting God's Love  
throughout each day in all walks of life.**

**LOVE GOD  
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**





## Pastor's Message

### A Lenten Journey with Joseph

Psalm 105:16–23

When he [God] summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free; he made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions, to bind his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom.

Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. (ESV)

Numbering fourteen chapters, the account of Joseph provides the longest section of Genesis (Genesis 37-50). No other character in Genesis has a longer account, Abraham included. These fourteen chapters bring Genesis to a conclusion, explaining why Jacob (aka "Israel") and his family traveled to Egypt, thereby setting the stage for the Israelites' eventual exit over four centuries later.

This year's midweek Lenten services will focus on this fourteen-chapter account. The six midweek sermons, extending into Holy Week and Easter Day, will highlight key moments in Joseph's life. About these key moments, one writer has observed that they consist of many downward/upward movements. One example: Joseph goes down into a pit and is lifted out. Another example: Joseph goes down to Egypt, is sold into slavery, and then is raised to second in command of Potiphar's household. Similar examples can be found within the fourteen chapters. Talk of going down and being lifted out is talk of death (going down) and resurrection (being lifted out), and therefore points to Jesus. It also points to us – those baptized into Jesus. The sermons will explore this "death and resurrection" theme found in Joseph's life in order to connect this theme to Jesus and to us.

Certainly not flawless, Joseph and his brothers will provide a thought-provoking journey this year during our "Lenten Journey with Joseph." The journey's stops are listed below.

Ash Wednesday, Mar 2 – "the Genesis of Joseph" Pastor Vern Lintvedt  
 Lenten Midweek 1, Mar 9 – "A Wondrous Silence" Pastor Perry Schefelker  
 Lenten Midweek 2, Mar 16 – "A Miracle of Miracles" Seminarian Nathan Nelson  
 Lenten Midweek 3, Mar 23 – "Wait for the Lord" Pastor Perry Schefelker  
 Lenten Midweek 4, Mar 30 – "Chased by a Dirty Conscience" Seminarian Matt Martin  
 Lenten Midweek 5, Apr 6 – "God Does Have a Plan" Senior Seminarian PJ Aarsvold  
 Holy Thursday, Apr 14 – "God Feeds His People" Pastor Vern  
 Good Friday, Apr 15 – "Forgiveness Finished" Pastor Vern  
 Easter Traditional (9:30 AM), Apr 17 – "A Promised Land Focus" Pastor Vern

P.S. Just a reminder that meals will be provided every Wednesday except on Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week. We're meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM.





## Chairman's Chat

Well, the snow and ice we had in the last couple of weeks of February has proven that Mr. Groundhog was right about winter not being over... BBrrr...

It is hard to believe it is March already!! I guess with February being a couple of days short, March comes faster than you think...

BSLC ended the month of February with a positive Operating Fund. THANKS to all of you for continuing the positive trend. As a church, we need to continue doing our part. Our mission from God is to be disciples and share the Gospel with everyone. Unfortunately, we cannot always do that without money. Thanks again!!

The Rolls 'n Goals meeting was held on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> with approximately 20 people in attendance. I want to THANK all of those who attended and helped with developing some church goals. I know it is not easy to attend a meeting on Saturday morning (or really any time), but this meeting was important. I thought we had a healthy and productive discussion and came up with some goals for moving the church from HERE to THERE.

The church goals will be focused around the 4 G's: Gather, Grow, Glorify and Go. We plan to discuss and work on the goals we came up in the Rolls 'n' Goals meeting during the March Church Council meeting on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Once we have developed the goals and ways to achieve them, we will present the completed plan to the congregation at the Spring Voter's meeting in April or earlier.

Speaking of the Spring Voter's Meeting, it is scheduled for Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (first Sunday after Easter) after the worship service. I am asking all of you to think about how you could use your talents by stepping up and joining one of the 7 committees or becoming a council officer (Chairman and Treasurer will be on the ballot). If you are interested in joining and/or need more information around a committee or council officer position, then please contact a member of the church council (look on the back page of the latest church directory – dated 7/29/2021). If you do not have the latest church directory, then please contact the church secretary, Nancy Schmidt.

That is all for now. Hopefully, this cold weather will turn into more spring-like temperatures soon!!!

In God's Name, Curtis Kuppler, BSLC Congregational Chairman



### Easter Activities

#### **Egg stuffing – Thursday, April 14, at 10 am**

The Christian Ed committee would appreciate donations of peanut-free candy, stickers or other items that can fit into a plastic egg and not be a choking hazard. There will be a container in the narthex to collect items through April 3.

The youth and anyone else who wants to help are meeting at church on Thursday, April 14, at 10:00 am to stuff eggs for the hunt on Saturday. It's always a fun, noisy time and many hands make for quick work.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 16, at 9:30 am** (rain or shine)

All children in the church and the community are invited to an Easter program beginning at 9:30 on Saturday, April 16. The program will include a puppet show, video, egg hunt, craft

and cookie decorating.

### College Care Packages

**ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS** – Please send the mailing address for any college student to [brockmeyerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:brockmeyerfamily@gmail.com). Don't assume we know who is in college or where they are. We don't want to miss anyone.

Help us encourage students during the last few hectic weeks of the semester. There will be a container in the narthex to **collect items through March 27**. Popular items in the past have been granola bars, fruit snacks, gum, microwave popcorn, post-it notes and highlighters.

### Sunday School Singing – March 27

The Sunday School children will sing in church on March 27. Ask your child to share the song with you

### New Committee Members Needed

To continue the education work of this church, new committee members are needed. The time commitment includes a monthly meeting (usually about an hour) and as many events as you can manage. Please consider sharing your talents with the youngest members of our congregation. Contact Lyndsey Sherman ([lshearn9298@gmail.com](mailto:lshearn9298@gmail.com)) or Donna Brockmeyer ([brockmeyerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:brockmeyerfamily@gmail.com) or call/text 618-977-6888).





The Fellowship Committee provides Fellowship among our congregation and through our community interactions. Fellowship provides Sunday Morning Treats for the Bible Study Class. If anyone else in the congregation is interested in providing treats for the Bible Class, please let the Fellowship Committee know.

Starting on Wednesday, March 9, we will begin the Lenten Dinners at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Following is the menu for each week:

Mar 9 - FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE-  
Lasagna, Bread and Salad

Mar 16 - WORSHIP & EVANGELISM COMMITTEES - Pizza and salad

Mar 23 - STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Chili and Fixin's

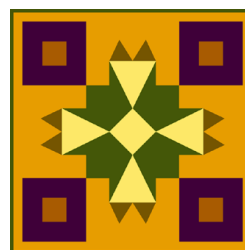
Mar 30 - ELDERS – Menu TBD

April 6 - YOUTH COMMITTEE- Spaghetti and salads

And Back again, we will be having BUNCO on the 17th of March at 6pm. Bring a Friend, Bring an appetizer and have some FUN!

Blessings,

The Fellowship Committee



Join the Lutheran World Relief QUILTERS on **Tuesday, February 1, March 1, 15 or April 5** starting at 9:30 am until noon, to tie quilts. The March 15 meeting is an additional one for March. (We don't actually quilt by hand. Instead we secure the layers by hand tying them.) Hope to see you there! Mark your calendar for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. If you have any fabric pieces, thin blankets, curtains, drapes, sheets, etc you no longer need, the quilters would love to recycle them into quilts.

## ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Calling All Singers!

Adult Choir will resume Mar 9, 2022 immediately following Lent Worship.

Where: Sanctuary

When: Wednesdays following Lent Services beginning March 9, 2022 (except for Mar. 30)

Done by 8:30pm

HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!



## Special Easter Music



# Stewardship CORNER



## God's Providential Care

*Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves, that we could not exist without those who have gone before us and are alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know that God provides for our well-being through these means.*

*He gives us farmers and ranchers of all sorts so that we can eat.*

*But more than that God created and gave us all the things that those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things, properties for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste and their nutritional value, we would not exist.*

*He gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments. Again, he gave us all things that go into making those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties that can be utilized for that purpose. Without God creating and instilling those healing properties into those things, and without God creating the ability within man to find this out and press it into service of our medical needs, we would not enjoy the kind of health we do now.*

*But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands: "Then Moses said to the people of Israel, 'See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.' " (Exodus 35:30–34)*

*And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands. And attached to those hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds in order to make those arms and hands move to accomplish the work set before us. And He has given us reason and senses. That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes as well as the accomplishments of others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us. So that everything we have AND everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

*But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. That He sent His son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. That He delivers that justification through the Means of Grace (Baptism, preaching, the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those Means of Grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Again, this could be expanded and expounded upon. So that literally everything that we have and everything that we are – in this life and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.*

*And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about – giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts. It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church. "For all this is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him" (Luther's Small Catechism, 16).*

*So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gift – for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not in word only but also in deed. – LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)*



# MARCH

## Birthdays

2 Sawyer Thomas, Ashlee Backhus  
 2—Barb Applegate, Mason Feldmann  
 7 Kristen Conrad  
 8 – Roger Miesner , Christy Carron  
 9—Kim Lloyd  
 10 – Alexa Drouin  
 12 – Dan Bowman, Bill Gass  
 13—Harry Russell  
 14 – Josh Lesire, Jayni Lintvedt  
 , Wesley Kovell  
 15 – Laura Schutte  
 15 - Emily Colvin-Garcia  
 15—Ben Siron

16—RJ Kinsella  
 16—Larry Gruhn,  
 18 – Jessica Schmidt  
 18—Karen Anders  
 20 Morgan Kjosa  
 23—Hannah Husemann  
 23—Brandon Rust  
 25—Jackson Brady  
 27 – Jon Rust, Sam Williams  
 29 – Keith Szolga, Chase Sterling  
 30 – Blake Bartimus, Zora Boggs  
 31—Abbie Willgohs



# MARCH

## Anniversaries

21 - Blake & Lynn Bartimus

We are sorry if your birthday or anniversary has been overlooked. Please call the church office, 632-0126 or email Nancy at [nancy@mybslc.org](mailto:nancy@mybslc.org) so we may add your name to our list. Thanks for your help.

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Every year Thrivent gives its qualified members Thrivent Choice Dollars which can be directed to a variety of charities/organizations. One of those organizations is our church, Blessed Savior.

Please sign on to your Thrivent account and direct your dollars. If you are unsure about how to direct them, please contact your Thrivent representative.

**DO NOT** let this free money go to waste, PLEASE direct your available Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31<sup>st</sup>.



### Complete Serenity

Many of us have heard the first part of what's called "The Serenity Prayer," attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. But we would do well to learn the rest of it as well:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking this world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen."





## A Prayer for Lent



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant

hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

## Our Stain Remover

From sanitizers and soaps to solutions and sprays, many products promise to eliminate germs and grime. Unfortunately, they often fall short. Just think how many items in your closet or kitchen have been ruined by stubborn stains.

What if we were that concerned about ridding our lives and hearts of sin? What if we spent as much time confessing and repenting as scrubbing and laundering? The good news is that with one "application" (the cross), Jesus makes us "whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7). Praise be to our unblemished Lamb, the perfect stain remover!

## Hands-on Reflection

While preparing props for a church photo shoot, I had to make a crown of thorns. In the woods, I found a long, wild, prickly plant that seemed promising. Just cutting a bit to bring home proved difficult, making me quickly question my decision to do this project sans gloves.

Once home, I worked the vines so they'd be flexible and not break when curved into a circle. That required finding multiple spots to grasp. Again, numerous finger pricks ensued. It wasn't until I formed the vines into a crown, however, that thorns started sinking into my skin and taking hold. Each shock of pain was an accident, but my focus remained intentional: I purposely tackled this endeavor bare-handed to glimpse what Jesus suffered on my behalf. The torn skin on my fingers was nothing compared to the gashes on my Savior's head. Working with thorns for a few minutes reminded me to be humbly grateful for what Jesus sacrificed to win my eternal salvation.—Julie Lee



## Jesus has Gone There First



Whether we gaze with longing into the garden or with fear and trembling into the desert, of this we can be sure — God walked there first! And when we who have sinned and despoiled the garden are challenged now to face the desert, we do not face it alone; Jesus has gone there before us to struggle with every demon that has ever plagued a human heart. Face the desert we must if we would reach the garden, but Jesus has gone there before us. —James Heal

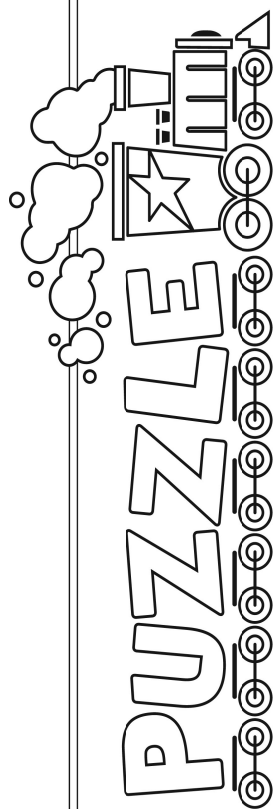
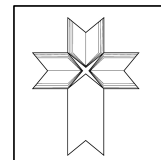


GOD IS FAITHFUL,  
AND HE WILL NOT  
LET YOU BE TESTED  
BEYOND YOUR  
STRENGTH.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13, NRSV



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## *A wondrous washing*

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

*Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.*

ETRC AE	_____	_____	out my transgressions (v. 1)
HS AW	_____	_____	away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEER OT	_____	_____	me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNER E	_____	_____	me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO	_____	_____	your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE	_____	_____	out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG	_____	_____	in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE	_____	_____	a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBT O	_____	_____	to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WHA	_____	_____	me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant