



Spring E-letter

FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor Mark Pavola



The Resurrection – Evidence or Foolishness?

As we have been studying the book of Revelation on Wednesday nights, it's been remarkable to see how the end times will be an obvious manifestation of the power and wrath of God. It's also clear that God will continue to give people an opportunity to repent and trust in Him. We have been taken aback with the fact that most people, even in the midst of God's plan unfolding in front of them, will still have hearts which remain hardened. They will consider God a tyrant and His Word foolishness.

It made me think of the resurrection of Jesus. This Easter season we will proclaim the truth that we serve a risen Savior! There is an overwhelming amount of evidence, both empirical and archeological, to show that the grave was empty on that clear, bright morning. For us, this truth gives us joy, peace, and a hope that is an anchor for our souls. Yet, for some who will join us on Easter Sunday morning, this message will sound like foolishness. It will sound like a crazy, old fable to many of them. Their eyes and ears are closed to the beautiful reality that the grave could not hold Christ down!

What do we do? We pray, we invite, and we pray some more! Each of us should be in prayer about who to invite on Easter Sunday morning. In my experience, when I pray, God will put someone on my heart to invite. Then, we pray for boldness to ask and for their willingness to come. Why go through all this work for people who may not respond? The Gospel still saves! Blinded eyes can be opened for the first time. Easter is the season when people are more likely to attend church and hear the Gospel than any other. If we had not trusted in Jesus, we would NEED someone to pray, invite, and pray – for us! Let's trust in the Gospel of Jesus that still saves. We serve a risen Savior!

The angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!" (Mark 16:6).

God bless you, Pastor Mark

FROM THE YOUTH PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor Tom Bush



"Hide and Seek" – A Life Changing Success

Each year in our youth ministry, we plan and prepare for our retreat with great anticipation of what God will do. Every year we know and expect that God will join us and be there in a powerful way through worship, messages, Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. This year our prayer was that the students would have open hearts to where God was moving. We prayed that students would be willing to be vulnerable, break out of their comfort zones, and seek where God was leading each one of them in their life. God answered our prayer!

We had 44 students attend the retreat, it was our biggest event of the year. The theme was "Hide and Seek," and we had messages centered around faith, truth, romance, friends, church, and family. We challenged the students in many ways and they responded by seeking and reaching for the power that God was providing throughout the retreat. Three students put their faith in Christ for the very first time! We estimate that 30-40 other students made personal commitments or dedications in their walk with the Lord as a result of the challenges we gave them. We heard countless testimonies of God's power at work. And the greatest testimony is the change we are seeing in the lives of the students since we returned.

We are blessed with some amazing students at Bay-side. And we are blessed with an amazing God that is faithful. When we seek Him and put Him first, He will take care of everything else! Praise God for His power, majesty, glory, and blessings!

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

In Christ, Pastor Tom

Easter Schedule:

Good Friday Service
Noon-1:00pm

Easter Sunday

8:00am
Breakfast—RSVP

9:00am
Worship Service

10:30 am
Worship Service

11:45am
Coffee Fellowship

**Each Week @
Bayside**

Sunday
9:00am Worship Service
10:15am Coffee time
10:30am Worship Service
11:45am Coffee time
6:30pm Sr. High Youth Group (9th-12th)

Monday
7:00pm Young Adults' Group (college/career age)

Tuesday
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Revelation Bible Study
Jr. High Youth Group (7th & 8th)
Amp (5th & 6th)
Good News Club (1st-4th)
Wee Seekers (4 years-K)
Nursery (0-3)

Thursday
6:30pm Men's Bible Study
6:30pm Worship Team practice

EASTER AT BAYSIDE

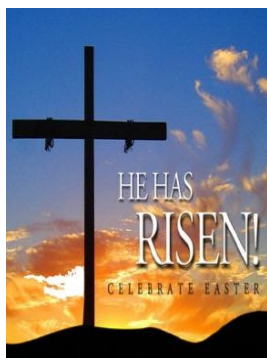
Easter is an exciting time of celebration at Bayside, and we invite you to join us! Our schedule will include:

✦ **Friday, April 6 at noon**—Good Friday Reflection Service: a quiet time of reflection and prayer led by Pastor Mark.

✦ **Easter morning services—9:00am and 10:30am.** We will offer two identical services this Easter. We encourage you to consider attending one service and serving at the other, as we will need ushers, parking attendants, greeters, nursery workers, and Children's Church teachers for both services.

✦ **Easter Breakfast—enjoy a sit down breakfast at 8:00am.** Please RSVP via your Connection Card, our website, or by calling the office. If you are willing to help prepare, serve, or clean-up, please let us know.

✦ **Coffee and treats** will be served following the second service.



SHARE THE GOOD NEWS THIS EASTER

Easter provides a natural opening to talk about Jesus. We encourage you to take advantage of this time of year to “give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15).

To assist you in this, we have prepared a small gift for you to give to those you would like to invite to church on Easter Sunday. These Easter invites will be available for you to pick up in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Sunday, April 1. You are welcome to pick up one or more ESV New



Testaments and/or door hangers filled with jelly beans, along with information about our Easter schedule. Please be prayerfully considering whom God may be leading you to reach out to this Easter season.

EASTER OFFERING

A long standing tradition at Bayside is the collection of a special Easter offering designated for a specific need. This year's offering will be used towards debt repayment for the flooring project. The balance owed is \$20,285. There are special Easter offering envelopes available at the Welcome Center, or you can clearly designate a check as “Easter Offering” before placing it in the collection plate.



LOTSA PASTA AND SILENT AUCTION

Please join us at this 2nd annual fundraising event sponsored by our Ukraine Missions Team on Saturday, March 31 from 5:00-7:00pm. Enjoy a delicious meal in an elegant setting. Along with a salad, pasta, bread, and dessert buffet there will be a silent auction with many wonderful items to bid on. We are accepting donations for the auction; if you have an item or service to donate, please let us know by Wednesday, March 28 (call Debbie at 715-394-6002 or 218-428-1106). Tickets will be available at the door; \$8 (13+ years), \$3 (6-12 years), and free (0-5 years). Funds raised will be used towards future youth



trips and Ukraine Team mission trips to our Sister Church in, Voice of Truth, in Ukraine.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to enjoy a free movie night at Bayside on **Friday, April 13 at 6:30pm.** Enjoy *Dolphin Tale*, a family-friendly motion picture, on the big screen. Winter the dolphin stars as herself in this movie which details her rescue and rehab after losing her tail in a fishing accident. Popcorn and beverages during the movie, and ice cream sundaes afterward, will be provided free of charge.



January Stats:

Monthly budget need:	\$30,773
Offering:	\$28,663
Expenses:	\$29,270
Attendance:	
January 1	260
January 8	376
January 15	264
January 22	354
January 29	310
Average	313

February Stats

Offering:	\$28,369
Expenses:	\$25,651
Attendance:	
February 5	326
February 12	331
February 19	335
February 26	334
Average	332

March Stats

Offering MTD:	\$30,561
Expenses MTD:	\$26,114
Attendance:	
March 4	301
March 11	269
March 18	384
March 25	359
Average	328

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY REPORT

By Mark Brookmole

We are hearing great reports from our small groups. People are beginning to find a place for true, Christian fellowship. If you have an interest in joining a small group, either now or in the future, please contact the office. We will be training and equipping a new group of leaders which should be prepared to begin early summer.



Our mission statement is, "As ambassadors of Christ, our small groups strive to glorify God and make disciples of Christ through intentional study of the Word, fellowship, the breaking of bread (aka-food!), and prayer."

I invite you to come and join in this exciting new ministry. Please contact me (218-341-1021) for more information or to get connected.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER



Our Prayer Team has been busy planning for new opportunities for the body at Bayside to join together in prayer. We invite you to join us as we gather on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00pm in the Library.** This time of corporate prayer will focus on the church, the community, and the persecuted church. Our first Circle of Prayer will meet on **April 4.**

GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION



Safety is everyone's responsibility! We encourage you to be aware of where your children and personal belongings (purses, keys, etc.) are at all times. Keep in mind that the church is open to the public. We also encourage you to lock your vehicles in the parking lot. Don't leave keys or other valuables in your jacket pocket if it is hung on the coat rack. There have been reports of increased theft in area churches so be alert.

MIX-N-MINGLE

All adults are encouraged to join us on **Friday, April 20 at 6:00pm** for a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) followed by a delightful musical program presented by the trio, Ambrosia. A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 18 via the website, or by calling the church office.



SHARE THE WARMTH

Join us for a "work day" on **Saturday, April 14 from 9:00am—5:00pm** to make items (from mittens to quilts) to donate to charities. Come when you can, leave when you must. Bring a lunch, and the supplies you'll need for your project. If you have a sewing machine and would like to learn how to quilt, we will teach you how to complete a quilt top in one day! For more info, call Cindy Rodriguez (715.395.1133).



E3 WORSHIP EVENT

Our Young Adults' Group is hosting an evening of worship. All are welcome to enter, engage, and encounter God at this night of powerful and passionate worship. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship afterward.



LADIES' PRAYER TEA—A SPRING EVENT



"A Cup of Prayer" is the theme for our Ladies' Spring Tea which will be held

on **Saturday, April 28 at 10:00am.** The program will include something for everyone - music, message, and a special gift, as well as a children's project during part of the program (recommended for girls 6 and up). Tickets are \$7 for women and teens (13+) and \$5 for girls (6-12); on sale April 15 and 22.

If you will graduate from high school or beyond this May (or did December 2011), please let us know. We want to recognize your accomplishment and don't want to miss anyone.



Missionary Love Offering

Thank you for your generosity to our 12 missionary families through our Valentine's Love gift. The offering total was \$2066.64!

Flooring Project Finances:

Total cost of project: \$43,000

Amount received to date: \$22,715

Balance due to our Journey of Faith Building Fund: \$20,285

Food Shelf items:

- Canned fruit
- Canned meats, fish
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Hearty soups/stew
- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter
- Boxed meal kits
- Canned pasta meal

Bring donations on Communion Sundays.

Let us know if you have a need.

BAYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
3915 N. 16th Street, Superior
baysidesuperior.org
715.394.6002

Quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck

Join us at noon on **Sunday, May 6** in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner (bring a dish or two to share) followed by our second quarter Business Meeting.

Agenda items to include:

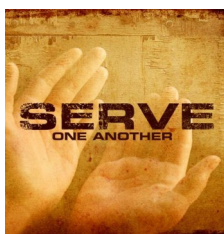
- Election of 2012-2013 Nominating Committee
- New members



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We have openings for volunteers in the following areas:

- Ushers
- Welcome/Hospitality
- Drivers — provide rides to/from church on Sundays and Wednesdays
- Office — receptionist (1/2 day once a week)
- Children's Church teachers and helpers
- Nursery workers to fill a rotating schedule on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings
- Bakers, servers, and coordinator for Sunday morning coffee time
- VBS leaders and helpers
- Sound and computer technicians (training provided)
- Visitation Team members



If you are willing to help, or would like more information, please contact the office for details.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Thursday, May 3 is a day designated for prayer for our nation. Watch for information regarding opportunities at Bayside that day.

Special Meetings:

Thursday, March 29, 6:00pm (Kitchenette)
Administrative Board meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 6:30pm (Library)
Deacon Board meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 5:00pm (Library)
Prayer Team meeting

Sunday, April 22, 12:15pm (Library)
Church Board meeting

Sunday, May 6, noon (Fellowship Hall)
Potluck and Quarterly Business Meeting



WOOD LAKE BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP INFO

With summer just around the corner, we hope your child is planning for a week at Wood Lake Bible Camp in Grantsburg, Wisconsin. The camp offers recreational activities including a fully-equipped waterfront, awesome worship and speakers, and fun times with friends. The theme this year is **“Superheroes; Our Identity in Christ!”** For schedules, prices, and registration materials, please pick up a camp brochure at the information table in the foyer or go to woodlakebiblecamp.org. **For a \$20 early registration discount, your form and \$50 deposit must be postmarked by March 31.**



Bayside has a scholarship program to assist our families in sending their children to camp. Forms are available in the office and are due by June 1. There is a memory work and service project requirement, so check it out now!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

I ♥ VBS Join the team as we plan for VBS 2012 to be held **June 11-15 from 5:30-8:00pm**. We will begin each evening with a dinner for the family. Watch the bulletin for the date of our first planning meeting which will be coming soon. Everyone is welcome! Planning areas include: curriculum, crafts, decorations, games, food, publicity, music, specials, drama, and clean-up.

THANK YOU DRESSER FILLERS!

From the Superior Life Care Center—“Thank you so much for choosing to bless two young moms with dressers full of baby clothing and care items. These dressers are a powerful gift to women in crisis pregnancy who choose life instead of abortion. In our counseling, these dressers help us to have tangible evidence of our words, ‘We are here for you.’ Thank you for so generously partnering with us in this ministry of Life.”



Saturday, May 12
7:30am—Fellowship Hall
Good Food and Fellowship
Relevant Message