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Harvest Time

PASTOR DAVID WAGNER



The month of August was an exciting time for me as a kid. I grew up on a farm and it was during this month that the wheat was normally harvested. All the planning, the preparation of the soil, the planting and spraying for weeds was geared towards the harvest. During the growing and harvest season, there were some things that would cause some worries for farmers. Hail and wind could knock down the stalks of the grain. Rain could delay the time of harvest as well as impact the quality of the crop. It was a relief for my dad when the crop was in the grain bins or brought to the elevator. There was still work to be done in the fields. But the work after the harvest was not as pressing.

Many of the people at Beautiful Savior are familiar with farming. I believe that can help us understand many of the things that Jesus said about the work he has called us to do. In the Gospel of John (4:35), Jesus declares, "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."



The harvest Jesus speaks about is bringing souls into the kingdom of God. It involves us giving witness about our Savior, baptizing and teaching others about the love and will of our heavenly Father so that they will not perish, but have true life now and forever. And just as in Jesus' day, the opportunity for harvest is great.

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Ministry Opportunities

September will soon be here. To help BSLC with planning for the fall, we are taking registrations for Sunday School. Fall registration forms can be found in the lobby/narthex of our building.

We also to our members to help us carry out our mission. There are various positions and opportunities for you to help us out. Information on what is needed and sign up sheets for various ministries will also be available at our church. Prayerfully consider how God might use you this fall.

New Website

We have updated our website as well as moved it to a new location on the world wide web. We invite you to check out our new website at:

www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com



OUR MISSION

is to share God's message,
to grow in our faith,
to love and serve others.

(Pastor Dave's article — from first page)

Think about it: You and I have been given a marvelous privilege to be ambassadors for our God and Savior, Jesus Christ. And just as we have been the recipients of God's free gift of salvation, we can share the message of that gift of life with others. There is no greater work we can do.

I encourage you to continue to grow in your relationship with God through regular worship and receiving of the Lord's Supper. I pray that you would get into the Word of God personally and with others. I ask God to open your eyes to see the opportunity for you to impact others who have no church home. Invite them to worship with you. Don't be afraid to share with them the blessings that you have because Jesus is your Savior. And also pray that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts so that they grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Harvest time for small grains begins this month in the Red River valley. But remember and work for God's harvest throughout



all the year. For there will come a time when it ends. By God's grace, I pray that God would work a plentiful harvest among and through us.

God bless our harvest!

Pastor Dave



**Your works are
wonderful,
I know that
full well.**
Psalm 139:14

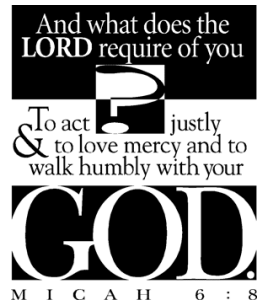
(On January 22-25, the congregations and pastors of the North Dakota District will be meeting for a convention in Grand Forks. What follows is a devotion prepared by Rev. Bernard Seter.)

The Church as "Mercy Place"

The theme for the North Dakota District convention is "Now You are the people of God." It comes from the second chapter of First Peter, which is Peter's exhortation to Christians to live as the people of God among the pagans. Not long after the theme verse Peter says:

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."

That exhortation only makes sense to those who are the people of God and know it because they "have received mercy." The church has always been a "mercy place" and sought ways to show God's mercy to others because of mercy shown to them in the doing and dying of Jesus. One Roman governor writing a report to his superior said: "In our Roman cities the streets are filled with beggars and the homeless, the crippled and the poor. Wherever the pagans (read Christians) are influential this is not so. How can this be?"



We pray that our district in convention will focus on helping us all to make our churches truly "mercy places" not only in words but in deeds.

Prayer

Lord, our heavenly Father - whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; not to be served but to serve - as our district gathers in convention, we pray that you help us follow our Lord and also seek ways that we as a district and as individuals blessed by Christ may be of service and truly live as the people of God. We pray for our faithful pastors. We beseech you to bless all who, following in Jesus steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow men. Endue them with wisdom, patience and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall; that, being inspired by your love, they may worthily minister in your Name to the suffering, the friendless and the needy. Make us signs of your kingdom as we seek to give back the mercy that You have bestowed upon us. Make us kind and compassionate for the sake of Him who laid down His life for us, your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Card Showers

Everyone likes to get mail – especially when they are not feeling well - so BSLC members have an organized card shower for two very special people. The idea is that these people will receive a card from someone every day. This may also include your children's participation, pictures they have drawn or colored, notes written in their handwriting...use your imagination. If you would like to take part, please call Mardi Schlichtmann at 235-6383. You can coordinate a date with her when to SEND the card. Let's fill up baskets of well wishes for both Kim Wagner (Pastor Dave's wife) and Suzanne Waldvogel (Pastor Chris's mom) with your help! Thank you!



FirstChoice Clinic Life Walk

"Equally Unique" is the theme for FirstChoice Clinic's ninth Annual Life Walk, Saturday, Sept. 24, at Lindenwood Park in Fargo. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., with coffee, apple cider and donuts. The walk is a two-mile walk, beginning at 9 a.m. and finishing by 10 a.m. Participants walk at their own pace; this is a non-athletic event designed for the whole family. Walkers are asked to pick up a walk brochure and collect pledges for their walk. Walkers may receive information to register as a walker by calling 237-5902 or online at teamfirstchoiceclinic.com or by e-mailing info@firstchoiceclinic.com. Walk brochures can be turned in the morning of Sept. 24 at the walk site.

The Walk representative from our church is Pastor Chris. Please talk to him for more information. Walk brochures are available in the church lobby. FirstChoice Clinic a non-profit faith-based pregnancy resource clinic (celebrating 27 years in 2011) which provides life affirming support for mothers and families experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Donations may be made by going to teamfirstchoiceclinic.com. This is our second year for walkers to set up their own web page, where they can set their own goals and send messages to people who sponsor them! Try it – it is easy and fun!



Kitchen Circle meets Aug. 4

The ladies will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4, to clean up the kitchen. Extra hands are always welcome. It only takes an hour or so.



Birthday Party for Gordy

Gordy Swanson will be celebrating his 70th birthday Aug.

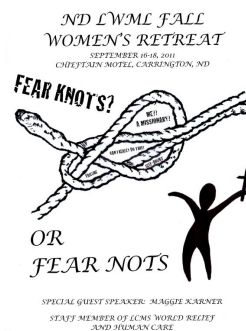
7. There will be an open house from 2-5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Coffee and refreshments will be served. There will be a short program at 3 p.m. put on by some of the children and grandchildren. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special day with Gordy.



LWML Fall Retreat

In Scripture, our Lord tells us to "fear not" for He is with us. But do you ever have "Fear KNOTS" when he asks you to serve Him?

Come to the annual LWML fall Women's Retreat and learn how we can overcome the KNOTs and "Fear Not." The retreat will be held the weekend of Sept. 16-18 at the Chieftain Motel, Carrington, ND. See your LWML unit president for registration and more information.



Recycle Postage Stamps

Bring in all the postage stamps from your mail. Don't cut them - just bring in the whole envelope and put in the box outside the office. The money we receive for stamps goes to missions.



Baptisms

July 14 - Kade Alex Hegseth, son of Paul and Heidi Hegseth, who was born June 7, 2011. His sponsors are Candice Hegseth and Kyle Rogahn.



July 24 - Harper Jane Larson, daughter of Daren and Kala Larson, who was born July 13, 2011. Her sponsors are Robert and Greta Backstrom.

July 24 - Mayom Deng Mapur, son of Daniel Mapur and Elizabeth Makuei, who was born Dec. 8, 2010. He was baptized at the Sudanese worship service.

Weddings

July 25 - Joshua Olthoff and Krista Losinger



BSLC Coffee Club

BSLC members continue to meet at 9 a.m. every Friday. It's a time for fellowship and getting to know other Beautiful Savior members. This is for both men and women of any age. If you are free any Friday—please join us at the Village Inn, 3140 25 St. S., Fargo.



New Member Corner

BSLC welcomes Amy Spoor to our church. Amy has transferred in from Park Rapids, MN. The warm welcomes and greetings she received from our members and how our church focuses on God's word helped her decide to transfer here. She has a cousin, Melanie Nichols, who also attends here. She likes to go for long walks and be outdoors in the summer, visit her family in Park Rapids, read western fiction and Christian inspirational books, attend movies and having group prayer with friends. Her favorite Bible verse is 1 Peter 1:24-25 as it reminds her that apart from God, she can do nothing and that the Lord will never change and His Word will always remain. She is single, loves dogs and would like to get involved in our Bible studies this fall. Amy, our church is glad to have you here!



Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, August 17

Have a new recipe to try? Bring it to our Gold Club potluck to share with others at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 17. This is open to anyone 55 or older or retired. It's a fun time to visit and get to know one another!

Stewardship Article

(From our Synod)

Many people look forward with excitement to months with special occasions or celebrations. But for some people, August seems to be one of those months when there is not much to celebrate. Major League baseball players refer to this month as the "Dog Days of August."

Life is like that. Not every day, week or month is as exciting as some others, but each one presents another opportunity for service. Redeemed stewards look for opportunities to make the most of time because time is an important gift from God. Making the most of time can take us in a number of different directions. Included among these directions are time for meditation and reflection, time for rest and time for planning ahead.

God's Old Testament people sometimes grumbled about getting the Sabbaths over so they could get back

to selling wheat, skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales...(Amos 8:5) Rather than observing the Sabbath as a day of rest, reflection and worship, they saw it as a wasted day.

Perhaps August has been given to us from God to use like a Sabbath rest. ***God's redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, manage all of life and life's resources [including time] for God's purposes.*** Other life resources include

money, relationships, abilities, care of our bodies and creation, sharing the Gospel of salvation in Jesus and so much more! Let August be a reminder that we are God's stewards 365 days a year and we live freely and joyfully as His stewards in August as well as the other eleven months of the year. Have a refreshing and blessed August!



Faith blossoms under shade of family tree

Pastor Chris



One of the major concerns facing the church is the exodus of its young members. Even here at Beautiful Savior, we are left scratching our heads sometimes, asking ourselves: "why do kids disappear after confirmation?"

Some say maybe the church should adopt a totally different confirmation program – one that is "current and dynamic." While I believe we should (and do) offer material that keeps our kids engaged, nowhere in Scripture do I remember Jesus calling us to be entertained by His words. Last I checked, His call was to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. Last I checked, He asked us to die to the world so that we can live for God – thanks to the forgiveness and freedom won on the cross.

So here is something that might surprise you: In my experience, limited as it is, the youth who are involved and stay involved in the church are the ones who have parents who are involved and stay involved in the church. Parents have an enormous impact on the way their kids view faith and its relevance to their lives.

Please do not think that I am dismissing the role of the Holy Spirit and how He works mightily through Word and Sacrament. Please do not think that I am saying the church does not share in the role of helping children grow in faith. But the church can only do so much. Pastors and Sunday school teachers have about two hours a week with kids – and that's if those kids are coming every week. Parents, however, affect and influence their children each and every day.

When families make faith an integral part of everyday life and walk according to the way the Spirit empowers them, kids take notice. If families only make faith and church something they do with vigor during the confirmation years, is it any wonder that the kids see faith as a three-year program? On the other hand, a family with an identity firmly rooted in Christ raises kids in the same mold.

The Bible tells us to "train a child in the way to go and even when he is old, he will not depart from it," (Prov. 22.6).



Likewise, Paul encourages fathers to bring up their children in the "training and instruction in the Lord," (Eph. 6:4).



Perhaps you as a parent do not know where to begin in making faith part of your family's everyday life. To this end, I would encourage you to use some sort of family devotion. This

helps to bring your family together emotionally and spiritually. One such resource can be found at www.faithmoments.com. This web site offers faith-building activities for the whole family, parenting helps and tips, educational tools and resources and weekly animated devotions. Materials are appropriate for preschool-aged kids to those in fourth grade.

Although parents do not create faith in their children, they certainly can create an environment in which faith is nourished, encouraged and fed. Indeed, faith can blossom when under the shade of the family tree.

Pastor Chris

Bible Study on Second Samuel 7-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings

The Tuesday evening Bible study continues to explore portions of Second Samuel. This book of the Bible focuses on how God worked through David. And even though David sinned, God's faithfulness to His promises worked out so that all the world would be blessed through Jesus Christ, the descendent of King David. This study is set up so that you can join in at any time.

Interested in children's ministry?

A team from Beautiful Savior will be traveling to Zion Lutheran Church in Bismarck for a children's ministry conference from 2:30-6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7. We will be leaving directly for the conference around 11 a.m. All are welcome to come network and gain ideas for how we can continue to enhance and grow the children's ministry here at Beautiful Savior. For more information, please see Denise Doeling, Dawn Thompson or Pastor Chris.





Opportunities to Help



The entire state of ND is in need of volunteers to assist with the clean-up of homes and congregations affected by 2011 flood waters.

If you would like to help in areas affected by the Souris River flooding, call 218-443-4970 to register from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Monday-Saturday and 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm Sunday.

If you would like to help in Burleigh/Morton Counties or other parts of ND affected by flooding, call 800-950-2901 to register from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday-Thursday and 8:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday.

If you have access to the internet, you can skip the phone call. Go to www.lssnd.org and complete the Clean-up Volunteer Form and fax to 701-298-7763.

Volunteers 16-17: parental consent and adult supervision *required*.

Individuals 18 years of age or older, or groups are encouraged.

Should have an updated tetanus shot.

Housing will be provided if it is needed, although campers and tents are welcomed.

If you are coming for a day trip, bring sack lunches and coolers of water so you stay hydrated!!!

Tools that would be helpful to bring, but not required, would include (make sure these are labeled):

Rubber boots/rubber gloves

Goggles or safety glasses

Brooms

Pliers

N-95 masks (minimum) or any mask that has 2 straps on it

Work gloves

Hammers

Large buckets

Wonderbars or crowbars

Lutheran Disaster Response ND is a program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota.

Grace Lutheran School News

The Grace Lutheran School Board is pleased to announce that Jean Syverson has accepted the role of principal for the 2011-2012 school year. The intent of the School Board is to give Mr. Krupski adequate time to heal from his injury, and they have every intention of working with him in the future as his doctors allow. Welcome back, Mrs. Syverson! In the meantime, Mr. Krupski loves having visitors and getting out of the house; he welcomes a chance to get "out and about" with friends. He is still very committed to the mission of Grace Lutheran School and will continue to attend events as he is able during his recovery! Please call the school to get his contact information.

A preschool open house will be held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4. We are rolling out our new morning preschool and afternoon childcare program this year, and are happy to have our new teacher, Jenica Boelter, on board to get things moving!

School is right around the corner, but we still have a few open spots for your preschool to eighth-grade students! We'd love to show you around and tell you about the wonderful things we have going on at GLS! Call 232-7747 for more information.

Have you seen our new website? We've redesigned it to make finding information easier. Check us out at www.gracelutheralschool.org. Give us your opinion regarding the site. Suggestions can be e-mailed to marketing@gracels.com

Are you a GLS fan on Face book yet? This is a great way to find out what is happening and check out pictures of current activities! We have many GLS alumni on the site, and they are sharing their stories of their time at GLS as well! Find us at www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranSchoolFargo



Harlan and Esther Wallum Scholarship Fund

Are you thinking about where you or your children may go for college? Consider one of our LCMS universities. Grants are available to assist youth and adults who wish to begin, continue or advance their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available from the church office.

Youth Praise Band

Our Youth Praise Band will practice will be from 7– 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Aug. 2, 16, and 30. If you have any questions , please call Ramsey at 866-5403

August Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities



Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 7-8:15 p.m. – Destination Unknown for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 7-8:15 p.m. – Creation/evolution Bible study

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Tuesday, Aug. 9 – Zone Lakes Day. High schoolers are welcome to join us for a day in the sun at Detroit Lakes. We will leave around 10:30 a.m. and return around 6:30 p.m. There will be jet skiing, wake boarding, boat rides, swimming, games and Bible study. Cost is \$15 for transportation and gas for the recreational vehicles. Also plan to bring money for lunch and a pizza supper. Please fill out a form and turn in to Pastor Chris.



Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Lutheran Family Night at the RedHawks. All families are invited for a picnic and RedHawks game for the special discounted price of \$7 -- thanks to Thrivent Financial. The picnic begins at 6 p.m., with the game starting at 7 p.m. Please see Pastor Chris if you are interested.



Sunday, Aug. 21 – Back to School Bash and BBQ. All junior and senior high students and their families are invited for a special summer wrap-up activity at Lindenwood Park from noon to 2:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and join us for fellowship, games and information on upcoming youth activities for the fall.

Tuesday, Aug. 23 – Family Day at Thunder Road. All families are invited to join us for a short devotion and fun at Thunder road from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 a person, which will get allow you to do three attractions. Please fill out a form and let Pastor Chris know if you will attend.

Saturday, Aug. 27 – Faith and Family Night at the Vikings. Football is back, so let's celebrate! Everyone is invited to travel to the Cities to catch a preseason tilt between the Vikes and Cowboys. We will leave together from Beautiful Savior in a bus at 1 p.m. On the way, there will be trivia, games and prizes. Dinner is on your own. Cost is \$50 per person, which covers ticket, bus ride as well as pop and snacks on the bus. Please See Pastor Chris or Tim Deitemeyer for more information.



Upcoming Servant Events

TBD – Help Rebuild Minot. High schoolers and adults are needed for a servant event trip in mid-August, tentatively from Monday, Aug. 15, to Saturday, Aug. 20, to help St. Marks in Minot and its members. More than 80 St. Marks families have been displaced due to the severe flooding. Electricians, carpenters and construction workers are needed to help during this trip. Materials also are needed, including sheet rock, floor boards and other materials. Please see Pastor Chris if you think you can help.



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Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris
are available by appointment

Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and
third Sundays of each month.

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Elders are assigned families based on last name

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