

JANUARY 2011

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Time for Joy—Time for Cheer

PASTOR DAVID WAGNER

My wife and I had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. We pray that your season was merry and bright as well. Now the holiday is over—or is it? The word "holiday" is a combination of two words: holy and day. Originally, holidays were considered sacred days because of their association with some special event or celebration. While we have holidays, which are associated with national events, the major holidays (Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving) are religious in origin. This reality is reinforced in our congregation by having special worship services on those days. But if the truth be told, every day is a sacred or holy day for Christians.



While every day we experience God's blessings and have the opportunity to worship him, Christians throughout the centuries have set aside Sundays as a time when we have the opportunity to worship with other believers. Therefore, every Sunday is a weekly holiday. My prayer is that each of you would consider each Sunday as a holiday, too—a time for joy and cheer.

The main reason to worship is God.

As the new year begins, we encourage all of our members to worship regularly. We are asking that you consider every Sunday as a time to experience God's grace through the Word and Sacraments in worship. We are praying that every week you would gather together with other Christians to offer your prayers, offerings, and praise to God as well as your love, support and encouragement to your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Now I realize that there are many reasons that can be given for not attending worship. But as the new year begins, I would like everyone to focus on the major reason for worshipping regularly rather then on reasons for not worshipping. The main reason to worship is God. It is our relationship with Him, along with the blessing of fellowship with other Christians, that we worship regularly. The joy of this reality is expressed often in the Psalms. Here is but one example (Ps. 122:1):

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

God is great. Life can be challenging. We have the opportunity to regularly receive the grace of God and the fellowship of others in worship. I encourage you to have as a new year's resolution to worship regularly so that you may grow in your faith and be blessed in your life. Remember that you don't have to wait too long to celebrate the next holiday. Sanctify every Sunday. Let that day be a time for joy and a time for cheer.

God's blessings be with you in the new year!

Parter Dave

Have You considered Grace Lutheran School?

One of the blessings we have in our community is the opportunity to send our children and grandchildren to a Christian day school. Grace Lutheran School provides that with the added blessing of having a strong Biblical and Lutheran basis in all that it teaches and models.

Even though the beginning of the new school year is months away, we encourage you to

consider this option if you have children.

Margot and Isaac Wagner getting ready to begin their first day of classes in 1991. Abram also came to school that day to wish them good luck.



Join Our Adult Choir

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Through music, we are able to glorify our God. Through Christian hymns and songs, we are also able to encourage one another. Beautiful Savior has a marvelous choir and the choir has a fun time practicing. We are always looking for more people to join us. Consider this your invitation to join. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. Contact Ramsey Dahl, our director, at 237-9009 for more information.

New Look for Our Newsletter

Our Newsletter has a new name and a new look! Thank you, Catie Knudson, for taking time to re-design our look. A new option - get your newsletter via e-mail instead of in the mail. Just let the office know that you would like to get the electronic version. Thank you!

An Experiment: Offering Three Worship Services on Sundays

If all goes as planned, Beautiful Savior is hoping to offer three worship services beginning at the end of February or the beginning of March. The times for these worship services would probably be at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

For the last couple of years, the number of people attending the first worship service has increased. It is not uncommon for the ushers to set up extra chairs in the back so that people have a place to sit. It is great to have a church packed with worshippers. However, it also means that we are at capacity and we are unable to grow at that service. What the elders and the pastors are proposing and what has been discussed with the church council, is that we offer three services on Sunday morning for a couple of months and evaluate how things go. We realize that this will impact our Sunday school and adult Bible study, which we will still have. But the opportunity to provide more space as well as an added worship time is something we feel is worth trying.

More information will come out about our plans in February. If you have some comments about what we are planning to do, please contact one of the pastors or an elder.



Thank You for Your Generosity

The pastors of Beautiful Savior would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for all the generosity and kindness shown during the Christmas season. We truly appreciate all your prayers, cards, gifts and expressions of love and appreciation. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. May God continue to bless our work together as we continue to share the Gospel of Christ!

Pastor Dave

Pastor Chris

Christmas Poinsettias 2010

Poinsettia Placed by:

Don and Sandy Andersen Roland and Jeanne Barchinger

Muff and Linda Brandt Muff and Linda Brandt Brad and Lois Cogdill Patricia Denchfield Gerald and Joan Fiechtner Mike and Pam Grothman Ed and Carol Herrmann Lloyd Jemtrud Rod and Deanna Kensrud

Dennis and Penney Kroshus The Nordstrom Family Brad and Pam Palmer Joe, Lori, Ian and Evan Pytlik

Dave and Kim Scheer Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann The Thielman Family Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner Lisa, Harrison and Brooklyn Wiest

Poinsettia Placed by:

Diane Berggren

Muff and Linda Brandt Muff and Linda Brandt Sue and Steve Buth Mike and LeAnn Herrmann The Kraus Family Danny and Diane Lee Terry and Margie Opp Mark and Kay Osman

Joe, Lori, Ian and Evan Pytlik Gary Stende Family Gordy and Loretta Swanson

Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner

Pastor Chris and Jamie Waldvogel Our families









In Loving Memory of:

Ben and Helena Andersen Our daughters-Donna, Jeanne and Cindy Ken Brandt Kurt Krogen Brad's brother-Larry Cogdill Ray Denchfield Our parents and our brothers Pam's father-Ray Denchfield Donna Jemtrud Donna Jemtrud Departed parents, brothers and sisters Our parents

Auntie Charlotte and Kristopher Pam's dad-Bob Peterson Grandpa Loren Thalmann and great grandparents David Jr.

Grandpa Paulsrud Audrey Gill

Randy and Audrey Christianson Daddy Keith Wiest

In Honor of:

My parents-Don and Mildred Stout Doris Brandt Chuck and Dottie Krogen Our son Jeremy Our families Our parents and grandparents Our families Our families Our children-Sarah, Beth and Marcus Our family Pastor Dave, Pastor Chris and

Marie Hagen and Shotty Stende Vicki

Isaac, Margot, Lucas and Abram



Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Jan.19

Tired of watching it snow? How about attending a potluck lunch with others from BSLC. If you are 55 or older, or retired, bring your favorite food to share at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 19. Enjoy good company and good food!

LWML News



Thank you

to everyone who purchased gifts for the Giving Tree of Hope. Our congregation provided gifts for 35 people. Thank you to all those who provided a poinsettia for the Christmas season.

There will be no LWML planning meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 13, at noon. Please plan to join us for a luncheon and meeting. Please bring ideas for mission and human care service projects.

In Appreciation

It's so hard to find the words that emphasize what a wonderful congregation BSLC has. I so



appreciate all that you do for me here in the office. You are all very special people. Thanks to all of you for all you do. May God bless you all and give you a wonderful 2011!

Vicki Peihl



Baptism

Koltyn Richard, son of Breann Cross and Max Dorsher, born Sept. 29, 2010. Sponsors are DeAwna Cross, James Cross and Charles Cofield.



Quilting

Here's a way to get out of the house during the long cold days of January. Come to the church on Monday, Jan.10



and 24, for quilting. Bring any fabric and other sewing materials you can and a sewing machine if possible. The quilters make it a fun day. Even non-sewers can help by cutting out squares and tying knots.

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.



Take Down Decorations



On Saturday, Jan. 8, volunteers are needed to help take down our Christmas decorations. Come to the church about 9 a.m. if you would like to help.

Valley's Largest Baby Shower

Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life during January! Be part of 'The Valley's Largest Baby Shower'. New baby items are needed for FirstChoice Clinic's 'Earn While You Learn' parenting programs: diapers (size NB, 2, 3), wipes, clothes (0-12 month) baby books, toys, bibs,



pacifiers, bottles, baby healthcare and grooming kits, lullaby CDs and Hornbacher's gift cards. Drop items off at any Hornbacher's. New this year - you can ask about giving opportunities in our local Christian bookstores. Our sponsors are KFNW Life 97.9, Faith 1200, and Hornbacher's Foods. Questions? Call FirstChoice Clinic at 237-5902 or go to teamfirstchoiceclinic.com.

Thank you to...

Ramsey and Lyndell Dahl for coordinating and directing the 2010 Christmas programs for all ages. Their time and dedication to these special programs are noticed and appreciated. The children did great, had fun and created memories. Thank you for a job well done!

To our dedicated Sunday school teachers who work with our children teaching them God's love.

Donna Cerroll and the "crew" who faithfully come in every month to assemble the newsletter and get it ready to be mailed out.

Our organists - Mary Seiffert and Carol Bunge - for the wonderful music during worship.

The kitchen circle ladies who decorate and keep the kitchen organized.

Our janitor Rachel Chelsey who keeps our church neat and clean.

Memorials & Gifts for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

If you would like to give such a gift to the church for perhaps either the building or music fund, it is greatly appreciated. You can make a note on your check or call the office if you have questions.



Audrey and Randy Christianson (Kim Wagner's parents)

From:

Rev. Dave & Kim Wagner



Opportunities to get into God's Word and enjoy Christian Fellowship

Sunday Morning Bible Study "Come and See"

(A look at God, Jesus and Ourselves Through John's Gospel) Beginning on Jan. 9 9:50—10:45 a.m.

The Gospel according to John is one of the most fascinating books of the Bible. It invites us to look at Jesus from different perspectives and challenges us on how that is to change our lives now. This study meets between worship services right after our Sunday morning fellowship time. Bring your own Bible and join us in the fellowship hall as we rediscover God and ourselves.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study A Look at Proverbs

Beginning on Jan. 18 7 - 8 p.m.

The book of Proverbs gives practical and godly advice on how a child of God should live. It explores many topics as it seeks to help us grow in wisdom. We invite you to join us for this study. The book of Proverbs and this study is arranged in such a way that you can benefit from it even if you are unable to attend every class. We encourage you to bring your own Bible to this study.

Business Builders Lunch

Noon on Friday, Jan. 21 Basie's at the Ramada

Take an hour away from work to refresh your mind and body at a Bible study luncheon. Our Business Builders group will meet from noon-1 p.m. on Friday,



Jan. 21, at Basie's at the Ramada in Fargo. Invite co-workers and friends to join us. We all benefit from the interaction and perspectives of others. If this is your first time coming - that's great! Even if you can only come occasionally, (like most of us) it will still be worth your time.

Fireproof Couples Study Resumes Sunday Evenings

Never leave your partner behind!
Learn how to strengthen your
marriages through the various
"fires" that erupt in life. This seven-week study
based on the movie "Fireproof" will meet
from 6-8:30 on Sunday evenings on Jan. 9
and 23 in the fellowship hall. Potlucks will be
part of the study every week, and on-site
childcare will be provided for a nominal fee.
For more information, see Pastor Chris.

Guest Missionary

On Jan. 16, Rev. Ken
Bunge will share the work
he does with Lutheran
Bible Translators. He and
his wife, Carol, live in
Moorhead with their highschool-aged son, Chris.
Ken's LBT assignment is
to assist with the Old
Testament translation in the



LBT LUTHERAN
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TRANSLATORS

Chaldean language. This project is a partnership with Aramaic Bible Translators in Detroit. Chaldean peoples from the Middle East are now scattered throughout the world.

The mission of LBT is to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts.

New Member/Discovery Class On Thursdays beginning Jan. 20

7 - 8p.m.

This class reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. While we encourage those desiring to join our congregation to attend this class, we also invite members to come. It is a great study for everyone and provides an opportunity to grow in understanding who is our God, what does for us, and how we are to live in light of God's grace.

"We've got Spirit; yes, we do! We've got Spirit; how 'bout you?" PASTOR CHRIS WALDVOGEL

In high school, I often kicked cabin fever to the curb by attending varsity basketball games. The fanfare of competition carried an allure that would convince any young man to venture out, for we all craved the chance to support our home team.

Yeah, right! Truth be told, we flocked to the game to see which girls would be attending. Upon arrival, we tended to scope out the situation, and if possible, get nestled into a perfect place where we could sit by friends and still see all the action. But as you yourself might remember, distraction always settles as a clinging companion in the teen-age mind, so the game was easily forgotten.

Then a shout would ring out to bring us back: "We've got spirit; yes we do! We've got spirit; how 'bout you?" With just a short sentence, the cheerleaders ironically had taken our minds off girls (most of us, anyway) and reminded us we were there to cheer on the St. Charles (Mo.) Pirates!

The call was an invitation and a taunt at the same time: "We've got Spirit; yes we do! We've got spirit; how 'bout you?"

Pretty soon, the gym would be rocking with noise as the opponents' section would answer the call, mimicking and issuing the challenge back to us: "We've the people of God into one body under our risen Lord. got Spirit; yes we do! We've got spirit; how 'bout you?"

Before long, every man, woman and child had risen to their feet, cupped their hands to their mouths, and were joining the antiphon. Then came a screaming assertion from both sides: "We've got more! We've got more! We've got more!"

As the cheer united the crowd, I found myself re-invested in the game at hand, if only for a short time until the shout would ring out again.

The Christian life can be a lot like that. Because we are sinners, we can become easily distracted, happily forgetting about how Christ has died and risen for us, ignoring the glorious fact that he has set us free from the dark masters of sin and death.

It may seem at times that we have no spirit because of our corrupted nature. And when we sin, THE Spirit does depart. But then through Word and Sacrament, THE Spirit always returns to speak to us, refocusing our minds and reinvesting our souls on the life-giving and life-changing fact that Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ has accomplished salvation.

Jesus taught that "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you," (John 14:26). We Have THE Spirit; yes, we do!

This same Spirit then invites, encourages and empowers us - as new men and women in Christ and in view of God's mercy, "to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" as a spiritual act of worship, (Romans 12:1). We have THE Spirit; yes, we do!

His voice speaks with clarity and power, uniting As Paul writes, "we are members together of one body, sharing together in the promises of Jesus Christ," (Eph. 3:6). We have THE Spirit; yes, we do!

God has established the preaching and teaching of His Word, along with Baptism and the Lord's Supper as promised places where the Spirit works. As you begin a new year, know that the Spirit cheers and brings you to repentance and new life, calling to mind the things of God, not the distractions of this world.

Joint North Theological Conference Jan. 13-14, 2011

All laypersons, commissioned ministers and pastors are invited to attend the conference and banquet at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, Jan. 13-14, 2011. LCMS President Matthew Harrison is the conference and banquet speaker. Discussion will be on the Church as the Body of Christ and include topics like:

- Where are we? Where do we go from here?
- How does the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod impact an unbelieving world?

- How does the local congregation show mercy outside her walls?
- How does the Church Life together impact the Church and the world?

Cost is \$40 before January 1, 2011, and \$50 after January 1, 2011

Register online at www.regonline.com/911837 You may also attend only the banquet for \$25 by registering at www.regonline.com/911919

Preter Chris

Family Game Night Slated for Jan. 22



Kids of all ages and their families are invited to bring their favorite game and a treat to share from 6-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 22, for Family Game Night. We will have a Bingo game with big prizes available! There is no cost for this event, and all are welcome! If you would like to donate a prize, please see Pastor Chris.

Family Ski Day set for Feb. 5

All families are invited to hit the slopes for a family ski day Saturday, Feb. 5, at Andes Tower hills near Alexandria, MN. We will be leaving Beautiful Savior at 8:15 a.m. Meals are on your own. There is a restaurant at the chalet, or bring a sack lunch. Remember to save some money for supper on the way home. Cost is \$20 for a lift ticket if



bringing your own equipment; Cost is \$36 total if renting skis or \$46 total if renting a snowboard. Please fill out a form before Jan. 30 and turn into the church office.

January Youth Events Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Jan. 5 – No Youth Group!

Wednesday, Jan. 12 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Scavenger Hunt and Magi Bible study

Wednesday, Jan. 19 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Destination Unknown

Wednesday, Jan. 26 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Sanctity of Life Bible Study

JESUS Rocks

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Saturday, Jan. 22 – Family Game Night: Kids of all ages and their families are invited to bring their favorite game and a treat to share from 6-8:30 p.m. for Family Game Night. We will have a Bingo game with big prizes available! There is no cost for this event, and all are welcome!

Friday, Jan. 28 – Junior High Lock-In: All sixth-, seventh, and eighth-graders are invited for another exciting lock-in from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. planned by our senior high. There is no cost to attend.

Saturday, Feb. 5 – Family Ski Day at Andes Tower Hills: All families are invited to hit the slopes for a family ski day in Alexandria, MN. We will be leaving Beautiful Savior at 8:15 a.m. Meals are on your own. There is a restaurant at the chalet, or bring a sack lunch. Remember to save some money for supper on the way home. Cost is \$20 for a lift ticket if bringing your own equipment; Cost is \$36 for renting skis or \$46 if renting a snowboard. Please fill out a form before Jan. 30 and turn into the church office.



Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events



Sunday, Jan. 16 – Dinner for the Gladys Ray House: All junior and senior high youth are invited to help cook a warm meal for the residents of the Gladys Ray Homeless Shelter in Fargo. We will be cooking at church in the early afternoon, and delivering the meal around 5:30 p.m. Join us in this effort to show the love and hope in Christ to the less fortunate.

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Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment

Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

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