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## BSLC Call Process Update

A call committee has been formed and the call process is under way. The committee met with the North Dakota District President Arie Bertsch to gain insight on the direction and expectation as we follow the call process. The call committee is now meeting on a frequent basis with our next meeting tentatively set for July 10. Our next step involving our congregation is a congregational self study. You may be asked to take part in a survey and provide feedback regarding our church and its ministry. Please use this as an opportunity to provide suggestions, ideas and insight. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to one of the elders or anyone on the call committee. The members on the committee are:

Denise Doeling – Board Chair  
 LeAnn Herrmann – Board Vice Chair  
 Craig Hashbarger – Board Treasurer  
 Dave Anderson – Head Elder  
 Paul Asche – Elder  
 Adam Tykwinski - Elder  
 Nathan Gannon - Elder  
 Chuck Hoge – Congregational Representative  
 Joan Fiechtner – Congregational Representative



Happy 4th of July!



## Patriotic Worship Service July 4

You are invited to attend a patriotic worship service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1000 14 St. S., Moorhead. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, inside the church. After worship, join others on the lawn of the east side of the church to watch the MSUM fireworks show. Cookies, ice cream and prizes will be handed out.

## Worship Service This Summer

Summer is always so busy with vacations, going to the lake and other weekend events. If you are gone over the weekends, come to our mid-week worship at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Also show your support of the church by mailing in your offerings or sign up for our Simple Giving program. Call the office for more details or to fill out a form.

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

# What Does It Mean To Be Part of a Church?

I heard the term “church shopping” recently and regret church membership has taken on such a consumerist bent. As a consumer, you make many choices, and those choices come with increasing personal choice! “Have it your way” marks today’s mindset of extreme personalization.

But joining a church does not fit into this category.

When we come to a church as a consumer, thinking only about what the church can provide, we miss the deeper meaning of what it means to belong to a church in the first place.

Of course, we are dependent on the church for our spiritual health and well-being; indeed, for faith itself given through the Holy Spirit working through the means of grace, Word and Sacrament. We are not so much keeping the faith as being kept in the faith.

But as Paul writes to the church in Ephesus to encourage mature discipleship, he doesn’t focus on fierce independence and personal choices, he likens the members of the church to members of a body:

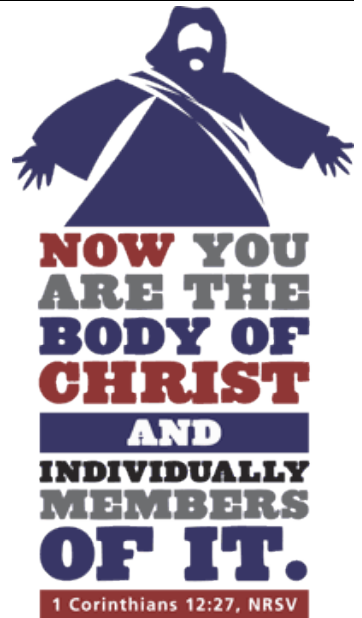
“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” Eph. 4:11-16a.

Our place in the church is not just as individuals but instead as part of a whole. Each part has a function to fulfill, with specific and particular gifts that one brings to help the body function properly and effectively. The body needs all members functioning together. In fact, Paul makes the case that each member is indispensable. The body cannot and does not work properly without all its members working together. An eye cannot say, “let somebody else see for the body. I will remain idle.” And if members war against one another, it harms the entire body.

But how many of us view church membership in this way? When we come to church as a pure consumer, our view of the church always highlights what others can do for us instead of seeing that God has joined us together for a specific purpose. That purpose is not our own edification and savage appeasement but to “attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of Christ.” We do this not by following our own whims and fancy but as instruments of our head, Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge of Him and building up one another in love.

As we move forward in the coming months, consider your place in the church. Consider how God may use you to build up others in the church. Consider giving generously of your time, talents and treasures, building up others as you have been built by the love of God in Christ Jesus.

You are not a consumer here, you are a members of His body!



*Pastor Chris*



## The "Beautiful Garden" Update

The Beautiful Garden at Beautiful Savior is going great! Plants are beginning to sprout and grow. The gardening group has routinely met Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and intends to do so throughout the remainder of the gardening year. We have had some hard work, fellowship and fun. This is our first trial run and will hopefully become an annual event where we grow in size and numbers. A big thank you goes to Thrivent for providing a \$250 grant.

If you are interested in helping this year, it's not too late. Talk with either Jennifer Krause at 287-8627 or Tim Deitemeyer at 793-2220. Or let them know that you will join in the fun next year. Our hope is to expand and grow to accommodate as many Beautiful Savior members as we can in future years.



**And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. Genesis 1:11**



## Baptisms

June 11 - Trygve Harold Thomassen, son of Ole Thomassen and Angela Torgerson, born July 12, 2014. His sponsors were Frode Tilden and Bryan Ackley.



June 25 - Remington William Teague Olson, son of Isaac and Sarah Olson, born Oct. 26, 2015. His sponsors were Ethan Olson and Stacy Doerr

## "Christ Above All" LWML Convention Update

The LWML convention "Christ Above All" was held June 22-25 in Albuquerque, NM. There were many prayers, Bible studies, speakers and fellowship times shared among the more than 4,000 in attendance.



Carol LeMier and Loretta Swanson from BSLC were among 31 North Dakota women who attended. Some of the exciting results are: a 2.75 million mission goal set for the next two years; the 1.8 million mission goal for the past two years was surpassed (The mission goal is funded by the mites that are collected from all of the LWML groups throughout the United States), a new logo was introduced and an exciting 75th diamond dazzle celebrating 75 years of the LWML was held on Saturday evening. If you want to hear more, talk to either one of these ladies. Yes! "Christ is above all!"

## Gold Club Potluck Wednesday, July 19

Are you young at heart yet retired and/or older than age 55? Do you wonder what Gold Club is? It's a time for all our older BSLC members to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and have fun. In June we had a trivia time on Independence Day. What will we do in July? Hope you take time to come and find out. Bring a dish to share and join us at noon Wednesday, July 19.

## Quilting

Do you enjoy getting together with other women? BSLC will offer quilting and fellowship from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 13 and 27. Even if you don't sew, you can tie, cut or help sort material. Please bring any materials you want and a sewing machine if you can. This is open to all women of the church. Bring a friend or two if you want!



## July Service Group

Barb Moser is our captain for July. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters O-R. She will call you asking for treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Our August group will be S with captain Maggie Stende.

## BSLC Coffee Club

Every Friday, BSLC members gather at 9 a.m. at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. Take time to get to know other BSLC members. This is for both men and women of any age.

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## Summer Bible Studies

### Sunday Sermon Questions Comments and Answers

Sunday Mornings

Join us for an informal Bible study from 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. The study is intended to allow for more feedback, participation and engagement from the congregation regarding sermon proclamation and content. Your feedback and insights are important as God's Word does its saving work among us!

### "Angels and Demons"

7 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Many believe that angels and demons are not part of reality. However, the Bible firmly teaches the truth that angels and demons have interacted with humans throughout history. Bible studies will share the truth about angels and demons using God's errorless Word. Join us on Tuesdays July 11 and 18, to learn more about these creatures and the implications for us today.

### "Women of the Old Testament"

Women's Bible Study  
6 p.m. Mondays and  
9 a.m. Thursdays

The Old Testament women were just ordinary people who had to make critical choices that led to extraordinary outcomes. This study will help us understand the far-reaching consequences of your own everyday choices and actions.

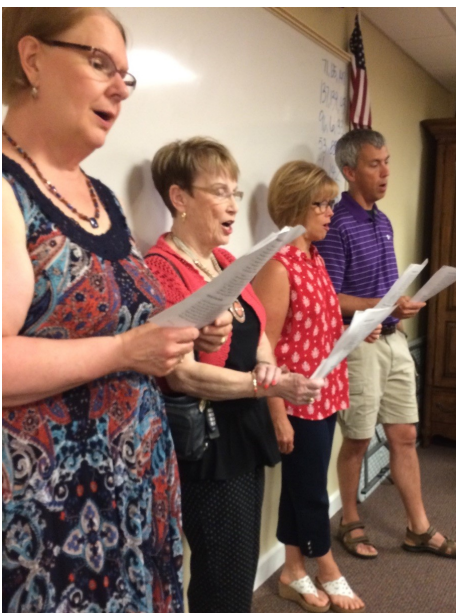


## Loose Change Sunday, July 31

"Loose Change Sunday" is held the fifth Sunday of the month. The LWML will be collecting your loose change that day. Also please bring your mite boxes to church so those coins can be sent on to North Dakota and national projects. See article on page 4 to learn more about where the mites dollars are used.

## In Appreciation

Thanks to all our members who keep the building and grounds looking so nice, for those who help with newsletter assembly, for those who furnish our music each week, for those who set up communion and for those who do many other needed tasks around the church. You are all greatly appreciated!



## LWML Sing-a-long and Root Beer Floats

The LWML hosted a sing-a-long and root beer float social on Sunday, June 11, at the Good Samaritan Center, Fargo. A great time was had by all our members and the residents who attended.



## Cigarette Butts Find Final Resting Place

BSLC has installed a smoking receptacle located on the east side of the building. We would like to keep the main entry smoke free but still want to accommodate those looking for a place to go if they do smoke. Please direct anyone who smokes to the east side of the building where we have the proper receptacle to dispose of cigarette waste. Thank you to Mary Seiffert and Beth Gustafson for coordinating this effort.

## Keep the Church Updated

Have you gone from a land line to cell phones? Are you moving this summer? Do you have a new e-mail address? Please let the church office know of your changes so correspondence from the church will still be received by you. The church pays out money for all returned mail. Thank you for keeping the church updated!

## Weekly E-mail Updates

Do you get the church's weekly update via e-mail? On Thursdays or Fridays a short blurb is e-mailed out to our members to keep them informed of upcoming events. If you are not getting our blurbs, please let the office know your e-mail address. You also can get the church newsletter via e-mail.

## Donations for Wittenberg Lutheran

Due to the great desire that has been expressed by people to the North Dakota District Board of Directors about the continuing ministry at UND in Grand Forks, your help is needed to support this ministry. The roof repairs of the Wittenberg Chapel will cost \$47,900. The church needs some updating with the flooring, countertops and painting. Rev. Mark Buchhop will be retiring in August, and a new pastor will be called to fill his position. With all the changes, all LCMS church members across North Dakota are asked to donate money to this important ministry. Donations can be mailed to the District office, PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106. Thank you for your support.

## Thrivent Financial Redhawks Game and Picnic

You are cordially invited to a Thrivent Financial Night at the Redhawks with Steve Asche as your host. For only \$10, you will enjoy a picnic meal of



pulled pork sandwich or hot dog, chips and pop; and a ticket to watch the Redhawks take on the Kansas City T-Bones. The game will take place at Newman Outdoor Field, 1515 15th Ave. N., Fargo, on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Please call the church office by July 13 to reserve your ticket. You may pay by cash or make a check out to FM Redhawks. You must pay by July 13. Tickets will be available for pickup the week of July 31.

## Memorial Donations

Ingo and Daria Dutzmann donated money to purchase an apple tree in memory of Bill Sharpe, our former District executive, whose office is in our church.

## "Simply Giving" Program

Do you want an easy way to give to the church without hassle? Through our "Simply Giving" program, members can choose to have their offerings to the church automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. It is simple to sign up for or to change your deductions at any time. Contact Vicki at the church office for the forms to set up these types of donations.



## "Fun Factory" VBS

Thank you to everyone who took part in our vacation Bible school in June. There were 70 children registered this year for our "Fun Factory" VBS, with average attendance being around 50 each night. The kids had a great time learning how God had crafted each of them. A big thank you to all who donated supplies, who made and served meals and snacks, who led and helped with the children each night and to Pastor Chris and Bobbi Hestdalen for organizing the week-long event.



## July Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, July 5 - No LYF

Wednesday, July 12 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, July 19 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, July 26 - No LYF

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Thursday, July 13: Tubing Trip on the Ottertail River.** All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to our annual tubing trip. We will meet at Beautiful Savior at 9 a.m. for Bible study then travel to our destination. Please bring \$13 for transportation and shuttle rental. Also bring extra cash for lunch at Detroit Lakes and ice cream on the trip back to Fargo. We will return around 6 p.m. We can make alternate arrangements to return earlier, if needed. Please fill out a form and turn into Pastor Chris if interested.

**Sunday, July 23, through Friday, July 28: Encounter Camp.** All Beautiful Savior students who will enter grade 8 or above should consider attending Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Join us as we encounter God through word, world, worship and recreation encounters. Make new friends. Learn basic leadership skills. Spend time being fed by God's Word in a camp setting! Beautiful Savior also has scholarship money available to help offset the cost. See Pastor Chris for more information

### Save the Date

**Saturday, Aug. 12: Senior High Lakes Day** - Soak up some rays with fellow senior high students as we explore God's word in Bible study before hitting the lake. Jet-skiing, wake-boarding, swimming and sunning will be part of the day. More information will be available closer to the date.

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9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Pastor Chris also is available by appointment.

### Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 9 a.m.

Wednesday worship at 7 p.m.

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

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