



March 2011

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OUR MISSION

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

Remember
Daylight Savings
Time begins
March 13!

Three Sunday Morning Worship Services to Begin on March 6

Beautiful Savior is undertaking a bold journey this month. We are moving to three worship services on Sunday morning. We are doing this so that more people would have the opportunity to be blessed in their relationship with Jesus and others through worship.

Sunday Schedule beginning March 6

8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

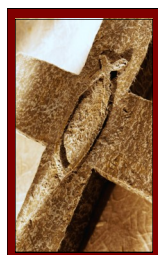
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Sunday School and Bible Study
will be held from 9:30-10:20 a.m.

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
Let us shout aloud to the
Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him
with thanksgiving and extol him
with music and song.

Psalm 95:1-2



Midweek Lenten Services to Begin on March 9

We encourage you and your family to join us on Wednesdays to be renewed and rejuvenated in your faith during this Lenten season.

Lenten Schedule

6-6:45 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Suppers

7 p.m. Lenten Worship Services

(See page 2 for more information on Lent)

Be a Friend to Others

March has been designated as "Friendship Month." Throughout this month, it will become clear that we have a friend for life in Jesus. But our prayer for this month is not only that we would all grow in our relationship with Christ, but also that we would be a friend to our neighbors, coworkers and family who currently have no church home.

The fact that Jesus is the best friend we could ever have is not something to be kept to ourselves. God has commissioned us to take this Good News to the whole world—beginning in our homes and in our own community.

Therefore, we ask you to:

- Pray for the mission of our congregation,
- Befriend your neighbors and coworkers that you may be able to speak to them about Jesus,
- Ask God to give you guidance and power in your life and for the opening to invite others to our worship or some other church event, and
- Come regularly to our worship services and bring others with you.



Growing Families

PASTOR DAVID WAGNER

Since August of last year, my wife and I have been looking forward to this March. It was at that time our daughter announced that she and her husband were expecting. The child, a boy, is expected towards the end of this month. With the expected birth of a grandson, I was reminded that families grow and expand. It happens in our earthly families through marriage, birth and adoption. It also happens with church families.

Beautiful Savior is a family. We are made up of brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, it is only through Jesus that we become part of our heavenly Father's household. This impacts us in many ways. I would like to discuss two of them.

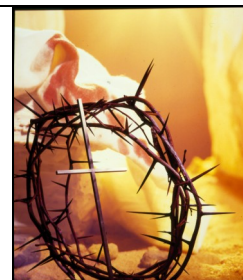
Because we are brothers and sisters in Christ, we are to be loving in our words, thoughts and actions of others. This caring of one another is to flow from the care, compassion and love we have already received from God. It is to flow out of our faith in Him. This is not always easy. I know . . . I grew up with five brothers and two sisters. Nevertheless, the love of God compels us to be loving to all – especially our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The other thing God would have us remember is His desire for growth. The mission we have is to be the Lord's ambassadors so that others might come to know the love of Christ and live as a beloved child of their creator and redeemer. While this is something that we are to do every day, we have set aside March as "Friendship Month." We are asking members to be more deliberate when it comes to witnessing their faith and inviting others to worship. Also, with the addition of another worship service on Sunday morning, we pray that it will be easier for more people to attend. Our hopes are that this will help God's family grow among and through us.

Brother in Christ,

Pastor Dave

Life Together— Midweek Lenten Series



Christians have always had to confront the mindset in society. Throughout history, and even in our own country, there are times when the mindset of the community is more in line with what the Bible teaches as right and wrong. But there are also other times when the thinking is more at odds with basic Christian beliefs. To ignore the mindset and culture of our community is to risk irrelevance. To accept the culture uncritically is to risk syncretism and unfaithfulness. Every age has had its people who have retreated into bunkers and every age has had its eager-to-please Christians who have tried to reinterpret what the Bible teaches according to the latest intellectual and cultural fashions.

Our Lenten worship services will address some popular assumptions we find in our society today. Such as:

Ash Wednesday, March 9 "Life's Better in My Hands"

Hand your life over to someone else? No way! "Life is better in my hands." Hmmm... Jesus teaches us, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Wednesday, March 16 "I'm Being True to Myself"

But do you really know who you are? Really? Jesus says, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Can we know what we're doing if we don't know who we truly are?

Wednesday, March 23 "This is it???"

Jesus promised the thief, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." Is this just some "pie in the sky" wishful thinking? Since life is short, shouldn't we expect the best here and now?

Wednesday, March 30 "Who Am I?"

Jesus said to Mary, "Woman, here is your son," and to John, "Here is your mother." Do you bristle when people make claims on your life? Claims on your life can help you answer the question, "Who am I?"

PRAISE ON THE PRARIE Battle of the Praise Bands 7 p.m. on March 20

Held at the Fargo Theatre, this inaugural event is a major fundraiser for Friendship, Inc. As a private, non-profit organization, Friendship, Inc. has served people with developmental disabilities since 1974. Friendship creates opportunities and strengthens communities by providing ongoing support to more than 250 people in the Fargo, Grafton, Cavalier and Park River communities.



The five churches selected to participate are as follows:

Beautiful Savior Lutheran
Olivet Lutheran
Peace Lutheran
Prairie Heights Community
St. Joseph's Catholic

The event will start at 7 p.m. with door opening at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available for \$15 (children 12 and younger, \$10) at the door or at area businesses including: Melbergs, Family Christian Store, Rainbow Shop, Hurley's Religious Goods, Madam Butterfly, Zandbroz variety, participating churches and all area Hornbacher's stores.

For information, call Amelia Doll at 701-293-2973 or e-mail ameliafelz@catholichealth.net.

Grace Lutheran School Enrollment & Re-enrollment For 2011-2012 has begun

Registration has already begun for the next school year. We encourage families to prayerfully consider sending their children to Grace Lutheran School. Help with tuition assistance is available for members. To receive a break with the early registration fee, applications for enrollment need to be in by April 1. Also, to receive congregational assistance, you need to submit an application for tuition assistance to the church office by March 1.

Feel free to visit the school on the Web at: gracelutheranschool.org



Dress-a-Girl Party 6 p.m. March 17

All women are invited (your help is needed) to assist in making pillowcase and T-shirt dresses for girls in orphanages in Kenya. District President Jim Baneck, Bill Sharpe and several other men from North Dakota are involved with Project 24--building orphanages--and this is a great way to send some gifts of love to Kenya. Please bring sewing machines, scissors, one yard of 45-inch colorful fabric or colorful NEW pillowcases and T-shirts, 1/4-inch elastic, lace, two-inch bi-fold binding, rick rack trims and an appetizer or a snack to share. If you are unable to attend, please bring any of the items to the box in the hall at church. Talk to Loretta Swanson or Rhonda Hoge if you have any questions. Thank you.



VBS Volunteers Needed



Vacation Bible School is coming in June to Beautiful Savior, and we need your help. Crew leaders, decorators, craft leaders and drama leaders are needed. "PandaMania" is this year's theme. Please let God work in you to bring a first-class VBS to bear. Please see Pastor Chris, Denise Doeling or Dawn Thompson to help out.

Voters' Meeting & Potluck Sunday, March 27 Beginning 11:45 a.m.

Our spring congregation meeting will kick off with a potluck lunch on March 27. After the meal, around 12:30 p.m., our voters' meeting will begin. Besides regular reports, elections will be conducted for these positions:

Congregational Chairman;
Vice-Chairman; three Elder positions;
Director of Stewardship, and
Director of Outreach.

Weddings

Sheila Koser and Hoadley Harris on Feb. 11, 2011.



THANK YOU From Pastor Chris

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all those who sent, cards, gift and well-wishes for my 40th birthday. It is truly appreciated. My family continues to be grateful for the congregation's love and support and look forward to our continued service to you and our work together in Christ.

Pastor Chris

New Wee Worship Bags



New "Wee Worship Bags" were made and assembled by Kim Wagner and Lauralee Oenick. We are grateful for their efforts. If

you have young children or grandchildren, we encourage that you check them out.

Recycle Postage Stamps

BSLC needs your 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. It's amazing how quickly funds add up.



Harlan & 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.

Kitchen Circle meets March 3

The kitchen circle ladies will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 3. If you have an hour to spare that day, stop by and help out. The coffee pot is on and there might be some fresh rolls or bars to enjoy!



BSLC Coffee Club



BSLC members are meeting at 9 a.m. every Friday at Village Inn. It's a time for fellowship and for getting to know other Beautiful Savior members. Men and women of all ages are invited to stop by.

If you are free any Friday—join us at 9 a.m. at the Village Inn, 3140 25 St. S., Fargo.

Quilting Thursdays

There will be quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 10 and 24. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and your sewing machine, if possible.

Haven't tried quilting? Here's your chance to see what it all entails! You are welcome to come for an hour or stay all day! All ages are invited!



Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, March 16

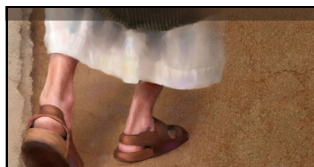
It's finally March, and spring can't be too far away! Come join our Gold Club members for some delicious food and serious visiting on Wednesday, March 16. Try a new recipe or bring an old favorite to share.



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

Sunday Morning Bible Study "Come and See"

9:30 -10:20 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 from 9:30—10:20 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Bring your own Bible and join us in the fellowship hall as we rediscover God and ourselves.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

7 - 8 p.m.

Every Tuesday evening, we offer a Bible study. We are concluding the study of Proverbs before we will move on to a new study. The studies on Tuesday evening are 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, March 18

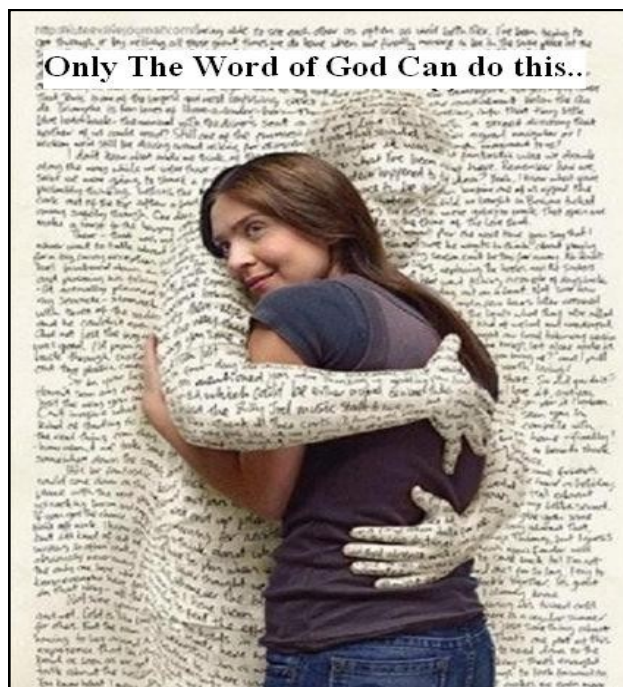
Basie's at the Ramada

Take a break from work and attend our business builder luncheon and Bible study. Our group meets from noon -1 p.m. on Friday, March 18, at Basie's at the Ramada in Fargo. Bring a co-worker and a friend 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.

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Place for
Bible Study

Help the Sudanese Sunday afternoons 12:45—1:45 p.m.

We are looking for some people to help the Sudanese community with teaching Sunday School. Please talk to Pastor Dave or Pastor Chris if you are interested or if you would like more information.



Men's NetWork

The Men's NetWork is designed to help men grow in their faith. It offers versatile ministry tools. Video-based "Bible Studies" explore topics relevant to men such as :

- creation,
- being a hit at home with the wife and kids,
- putting stuff into perspective,
- and understanding the teachings of Islam.

Visit www.lhmmen.com



In Christ, Being Undead is Not Grave News

PASTOR CHRIS WALDVOGEL



What's with all the zombie mania lately? There's zombies at the movies, zombies on TV, zombies in videogames. There's rocker-director Rob Zombie – zombies everywhere! You can't seem to escape them. And don't even get me started on vampires.

The public's fascination with the undead probably has reached unhealthy levels. As Christians, we might be tempted to stay away from the subject. There's only one problem: the Bible tells us that the dead WILL rise from the grave one day.

Don't worry. That's not grave news. The undead have gotten a bad rap. Contrary to popular lore and legend, the undead are not mindless creatures of decay seeking to prey upon fellow humans. The Bible paints a much brighter picture of those who come back from the grave in Christ.

Read these comforting words of Paul: "So it will be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body," (1 Cor. 15:42-44).

Take note here that Paul is not only referring to new life in Christ through the forgiveness of sins, he speaks of an actual resurrection and new life because there is forgiveness of sins in Christ. When resurrected, our physical bodies will be reunited with our souls. The good news gets better: When resurrected, our bodies will be similar to Christ's glorified physical body (Luke 24:36-43). That's the

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culmination of the fullness of God's restoration in Christ, who suffered, died and rose again to give us life.

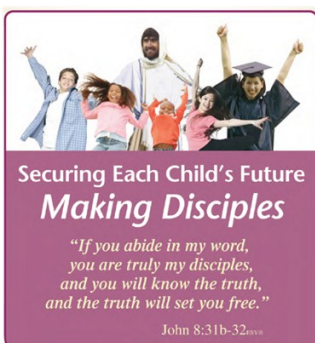
On the last day, death will then be removed completely from all those in Christ. The grave will never touch them again. How much more "un" dead can you get? As Paul writes, "then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'"

So throw out any stale undead dread. As Christ calls us out of the grave, life is all that remains in us.

Pastor Chris

Grace School News

Securing Each Child's Future—Making Disciples National Lutheran Schools Week - Mar. 6-12



Did you know that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has the second largest religious school system in the United States? The week of March 6-12 has been designated to celebrate God's many gifts to our schools. Each day Grace Lutheran School provides a

Christ centered environment with academic excellence to the students who come through its doors. Our students will join others across the country in thanking God for His many gifts. You are invited to celebrate with us in the following events:

- Sunday, March 6—Prayers of the Churches
- Wednesday March 9—Chapel 8:45 a.m.
- Thursday, March 11—Science /Art Fair 6:30-8 p.m.

Thank you to all!

The students, faculty, staff, and committee would like to thank all the people who donated items, attended the auction, volunteered many hours, and participated in the 14th annual Grace Lutheran Auction. Through your support, this vital ministry will be able to share the good news of Jesus with many children.



It's Enrollment Time

Have you thought about Christian Education? Not only do we offer classes of grades one-eight, we also have the following:



- Preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds at BSLC
- Pre-K and Kindergarten at Grace School.

Call Mr. Krupski at 232-7747 to find out more.

Lutheran Island Camp Pizza Supper

Come to Grace Lutheran School between 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, to find out more about the 2011 summer programs at Lutheran Island Camp. Pizza will be served and there will be representatives at Grace School to answer your questions or to take your registration. Anyone who signs up for camp this evening will receive a Dairy Queen gift certificate.

So that there is enough pizza, please R.S.V.P. that you are coming. You can call 218-583-2905 or e-mail the camp at info@islandcamp.org. Lutheran Island Camp reps are looking forward to seeing YOU on March 2.

Children's Christian Website

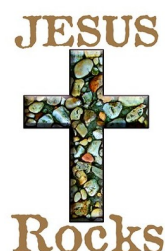
JCPlayZone has all of the ingredients of a typical children's Web site — games, crafts, coloring pages, and much more —but with a Christian perspective. This perspective is integrated throughout the site, making it a truly interactive Web site designed to engage children in a safe online environment. Visit www.jcplayzone.com



March Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Mar. 2 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Destination Unknown
Wednesday, Mar. 9 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Faith and Film
Wednesday, Mar. 16 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Destination Unknown
Wednesday, Mar. 23 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Faith and Film



Upcoming Fellowship Events

Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5 – Youth Retreat: All eighth- through 12th-graders are invited to experience student-led Bible study and devotions, along with food, fellowship, games and music led by our own Cody Fruehling at the District Retreat March 4-5 in Carrington. We will leave Fargo around 4 p.m. on Friday and return at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$65, which includes Friday night snack buffet, Saturday breakfast, lunch and snack and one night housing at the hotel. For registration forms, please see pastor Chris.

Friday, March 25 – Junior High YMCA Night: All sixth through ninth-graders are invited to the YMCA activity night from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 25. The evening begins at Grace Lutheran Church, 821 Fifth Ave. South, with a Bible study, community-building activities, singing and pizza and then moves by bus to the downtown YMCA. Once at the YMCA, there is opportunity for swimming, basketball, racquetball, volleyball and a game room. Cost is \$8 per person. Please fill out a registration form and return to Pastor Chris by March 20.

Wednesday, March 30 – Family Game Night: The entire congregation is invited to family game night from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your own favorite board or card game or take part in BSLC Bingo. There will be big prizes available, including gift cards for Marcus Theatres, Best Buy and Target. Please bring a treat or snack to share.

Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Ongoing – Meals/Snacks at Gladys Ray Shelter: All junior and senior high youth and their families can help battle homelessness and its effects in the F-M area. We need volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for residents at the Gladys Ray Shelter, 1519 First Ave. N in Fargo. On the third Sunday of the month, a few families should coordinate to make a meal for the residents. On the other Sundays, we would like two families to make two dozen bars for the residents. All food should be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or see Pastor Chris for more information.



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Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment

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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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