

September 2011

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What will you remember this 9/11?

The terrorist attacks on September 11 ten years ago changed us as a nation. The planes that crashed into the twin towers as well as the Pentagon made an impact far greater than the rubble that was left behind after the carnage. There was loss of property, commerce, travel and, above all, loss of life. There will be many programs, articles and news reports about this event as we approach the date of the tenth anniversary. We may have our own memories of where we were or what we were doing that day.



PASTOR DAVE



What will you be thinking about this 9/11? The football season? The events of ten years ago? Your family and friends? Or will you just see what happens on that day?

I believe that it is a blessing to have 9/11 fall on a Sunday this year. It offers us Christians a time to remember not only what happened 10 years ago, but also a time to gather with others and celebrate what God has done, continues to do and will do for us in the future. With the terrorist attack, people could not deny that there is evil and hatred in the world. With the coming of our Savior, Jesus, into the world, we can affirm that we have a God who is concerned about us, who took on evil and death head on, and who conquered sin, death and the devil so that we might have life now and forever.

On 9/11, we not only saw the wickedness of humankind at work, we saw people respond to the needs of others. That is how God meant us to live.

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Three Worship Services, Education Hour Begin Sept. 11

Sunday Schedule starting Sept. 11

8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

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

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



WEBUPDATES

Pastor Dave's Article—Continued

He created us to live in peace, harmony and service to each other. For Christians there is even more motivation to be good to others. Because God has shown grace and mercy to us in Christ, we are to respond gladly with grace and mercy to all—especially to those in need.

My article's title is "What will you remember this 9/11?" But in many ways, I would like you to think about what God is calling you to remember and do throughout your life. To begin with, God calls you to remember Him. The Third Commandment is "Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy." This passage and many other Bible passages remind us to regularly worship our gracious God. Now that summer is over, I pray that our three services would overflow with worshippers celebrating the Lord's goodness and connecting to Him through His Word and sacraments. I invite you to gather together with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

I also pray that you would grow and be strengthened in your faith by connecting to God through His Word and prayer. We offer a variety of Bible studies throughout the month. Take advantage of them.

God also calls us to serve others. There are opportunities to serve our congregation. The stewardship and outreach boards are looking for people to assist in specific tasks. Our Sunday School could use some

more help. This September, we are also encouraging members to be of service to people affected by the flooding in the Minot area. Our congregation is assisting those affected by the flood waters by having a "Gift Card Shower." If you want to help, we invite you to purchase and bring gift cards from stores such as Target, Kmart, Wal-Mart and Menard's (or even a pre-paid Visa card) and bring them to the church in September. At the beginning of October, these cards will be delivered to the LCMS churches in Minot to distribute to members and non-members as they see the need. In addition to this, we plan to take a special freewill offering at the door on Sunday, Sept. 25, which will go towards helping the people and also an LCMS pastor who has had flooding.

While we encourage people to give to the needs of others, we also want to remind you to regularly and generously give your offerings to support our ministry at Beautiful Savior. There are many vital and exciting things happening here. (You can read about them in this newsletter.) In order to continue our work, we look to the support of all of our members.

What will you be remembering on 9/11? For me, there will be many things. Above all, I will be remembering our merciful God. Along with that, I will be thinking of my country, family and my church family. I will also pray to God and seek how I might with His help and grace become a better citizen, husband, father, grandfather and pastor. What about you?

God bless!



Discovery Class

(New Member Class)

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Starting Sept. 19

This class reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. We encourage those interested in joining our congregation to attend this class. We also invite members to come. This study provides a great opportunity to grow in understanding about God, what He does for us and how we are to live in light of God's grace.

Tuesday Bible Study

"Jonah, The Reluctant Prophet"

Starting Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

In September, we will begin a new study on Tuesday nights by looking at Jonah. This book of the Bible is unique. It focuses on God's dealings with a pagan nation and on Jonah. Come and see how God's love and compassion is meant for all. Learn how it changes our lives as well.

Sunday Bible Study

"1st Peter"

From 9:30—10:20 a.m.

On September 11, we will explore the fascinating letter of First Peter. In this book, the apostle writes to Christians who are challenged by the thinking and the lifestyle of a God-forsaking world. There is much we can learn from this book. Above all, we find hope, power and wisdom in Jesus.

Card Showers

We have organized a card shower for Kim Wagner (Pastor Dave's wife) and Suzanne Waldvogel (Pastor Chris' mother.) The idea is that these people will receive a card from someone every day. If you would like to participate (and maybe even send cards to others going through hard times), please call Mardi at 235-6383.

Update on Kim and Suzanne

In July, we reported that Kim Wagner and Suzanne Waldvogel were diagnosed with cancer. Both have undergone surgery and are now receiving chemo. So far, things are going okay for both of them. Kim, Suzanne, and their families would like to express their deepest gratitude for your prayers, cards, gifts and thoughts.

Quilting on 2nd and 4th Thursdays

There will be quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 8 and 22. 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!

Thursday Morning Women's Study

Begins Sept. 15 at 9 a.m.

There will be a women's Bible Study meeting every other Thursday beginning Sept. 15. You are invited to come and grow in your faith as you have fellowship with others. If you have any questions about this study, please contact Loretta Swanson at 236-1891.



Voters' Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 25

from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



We will have our fall congregational meeting on Sept. 25. Besides reports from the various boards and committees, we will select lay and pastoral delegates to the ND District Convention in Grand Forks on Jan. 22-25. If you would be willing to serve as the lay delegate, please contact Brad Codgill, the church office or one of the pastors.



Attention Women!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of our congregation will meet from

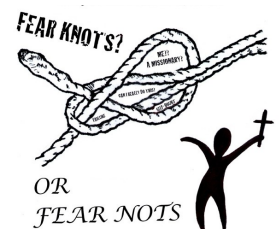
7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, at the church. This service organization is open to all women, young and young of heart that are willing to serve the Lord by serving His people and telling them of Jesus' love for them. Please come and see how you may spread some JOY—Jesus, others, you. We will be asking for confirmation sponsors, 31 Days of Prayer—pastor appreciation volunteers and other project ideas. We are always collecting postage stamps, soup labels, non-perishable food items and paper products and mites (coins, bills and checks) that go directly to mission projects and organizations like FirstChoice Clinic, the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, ND District full-time Church Worker Scholarships, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and the Orphan Grain Train. Come and see in God's Word how God has blessed you to be a blessing to others.

LWML Fall Retreat

September 16-18

Have you registered for the 2011 ND LWML Women's Retreat to be held at the Chieftain Motel in Carrington? Bible study leader Rev. David Suelzle and guest

speaker Maggie Karner will help us see how we can change our "Fear KNOTS" into "Fear Nots." Join us for this special weekend. Registration information can be found on the website ndlwmml.org or at the LWML kiosk in the hall next to the drinking fountains. (Questions or to share a ride, contact Rhonda Hoge at 239-9800 or rhoge@cablone.net.)



Thank you from Gordy

Thank you to everyone who attended my birthday open house. I am grateful for the many friends we have at Beautiful Savior. It was a great day, and I will always have fond memories of that special day. Gordy Swanson



New Member Corner

Welcome to Scott Helmer, who just joined our church. He formerly was a member at Holy Cross Church in Lidgerwood, where he was not only an elder but also a lay delegate to the 2001 LCMS Convention in St. Louis. He lives close to BSLC and likes golfing and NDSU athletics in his spare time. His favorite Bible verse is "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." We're glad to have you here, Scott!



Cradle Roll

Parents, don't forget to check our Cradle Roll Wall hanging in the narthex for up-to-date informational newsletters and cards for your baptized infant each month. After three years, the infant "graduates" and can attend Sunday School. We hope this program will help guide the parent and their infant with their spiritual growth until the child can become a Sunday School student.



Gold Club Luncheon

Noon on Wednesday, Sept. 21

Our Gold Club potluck will be at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 21. This is open to anyone 55 or older or retired. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share with others and maybe the recipe too; you never know who might want to make it next time!



Grace Lutheran School News

We have so many wonderful things for our students and community in the month of September. The Jog-a-thon is Friday, Sept. 16, at Island Park; come join our students as they enjoy fresh air while raising money for the GLS athletic department. Ask your favorite GLS student for more information and to make a pledge!

The 36th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
11 a.m.—7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Mark your calendars to join us for the best "secret recipe" spaghetti sauce in the city! This fund-raising event will be at the school. Tickets are available in the school office, from your favorite GLS student, or in the church office. If you are interested and able to put up a spaghetti dinner poster, e-mail Cari at marketing@gracels.com, and we'll get the poster to you.



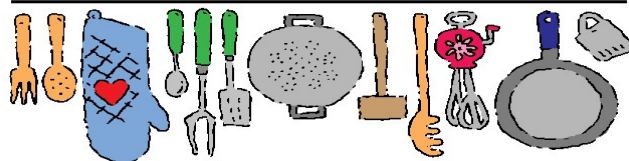
BSLC Coffee Club

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 SunMart at the corner of 32nd Ave. South and 25th Street.



FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Kitchen Circle meets Sept. 1

The kitchen crew will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, to get the kitchen ready for fall activities. Join us if you can.

Do You See Your Spouse as a Sacred Gift? You Should!



Nothing can ruin your day faster than an infuriating movie. The one I caught recently told the story of a divorced couple. The man had remarried, while the female had remained single. Unexpectedly, they find themselves back together, having an affair, 10 years after the divorce.

It's really not that bad, the movie wants you to think. After all, the man never stopped loving his first wife. But as a younger man, his hectic schedule as a lawyer and the stress of raising kids made marriage difficult. Now, things were different.



As for the woman, reconnecting to her former husband has brought some joy back into her life. The woman's therapist encourages her to continue in the transgression simply because her newfound verbosity and energy points to a "breakthrough." Of course, her friends also spur her on, telling her she had never done anything bad in her whole life. This, coupled with the fact that she hasn't really dated in 10 years, more than justifies the affair. Of course, things eventually go awry. When the kids find out, confusion erupts and old wounds resurface. The divorce has

left its scars on all involved, it seems.

Do you view your spouse as sacred? You should. In marriage, God brings two people together into a single-flesh union. God blesses this relationship and calls us and empowers us to live for the other. The two are now joined in a real and profound way.

So what happens when we try to reverse this process? The Bible only gives three grounds for divorce: death, unfaithfulness and abandonment. Jesus makes it clear that doing otherwise is living in intentional sin. One pastor, Dr. Laurence White, believes the biggest threat to the single-flesh union and the sanctity of marriage is not homosexuality, it's divorce.

Not only that, there are first article repercussions. As one pastor says, once this joining takes place it is painful to undo. Think of someone "divorcing" your thumb from your hand. There is pain. There is loss. You are not be the same. So it is with divorce.

For those considering divorce, please recall the vows you made before others and God. Remember the union you have entered. Remember the words in the liturgy and of Jesus himself: "What God has joined together, let not man put asunder," (Matthew 19:6).

For those living in the aftermath of divorce, realize that amid the pain and suffering, there is solace and wholeness in Christ, the forgiveness of sins He has won for you and the new identity he gives to you as a cherished child of God.

For all those joined in marriage: Your spouse is God's sacred gift to you of another living person, one to share consecrated physical and emotional connections in this age.

As Solomon writes: "Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its ardor unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like the very flame of the Lord. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away," (Song of Songs 8:6-7a).

This love is not a "feeling," but a disposition for living in unconditional servanthood and holy care for someone else.

Pardon me if I say the movie just doesn't get it. Neither does most of our culture. Thanks be to God, who shows us what marriage can and should be as we — by the power of the Holy Spirit — cherish our spouse as a blessing from God.

Pastor Chris

Third-graders to receive Bibles during Sunday Services on Sept. 18

God's greatest gift to us remains the free salvation won for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. But His word is another treasured gift, as it reveals this salvation to us.

To help the children of our congregation grow in this divinely-inspired word, we present our third-graders with free Bibles. Please plan to support our third-graders as we will

present their Bibles during the 8:15 and 10:45 services Sunday, Sept. 18.



Letter from Pastor Paul Krueger: "The Need Remains Great in Minot"

The need remains great in Minot. With one-fourth of the city's housing destroyed and winter snows approximately seven weeks away, it is a race against time here to get people to a point where they are safe, sanitary and secure. To give you a picture of the need, 4,100 homes were affected by the flood, 12,000 people were evacuated, (Minot's total population is 45,000) and alternative housing is non-existent. Due to our booming economy in this area, there were no homes, apartments or hotels available prior to the flood; now with so many homes gone, the crisis is even more pronounced.

At Our Savior Lutheran Church alone, we are dealing with 86 families who were impacted by the flood. 67 of those families will not be able to live in their homes until they can begin basic rebuilding next spring. 30 or more families likely will have homes that will be declared total losses and will be destroyed. (We are still waiting for the FEMA and Minot City determinations to happen.) Two other LCMS congregations in Minot also are impacted. St. Mark Lutheran Church has 80 families affected and St. Paul Lutheran has 56 families.

Because flood damage is not covered by insurance, these families will fund the tear out and rebuild from their own pockets. They also will have to continue to pay their mortgages, even if their home has been declared a total loss, as is the case with my own daughter, who lived in her home for a mere 18 months before the flood waters came. I don't know about you, but I can't imagine paying a 30-year mortgage on a home in which I no longer live. The sad part is that she's not alone. On the other end of the spectrum is my administrative secretary, who made the final payment on her home in May; the flood completely destroyed the home in June. There is need everywhere.

Our Savior Lutheran Church is a host congregation and staging center for Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). That means we've been in the center of these needs from day one of the crisis. The immediate needs are as follows:

1) Volunteer assistance. With one-fourth of the city impacted, outside volunteers are a premium. Immediate need is for those who are willing to "muck out homes." At the current rate of volunteer assistance, it is possible that 1,500 homes will remain untouched when winter snows arrive. When spring arrives, volunteers with skills for rebuilding will be the critical need. We are gearing up to handle 300 volunteers per day.

2) Emergency Response Capacity Needs: This would be equipment and other items that will increase our capacity to respond. Working with the Orphan Grain Train and other agencies, large amounts of tools and equipment are at our disposal.

a. The immediate need is for winter facilities to house our Disaster Response Operations Center. The mobile office trailer that we are using will not handle a North Dakota winter. That means we will be looking to invest approximately \$30,000 into an Emergency Response Trailer that will become the staging center for this disaster and for future North Dakota Disasters. We have zero dollars toward this now and have seven weeks to pull it together.

b. Also at the top of the list: We need funds for the purchase of two pickup trucks to deliver tools, supplies and other items to the job sites. It's not right to ask volunteers to use their family vehicles to haul muddy tools, generators, ladders, saws and sheetrock to job sites.

3) Child care is a crisis that must be addressed.

Private homes and complete child care centers were washed away. Our Savior Lutheran Church could use an immediate \$15,000 to provide emergency care to families with children. Funds contributed for this would be used to provide free evening child care to flood families so that they can visit the FEMA and SBA emergency centers, work with their case managers and work on their homes. Small children have no business anywhere near the destroyed areas, and families are scrambling for care-givers. Once funding is in place, OSLC's Child Care Center will be ready to step into this void and minister to the needs of families in crisis. We did this at the beginning of the disaster; now, we hope to do it for the longer term as people begin rebuilding their lives.

4) Individual assistance is always a critical need. Many of the 86 OSLC families affected by the flood were barely scraping by financially prior to the flood. Now families have to continue to pay their mortgage, purchase repair supplies, pay additional rent to live somewhere (which is inflated), pay storage fees for their possessions and rebuild their lives — all on less money. Some lost their homes and their employment. OSLC's Flood Relief Fund is designed to provide individual financial assistance to help members with these critical day-to-day needs. To date, we already have distributed \$14,000 for this purpose and will continue to gather funds for this vital service to our members.

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Gift Cards through Scrip Program Helps Minot Flood Victims...and GLS!

As an act of mercy, BSLC will collect a special freewill offering Sunday, Sept. 25, for LCMS families affected by the Minot flood. In addition, we encourage BSLC members to participate in a "Gift Card Shower" for the flood victims by picking up gift cards from vendors such as Target, Kmart, Menard's and Wal-Mart and bringing them to the church. The cards will be given to the LCMS churches of Minot to assist members and others who have needs.

You also have the opportunity to help Grace Lutheran School at the same time you are helping the people of Minot by ordering gift cards through the school through their Scrip Program. Scrip is a term that means "substitute money." When you purchase Scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift cards that are used just like cash. You can use Scrip to purchase every-day expenses like food, clothing and other essentials. With every purchase, money is given back to GLS.

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of Grace Lutheran School to purchase large amounts of gift cards from grocery stores, department stores and other retailers. Because the gift cards are purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer them at a substantial discount. Our school buys the cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount and resells the cards to families at face value. The discount—from 2-15 percent or more—is given back to the school, and the buyer gets the face value of the

card. You'll find cards you can use at grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, home improvement stores and almost any business that accepts gift cards.



When focusing on the Minot community, Scrip offers cards to many retail establishments which happen to be located in that area:

- ♦ Kmart - \$25, \$50 amounts with 4 percent given back to GLS;
- ♦ Menard's - \$25, \$100 amounts with 3 percent given back to GLS;
- ♦ Sears - \$25, \$100, \$250 amounts with 4 percent given back to GLS;
- ♦ Target - \$25, \$100 amounts with 2 percent given back to GLS;
- ♦ Wal-Mart - \$25, \$100, \$250 amounts with 2 percent given back to GLS.

If you are interested in purchasing a gift card for the Minot Gift Card Shower, or if you have questions about the program, please call Denise Doeling at 237-9378, or e-mail her at ddoeling@cableone.net. Denise will also be available to answer questions on Sunday mornings during the month of September.

Letter from Pastor Paul Krueger in Minot — Continued

In addition, as a service to the community, 20 percent of the OSLC Flood Relief funds will be distributed to the community at large through the Minot City Unmet Needs Fund, on which I serve.

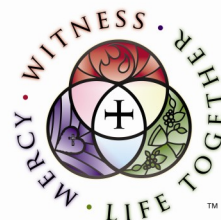
- 5) Two covered moving trailers (picture the utility trailer that pulls behind a truck). OSLC members moved the possessions of about 90 families prior to the flood. Now, those moves continue as families get their possessions to temporary housing units, new storage spaces, and in some cases, back to their homes. Between OSLC mov-

ing teams and supplying volunteers through LDR, these trailers would be in constant use.

Little or big, there's opportunity to impact people's lives and give an injection of hope in the name of Jesus to many, many people.

The Lord keep you in His care,

Rev. Paul A. Krueger



BSLC Offering New Features During Sunday's Education Hour

Not too long ago, I enlisted the help of a popular website to help chart directions to an unfamiliar destination. Needless to say, I ended up lost anyway. Have you ever been led astray by a product, person or news source – whether print, broadcast or Web-based? In this information age, how can you be sure that the information you are depending on is true? Wouldn't it be nice to have the assurance of something that never fails?

We have such an assurance in the Word of God. The psalmist writes: "As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect," (Psalm 18:30-32).



What better thing to direct and inform us than a Word that is flawless and perfect? What better place to find solace and peace from the brokenness and deception of this world than in the LORD and His word? At Beautiful Savior, we hope to provide ample opportunities to be fed in faith by this word. To this end, we are implementing several changes. These include:

- * A VBS-style Sunday school that focuses on repetition and a variety of learning styles.
- * A true middle school group and curriculum that brings together sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.
- * A team-led high school class with our new youth worker, Susan Glanzer, as one of the teachers.
- * Small groups that foster not only learning but also living and connecting in faith.

Here's what Sunday mornings will look like.

PRESCHOOLERS

Meet as crews in the fellowship hall for opening, then move to Rooms 108-109

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

Meet as crews in the fellowship hall for opening then rotate to Bible story and surprise station

SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

Meet in Room 102 for middle school Bible study.

HIGH SCHOOLERS

Meet in Room 103 for high school Bible study

ADULTS

There will still be an adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings. It will be held in Rooms 113/114.

Please read the list of FAQs on the following page for information regarding the education hour at Beautiful Savior. And please find time for you and your children to grow in God's perfect Word.

Pastor Chris

Help Needed

To assist with the rotations for this year's Sunday School, we are in need of crew leaders. Being a Crew Leader only requires you to walk and lead an assigned group of six to eight children from one area to another, build a relationship with those children and help the teachers by assisting your assigned group with the craft, game, story, etc. You don't have to teach! We just need help keeping everyone going in the same direction. The more parents we have involved, the more smoothly the process will run. Please prayerfully consider helping as this is family time with your children, not just Sunday School. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Denise Doeling, Dawn Thompson or Pastor Chris.

Teacher and Crew Meeting September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

All teachers and crew leaders are encouraged to attend a short meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Frequently Asked Questions About BSLC's Sunday Education Hour

WHY ARE WE MAKING THESE CHANGES?

We want to ensure that all of our members attain eternal life through faith in the one true God. God's Word reveals who God is, what he has done for us, and how he works in us. These changes were made with input from parents and teachers to provide the best possible environment for learning and retention.

WHERE WILL MY CHILD MEET FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Preschool through fifth-grade meet in the fellowship hall. Sixth through eighth grade meet in room 102. High schoolers meet in Room 103.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD DO IN THE OPENING?

We will sing songs, followed by a skit that takes us through the Bible story for the day. We will collect offerings and have announcements.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER OPENING?

The kids will remain in crews led by a crew leader. Half of the crews will remain in the fellowship hall where they will learn more about the Bible story and how it applies to them. The other half will go to the surprise station. They will then rotate and go to the other station.

WHAT'S A CREW?

A crew is a group of six to eight students from different age groups. This will allow the older students to mentor the younger students, avoid cliques and ensure optimum group size.

WHERE WILL THE BIBLE STATION BE?

The Bible station will be in the fellowship hall after opening.

WHERE WILL THE SURPRISE STATION BE?

The surprise station will take place in Room 101.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE SURPRISE STATION?

The surprise station will be a craft, game or other activity that reflects the Bible lesson.

WHERE DO I PICK UP MY CHILD?

You can pick up your child from the fellowship hall.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT CREW MY CHILD WILL BE IN?

On the first day of Sunday School, your child will be assigned a color-coded crew (red group, blue group, yellow group, etc.)

WHAT TIME IS SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Sunday School will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Yes. Registering your child will help us organize children into crews.

FirstChoice Clinic Life Walk

Saturday, Sept. 24

8:30 a.m. at Lindenwood Park

"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 trek, 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 from our church lobby and collect pledges for their walk. Walkers may also receive information on registration by calling 237-5902, going 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. Pastor Chris is our walk representative. Talk to him if you have any questions.



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!



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.

God's Word remains essential item in 'backpack' of the Christian life

By North Dakota District President Jim Baneck

Just recently, my wife, Myrna, and I saw our son, Josh, off from Fargo to Ft. Leonard Wood for basic training with the National Guard. Earlier this summer, I purchased for him the CPH military devotion book, which I wrote in, signed, and gave to him. For his birthday, back in March, his older sister asked me if Josh had a Bible. I told her he had the big *Concordia Self-study Bible*. She decided to buy him a smaller-sized ESV Bible and marked passages she felt were good for various situations in life.

The night before Josh left, Myrna and I stayed in a hotel with him, anticipating the next day. Everything Josh needed to take with him was in his camouflage backpack - everything he would need from now until the middle of November was in that backpack. He went through it to see if he had everything: toothbrush, extra change of clothes, three-ounce bottles of various liquids that were allowed on the plane, his wallet, ID, cell phone and a few other things.

Then I asked him, "Do you have the devotion book I gave you?" "Yup," he said, as he pulled it out to show me. Along with the devotion, he also held up the Bible his sister gave him for his birthday. Of all the things in his life, and those which he decided to take that would fit into this one military backpack — the essentials he needed for the next three months — he included his Bible. Seeing him hold up his military devotion book and his Bible was a pretty special moment for his dad!

Psalm 1 is an introduction to the entire Psalter. It begins, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." The word "law" in this context is not that which is contrasted to the "Gospel." The word "Law" in this context means the entire Word of God, the Holy Scriptures.

When I used to teach the Catechism to pre-confirmation children, they often heard the same speech. Certainly, I tried to connect the Catechism and the Scriptures with their current context of life; however, I knew they often wondered why this was so important and if they would ever use it later

on in life. And so my speech sounded something like this: "Someday when you're in a foxhole and bombs are going over your head, Luther's Evening Prayer will come to mind. Someday when you and your wife, who is from a Reformed background, have your first child and you enter into a deep conversation about infant baptism, your Catechism is the first place you will go. When you and your spouse are having marriage difficulties, and you think there is no hope, passages like Psalm 121 will come to mind in the darkness of your life."

As many of those whom I have confirmed are now grown up, some have been entrenched in military combat. Some have married a spouse from a different denomination.

Some have had rocky marriages. And this I know: For many, the very Word that was planted in them since childhood and junior catechesis has indeed been their Rock and their Refuge.

This is the time when many parents will take their children to college for the first time. Many parents will help their children move out of the home, as these children enter the workforce and get a place of their own. Some parents witnessed their children

getting married this summer. And still, other parents will see their children off to boot camp or a tour of duty.

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, church members and baptismal sponsors, as these children move forward in this broken and fallen world, help them, remind them, encourage them to have their Bible in their "backpack" of life. The Word that has been planted in them, that Word which shaped and formed them in faith and life continues to be just as important and vital now as it ever has been. Not only for our children, but for all of us.

Christians are in the Word. That's who we are: people of God and in the Word of God. As we are in the Word, so we are absorbed in Christ Jesus, who loves us, redeems us from sin and death, and who promises us eternal life with Him. As Bible classes now begin this fall, O people of the Word, I pray you are in the Word! Being in the Word is not about what we know and don't know. Being in the Word is about the Triune God shaping and forming our faith and life in Him. Being in the Word is being connected to Christ who loves us, guides us, leads us, forgives us, comforts us, and is with us always — even to the end of the age!



Confirmation Classes begin on Sept. 14

Confirmation at Beautiful Savior provides instruction in the Christian faith for youth, grades 7-9. Class time and other activities and events organized for youth lead toward the rite of confirmation and adult membership in our church family. Confirmation is held on Wednesdays from 6:15 -7:30 p.m.

First-year confirmation instruction is led by Rhonda Hoge. For several years, she has served our congregation in this area. Pastor Chris teaches the second year of confirmation as the students continue to learn the basic teachings of the Christian Faith as well as our heritage as Lutherans. Pastor Dave leads the third year of confirmation as they grow in their knowledge of God and prepare to make a public confession of their faith.

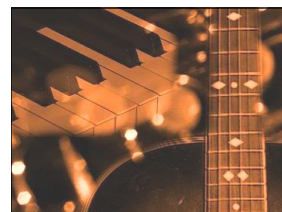
Confirmation Parents' Meeting Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

After the first day of confirmation, there will be a short meeting for parents. Information will be shared and questions answered about our confirmation program. If you have any questions that you would like answered right away, call the church at 293-1047 or e-mail pastordavebslc@gmail.com or pastorchrisbslc@gmail.com



Praise Band

Beginning Sept. 11, we will offer two contemporary worship services each Sunday morning. We have a dedicated group of musicians who help lead these services. We could use a few more people helping out the praise band—specifically, we could use more singers. If you have a good strong voice and would like to help out, or if you can play a musical instrument, please contact Pastor Dave or one of the members of our current praise band. Practices are held on Wednesdays from 6:30—7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 7.



Join Our Adult Choir

Practice begins at 7:30 p.m.
On Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Through music, we are able to glorify God in a variety of styles. Through Christian hymns and songs, we are also able to encourage one another.

In September, the adult choir of Beautiful Savior will begin rehearsals. 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. You may also just come to one of our rehearsals.



September Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 7:45-9 p.m. – Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 7:45-9 p.m. – Creation/evolution Bible study for grades 7-12

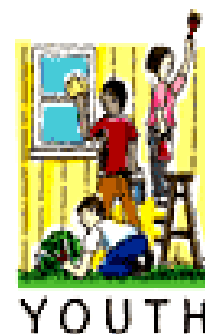
Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 7:45-9 p.m. – Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 7:45-9 p.m. – Creation/evolution Bible study for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events

TBD – Zone Fall Event. All high school students are invited to our annual fall zone rally. This year, we will be serving our community at local agencies before going to our bonfire site with devotion, music, food and games. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

Saturday, Sept. 17 – Junior High Game Night. All middle school students (six-eighth grades) should join us for pizza, fellowship and games from 6-9 at the church. We will have interactive games aimed at getting to know one another better. We also will give you an opportunity to suggest future activities.



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