



December 2011

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Midweek Advent Services

7 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec., 7 and 14

Soup and Sandwich Suppers

Before each Wednesday service, there will be a soup and sandwich supper starting at 6 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 18

8:15 a.m. Regular Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Preschool through Second Grade

10:45 a.m. Third through Sixth Grade



Decorate the Church

9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3

We invite everyone to join us on Saturday morning, beginning about 9 a.m. as we decorate the church for the Christmas season.



Christmas Eve

Candlelight Services

Saturday, Dec. 24

3:30 and 5 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 25

9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

with Holy Communion

Camera Calling You for Next Pictorial Directory

Do you ever see people at church and wonder about their names? Have you heard announcements about members and cannot place a face with a name? Do you seek to deepen your Christian connections in the body of Christ? Help is on the way as Beautiful Savior prepares to produce a new pictorial directory. We need you to be a part of it by having a family portrait taken. There is no cost, and you will receive a complimentary 8-by-10 portrait and directory for participating. At your session, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Sitting times will be 2:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, Wednesday, Dec. 28 and Friday, Jan. 20 as well as 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. Watch for sign-ups on Sunday morning and on our website.



OUR MISSION

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

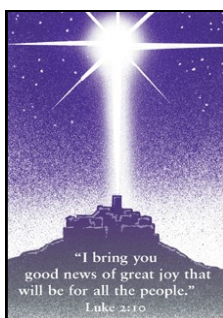
"Rejoice!"

One of the things I love about this time of the year is the music. As I set up and decorate our Christmas tree each year, I listen to Christmas carols. Like many people, these songs contribute to the joyful mood of decorating for Christmas. But many Christmas carols do more for us. They convey a message of hope, love and peace. This should be no surprise. The first Christmas was like this.



Pastor Dave

The shepherds were the first ones to hear a word and a song about the joy, hope and peace that comes with the birth of a Savior. This message was brought by angels to the shepherds. At first, they were very afraid. I would have been too! The appearance of angels is unnatural. However, these messengers came as bearers of good news. "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people," (Luke 2:10b).



As you read the words of the angel, notice how the message is for "all people" and not just for the shepherds. The phrase "all people" includes you and me. That is what makes the celebration of Christmas so grand. It is not only that people long ago received some precious news, but we continue to be the beneficiaries of it as well. Jesus is our Savior. He alone is the one who brings true hope, joy, peace and love.

The angels concluded their time with the shepherds by singing a song of praise to the Lord, the first Christmas carol.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:13-14)

We carry on that tradition of praising God as we sing and listen to songs about our Savior. Throughout the month of December, we will sing Advent hymns and Christmas carols. I encourage you to attend the various services so you can be built up through God's word and song. I also pray that your life would convey the beautiful love of God just like the Christmas carols do.

I am so glad when Christmas comes,
Let anthems fill the air!
He opens wide for every child
His paradise so fair.

A merry and joyous Christmas to all,

Pastor Dave



Installation of new Pastor at Immanuel, Fargo

Immanuel Lutheran Church would invite you to rejoice with them in the installation of Pastor Steve Schulz as its new associate and campus pastor at NDSU. Steve comes from Storm Lake, IA with 20 years of experience in the ministry. He and his wife are both from North Dakota. Please join us on this special occasion at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, with a potluck afterwards.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

"We Are the People of God"

From 9:30-10:20 a.m. on Dec. 4 and 11

We will continue our look at what it means to be the people of God. We will also explore what that means as we wait for our Savior, Jesus Christ, to come again.

Thursday Women's Study

"Beauty of Mentoring - Growing Through Change"

The women's morning Bible study "The Beauty of Mentoring - Growing Through Change" will be meeting at 9 a.m. Dec. 1 and 15. Come for a time of fellowship and study of God's word.

Sunday School Christmas Practices and Programs

3rd to 6th Grade Sunday School

"Hotel Bethlehem" is this year's Christmas program for our third- through sixth-graders. Practices will be:

- **Dec. 3** 2-3 p.m. Nifty Nine Students
3-4 p.m. Third - Sixth Grades
- **Dec. 10** 2-3 p.m. Nifty Nine Students
3-4 p.m. Third - Sixth Grades
- **Dec. 17** 2-4:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal-
(All Third-Sixth Graders)
4:30-5 p.m. Pizza Party
- **Dec. 18** 10:45 a.m. Christmas Program

Our Nifty Nine and Nifty Nineteen cast members are listed below. We appreciate the parents who take time to bring their children to practice each Saturday and to the children for their participation in our program.

Nifty Nine

1. Mathewscott Dale
2. Reegan Weithauer
3. Bennett Persoon
4. Ian Pytlik
5. Sam Steinke
6. Tommi Johnson
7. Lucas Doeling
8. Jaida Croaker
9. Caleb Steinke

Nifty Nineteen

Nifty Nine plus:

10. Paige McAurthur
11. Lexi Doeling
12. Chloe Thompson
13. Joren Palmer
14. Quinn Gehler
15. Carter Hoeler
16. Sam Warnholz
17. Hunter Weithauer
18. Andrew Barth
19. Grace Abrahams

Preschool-Second Grade Sunday School

"Jesus, God's Greatest Gift" is the title of this year's Christmas program for those in preschool through second grade. Practices will be:

- ♦ Dec. 3 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Dec. 10 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Dec. 17 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Dec. 18 9:30 a.m. Christmas Program**

Preschoolers will only be kept for 30 minutes at all practices. In order to help your children learn the material, we are also sending home a CD with all the music from the program. Please help your children learn the songs. In addition, each grade will have recitations. Please work with your children to help them learn these as well.

We are very thankful for your help in making our Sunday school program a success and helping our families treasure the Christmas story and its message of forgiveness of sins for those in Christ. We also extend a hearty note of appreciation to Tana Shereck, who will be leading the program.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2012 will be available for you to pick up in the narthex or church lobby by the middle of December.

Offering Envelopes



Grace Lutheran School News

Thank you to all of you who joined us for our Fall Carnival! Everyone had a great time, and we were excited to see many members of our community.



The Christmas season is quickly upon us, and the students at Grace Lutheran School are busy preparing for their Christmas program! This year, Mr. Jay and the students will be presenting *It All Happened in the Country* on both Dec. 15 and 16. We are so blessed that we can proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth in our school programs and look forward to having everyone attend. This event is open to the public, so please join us!

Our Annual Campaign "Fishers of Men" is under way. For more than 60 years, Grace Lutheran School has had an outstanding "fishing program" where, through the daily teaching of the Word of God, young lives are forever changed. We are blessed to be a part of the Red River Lutheran Schools Association, and ask that you please pray for our school, and if you are able, make a donation to allow us to continue educating our future Christian leaders.



Christmas Break is Dec. 22 – Jan. 3. Have a safe and blessed Christmas!

Baptisms

Nov. 27 – Kinley Rae, daughter of Trevor and Brandy Sellden, born Aug. 29, 2011. Her sponsors are Alex and Kathryn Kingsley.



New Member Corner



Welcome to Andrea Helmrichs and Justin Honebrink, who recently joined our church. They will be married here on Dec. 10, 2011. They both liked how friendly the church members are, how our church feels like a small church, and the different services that BSLC offers. Andrea likes sports of all kinds and fishing or just being at the lake. Justin also enjoys sports and likes to go golfing and hunting in his spare time. Best wishes on your upcoming marriage!

Sheila and Hoadley Harris were married here in Feb. 2011. They like the small, friendly atmosphere and the conservative Christian doctrines of BSLC. In their spare time, they like to go cycling and mountain biking, diving, rollerblading, hunting and for down time, reading. Their favorite verse is Romans 12:9-21. With their recent marriage, their blended family includes seven children.

Pastor Bill and Sue Zeige moved here to be closer to three of their five children and eight of their twelve grandchildren who live between here and Fergus Falls, MN. Pastor Bill is a retired pastor from Our Redeemer, Cohasset, MN. They like the friendliness and the opportunities to be active that our church offers. Sue enjoys cross stitching and Pastor Bill likes to fish and go canoeing in the Boundary Waters. Sue's favorite Bible verse is Rev. 2:10 which was her confirmation verse. Pastor Bill likes Romans 8:28 as he has seen it work countless times. It is so comforting and encouraging.

Welcome to Beautiful Savior and God bless!

Deaths

Gerald Feldt passed away on Nov. 22. He leaves his wife Arlene and children. His memorial service will be at 4 p.m. on Dec. 9 at Boulger Funeral Home. Please keep Arlene and all the family in your prayers.

Ted Swiontek passed away on Nov. 24. He leaves his wife Loretta, son Steve, and two granddaughters. His funeral was held on Nov. 29 at Beautiful Savior. He was buried at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan. Remember Loretta and the family in your prayers.

Christmas Carol Sing-a-long

Love to sing Christmas carols? There will be a sing-a-long at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at St. John Lutheran, 1710 5th St. S., Fargo. The Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists are sponsoring this event. Monetary donations will be accepted for the FM Food Pantry.



We Are the People of God

We are wrapping up our stewardship campaign. We would like to express our thanks to those who have returned their commitment card. For those who have not done so, we ask you to prayerfully consider God's work in our congregation. Then come up with a plan on how you might regularly support the work we are doing. If you have not received a pledge card, please notify the Church office.



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 Village Inn on the corner of 32nd Avenue South and 25th Street.



LWML News

- ♦ **LWML Fund-raiser** - Thank you to everyone who donated food items, baked goods and books for the Potato Bar and Jell-O Fest on Nov. 18 and to all who attended the event. We were able to raise about \$1400 for missions and human care projects. Special thanks to our workers—Jeanne Barchinger, Donna Stewart, Linda Krogen-Brandt, Donna Cerrol, Karen Mart-Taverna, Loretta Swanson, Maggie Stende, Rhonda Hoge, Mardi Schlichtmann, Kay Osman, Joan Fiechtner, Gordon Swanson, Chuck Hoge, Jim Stewart and Lloyd Jemtrud. The extra potatoes and Jell-O were donated to Churches United for the Homeless.



- ♦ **Women's Christmas Party** will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy some holiday cheer and fellowship at the home of Marlene Bergseth, 1670 E. Gateway Circle Apt. 310. The event will be held in the community room of her building. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift and a small appetizer or food item to share if you wish. (There's always plenty of food!) A free-will donation can be given at the event for gift cards to be given to members of our congregation this Christmas.



- ♦ **Food Drive** - Thanks to all who brought items or money for the food drive. We were able to pack up five boxes for families of our congregation. The LWML added grocery store gift cards to the boxes so that the families can purchase items like milk, meats, bread, etc, to go with their box of canned goods. There always is an ongoing need, so if you forgot to bring items, you can still bring them at any time and place them in the cart in the hallway across from the church office. Thank you.

- ♦ **Poinsettias** - There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would like to purchase a poinsettia to have placed in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving for what God has done (for example - restored health, safe-keeping through the flood, etc). The poinsettias are \$12. You may take them home with you after services on Christmas Day. Please fill out the chart that is on the table and place your check made out to "LWML" in the envelope.



Holiday Lights

DECEMBER 2 - 31, 2011

5:30 - 10:30pm

The FM Sertoma has offered to **donate \$2** for each coupon presented when you attend the

Holiday Lights at Lindenwood Park

Small coupons are available in the church office, or use the coupon below!

Have a very Merry Christmas!



Grace Lutheran School Annual Display

Holiday Lights in Lindenwood Park



Please give this coupon to the attendant when purchasing your ticket to view the Holiday Lights displays in Lindenwood Park

December 2 - 31, 2011

We will receive a \$2 donation from the FM Sertoma Club for each coupon collected.

Thank you for supporting our school!

Quilting and Fun

The ladies will be gathering at 9 a.m. on Dec. 8 to do a little quilting and enjoy some Christmas fellowship with each other. Come join in the fun!



Save Postage Stamps

Bring in your postage stamps. Do not cut them; bring in the whole envelope and put in the box outside the office. The money we receive for stamps goes to missions.

Black Friday Nostalgia Connected to Good Friday's Sacrifice



Pastor Chris

A time-honored tradition ended this November. For the first time, I spent Black Friday without my mom, who was back home. Mom always had set aside Black Friday as a special day of uninterrupted Christmas camaraderie with her kids. Initially, the tradition involved going to Mark Twain mall in St. Charles, Mo., to see Santa Claus arrive in a helicopter. Saint Nick's grandiose descent from the skies served as a reminder that Christmas was near. Now that Santa was ready, we accommodated his generosity, surveying the scene for the latest toys and making a wish list.

The traditions evolved as time went on. Some years, we took my grandmother, whose credentials as a professional shopper bordered on the legendary. A few years, our dad came along and we made our way into the city to gather around its magnificent window displays. As we aged, the morning docket shifted from seeing Santa to chasing red-eye door busters, crazy coupons and the promise of big savings.

Despite the circumstances, Black Friday always delivered an adventure. But we never measured Black Friday success by purchases or savings; the day beamed brightly because you noticed that the world had changed in so many magical ways because Christmas was coming.

Today, the stakes have been raised. Midnight sales and too-good-to-be-true discounts have produced a psychological monster of competitive hoarding. Maybe I'm over-romanticizing the past and it was always this way. In any case, it's easy to get swept away in the Black Friday mindset; the season becomes nothing more than an itch to grab the next deal. As one pundit put it, "it's really about getting us at a very deep level to have insatiable appetites for stuff we don't need and many times can't afford."

Maybe we all realize that there is something that every single man, woman and child on the face of the planet really needs and yet cannot purchase themselves: it is the forgiveness of sins. Thanks be to God that this has been won for us by Jesus Christ. As we look at the price Jesus paid – not on Black Friday, but Good Friday, we know the world truly has changed. His forgiveness and mercy and steadfast love are ours in full -- much more valuable than any Black Friday deal. In Christ, we have the best deal of all: God and sinners reconciled! God's riches at Christ's expense. That's where the joy of Christmas resides.



On some level, I realize my Black Friday joy only meant something substantial when it took its roots from my Good Friday joy. For me, the lights, the decorations and the cheer, all pointed to the angelic proclamation that first Christmas night: "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men!" Because of Jesus, that peace and goodwill belongs to you. You enjoy a renewed relationship with God and with others. That is remembered especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons, but it is reality all year long. That's the gift that keeps on giving! I pray that as you experience the light of another Christmas season, your family would find joy not in your purchases, but instead from the assurances that YOU are purchased with the blood of Jesus Christ – a promise of saving beyond all measure.

Pastor Chris

Gold Club Luncheon

Noon on Wednesday, Dec. 21



Are you 55 or older or retired? Our Gold Club is right for you! Bring a dish to share. We gather for about an hour for good food and fellowship.

Voters' Meeting

Sun. Dec. 11 at 11:50 a.m.

Beautiful Savior will hold a voters' meeting right after worship on Dec. 11. At this meeting we plan to adopt the budget for 2012. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about the mission and ministry of our congregation.

Youth Praise Band

Our Youth Praise Band will practice at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 11 and 18. There will be **NO** practice on Dec. 4 or 25 or Jan. 1. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.



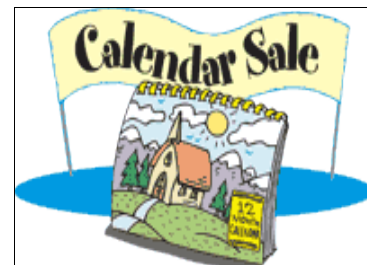
Cradle Roll

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.



Help support our youth

Need a calendar for 2012? Grab an inspiring creation calendar from our youth. Proceeds will go toward funding youth programs. The suggested donation is \$10, but you may take a calendar with a minimum donation of \$5. Thank you for supporting our youth!



December Youth Events



Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

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

Wednesday, Dec. 21 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. - Youth Group for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Dec. 28 – No Youth Group

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Wednesday, Dec. 14 – **Junior and Senior High Christmas Party.** All those in sixth through 12th grade are invited to a Christmas Party from 7:45-9 p.m. at the church. Please bring a treat to share and a wrapped white elephant gift (between \$8-\$10).



Saturday, Dec. 17 – **Senior High Zone Christmas Gathering.** All high schoolers are invited to come to our Zone Christmas Event from 4:30-8 p.m. at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 1005 First St. E. The afternoon will feature a treasure hunt, servant event, Bible studies and food. Cost is \$5. Please sign up with Pastor Chris as soon as possible.

Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Ongoing Snack Service at Homeless Shelter - Jesus calls us to have mercy on those suffering around us, and Beautiful Savior is sponsoring a unique opportunity for acts of mercy in our community. All families can help battle homelessness and its effects in the F-M area. On Sunday, many community resources are closed, and hunger becomes an issue. We need volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for residents at the Gladys Ray Shelter, 1519 First Ave. N in Fargo. Every week, we would like to provide – at minimum – one snack for the 36 residents of the shelter. If you would like to provide more in terms of a full meal, that also is encouraged. All food should be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. at the shelter or can be dropped off Sunday morning at the church. Sign up on the bulletin board located by the nursery or see Pastor Chris for more information.



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Office Hours

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - noon Friday

Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment.

Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
Sunday School and Bible Study
is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

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