

## November 2011

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**Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 6!**



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

## God's Wonderful Works



PASTOR DAVE

We live in a world of sight and sound. With today's technology, flashing lights and big-screen TVs captivate our eyes. With the latest amplifying systems, stadiums can be filled with music or we can place a small - but phenomenal - speaker in our ears. And in this world of sight and sound, advertisers seek to capture our attention. They want us to focus on what they have to offer. Their efforts will be amped up as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons draw near. But as they promote the work of their hands, who will point out God's work? Do we even perceive His handiwork in our world? Do we see it? Do we hear it?



Psalm 150:6

What God has done with the creation and preservation of this world often seems to go unadvertised and unnoticed. But His works are inescapable, if we simply look. They are everywhere. They are marvelous. The psalmist declares (111:2): **"Great are the works of the LORD: they are pondered by all who delight in them."**

Because of the fast pace of life, we often don't see or appreciate what is right before our eyes—the beauty of God's creation and the rich blessings He gives us.

Therefore, it is always appropriate to be reminded to thank the LORD. But we have even more reason to praise our God. Not only for how He has worked in creation, but also in how He worked through His Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Because of Jesus' labor, we are forgiven for all of our sins, including our sin of neglecting to praise our creator and provider.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, I encourage you to ponder along with me God's wonderful works. May that also move you to express your gratitude to our gracious God. I also pray that in the midst of a world of sight and sound, you would be a light and carrier of God's love to others.

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!" (Psalm 150:6)

*Pastor Dave*

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

**7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23**



## "We are the People of God"

### 2011 Mission and Stewardship Theme

Each year, our congregation conducts a mission and stewardship campaign. This year's theme comes from St. Peter. He reminds the early Christians about their new identity in Jesus in his first letter:

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(1 Peter 2:10)

What is true of the first Christians is also true with us. The Lord God gifted us with new life in Jesus. This new identity can be described in a variety of ways. At the end of October and throughout November, we will explore what God's Word says about who we are and how that impacts our lives. The weekly emphases are:

- Beloved Children - Oct. 30
- Empowered Servants - Nov. 6
- A Caring Family - Nov. 13
- Bold Witnesses - Nov. 20

### Congregational Conversations

As a part of our campaign this year, we hope to call or visit in person as many member households as possible in November. We wish to express our appreciation for having you as a part of our family and want to offer you the opportunity to share with the leadership any blessings or concerns you may have.

If you would like to help with our campaign, please call one of the pastors (293-1047) or Mike Schlichtmann (235-6383). We need help with the phone calls. On Monday evening, Nov. 7, there will be a training session for those visiting others by phone.

## Mission and Stewardship Celebration Sunday Nov. 20

On the third Sunday of November, we will hold a special celebration service. As we come to praise our God and be inspired by Him, we will offer everyone the opportunity to recommit themselves to living as the people of God.



A special letter will go out this month explaining what will happen that day. You will be encouraged to regularly worship in God's house, to be nurtured in your faith through God's Word and prayer, and to use your time and abilities to be a blessing for others. You will also have the opportunity to make a financial pledge for the 2012 ministry and mission program of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

## New Member Sunday Will be Nov. 20

Along with our mission and stewardship celebration, we will welcome the newer members of our congregation during the worship services on Nov. 20.



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

"We Are the People of God"

From 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.

Our Sunday morning Bible Study for November relates to our mission and stewardship campaign. Join us as we learn what it means to be God's people: His Beloved Children, His Empowered Servants, A Caring Family and Bold Witnesses.

## Second Corinthians Bible Study

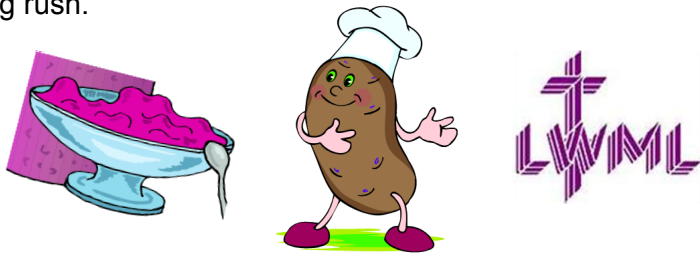
"Strength in Weakness"

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Life is relational. Second Corinthians is all about relationships - not perfect ones but real ones. Join us as we explore how - through Christ - our relationship with God and others can be strengthened.

## Fall Church Supper & Bazaar Held at Beautiful Savior Friday, Nov. 18, from 5 - 7 p.m.

Join us for a special evening to help raise funds toward various mission and human care projects sponsored by the women's missionary group of our congregation. A special supper will be served. Along with a book and bake sale, there will be several vendors on hand offering you the opportunity to get some holiday shopping done before the big rush.



### Come for the Potato Bar and Jell-O Fest

\$8—whole potato meal

\$4—half potato meal

### Bake Sale and Book Sale

### Various Vendors:

Mary Kay, Tupperware, Pampered Chef,  
Avon, Lia Sophia, Norwex and more

## Quilting

There will be quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 10. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and your sewing machine, if possible. Stop by if possible only for an hour or two.



## Thursday Morning Women's Study

"Beauty of Mentoring - Growing Through Change"

The women's morning Bible study "The Beauty of Mentoring - Growing Through Change" continues to meet at 9 a.m. Nov. 3 and 17. Come for a time of fellowship and study of God's word. Any questions, call or talk to Loretta (236-1891).

## LWML News



The next LWML planning meeting for all of the women in the church is Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at the church. Also note these events and activities:

- ♦ **The Christmas Party** is at 6 pm., Thursday, Dec. 8, at Marlene Bergseth's home. Start making plans to attend.
- ♦ **Food Drive:** At this time, we are collecting food and paper products for our Thanksgiving food boxes, which are delivered to some members of our congregation. Extra items remain in our food pantry for our staff to give to people who stop in church asking for food. Bring any non-perishable items which haven't passed their expiration date to the table in the narthex. Thanks.
- ♦ **Poinsettias:** Watch for the sign-up sheet later in November to order poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Please consider placing a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone or in thanksgiving for some blessing God has given to you.



- ♦ **Fall Church Bazaar:** Potato Bar and Jell-O Fest with book sale, bake sale and vendors is coming from 5 - 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18. Come eat supper and do a little Christmas shopping. All proceeds from the meal, book and bake sale along with 10 percent of the vendors proceeds will go toward missions and human care projects. Also, please consider donating some books and baked goods.





## Baptisms

Oct. 2 - Natalee Sue Kubista, daughter of Adam and Sarah Kubista, who was born Aug. 21, 2011. Her sponsors were Timothy and Amy Flaten, Cody and Shelly Aldinger.



Oct. 22 - Baylee Danielle Little, daughter of Joseph and Keithann Little, who was born Oct. 4, 2011. Her sponsors were Danielle and Rick Morris.

Oct. 30 - John Charles Cofield, son of Charles and Julie Cofield, who was born Sept. 20, 2011. His sponsors were Bruce Lehmann, Sandi Cross, Brandie Siedschlag and Jim Cofield.

## Weddings

Oct. 22 - Kacy Zaun and Phillip Geiger

## Gold Club Luncheon

Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 16

Are you 55 or older or retired? Our Gold Club is right for you! Bring a dish to share at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 16. We gather for about an hour for good food and fellowship.



## Thanks!

October was designated as pastor appreciation month. Throughout the month, we received cards and gifts expressing lovely thoughts and words of encouragement. We are truly grateful for all your thoughts, cards, gifts and prayers.

Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris



## 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.

## New Member Corner

Leslie Thompson felt very welcome by Pastor Chris and Pastor Dave when she, her fiancé, Chad, and their little boy, Parker, stopped by our church. They both like the choice of contemporary or traditional worship services. They love the outdoors, sports and spending time with family and friends. Leslie's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." This verse gives her hope and courage when faced with tough or unexpected challenges in life.

Larry and Sharon Haarstad, along with their children Sarah and Kristopher, were members here 23 years ago. The church times that BSLC offers and the meaningful sermons from our pastors brought them back. They enjoy sporting events, especially Sioux hockey and Twins baseball. They also enjoy going to the lakes in the summer. Their favorite Bible verse is "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," (Matt. 28:20). Larry grew up in Moorhead and is a controller at Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling. Sharon is from Perham and is a controller at Western Products. Sarah is a physical therapy student at UND and Kristofer is majoring in finance and banking at UND.



## Join Our Adult Choir

Practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Through music, we are able to glorify God in a variety of styles. You can be a part of that through our choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. Call Ramsey or Lyndell Dahl at 237-9009 for more information. You may also just come to rehearsals.



## Choir Piano Player

BSLC choir is looking for one or two people to assist with playing piano during their rehearsals and when they sing on Sundays. If you want to help out, talk to Ramsey Dahl, Pastor Dave or Pastor Chris.

## Christmas Program Practices

For 3rd to 6th Grade Sunday School



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

- **Nov. 5** 2-3 p.m. Nifty Nine Students  
3-4 p.m. Third - Sixth Grades
- **Nov. 12** 2-3 p.m. Nifty Nine Students  
3-4 p.m. Third - Sixth Grades
- **Nov. 19** 2-3 p.m. Nifty Nine Students  
3-4 p.m. Third - Sixth Grades
- **Nov. 26** **No Practice** - Happy Thanksgiving!
- **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** **Christmas Program**  
(Time to be announced)

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



## Grace Lutheran School News

The students at Grace Lutheran School are working their way through the first semester! The school is also buzzing with excitement about the 2011 Fill the Dome competition and would love to have your support. Feel free to drop off non-perishable food items at the school, and we'll get them to the dome.



The second annual GLS Christmas Boutique is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the school. Do some Christmas shopping and help support Grace Lutheran School with a portion of the sales going to support GLS.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Program to be held Dec. 15 and 16 at the school.

Planning is well under way for the 14 annual GLS auction. The event is on Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Ramada Plaza and Suites Crystal Ballroom. If you want to be part of the team, please call Cari Drees at 480-748-0383 – we'd love to have you!

We are blessed to partner with the Red River Valley Lutheran School Association churches to provide Christian education for our families. Your prayers are appreciated, and we welcome your questions, comments and visits. We love to show off the great things that we have going at Grace!

## Minot Flood Relief Thanks

Throughout September members were encouraged to bring gift cards for the LCMS churches of Minot. Then, on Sept. 25, a freewill offering was taken. More than \$2,000 was received when we added up the gift cards and the offering.

All the pastors from the Minot congregations have expressed gratitude for these gifts. Pastor Paul Krueger wrote in his letter: "With such need, your thoughtful and generous gift is so greatly appreciated and will be put to work to help families from Our Savior Lutheran Church and the community who have been hit the hardest by the water." See the bulletin board by the office for his letter of thanks.



## Far from home, we have family right here

Last year, my mom received the diagnosis everyone dreads: Cancer. Turns out this one – pancreatic cancer – was particularly nasty. Even if everything went right, the five-year survival rate stood at a lowly 20 percent. When my dad asked the surgeon for a timetable for mom, he guessed two years. Although the disease miraculously had not invaded mom's surrounding organs or blood vessels, it had lodged in the lymph nodes. Mom would need surgery, followed by chemo and radiation.

Now on the road to recovery, mom is fighting and exceeding expectations, but still has a long road ahead. The only one who knows how much time she has is God.

I can't be there as much as I would like. Yes, we can talk over the phone. Yes, we can talk on the computer. But when your loved one faces a timetable, nothing compares to being there. Some days it's tough not being there. People ask me all the time what it's like to live in Fargo. I talk about the great sense of community, the numerous parks and the wonderful people. But some days, it's tough living in Fargo. It's not the blustery wind, the bitter cold or the snow that seems to bury the town each winter. It's not that the

Cardinals, Rams and Blues aren't the teams of choice. Mostly, the difficulty comes from living 12 hours away from our families.



Pastor Chris



But if anything, this situation has reminded me that even though my parents live far away, we have family right here. Every time I talk to my mom, one of the first things she mentions is all the cards she has received from members of our congregation. Those cards have encouraged her, given her strength and have shown her God's deep and abiding care through His people.

Of course, I shouldn't be surprised. This October, you once again showered us with affection, cards, gifts and prayers during pastor appreciation month. You reminded us that home is also here, that we are surrounded by family here. And you have demonstrated this from the time we have arrived. Thank you for your care and helping us remember we are not alone.

*Pastor Chris*

## 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.



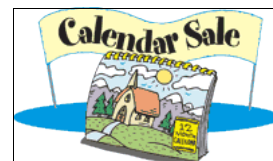
## Cradle Roll

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.



## 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!



## Nursery Volunteers

Beautiful Savior seeks to offer a staffed nursery for the 8:30 and 10:45 services. However, we are still in need of a couple more volunteers to make that happen. Please talk to Pastor Chris if you can help.

## Youth Praise Band

Our Youth Praise Band will practice at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20. There will be **NO** practice on Nov. 27. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.

## Kids create Christmas crafts at Advent Fun Shop

Our annual fun family event of Christmas crafting for preschoolers through sixth-graders will be on Sunday, Nov. 20. Registration will start in November. The youth group will serve a delicious lunch from 11:45 to 12:30 p.m. with a freewill offering. The workshop will run from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per child, and an adult must accompany the children. Each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies. Questions? Please call Pastor Chris.



## November Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

**Wednesday, Nov. 2** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. - Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 16** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. - Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, Nov. 23** – No youth group; worship at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 30** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. - Youth Group for grades 7-12

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Saturday, Nov. 12** – **Movie Night at the church.** All high-schoolers are invited to watch the movie “Soul Surfer” from 7-9:30 p.m. at the church. The evening will also feature discussion and treats.

**Saturday, Nov. 19** – **Junior High Gym Night.** All sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders are invited to come to a junior high gym night from 6:30-9:30 at Grace Lutheran School, 1025 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. The evening will include games, snacks, Bible studies, pizza and more. Cost is \$5. Please sign up with Pastor Chris as soon as possible.



**Tuesday, Nov. 22** – **Meeting for the National Youth Gathering.** Are you interested in gathering with 25,000 other young Lutherans over Fourth of July weekend 2013 in San Antonio, Texas? Come learn about the opportunity to grow in faith while enjoying uplifting speakers, bands and experiences. We will be meeting from 7-8 p.m. You must be a high schooler in the 2012-2013 school year or going into high school for the 2013-2014 school year to attend the gathering.



### Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

**Sunday, Nov. 20** – **Advent Fun Shop Lunch.** Junior and senior high students are encouraged to help serve lunch for the Advent Fun Shop. All proceeds from the lunch will go toward mission trips, servant events and the youth.

**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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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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