

## March 2012

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

## Living Under and In the Mercy of God

At the beginning of March, I'll travel to California to visit two of our children. I also will be able to spend time with our grandson. With a couple of our children living in California, it is a great place for my wife and me to visit. However, Kim has expressed to me several times that California is not the first, second or third place where she would like to live. Earthquakes happen there! She would rather not live under the fear or threat of seismic activity. I remind her that there are various forces of nature that we face here. In the valley, we live under the threat of blizzards, tornados and flooding. No matter where we live, there are various unknowns we have to deal with. But at the same time, no matter where we live, there are things of which we can be certain.

One of the things that we can be absolutely certain of is that we live under and in the mercy of God. Moses reminded the Israelites that "the LORD your God is a merciful God," (Deut. 4:31a). Jesus echoed that as well as encouraged us to reflect that character of God when he declared, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," (Luke 6:36).

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## BSLC Cabaret Sunday, March 4, at 7 p.m.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 4, as we celebrate 10 years of our Beautiful Savior cabaret. The Beautiful Savior praise team will take a journey back in time to perform some of their favorite selections from cabarets past, as well as roll out some new selections. Join us and some cabaret alumni for a fun evening starting at 7 p.m.

## The Hands of Christ Midweek Lenten Sermon Series

We are focusing on the hands of Jesus at our Wednesday services. By looking at His hands, we have the opportunity to see not only how Jesus helped people in the past, but also how he continues to be our greatest helper. Then, having been touched by the love of God, we explore how we can use our hands, lips, hearts and lives to help others.

## Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays in March

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

7 p.m. - Lenten Worship Services

## Easter Breakfast

April 8 from 8:45-10:15 a.m.

The youth will serve breakfast at the church on Easter Sunday.

Plan now to attend.

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## Living Under and In the Mercy of God (Continued from page 1)

Every time we worship and every time we pray, we are asking God to be merciful to us. But when we pray to God for mercy, it is not an attempt to get God to do what He is unwilling otherwise to do. Rather, it is a reaching out to what we know is true. By asking for mercy, we express a longing to receive what God is already doing in and for us in Jesus Christ. We always live under the Lord's mercy. Eugene Peterson describes it this way: "God rules, guides, commands, loves us as children whose destinies He carries in His heart."

I pray that God would help you see His mercy in your life. Also, remember that you receive God's mercy as He comes to you through His Word and Sacrament. Take advantage of that by regularly worshipping. I pray that the Lord's mercy would move you to be more kind, loving and merciful to others as well.

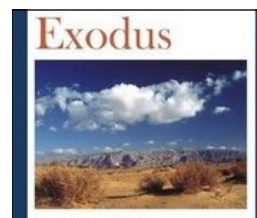
May God's grace, mercy and peace be yours.

*Pastor Dave*

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

**"By the Mighty Hand of God"**  
**A Look at the book of Exodus**  
**9:30 a.m.**

In March, we will explore portions of Exodus. We will review the dramatic rescue, examine the wilderness provisions and look at God making a covenant with His people. As we examine these events, we will see how God has done similar things for us in the person of Jesus Christ.



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## Plan Now to Attend Summer Camps

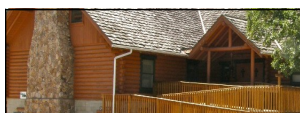
Check out the following exciting summer camp opportunities available at Lutheran Island Camp and Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Current brochures for the upcoming season are available at the church. However, what is probably the easiest thing to do is to check them out at their websites.

Many different camping experiences are available for children of all ages, youth and families too. Plan ahead and attend camp this summer! Most camps offer an early registration discount.

A limited number of camp scholarships are available through the church. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Chris.



Visit Island Camp at:  
[www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org)



Visit Shepherd's Hill:  
[www.shretreat.org](http://www.shretreat.org)

## LIC Sunday

Katie Peske from Lutheran Island Camp will be at our church on March 11 to share information, answer questions and to sign up children for camp. This year your child will receive \$20 off for any week long overnight event or \$10 for any weekend event they sign up for on that day.

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## Voters' Meeting

**11:45 a.m. on March 18**

Beautiful Savior will conduct its spring congregational meeting on March 18. We will hold elections for several elder positions, Grace School board member, director of Education and director of properties. Church board reports will also be given.

## Soup and Sandwiches Provided by Youth

**Wednesday, March 21**

Make sure to attend the Lenten Soup and Sandwich supper at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 21. Don't bring food – just bring yourself! The youth will be providing all the food, with a freewill offering collected to support the cost of servant events, mission trips and the 2013 National Youth Gathering. Make sure to be fed in worship at 7 p.m. as well.

## Chili Cook-Off

**Wednesday, March 28**

Whip up a pot of your best chili and enter it in our annual chili cook-off during our last Lenten Soup and Sandwich supper at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 28. Winners will be crowned in mild and spicy categories. Of course, stay after for worship at 7 p.m.



## Order Easter Lilies

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would like to place an Easter lily in memory or honor of a loved one for Easter. The cost of a lily is \$12. All orders should be placed by March 28. You are welcome to take the plant that you purchased after the late service on Easter Sunday. Thank you.



## Quilting Time

The ladies will be gathering at 9 a.m. on March 8 and 22 to quilt. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come for an hour or all day!



## Save Postage Stamps

Thank you for continuing to bring in your used postage stamps. Remember not to cut them; bring in the whole envelope and put in the box outside the office. The money we receive for stamps goes to missions.

## Share by Sewing

Calling all members of Beautiful Savior. This is your opportunity to reach out in love to young girls in our area and the world. If you would like to make any pillowcase dresses at home and bring them to the church, this is your chance. There are instructions on what to get and how to make the dresses. You can also use one yard of fabric instead of the pillowcases. They have pretty fabric for \$1.50 at the Walmart stores. The dresses will be distributed in the coming months to Fort Totten and Fort Yates and there is a mission trip going to Kenya this summer also. The more dresses we receive, the more we can share with those in need. If you have any questions or need any help, call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891. Happy sewing!



## Save Your Coupons

Bring in those coupon inserts from your newspaper that you don't want. Even outdated coupons, up to six months outdated, can be used by members of our military. Bring in the inserts and place them in the box by the LWML kiosk by the water fountain. Thanks for your support of our military families.

## LWML News

Love to sing hymns? Here's your chance to get together with others and sing! Good Samaritan Home is holding a hymn sing at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 11. If you would like a ride, we will meet at BSLC and leave here at 1:15 p.m. Or you can just come over to Good Samaritan Home, 4502 37th Ave. S., Fargo. Everyone—men, women, children—is invited along, so please join the fun!



The women's Bible study "God Is in the Laundry Room" is held every other Thursday at either 9-10 a.m. or 7-8 p.m. Mark your calendars this month for March 1, 15, and 29 and please join us. It's not too late to get in the Word!! Books are available in the office for \$9.



## BSLC Members in College or the Military

Please let the office know names and addresses of loved one in college or the military who would love to receive a card and gift from the LWML. We need all the names and addresses by March 4. Please leave the names and addresses in the office or e-mail them to the church. Thank you.

## Stock the Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who already brought items to stock the food pantry. If you would still like to help out, the items needed are peanut butter, cereal, canned fruits, soups and canned pasta meals. Thanks for your donations.

## 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.





## Baptisms

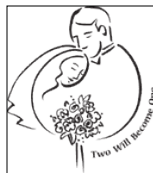
Feb. 12 - Otto Ehli Mann, son of Jamie and Sally Mann, born Nov. 21, 2011. His sponsors were Arielle Ehli, Sonny Ehli, Tracy Mann and Gary Greniger Jr.



Feb. 26 - Emily Elizabeth Mohn, daughter of Shannon and Tracy Mohn, born Dec. 11, 2011. Her sponsors were Melissa VanVleet and James VanVleet.

## Weddings

Feb. 11- Chad Williams Matthew and Leslie Erin Thompson



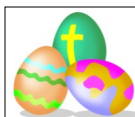
## Gold Club Luncheon

Noon on Wednesday, March 14

Are you 55 or older or retired? Bring a dish to share at our potluck at noon. We gather for about an hour to enjoy food and fellowship.

## Palm Sunday Party—April 1

Preschoolers to fifth-graders are invited to celebrate the excitement of Jesus entering Jerusalem as Beautiful Savior will host its Palm Sunday Party from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 1. See the passion story come alive as we illustrate it with "resurrection eggs." Each family will receive a set of these eggs for use in the home. The day also will include a freewill offering lunch between noon and 12:30 p.m. with proceeds going toward mission trips, servant events and the 2013 National Youth Gathering. The party also will feature an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts, treats and prizes. Cost is \$5 per child for materials. Please fill out a form located in the Narthex and return to Pastor Chris.



## Pictures for Directory

Thanks to everyone who had their picture taken for our pictorial directory. If you did not get your family picture taken, you can still submit one to the office by March 5. Thank you.

## New Member Corner

Beautiful Savior would like to welcome Shannon and Tracy Mohn and their daughter, Emily, to our church. Emily was just baptized here on Feb. 26. They love the smaller congregation feel of our church. In their spare time, they like football and other sports, camping and any outdoor activities. We are happy to have you here at our church!



## Memorials to Beautiful Savior

Harlan & Irene LeMier – in memory of Dick Tewksbury

## 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, Fargo.

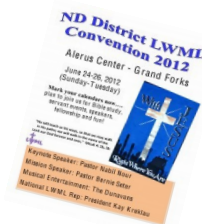


## New Address, E-mail, Phone Number?

If you have gotten rid of your land phone and gone to cell phones, please let the office know your new number. Also with spring coming, some of you may be making a move to a different house. Please let the church know your new address before you move. We have to pay postage on all returned newsletters, so this would save the church money. You can receive your newsletter by e-mail - just let the office know you want to switch. Also the church has been sending a weekly update via e-mail, so if you want to be included, let the office know.

## ND District LWML Convention

It's time to register for the 2012 Convention that will be held from June 24-26 at the Alerus Center, Grand Forks. The theme is "With Jesus - Right Where You Are" based on Micah 4:2b, 5b. Ladies are asked to bring quilts, blankets, or lap blankets for the Procession and Dedication. Paulette Huber will be our choir director and Pastor Dave Suelzle will lead the group in singing. Registration forms are available in the LWML Messenger or at [www.ndlwml.org](http://www.ndlwml.org).



## Do you glorify God with that mouth?

Pastor Chris



A recent episode of the ABC sitcom *Modern Family* caused a ruckus when a toddler on the show used profane language -- to the shock of one parent and the savage amusement of the other. However, the parents initially agree to try to put the lid on the behavior, only to have their daughter publicly cuss at a wedding.

The crowd doesn't know how to react -- that is until one giggle sets off another until the whole throng merrily assents to the faux pas.

As Christians, what do we do when our children start using language or terminology or puns that calls to mind sexual innuendo, vulgar bodily function and just plain impolite suggestion?

This can be a touchy subject. Martin Luther was known for saucy and sassy language -- sometimes including very graphic images to convey a point. A professor of mine picked up on this once in class, suggesting that most vulgar terms and cuss words are not really sinful because they simply convey meaning.

I must repent that even I let slip every once in a while. Although my conscience calls the practice into question, it's easy to dismiss the thought by insisting that my freedom in Christ allows me to communicate my thoughts and ideas by using the best word possible.

But doesn't scripture exhort us to glorify God with our mouths? Are we so inept with our language that we must leap to vulgar terminology to add punch, flavor and emphasis?

In Ephesians 5, Paul writes that "obscenity, foolish talk or course joking" are not fitting for the saints.

In the context, Paul seems to refer specifically to language regarding sex and sexuality. The reason appears to be that to treat sexual matters as a topic of amusement is not to take them seriously enough, which in turn, can lead to an atmosphere in which the Christian community becomes accepting of sexual vices.

But Paul urges that thanksgiving replace obscene speech, foolish talk and course joking -- so although OTHER coarse joking and evil words may not be specifically described here, it would not be a stretch to have them in view as a general rule. Thanksgiving is supposed to be on the lips of God's people -- not slightly less egregious obscene speech, evil talk and course joking. Eph. 4:29 also adds: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up, according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

There's nothing wrong with humor. There certainly is room for forgiveness in Christ when a child uses a word that he or she does not fully comprehend. However, an "aww shucks ... ain't that cute attitude," and an acceptance and approval of such language points to an underlying dismissive view of our calling to use speech that builds up others and glorifies God.

As people changed by the Gospel, let our speech be seasoned with salt, not with swearing.

*Pastor Chris*

## VBS Planning Meeting

All adults are invited to a Vacation Bible School planning meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15. We will be discussing this year's curriculum, along with assigning various leadership roles. If you have a heart for kids and sharing the Gospel with them, join us as we seek to make this year's VBS a success.



## Rent a Youth

Need some extra hands around the house? Rent a youth! The youth at Beautiful Savior are available to help out with various tasks, including yard work, cleaning and moving assistance, among other jobs. Suggested rate is \$10 an hour per youth. All proceeds will go toward activities such as mission trips and the 2013 LCMS National Youth Gathering. To rent a youth or for more information, please call Pastor Chris at 293-1047 or 893-6995.

## Grace School News

"Reflecting God's Glory" was the theme for the GLS Auction held on Feb. 25. Thank you for your support in the way of prayers, donations, attending and bidding.



National Lutheran Schools week is March 5-9, and this is a week to celebrate the gift of a Christ-centered education around the country in a fun way. Please join us for our Geography and Art Fair from 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 8th. You will see talented presentations put on by the fifth through eighth grade students.

Enrollments are currently being accepted by GLS families as well as all LCMS association families. We at Grace Lutheran School are proud of our commitment to Christ-centered education for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. We have an outstanding teaching staff, small class sizes, current technology, extracurricular activities, and most importantly, a faith-based curriculum. Nutritious breakfast and hot lunch programs follow all recommendations for child health and well-being, and it also receives rave reviews from the students! An affordable after-school care program and a summer day camp program are available. Save \$100 by enrolling by April 1! We would be happy to answer your questions and to give you a campus tour. Call **232-7747** for information or go online at: [www.gracelutheranschool.org](http://www.gracelutheranschool.org).

Scholarships are available through Grace Lutheran School. Financial assistance can also be applied for by members of Beautiful Savior as they fill out a covenant pledge. (See following article).

Need summer plans for your children? Starting March 15th, you can enroll your child (ages 4-12) in Camp Grace. Led by teachers from the school, students will be kept active on field trips, outside play, reading, swimming, crafts, and much more. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Full and half-time spots are available, but are limited to 40 total, and we do expect to fill! Contact the school if you would like more information!

## Tuition Assistance

Our congregation has set aside a certain amount of money to go to tuition support for those who have children attending Grace Lutheran School. Families who desire to receive tuition assistance are asked to sign a covenant agreement. Covenant agreements are available from the church office. The deadline for submitting the application is March 20.



## Grace School Letter From the RRLS Board President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

At a special meeting, the Grace School Board decided to begin the Call process to fill the position of principal for the 2012-13 school year. This came after much prayer and discussion over several meetings.

Last summer, the board elected to fill the principal position for one year in an interim status. This was intended to give time for Mr. Krupski to recover and to maintain stability for the school. At this time, the board feels it is important to return to a full time, non-temporary principal. Because the earliest Mr. Krupski can be determined to handle full-time status will be April, the board feels the school is best served by entering into the Call process. The board has specifically requested that both Mr. Krupski and Mrs. Syverson be nominated as candidates in the Call process.

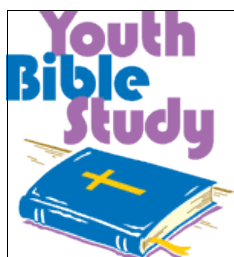
The past year has been a challenging time for the entire Grace Lutheran School family. Much time, prayer, effort and discussion have been expended in looking for the best answers. Decisions were made based upon the information available at the time; and I believe everyone on the board acted in the best interests of the school and Mr. Krupski in mind. I am especially proud and gratified that all matters were handled in a Christ-centered manner. Please pray for guidance and discernment as we work our way through the Call process.

In Christ,

Gary E. Euren, Red River Lutheran School Board President

## Youth Praise Band

Our Youth Praise Band will practice at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays, March 11, 18 and 25. There will be no praise band practice on March 4 due to the cabaret. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.



## Assistant Youth Director Sought

Beautiful Savior is seeking a part-time assistant youth director to help with high school and junior high ministry opportunities. These include planning and teaching Bible studies on Sunday morning, assisting during youth group on Wednesdays and participating in youth events as schedules permit. This position would be for between five and 10 hours per week. If interested, please see one of the pastors.

## March Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

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

**Wednesday, March 14** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

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

**Wednesday, March 28** – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3: Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat.** All young people in grades eight through 12 can take a break from the normal routine and attend the ND District Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat in Carrington. We will leave around 3 p.m. (note change of time) on Friday and return around 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Activities include teen-led growth sessions, devotions, concerts, a junk food buffet and some meals. Cost is \$70. Please also bring enough money for dinner on Friday and Saturday. Please fill out a form and turn into Pastor Chris.

**Friday, March 23: YMCA Night for Junior High.** All junior high students are invited for a night of fun at the downtown YMCA from 7:15 p.m. to 1 a.m. The evening together will include a Bible study, games, food and, of course, fun at the YMCA. The evening will begin at Grace Lutheran Church, 821 Fifth Ave. S. Please bring appropriate clothes and shoes and swim gear if you plan to use the pool. The cost is \$8 per person. Fill out a form and return to Pastor Chris.



### 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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**Sunday, April 8: Easter Breakfast.** Join us for our annual Easter breakfast from 8:45-10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 8, in the Fellowship Hall. Avoid the crowds and long lines at local restaurants and eateries while supporting our youth. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and other assorted items. There is no cost, but a freewill offering will be taken to help raise money for servant events, mission trips and the 2013 National Youth Gathering. Thank you for your continued support!



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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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