

June 2012

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Fathers and Our Father

By Pastor Dave



Last month I wrote about mothers in my article. I think it is appropriate for me to talk about dads this month. Sometimes we fathers are given a bad reputation. This can come about when we are stereotyped. For an example, consider the following story.

After a period of pleading and begging, the kids in a certain family finally had talked their mom into getting a hamster. They promised to take care of their pet whom they named "Danny." However, by the end of one month, mom was taking care of Danny. Even though she encouraged the kids to take care of the hamster and warned them about the consequences if they didn't, nothing changed. Finally, mom came to the conclusion that enough was enough. Danny would be given to a new owner.

She called the kids together to tell them. She declared, "I'm sick and tired of doing everything by myself. I am frustrated that I have no help. Danny has to go."

The children were shocked. One child said, "I'll miss him. He's been around here a long time." The other child remarked, "Maybe he could stay if he ate less and wasn't so messy." But mom was firm, "It is time to take Danny to a new home."

"Danny?!" the kids wailed, "We thought you said Daddy."

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New Summer Worship Times

Sunday Mornings
starting May 27
8:30 and 10 a.m.

Evening Worship
starts June 7
7 p.m. on Thursdays

No Worship Thursday
June 14 (Due to VBS)



Minot Flood Relief Volunteers Needed

Remember the flooding last year in Minot? Did you know they still have families in need? Want to know how you can help? Hope Village is an organization that helps connect volunteer workers with the needs in Minot. We'd like to send a group of volunteers from our church to help. See the table in the narthex for more details.



While no one is perfect and while there are some fathers who are negligent, I believe that the world is a better place because of the care, provision and love that so many fathers do give. On a personal level I can attest to that. I am blessed to have a wonderful earthly father. I also appreciate that he is still around so I can talk and see him. I hope that you can say similar things about your earthly fathers. Nevertheless, no matter what your earthly father was or is like, I would like to remind you of our perfect heavenly Father.

In the book of James, we have this word of warning and encouragement, "Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" (James 1:16-17a). "Every good and perfect gift" is quite a statement to make. But when we see the extent our heavenly Father was willing to go for us, we understand that caring, providing and loving is in God's nature. St. Paul put it this way, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)

Our heavenly Father is good, gracious and giving. Because of Him, we have been blessed. In the middle of the month of June, we will take time to remember our earthly fathers. I also pray that you would not forget about our heavenly Father. Remember to worship Him with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray to Him. Read about Him in the Bible. Talk about Him with others.

What a blessing to know that we have a great and marvelous heavenly Father.

Pastor Dave

A Look at the Book of Job Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m. beginning June 19

One thing we can count on in this life is *trouble*! Being a Christian, contrary to what some say, does not so much deliver us from problems as deliver us *in* them. We still get sick, lose jobs, worry about our children and struggle with loneliness. On a deeper level we experience this spiritually. Although we have joy and hope in our faith, we are not immune from pain and suffering. Sometimes, like Job, we are led through a dark valley without seeing the path out. Like Job, we may have many questions as we experience suffering and trials in life. The book of Job catches us in its plot and invites us to contemplate our deepest questions about the meaning of life and God Himself.

We invite you to join us after VBS to look through portions of this book.



Voters' Meeting

There will be a voters' meeting at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June. 3. There will be reports from our boards and discussion of various ministry projects going on at our church.

Hot Dog Stand at Sunmart

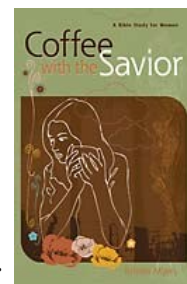


Come support our youth, who will be serving hot dogs, brats, burgers, chips and assorted baked goods from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sunmart on 25th Avenue and 32nd Street on Thursday, June 28, and Friday, June 29.

All proceeds go toward servant events and the 2013 National Youth Gathering.

Women's Thursday Bible Study "Coffee with the Savior"

A new women's Bible study will start in June - date yet to be set. "Coffee with the Savior" is about relationships. Women spend time with those they love and want to get to know better. They drink coffee with them, share stories and study God's word together. God invites us to do the same with Him. So grab your latte, your friends and your Bible and spend time with your Savior. Please sign up in the narthex or call the office and specify if you will attend the 9 a.m. or 7 p.m. study. If you have questions, please call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891. Watch the church announcements for the start date of this Bible study.



FirstChoice Clinic Golf Marathon

Pastor Dave, Tim and Tina Deitemeyer will be golfing 100 holes in one day at FirstChoice Clinic's 18th annual Golf 'fore' Life Marathon that will be held at Fargo's Rose Creek Golf Course Tuesday, June 5. If you would like to pledge, please talk to Pastor Dave at the church or call Tim at 793-2220 or e-mail tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.



Fishing Trip Being Planned

A fishing trip is being planned for men of BSLC from June 1-3 at Little Sand and Red Lakes. Cost is \$60 a person. Talk to Dave Eggers (218) 329-1334 or Gordy Swanson (218) 790-1738 for more information or to sign up.

Youth Praise Band

Calling all sixth- to twelfth-graders! The Youth Praise Band is looking for new members. Practice will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 24. Just come to practice or if you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.

Come Fly with Us at VBS



The "Sky" might be the limit, but how do we keep our faith grounded in God's love in Jesus Christ? This year's Vacation Bible School helps us to see how high and wide God's love is for us. VBS will be held from 6-8:30 p.m.

from Sunday, June 10, to Thursday, June 14. We will be serving supper before VBS for your convenience at a small fee. VBS will include Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear and touch! Bible point crafts and experiments, team-building games and Bible songs are just a few of the activities for this year's adventure. All those from age 4 to sixth grade may attend. Please pre-register your children and encourage them to bring friends! In addition, we are always in need of volunteers. If you would like to help, please see Denise Doeling, Dawn Thompson or Pastor Chris.

Church Picnic

4-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 20

Join us for a time of Christian fellowship, food and fun on Wednesday, June 20. We have the main shelter at Rheault Farms, 2902 25th St. S. in Fargo reserved from 4-9 p.m. The Church Council will prepare hamburgers and hot dogs with buns and condiments as well as lemonade and water. Bring a salad, chips, fruit or dessert to share. We hope to be ready to eat around 5:30 if the charcoal behaves.

There is lots of playground equipment and there will be other toys and games there as well for kids and adults.



Gold Club Luncheon

Noon on Wednesday, June 13

Wondering what Gold Club is? It's a chance for those older than 55 and/or retired people to gather together to visit and enjoy good food. Bring your favorite dish to share and please join us at noon, Wednesday June 13.

ND District LWML Convention

The ND LWML District Convention will be June 24-26 at the Alerus Center, Grand Forks. There are several donation opportunities for you to show Jesus' love through our tangible gifts from the heart. These include: Fleece for blankets for foster care children; new or used sheets for bandages for Global Health Ministries; pretty pillowcases or cotton fabric for dresses for girls in Kenya; diapers, wet wipes and baby clothing up to 12 month sizes for Women's Pregnancy Center in Grand Forks; diapers, wipes, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner; toothpaste/toothbrush and towels/washcloths for the Red River Valley Community Achon-Ernie Norman House (homeless women & children) in Grand Forks. Please bring any of these items to the basket by the LWML kiosk across from the church office by June 23. Thanks! You are blessed to be a blessing.



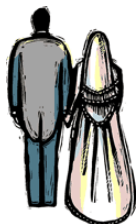
Baptisms

May 20 - Charlie Christine Olson, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Olson, born June 22, 2010. Her sponsors were Patrick and Kelly Kenney and Barrett and Shena Evans.



Weddings

May 19 - Jennifer Laurine Buth and Asa Keith Burck



Harlan and Esther Wallum Scholarship Fund

Are you thinking about where you or your children may go for college? Consider one of our LCMS universities. Grants are available to assist youth and adults who wish to begin, continue or advance their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available in the church office.



Cradle Roll

Parents, remember to check our Cradle Roll Wall hanging in the narthex for up-to-date informational newsletters.

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 please call Pastor Chris at 293-1047 or 893-6995.



Cabaret Thanks!

Thank you for the bottom of my heart! June 8, 2011, I was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer; for the past year, I have felt nothing but extraordinary compassion and support. We have the best "family" at Beautiful Savior. I am humbled by the generous offering taken for us at the Cabaret on May 5. Thank you to those of you who came out to participate that evening, for your generosity and on-going prayers. I believe that this journey in my life is all a part of God's will: "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future," (Jeremiah 29:11).



Kim Wagner

Support Your Church This Summer



YOUR PLEDGE
This Summer

Summer is always so busy with vacations, going to the lake and other weekend events. Please remember to support the work of our congregation throughout the summer by **mailing your offering to the church office.** You can also enroll in our *Simply Giving Program* and have your monthly offering automatically deducted from your bank account. Call or e-mail the office for details.

Save Coupons and Postage Stamps

Bring in coupons that you won't use—even expired ones. All can be used by members of our military. Also bring in used postage stamps—the money received for these goes to various missions. Place the coupons and postage stamps in the boxes by the LWML kiosk near the water fountain. Thank 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 Village Inn on the corner of 32nd Avenue South and 25th Street, Fargo.





I increasingly hear about those content in sin -- when confronted with God's word -- say things like: "I know what's best for me," "This is what I think," "I'm going to do this," "I'll be all right," or some other similar comment.

If this is you, you might be surprised to know that you have friends in very low places. Compare your views with the worldview of self-professed anti-Christians, whose words are eerily similar: "I'll do what I want," "It's my life," "no one can tell me what to do," and other such dreck.

St. John sternly warns: "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil," (1 John 3:8)

Jesus came and destroyed the works of the devil by suffering and dying to take your sin and then rising and ascending to give you life. Through baptism, His word and the Lord's Supper, he sets you free from the penalty of sin and death, offering forgiveness and new life.



But if you ignore what God has to say on sin -- any given sin -- are instead seek to indulge your own impulses and understanding, you are following Satan. Sorry. That's just the way it is. When you knowingly sin and rebel in open defiance of God's Word, you are not aligned with God, you are in line with the devil. And remember Jesus has defeated the devil, bound Him by the power of God's Word and one day will cast him down to destruction as well as all those who follow him.

It must be pointed out that Christ himself never urged or encouraged you to use your own discernment to continue in sin. In fact, Jesus calls you to turn from it and follow Him. Why? As we sin, God takes no part in it. The Holy Spirit departs from us when we sin because God cannot be an agent or participant in sin of any kind. Sin also hurts our relationship with God and others and brings death and destruction.

C.F.W. Walther wrote: "So long as Saul walked obediently (sinning in weakness, not in defiance), he was certain of his salvation; but when he sacrificed in direct disobedience of God's command while Samuel was gone, his conscience immediately accused him. Because he did not penitently confess his sin, his whole personality and conduct was changed. In an attempt to make good for what he had done wrong, he followed a plan of his own devising, pretending to be especially eager to serve God, but thereby, he fell deeper and deeper into sin. Instead of returning to God in genuine repentance, unreservedly confessing: 'I have done wrong, may God have mercy on me!' Instead of that, he stubbornly continued in his unrepentant state of mind, and as Scripture informs us, a restless spirit from the Lord took possession of him."

Jesus, on the other hand, promises that His words and ways (not our own) always lead us in all truth and in life. Therefore as we hear His word, take comfort from it and follow it in the Spirit, God always leads us in the right direction, away from sin, doubt and death and instead, gives the assurance of God's love and forgiveness.

The question becomes will you continue to rebel in a state that destroys and erodes faith and conscience? It's not a question of if you will break God's law; we all will because sin is at work in us. But when you sin in weakness, not in open rebellion, the Holy Spirit leads you to repent and take solace in God's bosom because of that sin.

St. John also gives us this assurance: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness," (1 John 1:8-9).

Pastor Chris

Graduation Plans of BSLC High School Seniors

- ◆ Beth Berard will graduate from West Fargo High School and plans to attend UND and take up something in the medical field.



New summer Bible Study set for youth



This summer all those going into grades 7-12 and those just graduating high school are invited to come to youth group this summer from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday. The format includes games and activity from 6:30-7, followed by Bible study. We will be rotating and meeting with other LCMS groups for the summer. For the month of June, we will meet at Immanuel Lutheran church, 1258 N. Broadway in North Fargo. DCE Ryan Avery will be our June leader.

Youth fund-raising meeting set for June 5

All those seeking to raise money for camps, activities, servant events and the 2013 National Youth Gathering are invited to attend a fund-raising meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at the church.

Stewardship Message

(From Synod's Website)

"Hooray, hallelujah, school is out and vacation time is here!" That may very well express the feeling that a lot of students and teachers have when June comes around.



Just as students and teachers look forward to a break from all the school activities, as workers look forward to some days off, as families look forward to some vacation time, and as many look forward to the crazy hazy days of summer, so also Christian stewards may look forward to a break from the weekly routine that involves worship, Bible study and giving of time, talents and treasure. Is there such a thing as a break from being a Christian steward? What do you think?

It surely depends upon how you define Christian stewardship. If you define Christian stewardship as something "you have to do," then a break might feel pretty good. But in our church body we have defined

"Christian stewardship as the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." According to that definition Christian stewardship is not so much a matter of "having to do" but more a matter of "getting to do." Christian stewards are privileged people who find joy in doing privileged things.

June might mean a break from many of the routine activities of life, but for Christian stewards it simply means having another month to use all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. By God's grace we never take a break from being Christian stewards because our stewardship is always a response to God's love which continues in every day and season of life. Whether we are at school, at work, on vacation or at home we are God's stewards who freely and joyfully manage all we are and have for God's purposes.

So, this summer, look for ways to use your time, abilities and financial resources in ways that bring glory to God and blessings to others as well as us.

Grace Lutheran School News



RRLSA May Board Minutes

Budget numbers are looking good
Final assumptions for 2012-13 budget are in place
Budget will be approved at the June meeting
Gym use policy and rates have been determined
Gym use is available to all RRLSA churches at no cost

Currently 107 students enrolled for next year

Pre-k teacher opening – interested parties may contact the office to apply

Election results: Scott Wentz-president, Lisa Benusa-vice president, and Jane Thielman-treasurer as of July 1.

Temporary double classroom will be built this summer. Discussion on whether to build or get bids. Lisa Benusa will work on this. Volunteers may be needed to help build.

There is still room at Camp Grace, our summer program. Applications for students for the 2012-2013 school year are being taken too. Call 232-7747 for information.

June Youth Events

Please notice that many dates in the summer schedule have changed. Please mark your calendar with these important updates.

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, June 6 – from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Immanuel

Wednesday, June 13 – from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Immanuel

Wednesday, June 20 – from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Immanuel

Wednesday, June 27 – from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Immanuel

Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Monday, June 18, to Thursday, June 21: Servant Event to Minot. The flood in Minot has had devastating effects, and help still is needed for clean-up. In conjunction with other area LCMS churches, we will be going to help. Our group will leave Monday at 10 a.m. and arrive in Minot in the evening. We plan to work Tuesday and Wednesday and return home on Thursday. Those coming must have completed ninth grade by the time of the trip. All meals except Monday and Thursday lunch will be provided. Cost is \$50. Please fill out a volunteer form by June 4 if you plan to go.

Thursday, June 28, and Friday, June 29: Hot Dog Stand at Sunmart. Come support our youth, who will be serving hot dogs, brats, burgers, chips and assorted baked goods from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sunmart on 25th Avenue and 32nd Street. All proceeds go toward servant events and the 2013 National Youth Gathering.

Saturday, July 7 and Saturday, July 14: Fund-raiser at Pizza Corner. All those seeking to raise funds in their youth account, especially those planning to go the National Youth Gathering in 2013, should plan to make pizzas in Valley City for Pizza Corner. Family and friends are welcome to help. The more people we take, the more money we make. Shifts will be available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 to 8 July 7 and 2 to 8 on July 14. Please see Pastor Chris to sign up as soon as possible.



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.



SUMMER CAMPS



Sunday, June 24, to Friday, June 29: Creation camp at Shepherd's Hill. All those entering seventh grade or higher (even adults) are encouraged to attend this camp. Expert Brian Young will lead campers in expert testimony from science and Scripture, teaching participants the tough arguments against evolution. Campers will also enjoy time in chapel, Bible studies, games, campfires, sculpture making, game room, swimming, canoeing, hiking and other activities. Trail rides and lead rides are available at an additional charge. Lodging, food and program are covered at a fee of \$249. Scholarships of \$100 are available from the church.

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8:30 and 10 a.m. Sunday mornings
7 p.m. Thursday evenings

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

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