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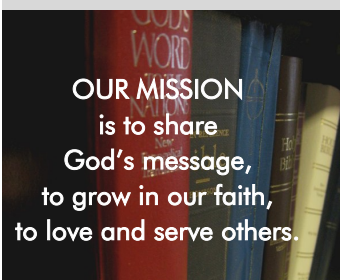
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Summer Worship

Worship on Sundays
at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Worship on Thursdays
at 7 p.m.



The Art and Practice of Giving Thanks



By Pastor Dave

Last month, my wife and I received cards expressing thanks for the gifts we gave to those who recently graduated from High School and who were newly married. It is customary for people to send out notes of appreciation to those who have showed kindness to them. We appreciate receiving them and think it is appropriate to thank others. However, if you were to ask my wife, she thinks that the art or practice of thanking others is not as strong as it was years ago. What do you think? Are people as thankful as they were in the past? Do they appreciate receiving things? Or do they just expect people to give them things?



We live in a country where many people (including youth and children) have ample amounts of food, possessions and clothes. I do realize that there are many people in need throughout our nation – even in our community (and we are to seek to help them). But for a majority of people they have more than what they need. Therefore, I believe a major danger we all face is not appreciating and being thankful for what we have received. I know that this has been the case for me more times than I would like to admit.

In his small catechism, Martin Luther gives this insight in what it means to pray "give us this day are daily bread." He writes:

"God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving."

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our body and life here on earth – everything from food and clothing, house and home, having work and good weather to living in a community and nation where there is peace. The Bible makes it very clear that God is not only concerned about us spiritually but also physically as Martin Luther points out.

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July Fourth Patriotic Worship -7 p.m. at Redeemer, Moorhead

You are invited to attend the 10th anniversary of Our Redeemer July 4 Patriotic worship. A kid's carnival, music and Games Galore will start at 4 p.m. At 6 p.m., there is a barbecue and at 7:30 p.m. our patriotic worship service followed by goodies, more kids

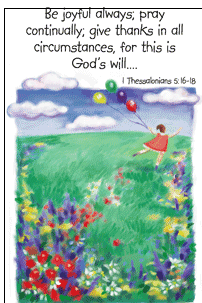
stuff, and the fireworks at MSUM which can be seen from our lawn. A freewill offering will be taken for a Thrivent Habitat House being built this summer. What a wonderful way to celebrate our Independence Day.



The Art and Practice of Being and Giving Thanks (Continued)

I am thankful that God gives generously. His generosity is not based on what we have done. Neither is it based on our gratitude. God's goodness is undeserved. We have a loving heavenly Father. All we need to do is look at what He did for us through His Son, Jesus Christ, to realize the lengths He will go through for our benefit. How is this then to impact us? My prayer is that it would make all of us truly grateful for what he has done and make us seek to express our thankfulness to God through our words and actions.

In light of what God has done for us in His Son, you can see why St. Paul would write these words: "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus", (1 Thessalonians 5:18).



As we celebrate the founding of our nation, as we appreciate the summer weather, as we enjoy the fruits of the earth, as we experience love and kindness from our family and friends, I urge you to see our heavenly Father behind it all and give Him appropriate thanks. Let your worship of Him on Sundays and every other day of the week be filled with gratitude. Who knows? Maybe the art and practice of being thankful will not die out.

Thankful to God and appreciative of all of you!

Pastor Dave

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

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.

It's not too late to join us as we look through portions of this book.



Pictorial Directory Update



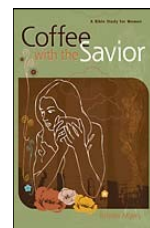
It's coming! Our pictorial directory has been proofed and returned to the company to be printed off. Watch the announcements for the delivery date!

Minot Flood Relief Volunteers Still Needed

The Minot flood was a year ago but there are still plenty of families who need help. Here's your chance to lend a hand. BSLC would like to send a group of volunteers from our church. We will work with Hope Village, who is a church sponsored organization that connect volunteer workers with the clean-up areas in Minot. Take a couple days and give a helping hand to those in need now!

Women's Bible Study "Coffee with the Savior"

A new women's Bible study has started at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, and 9 a.m. Thursday, June 28. "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. It's not too late to sign up in the narthex or call the office and specify if you will attend the morning or evening study. If you have questions, please call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891.



Thank you to our Golf "fore" Life Participants from FirstChoice Clinic

Thank you to all of you who supported Rev. Dave Wagner, Tim and Tina D. in FirstChoice Clinic's 18th annual Golf "fore" Life marathon. Because of your generosity, along with Rev. Wagner and a team of 17 golfers, more than \$55,000 was raised for this great prolife ministry that provides life-saving help with life-changing results! May God bless you abundantly for your generosity in supporting FirstChoice Clinic's life-saving ministry. To learn more about us, we invite you to visit our website at www.teamfirstchoiceclinic.com



Thanks for Your Help with VBS!

Many thanks to all those who volunteered for VBS:

- ◆ Team leads for the stations
- ◆ Crew Leaders
- ◆ Kitchen Staff
- ◆ Technical Team
- ◆ Clean-Up Crew



The kids had a blast learning all things were possible with God. VBS would not be successful without the time given by all of our volunteers. Thank you so much for your help!

Pastor Chris, Dawn Thompson and Denise Doeling

Gold Club Luncheon Noon on Wednesday, July 18

Mark your calendars now for noon Wednesday, July 18, for a great potluck and enjoyable fellowship!



Bring your favorite dish to share. If you haven't come before, now is the time to join the other "mature" adults and taste the delicious cooking of others.

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.



Thrivent Financial Night at the RedHawks

What: Picnic & Baseball Game

Date: Tuesday, August 14th

Where: Newman Outdoor Field
1515 15th Ave North, Fargo

Time: 6:00 pm – Picnic begins (use East Entrance – by playground)
7:02 pm – Game starts

Cost: \$7 per person – includes Picnic & Baseball Game



Cash, check payable to FM RedHawks (Not Thrivent) is due with ticket reservation.

Reserve your tickets by Wednesday, August 1st by sending in this order form to your church or Thrivent.

Ticket Request Form

Contact Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total # of Tickets _____ x \$7.00 per ticket = Total _____

(Kids 2 and under are free.) Please note if handicapped seating is necessary.

Send to: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Attn: Lisa Trudeau, 3303 Fiechtner Drive South, Ste. 100, Fargo, ND 58103

Questions: e-mail lisa.trudeau@thrivent.com or call 701-478-7151

Thrivent.com

Baptisms

June 7 - Kylan Chase
Bartnick, son of Noah and
Shannon Bartnick, born April 26,
2012. His sponsors were Shayla
Donnelly and Nathaniel Bartnick.



Weddings

June 9 - Aaron Pederson and
Jessica Berg



Deaths

Ramona Sylwester passed away on
June 23, 2012. She leaves three
daughters, four grandchildren and
five great grandchildren. Her
husband, Louis Sylwester, passed
away in 2007. A memorial service
was held at Bethany on June 26, and
she was buried at Sunset Memorial
Gardens, Fargo. Please remember
Ramona's family in your prayers.

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.



Honorariums to Beautiful Savior

In honor of Rod and Deanna
Kensrud's 50th Anniversary

Gerald and Joan
Fiechtner

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.

Support Your Church This Summer



Summer—ah, a time to go to the lakes, on
vacation or to sport events. But as you are
enjoying the all the summer activities,
please remember to support the work of
our congregation by **mailing your offering
to the church office.**

YOUR PLEDGE This Summer

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.

Cradle Roll

Parents, remember to check our Cradle Roll
Wall hanging in the narthex for up-to-date
informational newsletters or cards for your
baptized infant each month.



Save Coupons and Postage Stamps

Bring in coupons that you won't use—even coupons up to
60 days past expiration. 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!

Faith Listens to What Mercy Means for Minot

Pastor Chris Waldvogel



As you go through life, you listen to many voices. You listen to family and friends. You listen to teachers, mentors, counselors and a host of others. You listen to the culture, the media and other influences. So who really influences you? Who shapes your thoughts and behavior? To whom do you truly listen?

This summer, I hope you will listen to the people of Minot because their stories are worth hearing. I was part of a nine-person team comprised of youth and leaders from Beautiful Savior, Our Redeemer in Moorhead and St. Andrew in West Fargo who travelled to Minot June 18-20 to assist in flood recovery. In just two work days, we helped unload donated furniture, hauled 100 flats of sheet rock to a residence, removed moldy siding from two houses, removed insulation and helped an elderly woman named Delores move furniture back into her home.



Delores had prayed that God would allow her to return around the date of the one-year anniversary when she had been forced to leave her home. It just so happened we were there on that date, placing some of the finishing touches on her prayers.

Delores and the others we served in Minot had a lot to say. They shared stories of bravery amid uncertainty, faith amid disaster and hope amid loss. They cried with us, laughed with us and most of all, shared their lives with us in a very real and intimate way. Will you listen to the people of Minot? Will you hear that the Minot flood remains the only Level 5 disaster after Hurricane Katrina? Will you hear that thousands still remain displaced?

As a Christian, will you listen to the Savior who bore all your sin on the cross? In Him, God listened to your cries for compassion as Jesus took on flesh, suffered, died and rose again for you. In Christ, God listens and heeds your need for mercy and bestows it on you in abundance through the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake. Thus, your life is, by nature, one full of mercy.

When Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan, he painted a picture of someone in need of temporal mercy, a man who had been robbed, beaten and left for dead. The "religious" people of the day ignored the need. They passed by without listening. They turned their ears and eyes from it. Yet a Samaritan

helped his neighbor; he bound the man's wounds, brought him to an inn, nurtured him to health and even paid for the continued care of the man. At the end of the parable, Jesus says

The Good Samaritan



something profound. He asks the lawyer who was testing Him: "Which of these ... do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer responded: "The one who had mercy on Him."

Jesus then says: "Go and do likewise."

Did you catch that? I hope you listen to what Jesus has to say, "Go, and do likewise." This disaster sits in your backyard. Will you listen to what Jesus invites you to do? Will you listen as His Spirit stirs your heart and mind to act? Will you sacrifice a few days, maybe even at the cost of vacation time or personal expense – even as your act of mercy will not impact your salvation in Jesus?

I hope so. As we listened as the people of Minot, what we heard the most was "thank you so much." We listened as they embraced us and wept for joy and gratitude over the work that God had done through us. We listened to stories of answered prayers and confidence in God's goodness. We even heard God speaking to our faith in Christ alone and His transformative work.

After all, Luther writes: "Oh, faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, so that it is impossible for it not to be constantly doing what is good. Likewise faith does not ask if good works are to be done, but before one can ask, faith has already done them and is constantly active... Faith is a vital, deliberate trust in God's grace, so certain that it would die a thousand times for it. And such confidence and knowledge of divine grace makes us joyous, mettlesome, and merry toward God and all creatures."

This summer, be mettlesome and merry for your neighbor in Minot. Your neighbor needs you. Listen to the call from Christ and your faith, all speaking to the parable's view of mercy: "Go, and do likewise."

Pastor Chris

What Does It Mean to be Free?

(from the Synod website)

At the beginning of the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, we read these words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." This document was the unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America in Congress on July 4, 1776.

These words are pretty easy to recite but so difficult to practice. For one thing, freedom is never free. It comes only through great cost, including the sacrifice of dedicated men and women in defense of our national freedoms. In addition, the stain of sin causes us to treat our fellow citizens as inferior according to our own definitions and practices. Consider all the ugly words and accusations that take place as our nation prepares to elect a new president and other government leaders!

In The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we have used this definition of Christian stewardship for several decades: "Christian stewardship is 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."

Really--Christian stewardship free and joyous? Too often we have all kinds of words that describe Christian stewardship as anything but free and joyous. How can it be free? It is free because the price for it, like the freedom we enjoy as Americans, has been paid for by the sacrifice of someone else. Jesus, through His bitter suffering, death and glorious resurrection, has freed us to be the children of God who delight in doing what God delights in doing—loving and giving!

In gratitude for His working in us, let's resolve to become more and more what God has already declared us in Christ to be, namely, His children. Yes indeed, maturing children of God and stewards freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes!



Grace Lutheran School News

Christian teachers needed: Are you a dedicated, Christian teacher (or know someone who is) who would love to work in an environment where you can teach and share your faith? Grace Lutheran School is accepting applications for a full-time, middle school Language Arts teacher, full-time pre-kindergarten teacher, and part-time, middle school Math teacher. Contact jsyverson@gracels.com for an application.

Camp Grace is the place: Don't let your children become bored couch potatoes over the summer! Led by licensed teachers from the school, students will be kept active on field trips, outside play, reading, crafts, swimming and much more. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Breakfast and hot-lunch are available. Families who only need a week here and there are also welcome and this program is open to the public.

Enroll your child now for the 2012-2013 school year

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 a faith-based curriculum. Our nutritious breakfast and hot lunch programs receives rave reviews from the students! An affordable after school care program, as well as a summer day camp program is also available.

We now offer two classes of pre-kindergarten! This five-day, full-day program is designed for children who will be 4 or 5 years old by August 1. It is an outstanding program offering physical education, music, after school care and meal options.

Questions on any of the above? Call the school at 232-7747.



Youth Praise Band

Calling all sixth- to twelfth-graders! The Youth Praise Band would love to have you join us. Practices will be at 6:30 p.m. on July 8 and 24. Just come to practice or if you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.



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 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday. The format includes games and activities followed by a Bible study. We will be rotating and meeting with other LCMS groups for the summer. For the month of July, we will meet here at Beautiful Savior Lutheran church with Pastor Chris as our leader.



July Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, July 4 – No Youth Group; Fourth Holiday

Wednesday, July 11 – Outdoor Game Night. See below.

Wednesday, July 17 – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Beautiful Savior

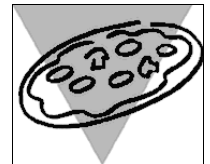
Wednesday, July 24 – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Beautiful Savior

Wednesday, July 31 - from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Beautiful Savior

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

Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Saturday, July 7, and Saturday, Aug. 18: 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. for both dates. Please see Pastor Chris to sign up as soon as possible.



Wednesday, July 11: Outdoor Game and Activity Night at Lindenwood. All junior and senior high are invited to a potluck, along with devotion, outdoor games and other activities from 6-9 p.m. at Lindenwood Park. Bring a favorite dish to share. Please let Pastor Chris know if you are coming.

Tuesday, July 17: Tubing Trip on the Ottertail River. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to our annual tubing trip. We will meet at Beautiful Savior at 9 a.m. for Bible study, then travel to our destination. Please bring \$13 for transportation and shuttle rental. Also bring extra cash for lunch at Detroit Lakes and ice cream on the trip back to Fargo. We will return around 6 p.m. We can make alternate arrangements to return earlier, if needed. Please fill out a form and turn into Pastor Chris if interested.

Tuesday, Aug. 7: Senior High Lakes Day: Soak up some rays with fellow senior high students as we explore God's word in Bible study before hitting the lake. Jet-skiing, wake-boarding, swimming and sunning will be part of the day. Look in future newsletters and bulletins for more details.



Wednesday, Aug. 8, through Tuesday, Aug. 14: Servant Event to Caldwell, Ohio, along with trip to Creation Museum and Cedar Point (Roller Coaster Capital of the World). Take part in this servant event to do light yard and house work for those unable to do it themselves. All those in eighth grade and above are invited to attend. As part of our trip, we will visit the creation museum and Cedar Point, the roller coaster capital of the world. Those in younger grades can attend, along with a parent. Cost for the trip is \$175 plus the cost of food.

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Office Hours

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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

Worship Schedule

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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