

August 2012

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Summer Worship

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

Worship at 7 p.m. on
Thursday, Aug. 2, 9, 16.



How is Your Garden Growing?



By Pastor Dave

How is your garden growing? Maybe I should begin by asking, have you even planted a garden this year? I have to admit that we have planted flowers around our house and are growing some tomato plants. However, it has been years since we have planted a vegetable garden. My wife and I keep talking about planting another vegetable garden as we relish eating fresh food from the garden. But we did not get around to doing it this year. Maybe we will do it next year.



How about you? Did you plant anything this year? Are you harvesting anything at this time? Before you answer that, I would like you to broaden your mind regarding gardening. Although it is common to think about gardening when it comes to fruits, vegetables and plants, one can speak about sowing and harvesting in many areas of life. You might even say that we are all farmers and gardeners.

St. Paul writes in Galatians (6:7-10):

"People reap what they sow. Those who sow to please their sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; those who sow to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

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Getting Ready for School and Sunday School



The countdown is on for when regular school begins. As you work at providing a good foundation in learning for your children, we encourage you to remember to teach the Christian faith. Teaching the Christian faith is to happen in our homes. We also provide the opportunity for it through our Sunday School. We encourage you to register your children for Sunday School

and bring them here on a regular basis. On page seven there is a registration form for parents to fill out. There will be forms available in the lobby/narthex of the church as well. We also encourage parents and adults to participate in our Sunday School by teaching, being an assistant or in some other way. The countdown to when Sunday School begins is on. Help us to be prepared by registering your children and by signing up to help us out.

How is Your Garden Growing? (Continued from page 1.)

Paul confirms that in many ways, we are like gardeners. We plant things by our actions towards others. The harvest comes as we reap what we have sown. To be sure, this is not a hard and fast rule. We don't always get the punishment we deserve for the evil things we do. We see this with our sins. Jesus Christ takes the sentence for our failings and forgives us. We also don't always receive the reward for the good things that we have done. Again, all we have to do is look at Jesus and the saints for examples of this. Nevertheless, Paul is encouraging us through the power of God and in response to the love of God to show kindness, care and compassion to others through our good deeds. In many ways, this is just common sense:

How can you expect to experience kindness from others if you are apathetic or hostile to them? How can you expect to go through life smoothly if you plant seeds of bitterness and jealousy in your heart? How can you be a blessing to others if you do not help out others in need?

Gardening involves planting. God desires that we respond to the good things He has done for us by sowing good deeds through our words and actions. But there is also another aspect to gardening that I would like to point out. When we did plant a vegetable garden, we always had to battle with weeds. It was one of the unpleasant things about gardening for me. But in order to have a better crop, weeding needs to be done. The same is true with our lives. Through the power of the Spirit we need to weed out sinful attitude, words and actions. This begins by confession our sins to God and receiving forgiveness from Him. (Something that we do every Sunday) Receiving forgiveness, we are to "daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever" as Martin Luther describes it in the Small Catechism.

At this time, you might not be thinking about planting anything. Your thoughts may be on harvesting what you or others have planted in gardens. But throughout this article, I have encouraged you to see yourself in the gardening business throughout the year. Show kindness, care and compassion to others. Allow the Spirit to bring forth much good fruit through you.

Peace,

Pastor Dave

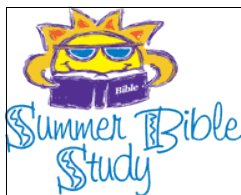
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1 PETER 4:10

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. You are invited to join us for this study.

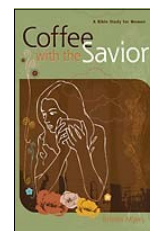
Women's Bible Study

"Coffee with the Savior"

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Relationships are important. Above all, our connection with Jesus is essential. Just as we spend time with those we love and want to know better, God invites us to do the same with Him. In this study, we seek to spend time with our Savior. If you have any questions about this study, please call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891.





SHEPHERD'S HILL AT THE CROSSROADS GOLF OUTING

Saturday, Aug. 4

- ♦ For those who are not golfers, you can send a donation that will be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$10,000) by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans through Ron Gullett's office. We are grateful to Ron for sponsoring this event and making this match possible.
- ♦ For those who are golfers, we would love to have you come and golf with us starting at 1 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Birchwood Golf and RV at Lake Metigoshe. You can either register as a team, or we can assign you to a team. Your \$50 registration covers fees and a steak dinner at Shepherd's Hill following the golf outing.
- ♦ If you would like to support our Young Golfers program, we have several young people who would like to golf with us but can't afford the fees. If you would provide the registration fee, we would assign a young golfer to represent you at our outing.

For more information, call (701) 244-5225 or toll-free 800-289-2992. Thank you for your participation and for supporting the ministry of Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads.

Looking Ahead - Fall Start-up Schedule

It's been an unusually warm summer, but too quickly, school will be starting and the church will go back to all our fall activities. Mark your calendars now for the start-up dates of church activities.



- Sept. 5 Confirmation starts
- Sept. 5 Praise band practice starts
- Sept. 9 Sunday school and Bible study starts at 9:30 a.m.
Praise Worship at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship at 10:45 a.m.
- Sept. 12 Choir

Confessing the Faith in the 21st Century

Bold Witnesses Conference for Pastors and Laity
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
2601 23rd Ave. S. Fargo, ND

Speakers will be Adriane Dorr, managing editor of the Lutheran Witness and Rev. Jonathan Fisk, associate pastor of Bethany Lutheran in Naperville, IL. Watch for registration details. For more information, contact Pastor Mark Chepulis at (701) 265-4408 or pastor.chepulis@gmail.com.

LWML News

The LWML convention in June had a great turnout. Election of new officers was held and the mite goal and mission grants for the 2012-2014 biennium goal were set at \$68,000. Projects receiving funding are:

- ♦ Full-time church workers scholarships
- ♦ Orphan grain train
- ♦ Project 24 - orphanages in Kenya
- ♦ Minot Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- ♦ Women's and children's shelter at Standing Rock Reservation
- ♦ Carolyn Walsh, LBT missionary to Botswana, Africa
- ♦ Christ the Way Radio ministry
- ♦ Martin Luther School tuition assistance
- ♦ Veterans of the Cross.

The mite box will be in back of church on the fifth Sunday of the month-July 29, Sept. 30 and Dec. 30. You can also bring your mite offerings to the LWML kiosk anytime. Thank you for your donations to help the LWML reach this new goal.

The next planning meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept 13, at the church. All women ages 18 and older are encouraged to come and be involved in God's missions at home and abroad.

Thrivent Financial Night at the Redhawks



What: Picnic and Baseball Game

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 14

Where: Newman Outdoor Field, 1515 15th Ave. N., Fargo.

Time: 6 p.m.-picnic-use East entrance
7:02 Game starts

Cost: \$7 per person—includes picnic and baseball game.

Tickets must be reserved by Aug. 1. Stop by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, 3303 Fiechtner Drive S., Ste. 100, Fargo, or e-mail lisa.trudeau@thrivent.com or call (701) 478-7151 if you have questions.

Baptisms

July 8 - Megan Avery Gannon, daughter of Nathan and Stacey Gannon, born May 25, 2012. Her sponsors were Mike Baisch and Janell Virnig.



Deaths

Carol Smith passed away on July 10, 2012. She leaves her husband Doug, children Erica (Robert) Jodsaas and Shawn; two granddaughters Christina and Mya. Her funeral was at BSLC on July 13. She was buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Fargo. Please keep Doug, Christina and all the family in your prayers.



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.



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!

Memorials to Beautiful Savior

Shotty Stende (Gary Stende's Mother) - Steve & Maxine Rust

Carol Smith - Gerry & Joan Fiechtner
Carol Smith - Steve & Maxine Rust
Carol Smith (Music Fund) - Mary Seiffert



Gold Club Luncheon

Noon on Wednesday, Aug. 15



Aug. 15 is the date of the next Gold Club potluck. This is open to anyone retired or older than 55. Bring your fresh garden produce or a delicious dish to share and join other BSLC members for fellowship and food.

Support Your Church This Summer

Summer—ah, a time to go to the lakes, on vacation or to sport events. But as you enjoy the all the summer activities, please remember to support the work of our congregation 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.



Lutheran Witness Magazine

Do you subscribe to Lutheran Witness magazine at home or would you like to have it delivered to your home? Let the office know if you want to continue or start up a subscription. Cost is \$21.65 for a year and you can leave your check in the office by Sept. 20. Thank you.

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.



With second-degree murder charges pending against him, George Zimmerman took to the airwaves recently to convince America that he acted in self-defense in a February scuffle that ended in the death of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin. Zimmerman has said that what transpired that night was "all God's plan."

Although we must acknowledge that God allowed this to happen, be careful in inferring that Zimmerman was "just following God's plan." Many times, because of sin, our judgment is clouded and our actions reflect our will, not God's. We might attribute our plans as God's own, but many times, our plans remain tainted by self-preservation and selfish motives rather than glorifying God and serving neighbor.

It is dangerous to justify specific actions in your life as "God's plan" or "God's will" without the revelation of Scripture, especially if what you do is not in correlation with God's word. I'm not trying to pick on Zimmerman or single him out. I'm also not justifying Trayvon Martin's actions. I'm simply saying Zimmerman cannot say with absolute certainty that God wanted him to shoot Trayvon Martin. In fact, Zimmerman might want to remember Paul's exhortation: "Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God," (Romans 12:17-19a,).

So what can be said with absolute certainty? For pure truth, Scripture must stand as your source and guide. And this source and guide says that ALL deserve death because of sin. Nothing that you do can change that. Indeed: "All of us have become like one who is unclean. And all our righteous acts are like filthy

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raggs," (Isaiah 64:4). You are in need of forgiveness for all of your sins and shortcomings, and the Holy Spirit calls you to repentance in light of God's pure, good and absolute law. It can also be said that no one has lived up to this law. Indeed, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

Yet despite this, God "desires all people to be saved and to come the knowledge of the truth. For there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself for all," (1 Tim. 2:4-5). Finally, we can say that God's ultimate plan is to give life to those in Christ. As Jesus says: "This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise Him up on the last day," (John 6:40).

What does this mean for you? As a Christian filled with the light of Christ and changed by His suffering, death and resurrection, the light of God's forgiveness now shines in you.

As one baptized into the power of the Holy Spirit, God empowers you to share the Gospel, God's plan in Jesus



Christ for all who believe. God's plan for your life means living as His forgiven child in Christ -- as a new creation led by God's Holy Spirit in witness and actions congruent with His Word, and as Paul says, "Not going beyond what is written."

With this in mind, God's plan for your life as it relates to others comes into clear focus; Concordia Theological Seminary sums it up well: "Teach the faithful. Reach the lost. Care for all."

Pastor Chris

Youth Praise Band

Calling all sixth- to twelfth-graders! Join the Youth Praise Band. Practices will be at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 5 and 19. Just come to practice or if you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.

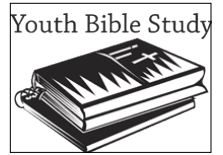
Rent a Youth

Need some extra hands around the house? Rent a youth! The youth at BSLC 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.

August Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

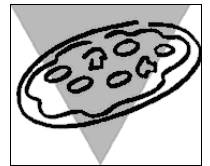
Wednesday, Aug. 1 – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Beautiful Savior
Wednesday, Aug. 8 – No youth Bible study; Pastor Chris gone on servant event
Wednesday, Aug. 15 – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Beautiful Savior
Wednesday, Aug. 22 – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Saint Andrew
Wednesday, Aug. 29 – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 at Beautiful Savior



Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

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.

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.



Upcoming Fellowship Events

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. We will meet at Beautiful Savior Lutheran at 10:30 a.m. and carpool to the lakes. Cost is \$15 for transportation. Please also bring money for a fast food lunch and dinner at Zorbaz.



Grace School News

RRLSA July Board Minutes: Bill Sharpe, ND District, led a two-night board member orientation for all members of the RRLSA Board. Elections were held and new officers are: President - Scott Wentz; Vice President - Lisa Benus; Secretary - Shannon Dettling; Treasurer - Jane Thielman.

New Classroom-Our pre-kindergarten program has grown, so we need more space!! We are purchasing a double portable classroom that will be placed on the north side of the school. The total cost of this project is estimated to be between \$75,000 and \$80,000. Grace has two-thirds of the money for this project and would like to raise the remaining funds. If you are

interested in making a donation or providing a loan towards this project, please talk to one of your two school board representatives. Or you can talk directly to Jean Syverson or Janet Berg at the school (232-7747).

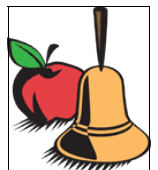


Enroll your child now for 2012-2013 school year-we offer an outstanding teaching staff, small class sizes, current technology, extracurricular activities, nutritious breakfast and hot lunch programs, and most importantly, a faith-based curriculum. An affordable after school care program, as well as a summer day camp program, is also available. Call 232-7747 to get your enrollment packet.

37th annual spaghetti dinner-Save the date for the annual spaghetti dinner coming up on Saturday, Sept. 29. Tickets will be available after Aug. 15 from any GLS family, or your school board representatives.

Upcoming Dates of Events

8/15 Teachers on Duty – in-service days
8/27 Back-to-school Day 4:30-6:30 p.m.
8/29 First Day of School
9/11 School Board meeting 7 p.m.
9/27 Garlic Toast Prep Day 1-5 p.m.
9/29 Spaghetti Dinner 11a.m. - 7 p.m.



Sunday School Registration

2012-2013 School Year

Sunday school will start Sept. 9. BSLC likes to have an idea of how many children will be attending so that there are enough supplies. Below is the registration form that you can fill out and return to the church as soon as possible.

Volunteers are also needed to help with Sunday school. Numerous classes run simultaneously during Sunday school, and we are in constant need of teachers. We strongly encourage everyone to take an active part in teaching our youth the Word of God. Team teaching is a great way to be involved, yet offers the flexibility to meet the needs of everyone. This can't be done without congregational support. Please prayerfully consider getting involved. If you are interested, please contact Denise at 237-9378 or e-mail her at ddoeling@cablone.net or Dawn at 233-6511 or e-mail her at dawn.thompson@multibandusa.com. You may also talk to Pastor Chris at 293-1047 or e-mail him at beautifulsavior@ideaone.net.



Blessings,
Dawn Thompson & Denise Doeling
Christian Education Directors

Pre-K - 6th Grade Christian Education Registration Form

Please fill out this form. Cut it out. Then mail or return it to the church office.

Name of parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

<u>Names of Children</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade (2012-2013)</u>
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_____	_____	_____

I am interested in helping in the following areas:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Team Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Christmas Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Crafts |

Sunday School begins **Sept. 9, 2012**
Sunday School Classes available for children ages 3 through Grade 12

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WEB: www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com

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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Education:	Denise Doeling	237-9378
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T-Z	Steve Thielman	293-7933
	Pastor Paul Bunkowske	241-4610

Other Volunteers

LWML President:	Rhonda Hoge	239-9800
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Sunday School:	Dawn Thompson	233-6511
Choir Director:	Ramsey Dahl	237-9009
Flower Coordinator:	Mardi Schlichtmann	235-6383
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