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Though not being able to understand things completely, I am still very grateful



By Pastor Dave

In August, I updated my cell phone. Instead of a basic phone, I now carry around a smart phone. There are a lot of things that can be done on it, and I am learning more about it as time passes. However, I don't like these types of phones being called a "smart phone" even though that may be an appropriate way to describe it. Why? Because this device, sometimes, makes me feel so brainless and dense. Smart phones can do wonderful things and have millions of apps that can be downloaded to them. However, I am still struggling at times to understand what I can do with mine and how to do things on it. I also do not like to have a phone that seems "smarter" than me. Unfortunately, I am not able to catch to current technology as quickly my children do.

There are other things in this world that I struggle to understand as well. But while I may not understand everything, I can still appreciate things that I have and all the things I have received. This holds true especially with God. Even though I cannot comprehend everything about Him, I do know we have an amazing Lord. We're created by God. We're redeemed by God. We're blessed by God. We're provided for by God. We're loved by God. We're guided by God. I could go on, but I think I have made my point. We have a marvelous Lord.



As St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, he sought to explain the glorious things that God has done for us in Christ. Yet, even Paul was at a loss for words. As he describe the grace and kindness of God upon all people (both Jews and Gentiles), Paul summed up the work of God with these words:

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Beautiful Savior Fall Start-up Events



Sept. 5	6:15 p.m. Confirmation starts
	6:30 p.m. Praise band practice starts
	7:30 p.m. Confirmation parents meeting
Sept. 9	9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible study starts
	8:15 a.m. Praise Worship
	9:30 a.m. Praise Worship
	10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
Sept. 12	7:30 p.m. Choir
Sept. 13	7 p.m. LWML Meeting

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

(Pastor Dave's Article is continued here).

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom
and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!
Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?
Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)

amazing
GRACE

Even though Paul not able to understand completely the workings of God for our salvation, he was eternally grateful that God was gracious enough to look with mercy upon the plight of humankind, that the Lord was wise enough to devise a plan to bring about redemption, and that God was powerful enough to accomplish our salvation. This was no small job for God to do. However, we have a loving Creator who was more than up for the task. I pray that you are thankful along with me for all that God has done for us.

Although there are many things we will never understand about God and how He works until we see Him face to face, there is always more that we can learn. There is always time to show your gratefulness to Him as well. With this in mind, I encourage you to take advantage of all that our congregation offers in the fall for you. We will again have three worship services on Sunday mornings beginning Sept. 9. Bible studies, along with our Sunday School for all ages, will again be starting. There are also opportunities that we have for you to serve others here at our congregation or in our community.

I have no idea if you have a smart phone, but I do pray that God would grant you growth in true wisdom. I do not know if you have apps on your computer, iPad or smart phone, but I do ask that the Lord would help you apply what He has taught you in your daily living. I do not know what is your disposition or attitude, but I hope that it is one of thankfulness for the blessings that God has given you and one of love for your neighbors.

May God continue to bless all of us!

Pastor Dave

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30 a.m. starting Sept. 9

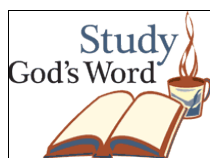
**Issues Challenging Our
Christian Faith and Life**

Whether we care to admit it, Christians are challenged by what is going on around us. Although God encourages us to remain faithful, there is much in society urging us to live contrary to His will. Using various passages from the Bible, we will address various issues of our time.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

7 p.m. starting on Sept. 11

**Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises
of Money, Sex and Power and the
Only Hope that Matters**



Join us for a very practical look at how even the good things of this world can become idols for us. This study includes looking at various Bible stories. Through them, we will see how God has acted in the past for the good of His people and how he can do the same thing for us today.

Thursday Morning Women's Study

8:30 a.m. Sept. 27

A new Women's Bible study will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 27. You are invited to come and grow in your faith as you have fellowship with others. Watch the weekly announcements for more details on this study.



Bibles for Third-graders

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. service Sept. 23



All children entering third grade will receive a free Bible at the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. services on Sunday, Sept. 23. As our children grow in years, the gift of the Holy Scriptures guides, leads and strengthens us in God's truth, ways and salvation in Jesus Christ. Please join us for this special celebration!

Voters' Meeting

11:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 30

Beautiful Savior will hold its fall congregational meeting on the last Sunday of September. There will be reports from the various boards and committees. This is your chance to find out more about the ministry of our church.



Confirmation Classes

For Students in 7 - 9 grades

As a part of our education ministry, we offer confirmation classes for students in seventh through ninth grades. If you have a child in those classes, please have them join us beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 5. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



Confirmation Students'

Parents Meeting

7:30p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5



A short meeting will occur with parents to describe our confirmation program this year. If you have any questions before the meeting, please contact one of the pastors.

From Cradle Roll to Classroom

All those who have young children ready to enter Sunday School will be recognized at the 8:15 and 10:45 services on Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 9, to celebrate this milestone. Each child will also receive a book as part of the gift of God's word. Keep an eye out for a special mailing coming soon.

LWML Meeting

All women of the congregation are invited to attend our next meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the church. We will be asking for 31 Days of Prayer-pastor appreciation volunteers, confirmation sponsors and other project ideas. We are always collecting soup labels, postage stamps, paper products, non-perishable food items and mites (coins, bills and checks) that go directly to mission projects and organizations like Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, the ND District full-time Church Worker Scholarship and the Orphan Grain Train. Come and see in God's Word how God has blessed you to be a blessing to others.



LWML Fall Retreat

Weekend of Sept. 14 - 16



Register now for the ND LWML Women's Retreat to be held the weekend of Sept. 14-16 at the Chieftain Motel in Carrington.

Mutual Ministry-Serving the Lord Together is the theme with Bible study led by Pastor Dave Suelzle and a special message from Dr. Mary Hilgendorf from Concordia University Wisconsin. Go to ndlwml.org for registration forms or pick up a brochure at the LWML kiosk at the church.

Quilting

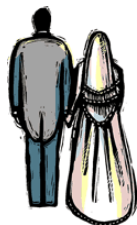


Quilting starts up again from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 6 and 20. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and your sewing machine, if possible. This is open to all ages and even non-sewers can be kept busy. Come for an hour or stay all day!

QUILTING GROUP

Weddings

Aug. 18 - Quron Ashanti White
and Heather Lynn Strand



Memorials to Beautiful Savior

Shotty Stende
Father of Donna Larson
Father of Diane McCabe

Esther Wallum
Steve and Maxine Rust
Steve and Maxine Rust

Join Our Adult Choir

Starts 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12



Music lets us glorify our God in a variety of styles. Christian hymns and songs help us to encourage one another. Our adult choir will meet on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. Call Ramsey Dahl, our director, at 237-9009 for more information or just show up for practice!

Update Your Information

Did you get new cell phones or dropped your landline? Perhaps you moved or changed your e-mail address. Do you get the church's weekly updates via e-mail or would like to? How about the newsletter in e-mail format instead of paper? Please let the office know if you would like to keep up with the church news by e-mail or if you have new contact information. Thank you.



Rent a Youth



Need some extra hands around the house or yard? 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.

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.

Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Sept. 19



Where did summer go? Join our Gold Club members at the church at noon Wednesday, Sept. 19, and let us know what you did this summer. This is for anyone who is 55 or older or retired. Bring your specialty dish or try a new dish to share.

BSLC Coffee Club

BSLC members continue to meet at 9 a.m. every Friday. It's for fellowship and getting to know other Beautiful Savior members. This is for both men and women of any age. Please join us at Village Inn on the corner of 32nd Avenue South and 25th Street, Fargo.

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!

If years or tears, best outcome is still in Christ by Pastor Chris Waldvogel



If you ask me for the latest news about my mom, I will tell you that she is blessed. After all, she is doing fairly well. Her doctors have prescribed enzymes that have helped alleviate various digestive issues. Tests recently confirmed that there is no detectable cancer in the lymph nodes.

But the latest PET scan shows something suspicious, a spot. It's close to where they found the original tumor. This spot happened to tuck itself behind an artery, so finding out if it's harmless or something else will present a challenge. Mom recently spent a whole day braving a battery of tests to put a name to the spot, but after the day was over, no new information had emerged.

So I've been thinking about the spot. And my imagination runs wild with all sorts of scenarios and results. But as I consider what might happen, I can tell you this: God is bigger than any spot. That's not to say mom will be miraculously cured if the spot happens to be bad news. But like Job, I know that my redeemer lives, and that God's promises prevail.

As this ordeal has reared its head again, I'm realizing that faith is not the absence of fear or sorrow or suffering. Faith grounds itself in belief, pleading for God's aid to conquer disbelief. Faith knows fear or sorrow or suffering won't limit what God has done and will do in Jesus Christ. So

**God
Says "Do
Not Be
Afraid"**

many times in the Bible, people face tremendous odds or the unknown. But so often, God or his messengers greet His people with the assuring message, "Do not be afraid."

I know some of you will say not to make bad news out of what might be nothing. Don't bury mom before her time actually comes. But please know that the best outcome rests not on my handling of things, nor hers. It does not rest on modern

medicine or in the hands of doctors, surgeon or medical professionals. It does not rest in a cure or more years, but only firmly in Christ. Because "when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our savior, so that being justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life," (Titus 3:4-7).

Whatever God has in store for mom, however much time she has left on this earth, God has made promises to her. He has redeemed her, forgiven her, given her life eternal and poured out His Spirit upon her to give her assurances that these things are true. And God's promises in Christ always outweigh anything else. So if you ask me about my mom, and I answer with "she's blessed," please know it's not meant to be dismissingly rude or a platitude. No matter the status of her health, it's true. She's blessed.



When Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, he most likely penned it in prison. Quite possibly, the apostle knew a sentence was near, most likely death, yet his letter rings with joy and optimism. It may seem cold or detached, but Paul brims with confidence in God's promises even in the face of the worst possible circumstances and so too encourages and assures each Christian: "It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage, now as always, Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," (Philippians 1:1:20-21).

May life with and in Christ be your sure hope, the gift that outweighs any other that God gives.

Pastor Chris

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



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

September Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities



Wednesday, Sept. 5 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Sept. 12 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Sept. 19 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Sept. 26 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12

Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Sunday, Sept. 16 – Day at Thunder Road: Junior high students (sixth through eighth grade) are invited for fall fun from 4-6:30 p.m. at Thunder Road. We will have a short Bible study followed by laser tag and the other park attractions. Cost is \$12 for four tickets. Please fill out a form and see Pastor Chris for more details.



Sunday, Sept. 23 – Fall Zone Rally: Kick off the school year with a servant event, Bible study, pizza and games with youth from around the area at our fall rally from 1:30-5:30 p.m. This year's event will include plenty of time for a bonfire, pizza, games and fellowship but will also include a Bible study and discussion on suicide prevention. We also will be taking part in the "Out of the Darkness" Suicide Prevention Walk in Lindenwood Park as part of the event. Please fill out a form and return to Pastor Chris as soon as possible. Cost is \$5.



Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events



Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13-14 – Homeless and Hungry: All youth and their families can take a stand against homelessness in the area by participating in Homeless and Hungry. Participants are asked to fast, raise money, sleep outside on the church lot in a cardboard box and do service events in the community. The event starts at noon on Saturday, Oct. 13, and ends around 6:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14. Get registration packets outside Room 101 and sign up at homelessandhungry.org to participate

Youth Praise Band Kickoff

Hey sixth- to twelfth-graders! Do you play an instrument or love to sing? The Youth Praise Band would love to have you join us. Our youth praise band kickoff will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 with pop and pizza for everyone. Subsequent practices will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evenings. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.



Grace Lutheran School News

New Classrooms are here! -We give glory to God for the wonderful blessing of our new classrooms that will house our junior high classes on the north side of the school. This is a much-needed addition, and we are excited to open our doors for all to see! On Wednesday, Aug. 29, Pastor Waldvogel installed our teaching staff and dedicated our new classrooms. God continues to richly bless His school!



37th Annual spaghetti Dinner-Join us for our annual spaghetti dinner from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Tickets are available from all GLS families or from your school board representatives. Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the event. Adult ticket price is \$9, and children are \$5. Contact the office for additional tickets, posters or to volunteer!



Auction Organizer Opportunity-An organized, enthusiastic person is being sought to help oversee the school's annual auction. This person will oversee auction meetings, subcommittees, set up, and take down of the auction, which will be held March 23, 2013, at the Ramada Plaza Suites. This is a paid position. Interested parties should call Principal Jean Syverson at 232-7747 or e-mail her at jsyvson@gracels.com.

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: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

I am interested in helping in the following areas:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <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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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.

Worship Schedule on Sunday

8:30 and 10 a.m. on Sept. 2

Fall Schedule Starting Sept. 9

8:15 and 9:30 a.m. Praise Worship
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

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

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