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Growing and Changing Family

By Pastor Dave



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In September, my wife and I received some wonderful news. Our son, Lucas, proposed to his girlfriend, Amber. Kim always wanted more daughters. She will have another daughter-in-law next year. We are looking forward to their wedding next spring. Our family will grow and change with the addition of Amber to it. Growth and change are a part of earthly families. It is also what happens to church families or congregations.

There are several ways we can describe the congregation of Beautiful Savior. But a very powerful way to understand who we are focuses on us as a church family. We are brought together and connected to one another through the Holy Spirit. We are family because of God's action. Yet, being a family does not convey everything about who we are as a congregation. For we are not only brought into God's household, but also the Lord has given us a mission to do. Why? Because God desires His family to grow and be a change agent in this dying and decaying world.

The sad truth is that not everyone is a part of God's family. An even more depressing truth is that many people don't realize the importance of having the true God in their lives. There is no forgiveness, salvation and true life unless you are connected to God through faith in Jesus Christ. He alone is the way, the truth and the life. But the good news you and I have to share and demonstrate through our lives is that God loves all people and desires them to be a part of His family through Jesus. The Lord uses you and me to be change agents for His family.



I do not know what is happening with your earthly family at this moment. However, the church family at Beautiful Savior is growing and changing all the time. I encourage you to become involved in our congregation. As a child of God, you can be a blessing to others as you live out your faith.

Pastor Dave

Congregation Fellowship and Brunch Sunday, Oct. 14, from 9:20-10:30 a.m.

Honoring our pastors and celebrating
25 years of ministry for Pastor Dave



OUR MISSION
is to share
God's message,
to grow in our faith,

October is pastor appreciation month. As part of our observance this year, we will celebrate Pastor Dave reaching the mark of 25 years in pastoral ministry. A special time of fellowship will be observed on Sunday, Oct. 14, with a brunch To allow more time for fellowship, there will be no worship at 9:30 a.m. on that day. Regular worship will be held at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Reaching Out, Around, Up, Beyond, Into and Deeper as the Body of Christ

2012 Fall Mission and Stewardship Campaign



Each year, our congregation conducts a mission and stewardship program to inform, inspire and engage our members. God's plan for us is that we would be a functioning, growing, witnessing, love-manifesting and powerful church as we carry out His mission and ministry. For an example, consider what St. Paul writes (Ephesians 4:1-6 NJB):

"I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you therefore to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you were called. With all humility and gentleness, and with patience, support each other in love. Take every care to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as one hope is the goal of your calling by God. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, over all, through all and within all."

Because of what Jesus has done for us and through faith in Him, we have been incorporated into the body of Christ. As the body of Christ, we have purpose, marks, vital signs and functions connected to Jesus and to one another. This year's theme focuses on how as a congregation and as the body of Christ, we can carry out God's mission in our homes, work, community and congregation. This campaign will begin on Oct. 7 and conclude on Nov. 4. During this time, we will explore how together we can:

- ◆ Reach out to others with the love of God
- ◆ Reach around one another in fellowship and up in worship to God
- ◆ Reach beyond ourselves to serve others
- ◆ Reach into God's Word to be strengthened in our faith
- ◆ Reach deeper into the resources that God has given us to help advance the kingdom of Christ.

In addition to this, our campaign will include a couple of mailings going out to our members describing our ministry and offering you the opportunity to recommit yourselves to the work of God's ministry. We will conclude our fall campaign with special worship services Nov. 4. At these services, we will offer our members the opportunity to make a financial pledge for the coming year.

If you would like to help with our mission and stewardship campaign this year, please call Mike Schlichtmann (235-6383) or Pastor Dave (293-1047).

Discovery Class (New Member Class) Mondays at 7 p.m. Starting Oct. 8

This class reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. We encourage those interested in joining our congregation to attend this class. We also invite members to come. This study provides a great opportunity to grow in understanding who God is, what He does for us and how we are to live in light of God's grace.



Membership Class

Sunday Morning Bible Study

From 9:40-10:30 a.m.

We invite you to join us for an Adult Bible Study class in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings. Each week we explore topics applicable to our faith and life. Come early for a time of fellowship.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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

We are continuing our study on counterfeit gods in October. It is not too late for you to join us.

Quilting

Quilting will be from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 4 and 18. This is for all ages and beginners are welcome. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and even your sewing machine, if possible. It's a fun social event for everyone.

LWML News



Our next LWML meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct 11. We're also looking for prayer sponsors for our confirmation students. Let Rhonda know if you would be willing to be a sponsor.

The Eastern Zone LWML Fall rally is at 9:30 a.m. Oct 6 at St. John's in Hillsboro. "To Every Nation, Tribe, Language, People" is the theme and our mission speaker Dean Lipinski will tell about his trip to Project 24 orphanages in Kenya. A monetary collection will be taken for Project 24.



Blessings in Heartaches

**Lutheran Island Camp
Fall Women's Retreat
October 26-28, 2012**



All participants will receive the devotional book by Laura Story, "Blessings".

GUESS WHAT?

Heartaches exist. Illness? Loss of a spouse, child, or friend? Divorce? Unmet expectations & life goals falling short? Struggles with family relationships? Frustrations at work? Growing older?

God sees our lives from an eternal perspective and his plans are beyond our comprehension. So, even when we can't understand God, we must trust in the ultimate goodness of his plans!

Our study time together will focus on lessons from the devotional, *Blessings*, by Laura Story (book will be provided).

Kim was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer in June of 2011. Despite undergoing surgery and months of chemo/radiation treatments, Kim believes amazing blessings come from heartaches and trials.

She delivers life-changing messages to parent and women's groups, church gatherings, community events, conferences and assemblies. Kim is well known for her entertaining, energetic and dynamic delivery, often sharing real life stories sprinkled with a song or two.

NOTE:
Lutheran Island Camp is located on east Battle Lake (about 1 1/2 hours from Fargo).

- ✓ **Need a time of rejuvenation?**
- ✓ **Need a break from everyday life?**
- ✓ **Need a time with Christian friends?**

Lutheran Island Camp is offering a fall women's retreat featuring the talents and insight of Kim Wagner of Fargo. This will be a great opportunity for women of all backgrounds to gather for Christian fellowship, grow in their faith while enjoying the beauty of camp in the fall.

Come - leave the cooking and dishes to us! Relax and enjoy some Christian fellowship with your "Sisters in Christ!"

Cost:
\$95 for the whole weekend
\$65 for Saturday only

To register or for information
call LIC at 218-583-2905
www.islandcamp.org

Participants should plan to bring their own bedding, personal items, and towels.

SPECIAL TREAT!

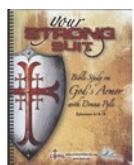
Kim Wagner and her best gal-pals, Theresa Erdmann and Mary Seiffert will lead music throughout the weekend.



*'These three gals love to sing!
Their harmony is outstanding
and a joy to listen to.
Close your eyes.
You will hear
angels singing!'*

Pastor Dave Wagner

Women's Bible Study - Your Strong Suit



A women's Bible study will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, and 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8. This eight-week study of the armor of God details the incredible protection that God has provided to His children. Even though we may not like discussing spiritual warfare, it's necessary because it's real. Spiritual warfare has the potential to rob us of peace and security only to leave behind doubt and unrest. But God offers protection to us - His protection. Journey through this study as we learn about the battle, our enemy, our armor and our place in God's army. But most importantly, we come to know the rock solid truth that God has provided everything we need to proclaim ultimate victory. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and circle the day that you would like to attend. The cost of the book is \$10.

Baptisms

Sept. 9 - Lucille Christine Wirtz, daughter of

Michael & Ruth Wirtz, born Aug. 10, 2012. Her sponsors were Derek and Nicole Brandenburg and Jill Spinar.



Sept. 23 - Tanner Lee Stoneberg, son of Darrin and Dawn Stoneberg, born July 6, 2012. His sponsors were Staci Kinsley, Jesse Stoneberg and Sara Buechel

Sept. 30 - Eli Thomas Meyer, son of Holly Meyer, born July 29, 2012. His sponsors were Kris Brekken, Alana Brekken, Brent Roettger and Lisa Roettger.

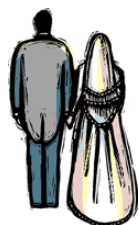
Weddings

Sept. 1 - Douglas Richard Andring and Amy Jo Krogstad

Sept. 8 - Aaron James Moerke and Tabitha Lynn Daschle

Sept. 15 - Jason Riley Thompson and Ashley Lynn Bruggeman

Sept. 22 - Ben James Amundson and Evonne Lynn Bartz



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.

Thank you

Thank you to Catherine Powers for the beautiful baptismal handkerchiefs she makes for BSLC.

Each child that is baptized receives one with blue stitching of a cross for the boys and a pink cross for the girls.



Thank you to all the men and women who helped with the remodeling of the Sunday school classrooms. It's so nice to have the bigger rooms for our children. It's amazing how much got done in less than two weeks and how well everyone cooperated together to get it done quickly!

Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Oct. 17



Gold Club will meet at the church at noon Wednesday, Oct. 17. This is for anyone who is 55 or older or retired. Bring your specialty dish or try a new dish to share. If you haven't come before, new people are always welcome!

BSLC Coffee Club

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

Change in Saving Coupons for our Military Overseas.

Now only coupons that are **cut out** will be accepted. Please cut them out and put in a clear zip lock bag. Any not cut, will be thrown. We have been sending the coupons to overseas bases. Members in contact with military people on Face book have heard how appreciative they are of the coupons received.



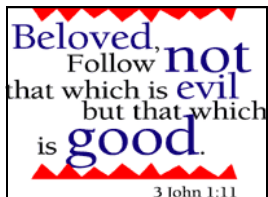
Also bring in used postage stamps - the money received for these goes to various missions. Place the postage stamps in the boxes by the LWML. Thank you.

The power of positive living begins with the Gospel



When I began my diet earlier this year, my sister gave me some valuable advice. She told me I had to change the way I looked at dieting. "Instead of feeling sorry for yourself that you aren't eating sweets, fast food and other bad stuff, remind yourself that you don't want those things because they are hurting you and even killing you," she said. "On the other hand, when you're eating a salad or fruits and vegetables, don't feel sorry for yourself then, either. Remind yourself, 'I want this. This is good for me.'"

The idea worked – to some extent. I can't say I'm completely free of old habits or mindsets. And it will always be a struggle. As I was thinking about this, I also realized this struggle mirrors living the Christian life in many ways. Paul himself laments in Romans 7 of his inability to do the good he wants, yet the evil he hates comes so easily.



So what can help you live as a Christian? Several years ago, Dr. David Scaer highlighted Luther's preaching about sanctification, the living out of Christian life.

Scaer wrote: "Sanctification

means first putting away sin and then replacing it with doing good, with the emphasis on the latter. Luther puts this positive element of doing the right thing into his explanations of the commandments. Refraining from murder is not enough. Helping the stricken person is required."

But Scaer and Luther both make clear that living the Christian life doesn't come about by simply replacing

bad desires with good ones. Let's face it, no matter how hard you try, there will be times you'll do what you know is wrong and won't don't what you know is right. No, the power of positive, sanctified thinking comes from the Gospel, which offers assurance that Christ paid for your sin and gives you new life. Paul puts it in perspective as he writes: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

God's mercy in Christ renews everything. God's word pulls the wool off your eyes, revealing seductive sin as something that hurts and even kills you. The Gospel opens your heart to what is so good for you: God's full blessings in Jesus Christ. Even so, Jesus transforms you into more than meets the eye. Although you are still a sinner, God sees you through the lens of a forgiven child in Jesus. Although you are a sinner, as you live out the Christian life, your good works are not works of salvation, just simply faith in Christ working. Scaer writes: "Faith here is not a contributor but a conductor. Where Christ is preached, there and only there, is sanctification preached."

Now that's positively powerful.

Pastor Chris

Birthday Celebration For Gerry Fiechtner

Gerry Fiechtner, a long-time member of BSLC, will celebrate his 75th birthday Oct. 8. Cake in his honor will be served Sunday Oct. 7, between services. You are also invited to participate in a birthday card shower for Gerry by sending a greeting to him at 2418 27th Ave. S., Fargo, ND, 58103.



Confessing the Faith in the 21st Century: Bold Witnesses Conference for Pastors and Laity

The conference will be from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2601 23rd Ave. S., Fargo. Adriane Dorr, *The Lutheran Witness* editor, will talk about confessing the faith through *The Lutheran Witness* magazine and women's role in the church. Rev. Jonathan Fisk, associate pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Naperville, IL, and host of the video blog Worldview Everlasting, will talk about confessing the faith through the Internet and why the small Catechism totally rocks. Registration forms are in the narthex or register at: www.regonline.com/confessingthefaithinthe21stcentury.

Questions? Call Pastor Mark Chepulis at 701-265-4408 or e-mail him at pastor.chepulis@gmail.com.



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or call 888.237.6530

It is easy and FUN! Go to our website.
www.TeamFirstChoiceClinic.com

Registration forms are also available at the church.

Youth Praise Band

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. Practices are at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evenings. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.

Advent Fun Shop

It's coming! Volunteers are needed to help with Advent Fun Shop. Please let Pastor Chris know if you want to help. The tentative date is Sunday, Nov. 18. Watch the announcements for more details on cost and how to sign up your children.

Grace Lutheran School News

RRLSA September board minutes:

Ed Bean is back doing development work and relationship building for Grace School, Shepherd's Hills Retreat Center, Martin Luther School and the North Dakota District.

The school year kicked off with 137 students – exceeding our projected number.

Board members received names of our family list to be a contact person for them throughout the year.

A facilities committee has been formed to keep on top of needs within the building. Those on the committee are Lisa Benusa, Brad Palmer, and Brant Jacobson.

Thank you for joining us for our 37th annual spaghetti dinner on Sept. 29! What a joy it was to serve our many current and past students, families and friends from over the years. This well-loved event could not take place without the help of our valuable volunteers. Thank you so much!

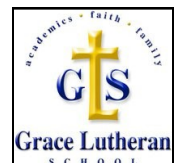
Help stamp out influenza!! Everyone needs a flu shot. Stop by Grace Lutheran School from 3:30-

5:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 to get your flu shot. To make an appointment, call 701-364-2911 or go to www.7dayclinic.net. The school receives a kickback from every person vaccinated, along with the satisfaction of keeping our kids healthy.

Do you like to be in charge?! An organized, enthusiastic person who loves to plan and delegate 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 contact Principal Jean Syverson at jsyverson@gracels.com or call the school office at 232-7747.

UPCOMING DATES

10/8	7-Day Flu Clinic at GLS 3:30-5:30 p.m.
10/9	School Board meeting 7 p.m.
10/18-19	ND Teachers' Conference at GLS
10/28	Fall Carnival 1-4 p.m.
10/26	End of First Quarter



ND District Middle School Gathering - Can You Help?



Local hands are needed to prepare for the ND District Middle School Gathering, Oct. 18-20, at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo. Set-up begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, and continues until registration 3-8 p.m. Help is also needed at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. to disassemble and pack gathering belongings. If you can help please call or text Pat Sebastian, gathering coordinator, (701) 471-3289 or email her at patsebbis@aol.com.

Members of local LCMS congregations are welcome to see what's happening at the Gathering at the Doublewood Inn. Bible studies led by Pastor Bill Yonker from Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Dundee, IL and Danielle Tietjen from Minneapolis, will be at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Tangled Blue will be in concert at 10:30 p.m. Friday. Worship is at 11 a.m. Saturday. Throughout the Gathering we will be dealing with the reality of our doubt and unbelief and learn how our doubts about following Jesus can actually help foster a deeper love and dependence upon Him.

October Youth Events



Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Oct. 3 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Oct. 10 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Oct. 17 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Oct. 24 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12

Teen Bible Study Wednesday, Oct. 31 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. **No Youth Group**

Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Tuesday, Oct. 9 – Meeting for National Youth Gathering. Are you interested in gathering with 25,000 other young Lutherans this coming July in San Antonio, Texas? Come learn about this trip, which will include national speakers and bands and unique servant events, experiences and activities in the city. We will meet from 7-8 p.m. Those wanting to attend the gathering must register by Oct. 15. You must be a high schooler in the 2012-2013 school year or going into high school for the 2013-2014 school year to attend the gathering.



Thursday, Oct. 18, through Saturday, Oct. 20 – District Jr. High Gathering:



Join middle school students from across the state as we explore the concept of "Truth" for the district junior high youth gathering at the Doublewood in Fargo. Activities include Bible time and devotional talks, concerts from Tangled Blue, games, fellowship and much more. Registration forms are available from Pastor Chris or at www.ndyouthonfire.org. Those in high school may attend as teen counselors. Cost is \$150, but the church will pay half of your registration costs. Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 5.

Sunday, Oct. 28 – Movie Night. All high school youth are invited to come to movie night at the church from 4-6:30 p.m. Dinner, snacks, pop will be served. We will discuss how the film can be applied to the life of faith.



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



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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

8:15 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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