



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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The Forecast

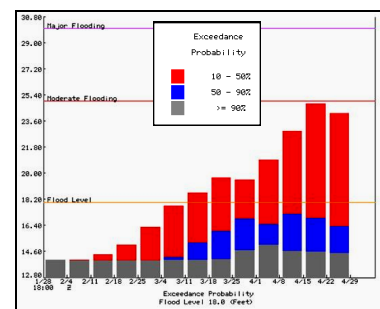
by Pastor Dave



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Though we don't have the power to change what might happen in the future, we often try to figure out what's going to happen. Consider the possibility of the Red River flooding this year. A forecast already is out on it; it can be seen on the NOAA website. (The graph to the right comes from there. It is a simulation based on current conditions of the exceedance probability of the Red River between Jan. 29 and April 29.) This graph will be updated as we get closer to the spring melt.



Though we do not have the power to change what happens in the future, often it is prudent to prepare for the possibilities. If there may be a snow storm coming, it would be foolish not to take that into consideration if you were traveling. If there is a good chance of spring flooding, precautions need to be put in place. Nevertheless, even with preparation, we realize that there is much that happens in life that we have no control over.

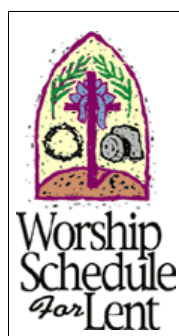
Into our world of uncertainty, God reminds us that He is here for us. In the book of Psalms, we have this statement of faith: **But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands,** (Psalm 31:14-15a).

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Midweek Lenten

Worship Services

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Starting Feb. 13



During our Wednesday services, we will look at specific gifts spoken about in Isaiah 56-66 and apply them to our Lenten journey from the cross to the empty tomb. We invite you to come and to grow in your walk of faith. Be inspired as you again learn of the good and perfect gifts that flow from our Savior's bitter suffering, death and resurrection.

"Good and Perfect Gifts"

Ash Wednesday—A Loving Embrace
(Isaiah 56:7-8)

Lent 2 — An Ever-Present Refuge
(Isaiah 57:13)

Lent 3 — Unlimited Access
(Isaiah 57:15)

Lent 4 — Enduring Light
(Isaiah 60:1)

Lent 5 — Perfect Beauty
(Isaiah 60:9)

Lent 6 — Powerful Peace
(Isaiah 60:17)

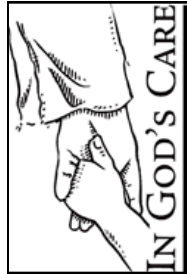
Soup and Sandwich Suppers
From 6—6:45 p.m.

We invite you to join us before our Lenten services for a light supper.

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

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Although our future here on earth is unknown to us, God sees it. More than that, God is working out His plan that is ultimately for our good. I have full confidence in God's plan and in His desire to carry it out. This conviction comes from what God was willing to sacrifice so that His will would be done. St. Paul reminds us of the extent to which God went for us when he wrote: **"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"** (Romans 8:32) If God's love moved Him to offer His Son as a replacement for us, I am quite certain that His motives and His fortitude in working for our good are pure and firm.



Though I am not going to venture a forecast on the possibility of flooding this spring, I will say this: Because your time and mine is in the hands of our Lord, I am confident that we will be able to make it through anything that comes our way.

May God bless you and keep you firm in your faith.

Pastor Dave

"Immanuel in Our Place" (Seeing Christ in Israel's Worship) Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Our Tuesday evening Bible study is at 7 p.m. Come learn more about how Christians struggle with understanding the relevance of large parts of the Old Testament, particularly concerning the worship of ancient Israel. In this study we will look at sacred space, sacred acts, sacred people and sacred time in the Old Testament and see how it points to Christ and relates to us.

Ross Eggers to be Special Speaker at our Feb. 17 Bible Study

Ross Eggers will be speaking about his and his fiancée's ministry to college students in the Boston area, primarily Harvard, from 9:40 to 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 17. We invite you to hear what college ministry is like and his experience doing ministry in college. It will be a fun time of hearing what God is doing in a different part of the country as well as how our congregation can be a part of it.



"Practice Resurrection" Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

Using some insights from Pastor Eugene Peterson, we will continue looking at Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Practice resurrection is a term that Peterson uses to describe our Christian life. Resurrection is not what we do; it's what God has done in Jesus. Jesus is powerfully alive and present with us as we go about growing up in Christ. To practice resurrection is to keep company with the resurrected Jesus as he leads us into maturity and ultimately to Himself in heaven.



Women's Bible Study - "Your Strong Suit"

Our women's Bible study "Your Strong Suit" is almost finished. Our schedule will be as follows:

8:30 a.m.	5 p.m.	Lesson
<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Title</u>
Feb. 4	Feb. 7	The Shield of God's Protection-Pt 2
Feb. 11	Feb. 14	Our Helmet and Sword-Part 1
Feb. 18	Feb. 21	Our Helmet and Sword-Part 2
Feb. 25	Feb. 28	Pray Without Ceasing-Part 1
Mar. 4	Mar. 7	Pray Without Ceasing-Part 2

We will begin a new Bible study series in March called "Bless These Lips." Sign up in the narthex for the day and time that works best for your schedule. More information is on page three.



LWML Meeting in February



The next meeting for the women of the church who would like to help with human care projects and missions will be at noon Sunday, Feb. 10. We will write valentines for our college students and talk more about our project for the military. Please bring a dish to share for the luncheon if you wish.

College and Military Care Kits

We are looking for all names and addresses of our members or their loved ones who are currently in college or deployed in active duty in the military so that we can send a card and gift and keep them in our prayers. Please let the church know their names and addresses by calling 293-1047 or e-mail office@bslcfargo.org or call Mardi at 235-6383 or e-mail her at mmsmann@cableone.net by Feb.9. Thanks.



Coupons for the Military

Supporting Our Military Families



We have been sending clipped store coupons to military families in Germany for their use. Thanks to all of you for your with this service project. Please continue to clip coupons; now we ask that you sort them by the month that they will expire. Please bring them to the drawer by the LWML kiosk and put them in the correct file by month. Thank you!

LWML Prayer Service

The LWML Prayer Service for the six area LCMS churches will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at Beautiful Savior. Everyone is invited--men, women, children for this time of prayer, Scripture and song entitled "Joyful, Joyful." There will be a time for fellowship and food following the service.

Quilting

Quilting will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 21. If you have a sewing machine or extra material, bring it if you can. All ages are welcome.

Easter Flowers

Easter is early this year- March 29! Please think about purchasing an Easter lily for \$10 or a mum, begonia, cyclamen or kalanchoe for \$15 to have placed on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one at Easter. Please order these at the table in the hallway by March 22.



Dr. Jean Garton Award



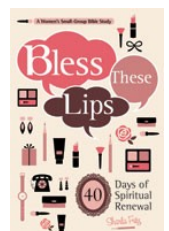
Gail Waagen and Loretta Swanson

Congratulations to Loretta Swanson, who was the latest winner of the Dr. Jean Garton award. This was part of the Lutherans for Life Dessert Banquet held Jan. 20. This award is given to people who go out of their way to help unwed mothers and support organizations to prevent abortions. Past BSLC winners include Gail Waagen and Pastor Dave Wagner.

New Women's Bible Study "Bless These Lips"

A mouth mishap. The words just slipped out, and there is no taking them back. Words are powerful. They can build up, tear down, affirm, teach, criticize or condemn. "Bless These Lips" examines things we say that get in the way of our relationships with God and with others. Each chapter draws on lip product analogies and uses humor, anecdotes and observations to introduce Scripture passages that address common behaviors and attitudes. Each day's reading includes Bible study questions and suggestions for personal reflection.

This eight-week study centers on Scripture, for it is God's word and His Holy Spirit that provides everything needed to develop lovely, God-pleasing lips.



Baptisms

Jan. 20-Gavin

Daniel Sweeney, son of Daniel and Melissa Sweeney, born Nov. 14, 2012. His sponsors were Justin and Terisa Dahnke and Jason and Rhonda Althoff.



Jan. 27-Aleer Majak, son of Samuel Majak and Mary Garang, born June 15, 2012.

BSLC Coffee Club



Coffee Fellowship

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

Save Your Used Stamps

Please continue to save your used stamps and place in drawer marked STAMPS by the LWML kiosk. If you have questions, please call Jeanne at 232-6835. This is an easy mission project everyone can do.

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 snow removal, 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.



Online Church Directory

By now, most of you received a letter announcing



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Fargo, ND

our new Online Church Directory! We hope you have taken time to go on and update your information. We are excited about this new tool to enable our members to stay in touch and get to know each other better. With great safety and security, and the ability for you to update your own information, this is a great tool for all of us to use.

For our members who joined after the directory pictures were taken, you will be receiving a letter with a password so that you can add your information.

To access the directory please visit our church website and click on the Member Directory link. If you have questions or concerns please call the church office.

We're glad to have you a part of our church family!

Gold Club Lunch and Noon on Wednesday, Feb. 20

For our Gold Club potluck this month, there will be a short Lenten Devotional following our meal.

This is open to all BSLC members; especially those who may not like going out in the evenings but would still like to attend a Lenten worship. Lunch will be at noon Wednesday, Feb. 20. Bring a dish to share with others.



Lenten Potluck

Memorials to Beautiful Savior



Marvin Warns (LeAnn Herrmann's father)
Given by Steve and Maxine Rust

Meeting with Parents of those to be confirmed in April on Feb 6

Following confirmation class on Feb. 6, there will be a short meeting for the parents whose children will be confirmed in April. We will meet on that Wednesday from about 7:30 to 7:50 p.m.

#Jesus has the words that really matter

Pastor Chris



That's not a mistake in the headline; it's a hashtag -- a symbol that marks topics on the web site Twitter, where you can find comments and words about anything and everything. Our digital age literally delivers the world to your fingertips. Endless information waits at the touch of a button. Every whim, every passing fancy can be indulged and gratified in seconds.



There's Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, to name only a few. From movies to music, streaming to surfing, data constantly pours into our lives.

Although access to information remains a great blessing, information overload has followed in its wake. When I signed up to receive coupons from a high-profile national toy store, little did I know that I would receive 10 e-mails a day from the retail giant to spotlight every possible deal.

As I slog through my e-mails every morning, spam vies for my attention, each bit brimming with self-declared urgency. I find I have to delete or dismiss many of these soliciting attempts, simply because I don't have enough time to look over how much I can save or what I'm supposedly missing. Even at the gas pump information finds me.

But what does all this information really bring us? Do most of the words we receive during any given day really enhance our life in a truly meaningful way beyond just sheer vapid amusement? Do they offer anything to my long-term well-being other than the ability to consume at record levels? And with so much information, how do we find what's truly enriching?

The words of Jesus always provide sustenance, never fluff. After Jesus performed the miracle feeding of the 5,000, the people who had eaten the miracle feast return to Jesus. The wow factor of the miracle does not occur to them. They simply want more bread to eat. Eventually, Jesus pushes the issue, telling them that what they really need is Him.

Jesus tells them: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise Him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains

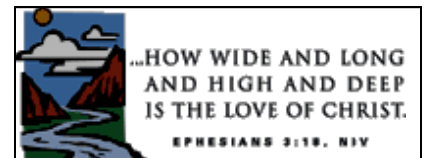
in me, and I in him ... Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven ... he who feeds on this bread will live forever," (John 6:53-58).

In this context, Jesus invites and anticipates us receiving Him in full. This includes the entirety of His activity: His salvation in the power of the cross and the empty tomb; His teaching and life-giving Word; a baptism into the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and into the death and resurrection of Jesus; and, of course, receiving Christ bodily in the Lord's Supper.

Many of the people who heard these words directly from the Savior did not want Jesus in full. They just wanted something to fill the needs of the day. So they left. Jesus challenged the disciples, asking them if they were going to join the crowd and leave, too. Peter responds with an important truth, saying, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life," (John 6:68).

Information is meant for our ultimate benefit. The words of Jesus cut through all the noise. In Jesus, we find words we need. We find words that have meaning because they give life itself.

As Paul writes: "I pray that out of His glorious riches, (The Father) may strengthen you with power through His spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in Your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God," (Eph. 3:16-19).



In a world full of information, may God always direct our attention to Him at work within us.

Pastor Chris

Time to enroll at Grace Lutheran School



Enrollment has begun for the next school year at Grace Lutheran School. 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 most importantly, a faith-based curriculum. You are able to save some money through our early enrollment policy. We would be happy to answer your questions and to give you a campus tour. Call 232-7747 for information or go online at: www.gracelutheranschool.org.

Scholarships are available through Grace Lutheran School as well as through Beautiful Savior.

Tuition Assistance for Children attending Grace Lutheran School

Beautiful Savior has set aside a certain amount of money to help parents send their children to Grace. Assistant forms are available from the church office. Those requesting assistance are asked to sign a covenant agreement. If you have any questions, please visit with one of our pastors. The deadline for submitting the application for assistance is at the end of March.

Palm Sunday Party 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 24

All children from preschool to fifth grade are invited to a Palm Sunday party from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24. See the Palm Sunday story come alive as the crowds welcome the Messiah Jesus. The party will also include crafts, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and treats. Cost is \$3 for materials. Please fill out a form located in the narthex.



Chili Feed and Silent Auction 5-7 p.m. Sunday, March 3

The entire congregation is invited for a chili feed and silent auction from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, March 3. Pay just \$4 for an endless chili bowl and sample some of Beautiful Savior's finest recipes. Dessert also will be included. After the chow, stick around for a silent auction.



We are currently seeking donations for the silent auction. Baskets and gift certificates of any value certainly are welcome. Please see Pastor Chris if you would like to donate.

Grace School News

Faith-Love-Hope GLS Auction Fund-raiser-The auction will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at the Ramada Plaza Crystal Ballroom, Fargo. Tickets are \$45 per person and you can buy tickets from your RRLSA Board member or at the school office. We're looking for items to sell at our annual auction and we need your help! If you know a great business owner or have a craft project or talent to donate, please e-mail Nicole Bakkegard (nbakkegard@live.com) to let her know how you can help! Auction items should be brought to the office before Feb. 17.

Camp Grace -Are you looking for an active program for your children to spend their summer days? GLS teachers provides summer care for children ages 4-12, and this program is open to the public. Students will participate in lots of activities. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Half-day and full-day spots are available! Registration is now open to former campers. On Feb. 15, it will open to current GLS families and March 15 it will open to the public.



Grace Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House-There will be an open house from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Grace Lutheran School, 1025 14th Ave. S. Come meet the teachers and tour the school. This is for families interested in enrolling their 4- or 5-year-olds in the pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program at Grace. Programs are full days Monday through Friday during the school year. If you have questions, call 232-7747 for more information.



Youth Praise Band

The Youth Praise Band will practice at 6:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 10, 17 and 24. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.



February Youth Events



Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Feb. 6 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Worldliness Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb. 13 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Worldliness Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb. 20 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Worldliness Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb. 27 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Worldliness Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Saturday, Feb. 2 – Family Ski Day at Andes Tower Hills: All families are invited to hit the slopes for a family ski day in Alexandria, MN. We will be leaving Beautiful Savior at 8:15 a.m. Meals are on your own. There is a restaurant at the chalet, or bring a sack lunch. Remember to save some money for supper on the way home. Cost is \$21 for a lift ticket if bringing your own equipment; Cost is \$36 for renting skis or \$46 if renting a snowboard. Please fill out a form before Jan. 30 and turn into the church office.



Thursday, Feb. 7 – Chili feed planning meeting. All families with youth in grades six through 12 and especially those youth planning to attend the National Youth Gathering should attend a planning meeting at 6 p.m. to discuss the Beautiful Savior Chili Feed and Auction March 3.

Friday, Feb. 22 – Junior High Nerf War: All sixth through ninth graders are invited to gear up for an all-out Nerf War from 7-9 p.m. Friday Feb. 22. Bring your favorite Nerf gun and come along for a night of mayhem. Games include "Storm the Castle" and "Behind Enemy Lines." If you do not have a Nerf gun, we will have some available. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.

Sunday, March 3 – Chili Feed and Auction: All families with youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to serve (and attend) Beautiful Savior's first chili feed and silent auction from 5-7 p.m. Just \$4 buys an endless chili bowl to sample different recipes. Treats also will be served. All families are encouraged to bring a basket for the silent auction.

Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9: Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat. All students in grades eight through 12 can get refreshed in their faith during the ND District Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat in Carrington. Sessions focus on faith questions answered by author Brad Alles. We will leave around 3 p.m. on Friday and return around 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Activities include teen-led growth sessions, devotions, concerts, a junk food buffet and some meals. Cost is \$75. Please also bring enough money for dinner on Friday and Saturday. Please fill out a form and turn into Pastor Chris.



Ongoing Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Ongoing – Meals/Snacks at Gladys Ray Shelter: All junior and senior high youth and their families can help battle homelessness and its effects in the F-M area. We need volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for residents at the Gladys Ray Shelter, 1519 First Ave. N in Fargo. On the third Sunday of the month, a few families should coordinate to make a meal for the residents. Every other week, we would like two families to make two dozen bars for the residents. All food should be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or see Pastor Chris for more information.

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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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