



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

December 2013

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DATE CHANGE

Come help decorate the church for Christmas at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3

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

What a difference this child makes!

Word from Pastor Chris



How much does a baby change things? When parents bring an infant home, life no longer resembles the days the family once knew. New dynamics, joys and relationships form as families celebrate this new life. Friends and family rejoice at this precious gift of a child, a joy that Scripture calls "a heritage from the Lord."

How much does a baby change things? Schedules and priorities shift dramatically as the proud mom and dad adjust to feeding schedules, diaper changes and all the attention that a newborn demands. A stark reality has come into play for new parents, who no longer can live for themselves; the more they do, the more the welfare of the child can become compromised.

But what a difference a child makes! What hopes and dreams and joys come with them!

Now imagine this experience if you knew your child would be God's son, the promised Messiah and King. That's what happened to Mary, the mother of our Lord, when the angel told her: "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus (Yahweh is salvation)."

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Midweek Advent Services

7 p.m. on Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18

Soup and Sandwich Suppers

Before each Wednesday service, there will be a soup and sandwich supper starting at 6 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 15

8:15 a.m. Preschool through Second Grade

10:45 a.m. Third through Sixth Grade

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec 24

3:30 and 5 p.m.

Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec. 25

10 a.m. with Holy Communion



Voters Meeting

9:40 am. Sun. Dec. 8

Beautiful Savior will hold a voters meeting between our worship services on Dec. 8. For more details on the meeting, see the article on page 5.

What a difference this child makes!

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of His father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom, there will be no end," Luke 1:31-33.

How much does a new baby change things? This baby changed everything! Not for just Mary, but for the entire world. Here, in this Christ child, come not just hopes and dreams, but the fulfillment and wonder of God's loving plan wrapped in swaddling clothes with 10 tiny fingers and 10 tiny toes.

Yet even early on, the cross looms over the young child and His family.

Not even seven weeks into His life, as Joseph and Mary bring the young babe to the temple, the parents are told: "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is opposed."

What does this mean? Life no longer resembles the days we once knew. This Christ child, born into an earthly family yet from heavenly origins, has come to lay claim to those in God's family as promised in the Scriptures. And based on faith in Jesus, people will either stand in God's family or fall from it.

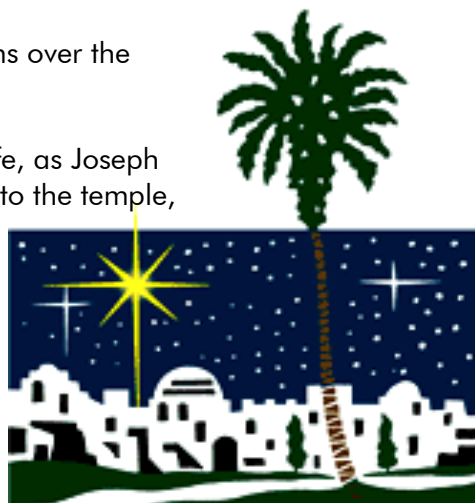
That's quite a change! But this change would not be without sacrifice.

Mary herself receives dire news at the temple 40 days into the life of her baby boy: "and a sword will piece your soul also."

This child would be opposed. He would be despised, rejected, humiliated, and slain, giving His life for the sins of the whole world on the cross and rising to life again in victory and power. Mary would not protect her Son from the sins of mankind nor the wrath of God, but this child whom Mary once delivered would deliver her and all those who believe. Here was not just a messiah, but God himself, graciously given as a heritage from the Lord, offering the forgiveness of sins through the blood of His son.

As we celebrate Advent, Christmas and our new life in Christ, we remember it is born from Jesus coming to us in human flesh. What a difference this child – God's Son, our Lord – makes not just for our life now, but into eternity!

Pastor Chris



Elder of the Month

Dave Eggers is married to Connie. They have two boys: Ross, who is married to Jen, and Drew. Dave is the owner of a State Farm



**Dave and
Connie Eggers**

Insurance agency in Moorhead. He is involved in community service activities and loves to golf, fish and hunt. Both of his Dave's kids have attended the U of M, and both have been blessed with a school job working for the Minnesota Gophers football team during the last five years. One of the benefits has been tickets for Dave and Connie, who always have been huge Gopher football and basketball fans.

*Soup and
Sandwich
Supper*



Advent Soup and Sandwich Suppers

Before each Wednesday service, there will be a soup and sandwich supper starting at 6 p.m. On Dec. 18, there will be our annual chili cook-off. Thanks for bringing your delicious soups, sandwiches, chili and bars.

"An Out-of-the-Box Christmas" Practices

Christmas practice continues for all our third- to sixth-grade students! Listed below are the times and dates of practice. Thanks for bringing your child to practice.

- ♦ Nov. 30 No Practice Happy Thanksgiving!
- ♦ Dec. 7 2-3 p.m. Terrific Twelve
3-4 p.m. All third- to sixth-graders
- ♦ Dec. 14 10:30 a.m. **Dress rehearsal**
1 p.m. Pizza party
- ♦ Dec. 15 10 a.m. All third- to sixth-graders
Practice and Warm up

10:45 a.m. **Program**

Terrific Twelve

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| 1. Reegan Weitnauer | 7. Elizabeth Krause |
| 2. Sam Steinke | 8. Lexi Doeling |
| 3. Paige McArthur | 9. Mollie Gilman |
| 4. Abby Tykwinski | 10. Hunter Weitnauer |
| 5. Chloe Thompson | 11. Joren Palmer |
| 6. Dani Hjelden | 12. Quinn Gehler |

"Christmas Jubilee" Practices

Practice has begun for our preschool to second-grade Christmas program "Christmas Jubilee." A CD with songs for the program was given to students during Sunday School on Nov. 17. Please work with your children to learn the songs and bring them to practice each week. Below are our practice times. Please note the early practice time on Dec. 14, which is set to accommodate a wedding later that day. If you would like to help out with the program, please speak with Pastor Chris.

- Nov. 30 – no practice; Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec. 7 – preschool and kindergarten from 10-10:30 a.m.; first- and second-graders 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- Dec. 14 – preschool and kindergarten from 9-9:45 a.m.; first- and second-graders from 9-10:15 a.m.
- Dec. 15 – **Program-at 8:15 a.m.**

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Schedule in December

There will be no Sunday school or adult Bible study on Dec. 22 and 29. Both will resume on Jan. 5.



Munchies for Missions

Would you like someone else to do your Christmas baking, and, at the same time, help with mission work – reaching out to others with the love of Jesus? The LWML is once again having Munchies for Missions from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. In order to have a nice selection of Christmas cookies, candy, bars, caramel corn, breads and pies, we are asking the Beautiful Savior family to help by filling plastic cartons with one dozen of any baked goods item. The cartons will be handed out on Sunday, Nov. 24, and Sunday, Dec. 1, after church. Please bring them back filled with your favorite cookie, bar or candy and decorated with ribbon to the church by 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. If you wish, you may also include your recipe with your donation. We will price them. Come on Saturday and buy an assortment and consider your holiday baking done. All proceeds will be used for missions and human care projects.



Women's Christmas Party 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8



All women of the church and friends are invited to the women's Christmas party at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Please

come for some fun and fellowship. Wear your holiday sweater and bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift, some nonperishable food items or paper products and an appetizer to share. The party will be held at Marlene Bergseth's apartment's community room. It is handicap accessible. The address is 1670 E. Gateway Circle, Fargo. Hope to see you at the party!

New Members at BSLC in 2013

BSLC welcomed our newest members on Nov. 24. Blessings to all our new members!

Craig and Jean Berard, Samantha, Beth, Dylan, Sabrina	
Ryan and Aimee Dorrheim, Lydia, Adam, Elijah	
Ross and Kathy Erickson	Todd Figenser, Justin
Drew and Kym Gilman, Mollie, Maia	Dennis Freborg
Michelle Hans, Rylee	Janet Grefe
Clay and Lori Horsager, Ruby, Hazel	Eugene Hall
Kurt and Samantha Mathiason, Mya	Gary Hasse
Harvey and Bev Medenwaldt	Deb Ryan
David and Amy Mielke, Morgan	Jesse Soper
John and Suzann Olson, Ethan	Kelly Wateland
Clarence and Kimberly Zimmer	Travis Brien
Freddie and Heather Smith, Quincy, Karsen, Cayden	

Cradle Roll Recognition

Congratulations to our young children that are ready to enter Sunday school. BSLC celebrated this milestone gave each child a book as part of the gift of God's word on Nov. 17.

Reese Anderson	Brayden Bergseth	Mya Brandenburg
Koltyn Cross	Violet Drechsel	Everett Hagel
Arianna Kaste	Parker Matthews	Charlie Olson
Mira Stoneberg	Cooper Sweeney	Madison Werner



The Music and Message of Christmas

Midweek Advent Services

As Christmas approaches and we celebrate, music is often a major part of it. During our midweek worship services, we will be looking at God's Word and certain beloved carols that beautifully share the Good News of Jesus. The themes for the upcoming services are:

Wednesday, December 4
"Not So Silent Night"

Wednesday, December 11
"Joyful and Triumphant"

Wednesday, December 18
"How Sweet It Is"

Poinsettias



Please consider purchasing a poinsettia to be placed on the altar for the Christmas season. You may sign up on the table in the narthex to place the poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one and put a check for \$12 made out to Beautiful Savior LWML in the envelope. After Christmas, you may take your poinsettia(s) home with you. Thank you.

Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Dec. 11

If you are age 55 and older and/or retired, please join other BSLC members at a noon potluck on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Bring an old favorite or a new dish to share and spend some fellowship with other BSLC members.

BSLC Coffee Club

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



Please Save Your Used Stamps

Please bring in your used stamps; don't cut them off but bring in the envelopes and place in drawer marked stamps by the LWML kiosk. The money we received for these goes to missions. Thank you!

How Fortunate!

Word from Pastor Dave



I use the word “fortunate” to often denote receiving some unexpected good or escaping some expected evil. For me, the term is similar to being lucky, but also it conveys something more. One is fortunate to be able to walk away from a vehicle accident without any injuries. One is fortunate to come upon some unexpected money. As I think about it, being fortunate often seems to be just a matter of chance. But is that true?

In the Gospel of Luke, we read that Mary visited Elizabeth after she was told by the angel that she would give birth to the Savior. As Mary greeted Elizabeth, there was a humble and faith-filled response that came from Elizabeth. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed in a loud voice, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:42-43) One of the things her words declare is how fortunate she felt just to be with Jesus and Mary. She realized that she did not deserve this honor. Nevertheless, she received something special because of Jesus.

The question is, “Do we see ourselves also as being favored and fortunate because of Jesus?”

As we observe the season of Advent in December, the Scripture lessons will remind us of just who we are. On the one hand, we are people who by ourselves are without a prayer, without a future and without peace because of our sinfulness before God. But on the other hand, we are people to whom God drew near. The Lord’s coming at His birth reminds us that some more than unexpected good came our way. Jesus came to change our fortune. He did it not by giving us silver and gold, but by living, dying and rising again for us.

Fortunate was Elizabeth, fortunate are we and fortunate are all who trust God’s mercy in Christ. The good we have received from God through His Son cannot be measured. It is a gift to be treasured. It is also a gift to be shared so that others too may find themselves to be so favored before God because of the presence of Christ in their lives.

I have no idea what gifts you may receive this Christmas. But be assured that in Christ you have the greatest gift of all — how fortunate!

Voters’ Meeting At 9:40 a.m. on Dec. 8,

We invite all of our members to attend our December congregational meeting. We plan to adopt the budget for the next year that deals with our regular expenses associated with ministry. Besides passing a budget, the Church Council also will be putting forth a proposal that our congregation addresses other issues. These things were discussed during our fall stewardship meetings. Because not everyone was able to attend one of those gatherings, we will share some of our discussion here.

Our congregation is blessed to have a wonderful facility. As with any building, however, there are issues that relate to upkeep and maintenance. For Beautiful Savior, these items are:

- ◆ The roof over the fellowship needs to be replaced. It leaks.
- ◆ The heating unit for the fellowship hall is more than 30 years old.
- ◆ The carpet in our lobby or narthex should be replaced.
- ◆ We would like to upgrade the bathrooms by putting tile on the floors.
- ◆ There are also some other smaller items that we would like to accomplish. They include painting the bottom of the bell tower and raising some extra money to support the Sudanese seminary students.

From this list, you can see that certain things need to be done. Although some items on this list can be delayed, the Church Council believes it is good time for us to do them. With this in mind, the Church Council will propose that we conduct a mini-capital campaign in 2014 for these things. The amount of money we raise will determine how much we will be able to do. For more information, please attend the meeting.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Offering Two Advent Devotions in 2013

This year, Lutheran Hour Ministries offers two seasonal devotions for Advent. The first, *The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us*, is written by Rev. Wayne Palmer, LHM's theological editor and writer. The second, *Advent People: Waiting for the Coming Savior*, is penned by Pastor Lonie Eatherton.



Both *The Word Became Flesh* and *Advent People* can be downloaded for personal use or can be printed out and given as an outreach tool. *The Word Became Flesh* is also available to read online or can be received via e-mail subscription throughout the Advent season. An audio version of *The Word Became Flesh* will be available beginning Dec. 1 or you can receive it as a podcast. Go to www.lhm.org/advent to find these devotions.

Grace Lutheran School News

Christmas Musical This year, our students will present "Miracle on Main Street" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 12 and 13. Our musical is about a group of kids who are getting ready for a Christmas pageant in the town square until the mayor informs them that it is cancelled this year due to the "traffic issues" it will cause. The kids decide to go caroling door-to-door so people will call and change the mayor's mind. Along the way, they meet some interesting characters and discover what Christmas really means. For those who don't want to come out at night, please join us for the 1:30 dress rehearsal on Thursday, Dec. 12. The Pre-kindergarten classes will perform before the Dec. 12 performance, and the kindergarten class before the Dec. 13 performance.

Enrollment Kickoff Jan. 1 marks the kickoff of the new enrollment season for the 2014-15 school year. The Board of Education wants to reach out to all the families of our congregations to inform them of the opportunities GLS offers, and of the tuition support the churches offer. Enrollment packets are available at all of our association congregations.

Auction The GLS auction will be Saturday, March 22, at the Ramada Plaza Suites. Kari Lugo is the chairperson of this year's auction. Please help your

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2014 will be available to pick up in the narthex by the middle of December. Thank you for picking them up promptly.



"Simply Giving" Automatic Withdrawal for Offering

Members can choose to have their offerings automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. It is simple to sign up for or to change. Contact the church office for the forms to set up these types of donations.

school out by considering a business or personal donation for this wonderful event. Contact Kari (marketing@gracels.com), Principal Jean Syverson (jsyverson@gracle.scom), or the school office for more information. Tickets will be on sale beginning Dec. 1. A special "Grandparent Rate" of \$35 for any grandparents runs from Dec. 1-13. Tickets will be on sale both nights of the Christmas musical.

Grace Diplomat Search GLS is seeking "Grace Diplomat" candidates to be involved individually at each of our association churches as a go-to person who can offer information, details and publicize Grace events within their own church bodies. This is in an effort to strengthen our ties to all association churches and make enrollment and school event information more accessible and accurate. We would like this to be a team effort at each church with one board member and one regular church member to work in tandem with the Marketing Director Kari Lugo and Principal Jean Syverson to ensure we are all working toward the same goal of educating and informing church members about GLS. If you have a suggestion for a candidate please talk with your school board member, pastor or e-mail Kari at marketing@gracels.com.

Children's Christmas Parties

All our youth from kindergarten to fifth grade are invited to Christmas parties with pizza, treats, games, fun and gifts. Each person should bring a wrapped new \$7 gift or while elephant gift (something in your home you can re-gift worth about \$7). Each present should be gender neutral, if possible. However, if it is a gift for boy or girl, please indicate that on the tag.

- ♦ The Christmas party for kindergarten through second-graders will be from 5:30-7:30 on Friday, Dec. 6
- ♦ The Christmas party for third- through fifth-graders will be from 5:30-7:30 on Friday, Dec. 13

Please fill out a form and turn into the church office. Questions? Call Jamie Waldvogel at 893-6996 or Pastor Chris at 893-6995.

Youth Praise Band

Praise band practice will be held from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8.

On Dec. 15, there will be a pizza party with our practice. Practice will resume in January.

If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.



December Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, Dec. 4 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, Dec. 11 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Special Service Destination Unknown

Wednesday, Dec. 18—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 25 – No youth group.

Wednesday, Jan. 1 – No youth group

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 18 – **Junior and Senior High Christmas Party.** All those in sixth through 12th grade are invited to a Christmas Party from 7:45-9 at the church. Please bring a treat to share and a wrapped gift (between \$8-\$10).

UPCOMING SERVANT/FUND-RAISING EVENTS

Calendar sales. Once again, the youth will be offering beautiful "God's Creation" calendars for sale during services in December. Suggested donation for a calendar is \$10, with a minimum of \$5. All youth in junior and senior high are encouraged to help man the table to help fund youth mission trips, servant events and the National Youth Gathering.

Ongoing snack service at Homeless Shelter -- Jesus calls us to have mercy on those suffering around us, and Beautiful Savior is sponsoring a unique opportunity for acts of mercy in our community. All families can help battle homelessness and its effects in the F-M area. On Sunday, many community resources are closed, and hunger becomes an issue. We need volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for residents at the Gladys Ray Shelter, 1519 First Ave. N in Fargo. Every week, we would like to provide – at minimum – one snack for the 36 residents of the shelter. If you would like to provide more in terms of a full meal, that also is encouraged. All food should be dropped off at 5:30 p.m at the shelter or can be dropped off Sunday morning at the church. Sign up on the bulletin board located by the nursery or see Pastor Chris for more information.



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9-noon Friday

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

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