



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Amazed and Dazzled?

By Pastor Dave



People often seek to be amazed and dazzled. We watch football games or other sporting events in hopes of seeing amazing feats by athletes. We go to the movies and music concerts to be entertained and moved. We wrap presents in hopes of surprising those who open the gifts. We spend time preparing food and decorating our homes in hopes of providing a wonderful experience around the holidays for family and friends.

At this time of the year, stores also will seek to astound us with their holiday displays, their sales and their merchandise. With the help of music, lights, advertisements and sales, they will seek to impress us and draw us in. There is nothing wrong with companies trying to do this. However, because we often focus so much on the products and technology of humans, we fail to see the bigger picture and truly be amazed at what God has done.

In Psalm 19, we have a passage which reminds us of work of God.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky displays what his hands have made. One day tells a story to the next. One night shares knowledge with the next without talking, without words, without their voices being heard. Yet, their sound has gone out into the entire world, their message to the ends of the earth," (Psalm 19:1-4a GWN).

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Join us for one of our Mission and Stewardship Gatherings. Dessert pies will be served!

At the church on Nov. 3, 4, 10 or 11 at 7 p.m.
(The first two Sundays and Mondays of the month)

We encourage all of our members to attend one of our special congregational meetings. This is your church. Your presence and input is needed. At these gatherings, we will inform and engage you.

We will also discuss our life together and the wonderful events with the Sudanese ministry. We also will discuss some issues regarding the upkeep of our facility and seek members' input on any new step we might take as a congregation.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27



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

Amazed and Dazzled?

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According to a Webster Dictionary, the definition of dazzle is “to bewilder or overwhelm with a spectacular display.” In this Psalm, the writer states something that was true for him as he viewed God’s creation. It should be true for us as well. God is indeed amazing. Just look at the universe He has created. His works dazzle us. This brought forth praise from the psalmist.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we will be encouraged to be grateful for this world we live in and all the blessings that come from it. You do not need to wait until the Christmas lights come on to be amazed and dazzled. Creation displays the glory of God.

Our God does not only display His glory through the world we see. He also demonstrates in His glory through the work of His Son. In Christ, God the Father put on a show that should forever dazzle us. Jesus fought against the darkness of sin, death and the devil and won. The victory Jesus secured was not for himself, but for us who believe in him. This is a feat no athlete could do. His resurrection was a display of brilliance that no one else can come close to matching.

Life might not always seem that exciting. However, as we look to our God who created the universe and saved us, we always have something to amaze and dazzle us.

Pastor Dave

Elder of the Month

Adam Tykwinski

Adam has been married to Nancy for 13 years and they have two daughters. Leah is 8 years old, and Abigail is 11 years old. They live in West Fargo and have attended BSLC for 12



Adam, Nancy
Abigail and Leah
Tykwinski

years. Adam works for Nova Fire Protection; he enjoys playing softball and ice fishing. Adam is a very big fan of Minnesota sports teams. Go Gophers!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

“Witness, Mercy, Life Together”

During Sunday morning Bible study, we will explore various stories and passages from the Gospel of Luke. This Gospel gives us great insight into what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. As we go through this study, we will also see how it fits very well into our mission and stewardship theme of witness, mercy and life together.



7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study

“Standing Firm in Chaotic Times”

We will use the book of Daniel to discuss the issues of having faith during trials and persecution. Daniel wrote this book not to glorify himself but to exalt the LORD. In every circumstance, in every crisis, Daniel points us to a God who is at work in human history. Daniel’s God is not a weak, frustrated deity who sits in heaven, wringing his hands, hoping everything will turn out right. He is a God who orders all events according to His own will.

Come and see how this message can encourage you today.

Women’s Bible Study

“The God of our Comfort”

Life can be really hard. But when we view our sufferings through faith, we rest in the assurance that God never leaves us unloved or uncared for. His hope is a beacon of comfort. This Bible study will take us through a section of Scripture in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. Evening classes are at 5:15 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Morning classes are at 8:30 a.m. Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21.

New Member Sunday Will be Nov. 24

BSLC will welcome the newer members of our congregation during both the worship services on Sunday, Nov. 24.

If you would like to join BSLC, please call the office to find out what steps to take. We would love to welcome you into our fold. Thank you.



LWML News

It's time once again for the Fall Food Drive for Thanksgiving boxes for some of our Beautiful Savior families. Please bring non-perishable food items like soup, tuna, canned fruits, vegetables, spaghetti, and other canned items. Boxed items needed include pasta meals, mac n' cheese, rice, cake mix and other box mixes. Please check that the expiration date is current. Bring all items to the table outside the sanctuary by Sunday, Nov. 24. The LWML will pack the boxes for delivery. Thanks for your support of this important mission.

The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the church to discuss our December fundraiser "Munchies for Missions." Hope you can be there.



Cradle Roll Recognition

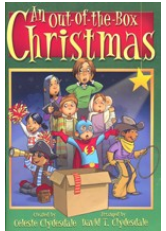
All those who have young children ready to enter Sunday School will be recognized at both services Sunday, Nov. 17, to celebrate this milestone. Each child will also receive a book as part of the gift of God's word.



Parents of baptized children under the age of 3, remember to check the cradle roll hanging in the narthex for special cards and newsletters.

An Out-of-the-Box Christmas Practice Schedule

Calling all third to sixth-grade students! Christmas practices will begin this Saturday, Nov. 2. All practices will be on Saturday afternoons. Listed below are the times and dates of practice. Thank you for bringing your children to practice each week.



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| ◆ Nov. 2 | 2-3 p.m. | Terrific Twelve |
| | 3-4 p.m. | All third to sixth graders |
| ◆ Nov. 9 | 2-3 p.m. | Terrific Twelve |
| | 3-4 p.m. | All third to sixth graders |
| ◆ Nov. 16 | 2-3 p.m. | Terrific Twelve |
| | 3-4 p.m. | All third to sixth graders |
| ◆ Nov. 23 | 2-3 p.m. | Terrific Twelve |
| | 3-4 p.m. | All third to sixth graders |
| ◆ 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 |

Pre-school through Second Grade Christmas Program

The Christmas program for our preschool to second-grade students will be at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. If you would like to help with this year's program, please let Denise Doeling, Dawn Thompson or Pastor Chris know. Watch your weekly announcements for practice dates.



Weddings

Jason Andrew Kirby and Kaija Rae Hanson-Sept. 28, 2013.



Family Photo Dates

Calling all our newer members or members who were unable to get their picture taken for our last directory. On Nov. 24, we will have our "Smile and Shoot Team" available to take your picture to be displayed at church. Just meet them in the fellowship hall after the first or second service to get your picture taken. This will be a great way to get to know all our BSLC members! Pictures that have been taken are on display in the narthex now. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 293-1047. Thank you.

Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 20

If you are age 55 and older and/or retired, please join other BSLC members at a noon potluck on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Bring an old favorite or a new dish to share, and spend some fellowship with other BSLC members.

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. Money received for these goes to missions.

Sudanese Ministry Update

Remember to keep Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak in your prayers as they continue to work with Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris in their online education program **Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology**, the theological education and formation for effective pastoral leadership within immigrant-based churches.



We are Grateful!

The last Sunday of October was designated as pastor appreciation day. We received cards and gifts expressing lovely thoughts and words of encouragement. We are blessed to be part of the Beautiful Savior Lutheran family. We are also truly grateful for all your thoughts, cards, gifts and prayers for us. May you all have a blessed fall. Thanks again for your support here at BSLC.

Pastor Dave

Pastor Chris



Advent Fun Shop Nov. 24

Mark your calendars now for our annual Advent Fun Shop event that will be from 1-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, here at the church. The cost will be \$3 per child and an adult must accompany the children. Please sign up on the form in the narthex or let the office know how many children and adults will be coming. Questions? Please talk to Pastor Chris.



Quilting will be Nov. 14

Quilting will be from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14. This is for all ages, and beginners are welcome. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and even your sewing machine, if possible. You don't have to be able to sew. People can help tie quilts with yarn, put squares together, iron, measure and cut. Stop in and offer your help.

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. Stop in when you can.



Reflections from my Night in a Cardboard Box by Pastor Chris



Grrrrrrr.

That pretty much summed up my feelings Sunday morning on Oct. 13.

As part of Homeless and Hungry weekend-which seeks to raise awareness about the problem of homeless in our area and raise money and resources to serve that population-I had spent most of that Saturday night in a makeshift cardboard box with little to no sleep and none of the comforts of home. I had gone without food. While others came to church refreshed by a good night's sleep and a nice breakfast, a few of us woke up knowing what it meant to be in want.

This kind of affliction really wears on a person. You would think this event would get easier after the fifth time. But instead, it just keeps getting harder. It took me three days to recover.

While you walk in need, your body and mind just work differently. You can tell yourself to cheer up, put on a smile and plow through it all, but the effect of being homeless-even for just an evening-changes your disposition. Just one night pressed and battered my will and constitution. Physical, emotional and mental exhaustion quickly take their toll. Why? Denial of things that your body needs and expects. I can't imagine having to endure that on a recurring basis.

Although I realize that this affliction is hardly a commercial for participation in Homeless and Hungry, I would encourage you to spend the night in the box next year. Seriously. Not only will you support a great cause, but also, it will make you appreciate what you have. Baloney sandwiches and canned soup will never taste better than after 30 hours without food. Your warm bed will never be



more comfy. Your climate-controlled home with all its comforts will never be a more welcome sight. And your loved ones will never be more appreciated.

This is the kind of experience that will open your eyes in one way or another. It was hellish to experience removal of some of God's gift for just a night. It made me start to think about how much we take for granted, especially the gift of salvation and faith and what it means for our continuing future. You think a night out in a box is a nightmare? Imagine being without God and all His blessings for all eternity!

Because we have so much, it is easy to forget about God's providence. But what a loving, giving Heavenly Father we have! In this life, He will not remove His kindness and goodness, even for those who reject Him. Jesus tells us: "(The heavenly Father) makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust," (Matt. 5:45).

In the world to come, however, those who reject God's gift will receive their rejection forever. As Christians, we know and have tasted that God is good. None of us should want an end to His blessings. That means we must continue to look to and trust in God from whom all blessings flow.

As we approach and prepare for the bounty of thanksgiving, remember all those things the Lord has provided in this life; then give even more thanks for the things He has in store in the life to come! Through Jesus Christ our Lord, God has prepared ongoing blessing, where we will never lack anything.

It is this hopeful certainty that changed my Oct. 13 grumble to being humbled by the goodness of God.

Pastor Chris

Thanks for Your Support

Thank you to everyone who came to the benefit for Dennis Hase! All of you who helped with the benefit, made bars, ate supper, bid on silent auction items and donated, it was very much appreciated. We don't have a total yet but will let everyone know when we do. We feel truly blessed by all of your kindness and support.

Sarah and Dennis Hase, Diane and Danny Lee, Carrie, Nate and Jocelyn Thorsrud



LERT Workshop Nov. 16 in North Fargo



There will be a LERT workshop on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo. Registration is at 8:15 a.m., sessions begin at 8:45 a.m. and will run until 4 p.m.

Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) help our congregations respond in times of disaster. The LCMS is very active worldwide in times of crisis. Our response as a church body is driven by local congregations. Trained volunteers coordinate resources and deliver spiritual care as well as organize manual labor for cleanup when needed. This workshop is designed to equip members with a better understanding of their congregation's role in time of crisis.

Leaders are encouraged to attend even if their congregation does not have an organized LERT. The day will give attendees a more solid understanding of our church in action. Even if you can't throw a sandbag, you can be active in a time of crisis. Pastor Schulz, Katie Schulz, Joan Buchhop (Lutheran Disaster Relief) and Bill Sharpe will be the presenters.

There is no charge but please preregister. You may register by calling the district office at 293-9001 or e-mail ndlcms@gmail.com.

Grace Lutheran School News

Christmas Boutique-9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the GLS gym. Some of the vendors that will be at the Boutique are: Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Origami Owl, Clever Container and many more. Attendees are asked to bring a canned good or non-perishable item for the "Fill the Dome" project. Our junior high students also will offer a concession stand fundraiser for their end of the year trip.

38th Annual Spaghetti Dinner-Thanks to all who participated in this much-loved tradition. A total of 680 people came through our doors and helped generate \$7,091.46 for the support of Grace school.

Education Committee Opportunities

Are you interested in shaping our future? Do you have great skills you can share with our education team but don't like to teach? BSLC can still use you! Our education team is forming different groups or task forces that would handle specific areas of need. We are looking for people to help in these areas:



- ♦ Crafts-find projects tied to the lessons, cut out projects, keep craft room organized and help with Advent Fun Shop.
- ♦ Curriculum-Assist in keeping track of items needed, find the best value, research what is out there and visit with teachers and students about the good and bad points of the curriculum.
- ♦ Volunteers- help find teachers and helpers, create a schedule for each Sunday, and develop a list of substitute teachers.
- ♦ Christmas Program- Assist planning the program, help with practices, and assist organizing the props or costumes needed.
- ♦ Attendance - Distribute and gather attendance sheets, send out cards to students not attending and keep track of attendance for the month and year.
- ♦ VBS-Work with education committee and Pastor Chris on curriculum, supplies, and implementing our summer VBS.

Talk to Denise Doeling (ddoeling@borderstates.com)
Dawn Thompson (dawn.thompson@multibandusa.com)
or Pastor Chris (pastorchrisbslc@gmail.com) if you are interested in being on our education committee.

"Simply Giving" Automatic Withdrawal for Offering

God desires that we regularly give of our firstfruits to Him. At Beautiful Savior, we offer members an easy way to do this by having offerings automatically deducted from one's checking or savings account. There is an easy form to fill out that can be changed or stopped at your decision. Many members are taking advantage of this. If you are not already doing this, please consider it.

Contact the church office for the forms to set up this type of donation.

Sunday School Offering to Benefit Project Clean Water.



This year, our Sunday school offerings will be going to a sponsored LCMS organization called Project Clean Water. Did you know that 99 percent of the earth's water is unsafe to drink? That more than half the people in hospitals in developing countries are sick because of unclean water? That almost 2 million children die each year because they have no access to clean water? It takes so little to help.

- ◆ \$10 gives a water filter to children in Cambodia.
- ◆ \$35 gives a water filtration system to a family in Haiti.
- ◆ \$500 helps bring water to a community in rural China.

Please keep this project in your prayers and teach your children how important clean water is and that other children around the world don't have what we have.

Last year, the children were given offering envelopes to bring in their offerings. Let a Sunday school teacher know if you need another box.

Youth Praise Band

Thanks to Crossfire, the youth praise band, who will be playing in church this coming Sunday, Nov. 3.



Crossfire will be taking a break from practice until January. If you have any questions or would like to become involved with our youth praise band when they resume practice, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.

November Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities



Teen Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov. 6 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Nov. 13 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Nov. 20 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Nov. 28 – No youth group; Thanksgiving worship at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Sunday, Nov. 10 – Progressive Dinner. Senior high students, get ready for a four-stop dinner party beginning at 6 p.m. at the church. We will visit different homes for appetizers, soup or salad second course, main course and desserts. The evening will end around 8:30 p.m. See Pastor Chris for more information.



Friday, Nov. 15, to Saturday, Nov. 16, Fall Lock-In. All those in junior and senior high school are invited for a lock-in from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday. The evening will include games, food, Bible studies, and a variety of activities. We also will have a junior high vs. senior high dart tag tournament for bragging rights! Please sign up with Pastor Chris as soon as possible.



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 or see Pastor Chris for more information.

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Office Hours

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
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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