

January 2014

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

Direction and Power for the New Year

Word from Pastor Dave



My family observed various traditions while I was growing up. One of them was celebrating New Year's Eve with our relatives at the home of Uncle Earl and Aunt Elizabeth. We would play games as we awaited the start of a new year.

Because they had a pool table, we would pass the time playing various games on it. I never became a master at the pool table. As I played the game, sometimes the balls went where I wanted them to go—powered often by a strong hit on the cue ball. At other times, my aim was horrible even though it didn't seem that way when I hit the balls. This is what made the game fun and frustrating to play. Whether you have played pool or not, we have all experienced times in life when things go smoothly and times when things bounce all over the place.

As we begin a new year, it is common for people to try to start over or branch out in a new direction in their life. How well that is achieved for many can be measured often by the fact that every year they seek to start anew.

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Moving Forward with a Capital Campaign

At our December voters' meeting, the congregation agreed to move forward with a capital campaign to raise money for some special needs. Our congregation has a wonderful facility. As with any building, however, there are upkeep and maintenance issues. To address the needs, we will be sending out a special fund appeal this year to cover the cost of these items:



- ◆ The roof over the fellowship hall needs to be reshingled.
- ◆ The heating unit for the fellowship hall is more than 30 years old. A new one will be needed soon before this one breaks down.
- ◆ The carpet in our lobby, hallways and in the fellowship hall needs to be replaced.
- ◆ The bathrooms need to be upgraded with new tile on the floors.
- ◆ There are also some other smaller items that will be included in this campaign. They involve painting a portion of the bell tower and raising some extra funds to support the Sudanese seminary students.

The total cost for this will be around \$100,000. More information will be coming out about this in a month. We encourage you to pray and think about how you might give above what you are presently giving so that these needs can be met.

Direction and Power for the New Year

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The success rate of having everything go as you like would be about as good as how often the balls on the pool table went where I wanted them to go. That can be frustrating. But as we look at our God, we have encouragement even in times when life seems to be out of control. This hope is grounded in the person and work of God.

Because God is our creator and redeemer, He encourages us to see every day as a new beginning—and it truly is. God's mercy comes to us every day. Each day, we have the opportunity in minor or major ways to start anew. The Biblical way of describing this is to speak about daily repentance. But one thing Christians often forget (and I am guilty of this many times over) is the power that God supplies to us through the Holy Spirit and the direction that God gives us in His Word.

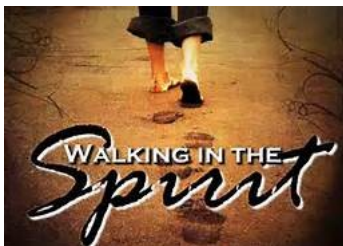
St. Paul urged the early Christians with these words in Galatians (5:16), "Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature." With these words, Paul reminds us of the power we have through the Spirit to live a good life. With these words, Paul also gives us a warning not to let the ungodly and harmful desires within us be what gives direction in our lives. God calls us to live wisely. This means paying attention to His Word and relying on the Spirit for daily strength.

God's Word helps us see what is valuable in life and what values we are to live by. We live life in vain if it is without purpose, values and direction. When we lose touch with our values, we often find ourselves at the mercy of every seduction, every enticement, every claim on our money, our energy and our time. To experience life like that is similar to bouncing all over the place in life. Something very similar to how the balls reacted when I played pool. But that doesn't need to happen as we look to God for direction and rely in the Holy Spirit to power us in our daily lives.

As we begin a new year. I pray that it will go well with you and your family. But above all, I pray that your journey this year would be one of great blessings given and received by you as the Holy Spirit guides and moves you through daily repentance.

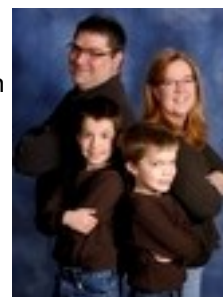
Happy New Year!

Pastor Dave



Elder of the Month

Steve Thielman is an IT contractor with Catholic Health Initiatives. He and Jane have been married for 14 years. They have twin boys, Benjamin and Nathan, who are third-graders at Grace. They moved to Fargo four years ago from the Brainerd/Baxter area. They like the Fargo area but do miss the lakes.



Steve, Jane,
Benjamin and
Nathan Thielman

They love to spend weekends at Jane's Dad's cabin near Avon, MN, and fish as much as possible in the summer. They have become Bison fans since moving to Fargo (they are both St. Cloud State grads). They enjoy watching the Bison football success and also watching their boys learn well the game of football.

In their spare time, they attend their boys' sporting events. They love family time and enjoy going for bike rides in the summer and hanging out watching movies and sports on TV.

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 2 Corinthians 1:3-7.

- ◆ Monday classes are at 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27.
- ◆ Tuesday classes are at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Wanted—Your Picture for BS LC

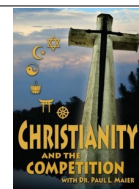
"Smile and Shoot" is our campaign to get pictures of all Beautiful Savior members who are not in the church directory or who have joined in the last couple of years! We would love to get your picture to help us recognize all members of our Beautiful Savior family. We can quickly take your picture and even will e-mail you a copy! Please talk with Beth Gustafson, Maxine Rust, Kim Scheer, Tim Deitemeyer or one of our pastors, and we will gladly get your picture taken after any church service any Sunday. Smile!



Upcoming Seminar

Dr. Paul L. Maier will present a seminar for the Fargo area on Saturday, Feb. 22, entitled, "Christianity vs. the Competition."

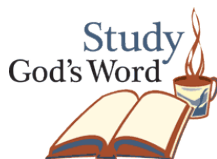
Dr. Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University, is one of our country's leading authorities on the biblical world and a widely acclaimed author and speaker. His seminars add a fresh dimension to the Scriptures, illuminating them with important evidence from archaeology and secular history.



This special event will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 N. Broadway, Fargo. Registration will be 9-9:30 a.m., and coffee and rolls will be available. The seminar will run 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for students and youth), which includes lunch. You may reserve your spot by phoning Immanuel at 293-7979 and paying the registration on the day of the seminar.

Sunday Morning Bible Study "The Way of Jesus"

9:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

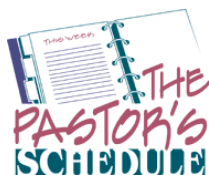


Jesus called the first disciples by saying, "Follow me." He also declared that "I am the Way." Looking at the Gospels as well as certain Old Testament persons, we will explore and encourage growth in our daily life of faith. Faith is not something that is to be kept in our hearts but should also be lived out day by day.

Beautiful Savior Pastors to help out with vacancy in Hillsboro

Rev. Mike Kessler, the pastor of our sister congregations in Hillsboro and Grandin, accepted a call to another congregation. This has left St. John in Hillsboro and Grace in Grandin with a pastoral vacancy. Pastor Dave will become the vacancy pastor and Pastor Chris will assist as needed.

To accommodate services at St. John on Sunday mornings, this will have some bearing on our second worship service. On Sunday mornings starting in January, both pastors will be at our first worship service and will lead their Sunday morning Bible studies. But by 10:15 a.m. one of the pastors will travel up to Hillsboro to conduct worship there.



There was discussion and communication with elders before this arrangement was made with St. John in Hillsboro. The congregations in Hillsboro and Grandin are very grateful to the members of Beautiful Savior, along with its pastors, for their help during this time. If you have any questions about this, please visit with one of our pastors.

Men's Winter Retreat at Shepherd's Hill on Feb. 7-8

The Men's Winter Retreat at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is scheduled for Feb. 7-8. Pastor Josh Baumann of Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD, will lead us in "Going the Distance for the Ones You Love...Matthew 28:1-10." There'll be lots of fun things – fellowship, discussion, good food, singing, games, sharing, treats etc. Don't miss this one. The cost is \$75. You can pay on arrival at camp. Register on-line at shcr@utma.com or call 1-800-289-2992.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 p.m. on January 21

We will start a new Bible study towards the end of January. The topic for study will be picked by the middle of January. Contact Pastor Dave if you have any suggestions for this class.

Weddings

Dec. 14-Rex Allen Larson and
Courtney Jo Weatherhead



Special "Thank You's"



A big thank you to all our church family and staff for the many prayers, kind deeds, well wishes and cards we have received since my cancer diagnosis. We thank God for all of you and for the blessings we have received from God through you, His people.

Laurel and Lowell Wegener

Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Jan. 15

Gold Club is for people age 55 and older and/or retired, who gather once a month at BSLC for lunch. This month we will meet at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 15. Bring a dish to share and enjoy time with other BSLC members.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the children's Christmas programs this year and for the parents who brought their children to practice each week. What a joy it is to see the children's enthusiasm during the programs!

Thanks to all who donated and bought Christmas goodies at our Munchies for Missions! Your support is appreciated!

Quilting will be Jan. 9 and 23

Quilting will be from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 9 and 23. This is for all ages; beginners are welcome. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and even your sewing machine, if possible.

Thank You for your Prayers, Thoughts and Gifts



Each year at Christmas, we receive an outpouring of good will and warm wishes. We, along with our families, would like to extend word of thanks to members of BSLC for all the kindness shown to us. We appreciate all your thoughts, prayers, cards, cookies, gifts and expressions of love. We wish you all a blessed 2014!

Pastor Dave

Pastor Chris

Vicki Peihl

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.



New Member Corner...

Welcome to:



Stacie Loreth, who is eager to meet everyone and make some new friends and become active here at BSLC. She loves to sing in the choir, play cards and pool, watch TV and movies and being with her cats, family and friends. She joined our church because the warmth and friendliness made her feel at home. She enjoys the chance to choose either traditional or alternative worship each Sunday. Her favorite Bible verse is Phil. 4:13 as whenever she faces struggles, this verse offers hope and comfort.

Travis Brien, who was born and raised in Fargo. He likes the fellowship of BSLC and the nice people here. He enjoys fishing, biking, watching TV and movies and reading the Bible. His favorite Bible verse is Hosea 6:6. Along with other verses, this expresses the fact that our God is a living God who does not desire the destruction of anyone but that we come to Him and that he provides.

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 receive for these goes to missions. Thank you!

What will 2014 bring? Certainty in Christ!

Word from Pastor Chris



Not sure how 2013 shook out for you, but I'm glad to see it go. Our family experienced multiple challenges this past year, including the death of my mom one week after my birthday. So what will 2014 have in store? Well, no one can predict, but at least it's a new start.

But how long will it last? How many weeks or even days will tick off the calendar before the new has gotten old? Before new challenges present themselves? Even with new gifts at Christmas, it didn't take long at our house for toys to break, parts to get lost and novelty to wear off. As the hymn laments, there is "change and decay in all around I see." (LSB 878)

But the same hymn quickly turns our attention to The One who does not change. To The One who did not decay, even in the throes of death. That one is the Christ, who from everlasting to everlasting makes all things new.



Not something as superfluous as a new look. Not something as fleeting as a new fad, fashion or gadget. No, Jesus changes us with His eternal Gospel. He changes rebellious enemies of God to children of God in the waters of Holy Baptism. Through the power of His word, He changes proud, arrogant people of defiance, decadence and

destruction into those seeking forgiveness. He changes desperate lowly sinners into righteous saints! He changes those in whom death is at work into those who will never die. He changes slaves into heirs, servants into those being served. Yes, he makes all things new.

What will 2014 bring? I can't tell you what to expect during the New Year in terms of worldly things. But I can tell you that God will never leave you or forsake you. His salvation in Christ Jesus is a rock solid assurance, guaranteed delivery and absolute certainty to those who believe.

Jesus himself testifies that he will give His sheep "eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand," (John 10:28).

So continue to expect that God will bestow His gifts upon you in Word and Sacrament. Expect that God will continue His salvation for you by grace through faith. He will not change or alter His course of rescuing sinners like you from sin death and the power of the devil, all of which moves ever closer to a new heavens and new earth.

That's what I call a new year!

Pastor Chris

FirstChoice Clinic Sponsoring Largest Baby Shower For Seventh Year

You can help celebrate Sanctity of Human Life during January!. Be part of "The Largest Baby Shower." New baby items are needed to re-stock FirstChoice Clinic's Family Boutique for clients who participate in the 'Earn While You Learn' parenting program. **New** items needed are listed below. Please drop off items at any

of the Hornbacher locations. The baby shower is sponsored by KFNW Life 97.9, Faith 1200 and Hornbacher's. Questions? Please call Mona at FirstChoice Clinic at 237-5902 or mona@firstchoiceclinic.com. Thanks for your support!



Diapers- NB, 2 and 3's
Baby wipes
Diaper creams
NB onsies
Sleepers (0-18 months)
Infant socks

Bottles
Sippy cups
Pacifiers
Bibs
Baby lotion/wash
Baby shampoo

Baby fingernail clippers
Baby combs
Baby towels/washcloths
Crib sheets
Nursing covers
Nursing pads

Burp cloths
Boppy (nursing pillow)
Teething toys
Diaper bags
Infant carriers
Hornbacher gift cards

Christmas Poinsettias 2013

Poinsettia Placed by:

Dave & Sherrie Anderson

Dan and Carrie Berglind

Matt and Jenna Deardoff

Gerald and Joan Fiechtner

Tim Flakoll

Your Girls-Sandy, Sylvia, Sally

Dayton, Theresa, Damien,

and Quinn Gehler

Lloyd Jemtrud

David, Amy and Morgan Mielke

Jerry Nordstrom Family

Dave and Kim Scheer

Mike & Judy Sellden

Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann

Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner

Chris and Jamie Waldvogel

Poinsettia Placed by:

Kelly & Hope Adam

Dennis and Penney Kroshus

Gary Stende Family

Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner

Poinsettia Placed by:

Harvey and Bev Medenwaldt

In Loving Memory of:

Oscar Hangsleben-Sherrie's dad

Les & Vi Anderson-parents of Dave

Bud Berglind

Those we have lost-grandparents

Our parents and brothers

Paul Flakoll

Evan & Lorina Freitag

Nephew David Hallman

Grandfather Larry Gehler

Grandmother Janice Richardson

Donna Jemtrud

Paula Mielke

Wally Nordstrom, father

and grandfather

Elaine Freshour, mother

and grandmother

David Jr.

Mike's mom Valerie

Judy's brother Tony

Eugene Paulsrud

Randy and Audrey Christianson

Suzie Waldvogel



In Honor of:

Our parents and children

Grandchildren Ace and

Arrington Sheeley

Marie Hagen

Grandson Leo Aran Szarke

In Thanksgiving:

Our daughters, son-in-law

and grandchildren

Offering Envelopes

Please remember to take home your 2014 offering envelopes that are in the narthex. If you need giving envelopes, please let the office know.

"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.



Grace Lutheran School News

Grace Ambassadors in Concert will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16 at the school.

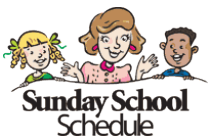
National Lutheran Schools Week with the theme "Witness Always-Raising up Faithful Disciples" is Jan. 27-31. National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in our schools and in the community we serve. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. Our schools are

amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

Grace Lutheran School is participating in Giving Hearts Day on Feb 13. Giving Hearts Day is a community-wide day of fundraising, with donations being matched (up to \$4,000) by Dakota Medical Foundation. This is a great way to support the mission of Grace Lutheran. For more information please visit the website www.impactgiveback.org.

Grace Lutheran School Auction "God's Grace" will be from 5-10 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 22, at the Ramada, Fargo. To buy your tickets, call Grace at 232-7747.

Sunday School Resumes



Sunday school will resume at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5. There are always opportunities for you to volunteer to help with Sunday school. Let the office know if you would like to get involved.

Youth Praise Band



Praise band practice will be held from 7-8 p.m. on Sundays, Jan. 5 and 12. There will be no practice Jan. 19 or 26. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.

January Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, Jan. 8 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Jan. 15—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth group for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Jan. 22 – from 7:45-9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Jan. 29 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth group for grades 7-12

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 19-Progressive Dinner. Senior high students, get ready for our rescheduled four-stop dinner party beginning at 6 p.m. at the church. We will visit different homes for appetizers, soup or salad for second course, main course and desserts. The evening will end around 8:30 p.m. See Pastor Chris for more information.



Tuesday, Jan. 28-National Youth Gathering Meeting. Are you interested in gathering with 25,000 other young Lutherans July 16-20, 2016, in New Orleans? Come learn about the opportunity to grow in faith while enjoying uplifting speakers, bands and experiences. We will be meeting from 7-8 p.m. to discuss fund-raising opportunities. You must be a high schooler in the 2015-2016 school year or going into high school for the 2016-2017 school year to attend the gathering.

Saturday, Feb. 1-Andes Tower Hill Skiing and Snowboarding Trip. All families can come enjoy a day on the slopes Saturday, Feb. 1, near Alexandria. We will be leaving at 8 a.m. sharp from the Beautiful Savior parking lot and returning around 6 p.m. or so. We will attempt to carpool, but will need drivers as well. Cost for the trip is \$20 if bringing your own equipment. If you need to rent, the costs are \$36 for skis, boots and poles and \$46 for snowboard and boots. SNOWBOARD RENTALS REQUIRE A PARENTS SIGNATURE! Meals will be on your own. Please fill out a form and return to Pastor Chris as soon as possible.



UPCOMING SERVANT/FUND-RAISING EVENTS

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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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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T-Z	Steve Thielman	293-7933

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