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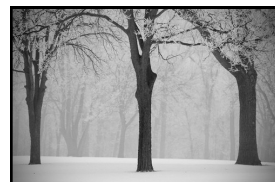
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Looking Forward to a Change?

Word from Pastor Dave



Has the winter weather got you down? Are you experiencing any blues and doldrums that come from the cold winter?

Do you have any concern that this spring may be similar to last year when it took so long for warm weather to reach us? Well, you are not alone if you have some uneasiness. At one point or another, everyone looks forward to the end of the cold. Frigid and freezing weather can get people down. However, cold weather is not the only thing that drags people down.

In life there are many things that can cause us to struggle and become discouraged. It is one of the consequences of living in a broken and sinful world. Our relationships with others might not be as we would like. Our finances might cause us concern. Health issues might zap us of time and energy as we deal with them. And just like winter seems to stay around our area a long time, our burdens may stay with us for not only a season but also for our life.

It was into this world of discouragement, pain, sorrow and death that Jesus our Savior came. He came to bring forgiveness, hope and restoration. With His death and resurrection from the dead, we are assured that with Jesus, things are different. No matter how down you are because of your situation in life, there is something you have now and something that you can look forward to.

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Needed-your e-mail address! E-mails are sent when church events are cancelled due to weather or for other important news or events at BSLC.

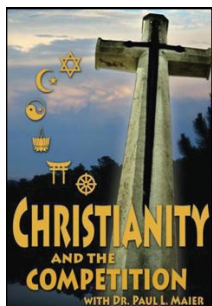
Christianity vs. the Competition

A Presentation by Dr. Paul L. Maier

Immanuel Lutheran, 1258 N. Broadway, Fargo



With all world religions claiming to teach the truth, what makes Christianity any different? The credentials of our faith are compared with those of religions in the Far East, the Middle East and the West. Come hear more about the world religions and what our Christian response should be on Saturday, Feb. 22. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. The seminar will run from 9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Tickets for the seminar are \$20 (\$10 for students and youth) and include lunch. You may reserve tickets by calling 293-7979, or send your name, address and phone number, along with payment, to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 Broadway N., Fargo, ND 58102. If you have questions, you may call 293-7979 or e-mail ilcmisouri@qwest.net.



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

Looking Forward to a Change? (Continued from page 1.)

What we have now is the love of God in Christ, the power of His Holy Spirit in our lives and the Word of God. No matter how much the things of the world might get you down, we can be sustained in our journeys. No matter how dark life appears, we have a God who brings life to our lives now and forever. We have a God who gives us hope. We always have something that we can look forward to.

As you experience our cold winter, it is comforting to know that the weather will change. Even if warmer temperatures are delayed, they will surely come. But a far greater comfort comes when we know that God truly changes things in our lives. He is constantly at work in us. For that, we are grateful. But we know that our thanksgiving is just beginning. For we look forward to an even greater time when God will make all things new.

We are reminded in the book of Revelation that "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away," Revelation 21:4.



Pastor Dave

Discovery (New Member) Class

7 p.m. on Mondays starting Feb. 10

Our Discovery class reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. We encourage those interested in joining our congregation to attend this class. Any BSLC members are also invited 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 the light of God's grace. We will meet at 7 p.m. Mondays in February and part of March.



Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Book of Colossians
7 p.m. Tuesdays

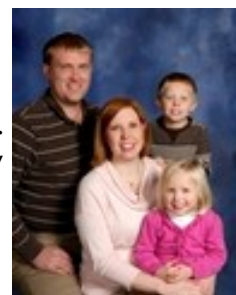
For our evening Bible study, we are taking a look at the book of Colossians. Join us when you can as we seek to understand the words Paul wrote to the Colossian people while he was in prison.



Elder of the Month

Nathan Gannon is our elder for the month of February. Nathan and Stacey were married in September of 2001 at Beautiful Savior. They have been members of BSLC for 13 years.

Nate grew up in Randall, MN. Stacey grew up in Washburn, ND. They have three children Colin, 7; Kaitlyn, 5; and Megan (20 months). Nathan likes to golf and go pheasant and deer hunting in his spare time.



Nathan, Stacey,
Colin and
Kaitlyn Gannon

Sunday Morning Bible Study "The Way of Jesus"

9:40 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall

We will finish our study of "The Way of Jesus" in February. Faith is not something that is to be kept in our hearts but should also be lived out day by day.

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 Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24.
- ♦ Tuesday classes are at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

A February Challenge to All Members

Join us for Sunday morning Bible study. We meet in the fellowship hall between services. The format is: Pastor starts with an opening and Bible reading. We then break into small groups, six to ten people at each round table to discuss a list of related questions and then Pastor gathers us together for large group discussion and wrap-up. It is a great combination of Bible study and small-group fellowship. If you haven't yet tried it, do it in February.



Anonymous Sunday morning Bible study participant

Capital Improvement 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.
- ◆ If sufficient funds come in, we plan to upgrade the floors in the bathrooms with tile.
- ◆ Beautiful Savior has been helping two South Sudanese students attend seminary classes. Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak are members of our congregation who are leaders in the community of Sudanese that worship in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons. Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are helping them in their studies. There is a cost to education, so we are designating some money to go towards this mission work in our community.
- ◆ There are also some other smaller items regarding our buildings that will would like to address, such as painting a portion of the bell tower.

The total cost for this will be around \$100,000. A brochure explaining our campaign is scheduled to come out toward the end of February. 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.

LWML Will Meet Feb. 9



The LWML will meet at noon on Sunday, Feb. 9, which will include a potluck lunch. There is always more than plenty of food to share, so please join us and find out more about the LWML and our mission and work in the church.

Your Picture is Needed

"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, Tim Deitemeyer, Kim Scheer or one of our pastors, and we will gladly get your picture taken after any church service any Sunday. Smile!



Men's Winter Retreat at Shepherd's Hill 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 will 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. Call 1-800-289-2992 or register online at shcr@utma.com.



All School Open House at Grace School

Please join us for our all-school open house for pre-K through eighth grade from 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4. Join us for a tour, lunch, music, phy-ed., recess, or observe in a classroom and visit with the teachers! If Feb. 4 doesn't work, call the office anytime to set up another day.

- Pre-Kindergarten—This is a five-day, full-day program for students who are 4 or 5. Child must be 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2014. Two classes are offered with a teacher and an aide in both.
- Kindergarten—Kindergarten is a five-day, full-day program, and the child must be 5 years old by Aug. 1, 2014. The academic focus is on phonics, early reading, math skills and much more.
- First-Eighth Grades—Students are surrounded by caring Christian teachers and immersed in a Christ-centered atmosphere with excellent academics. Sports, band and choir opportunities are available for the fourth through eighth grade students. A one-to-one laptop program is part of the middle school experience in sixth to eighth grades.

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.



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!

Tuition Assistance for Children Attending Grace Lutheran School

Beautiful Savior has set aside money to help parents send their children to Grace Lutheran School. 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.

Grace Lutheran School News

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 \$4000 by Dakota Medical Foundation. This is a great way to support the mission of Grace Lutheran. Please visit the website www.impactgiveback.org for more information.

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 232-7747.



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 questions about this, please visit with either pastor.

Don't Ignore the Important Words!

Do your pearls of wisdom often go unheeded? I know a group who gets less attention and respect than you. And it's not because this group has nothing important to say. In fact, these people freely dispense life-saving information, yet people often completely ignore their instructions(!)

I'm not thinking of parents, teachers, doctors or even having a pity party for pastors. Instead, I'll just ask: when did you last give your flight attendant full attention as he or she dutifully demonstrated how to potentially save your life?



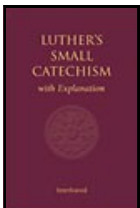
During my last flight, when our flight attendants shared important emergency protocol, people couldn't have cared less. They talked to each other, took a nap, read magazines, trimmed their toenails. They pretty much did anything but listen to what to do in the face of potential disaster.

Why is that? Are we all convinced we already know what to do so well that we could do it in our sleep, or say, in the midst of a highly stressful ordeal? Or are we simply and stupidly over-confident that disaster will never come?

Why do we take for granted the words that really count?

Nothing counts more than God's Word, the words of eternal life. It is the power of salvation for all who believe. It leads us in God's truth. It accomplishes God's purposes. It plants, tends and nurtures faith, along with a host of other eternal benefits too numerous to mention.

Yet for many Christians, we often view God's Word with the same disdain as safety instructions on a flight. We would pass the time in any way possible rather than actually in the Word. Again why is that? Do we think we know it all already, or do we think we don't need it?



God gave us His revealed word in the pages of Holy Scripture so that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of Him. We Lutherans even have a manual on the Bible! Dr. Martin Luther wrote the catechism in 1517. Grounded entirely in the unchanging truth of God's Word, Luther wrote the catechism to teach the highlights of Scripture so parents could teach their children.

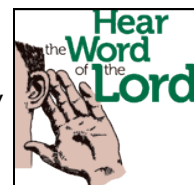
Word from Pastor Chris



Here's what Dr. Luther had to say about its importance, especially in wake of the fact that people think they don't need it: "Therefore, for God's sake, I beg that lazy bellies and arrogant saints be persuaded and believe that they are truly, truly not so learned or such great doctors as they imagine!"

The thought that the Word can be ignored because we know everything already or because we believe we face no danger flies in the face of Scripture. After all, we "do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places," (Eph. 6:12). So Paul admonishes that we take up the whole armor of God that we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm, (Eph. 6:13).

Jesus urges us as well, saying in Luke 11:28, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" But how can we be blessed or stand firm in something we ignore? How can we grow when there is no foundation on which to build?



God has communicated His salvation in human language. He has given you the gift of His word so that you may continually be strengthened in His truth. God has given you His living, breathing Word not as a step to earn salvation, but as a means to freely receive His salvation.

Speaking on the catechism and basic Christian instruction, Luther also noted: "Even if they know and understand the catechism perfectly (which, however, is impossible in this life), there are still many benefits and fruits to be gained, if it is daily read and practiced in thought and speech."

Think of the Bible as God's rescue plan from the certain disaster of sin, death and the power of the devil. As you open, mark, read and learn the Holy Scriptures, you learn that even in an emergency, even in death, you will have the assurance that Jesus has won eternal life for you and gives you new life in Him. That's worth hearing and reading over and over and over again.

Pastor Chris

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Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Feb. 19

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, Feb. 19. Bring a dish to share and enjoy time with other BSLC members.

Quilting will be Feb. 13 and 27

Quilting will be from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 13 and 27. This is for all ages; beginners are welcome. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and even your sewing machine, if possible.



New Office Hours for our Administrative Assistant Vicki

One of the blessings we have as a congregation is our administrative assistant. For almost 6½ years, Vicki has been working for our congregation and the North Dakota District. As of Feb. 1, Vicki will be working as an administrative assistance only for our congregation. This change will impact the amount of time she spends in the office. She will be working about 20 hours a week from September through May. For her summer hours, she will put in about 15 hours per week. The plan is that she will work from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. We will keep you informed if her work schedule changes.

Palm Sunday Party is April 13



All children from preschool to fifth grade are invited to a Palm Sunday party from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13. 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.

Youth Praise Band

Praise band practice will be held from 7-8 p.m. on Sundays, Feb. 9, 16 and 23. There will be no practice Feb. 2. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.



February Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



Wednesday, Feb. 5—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth group for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Feb. 12—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth group for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Feb. 19—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth group for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Feb. 26—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth group for grades 7-12

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

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.



Sunday, Feb. 16-Toby Mac Concert: All families are invited to join us for a night of Christian music during a 7 p.m. concert at the Fargodome. We will meet at church at 5:45 p.m. Headliner is Toby Mac with more music by Brandon Heath, Mandisa, Matthew West and Matt Maher. Cost is \$18 for tickets. Please see Pastor Chris if you would like to attend.



Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8-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. 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 \$80. Please also bring enough money for dinner on Friday and Saturday. Please fill out a form and turn into Pastor Chris.

UPCOMING 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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9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

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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