

March 2014

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Beautifully Tuned Instrument

Word from Pastor Dave

Did you ever learn to play a stringed instrument? It might have been a guitar, violin, cello or even a piano. These stringed instruments can make beautiful music to entertain, move and inspire people in life. It can also be a lot of fun playing them. I marvel at people who can play these or any other musical instrument well. I admit that there are times during our worship that I will stop singing so I can hear the instruments being played by our band. The music is beautiful and powerful. But in order for a stringed instrument to have the best chance at making magnificent music, it first needs to be tuned. This means that the tension in the string must be adjusted so that it makes the correct harmonic tone for that string.

When I was in junior high, I learned to play the guitar. I would spend time trying to tune each string so that it would not be sharp or flat. When starting to play an instrument, one needs all the help one can get so that it might sound good. Having strings that are not in tune brings about discord.

What is true for instruments can also be applied to us as people of God. God has created us as remarkable human beings. Each of us has our own unique quality and sound that can resonate in wonderful ways through our words and actions. Beautiful music is not only something that happens with instruments.



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Daylight savings time Begins Sunday, Mar. 9



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

Midweek Lenten Worship

"Restore the Roar"

7 p.m. Wednesdays starting March 5

During Lent this year, we will be studying parts of the book of Amos. There will be a soup and sandwich supper before worship. Sign up in the narthex to bring soup, sandwiches or bars.

Ash Wed. (Mar. 5) "Rescued from the Rubble"

Mar. 12 "The four Rs of Election"

Mar. 19 "This is the Night the Lord has Made"

Mar. 26 "Grieving for Joseph"

Voters' Meeting

9:30 a.m. on March 23

Beautiful Savior will conduct its spring congregational meeting between services on March 23. We will hold elections for several elder positions, director of education, Grace School board member and director of properties. Church board reports also will be given.

Beautifully Tuned Instrument (Continued from page 1).

Beautiful harmony is heard and experienced when we live a life of love toward God and toward one another. One of the joys that I have as being a pastor is for me to see many lovely things happening in the lives of the people I meet. Gracious words are spoken. Wonderful deeds are done. It is like a delightful song is being sung and acted out. Joy and happiness are experienced when there is this harmony.

Unfortunately, the opposite can happen. Just as a stringed instrument can get out of tune or be played in a wrong way, we often sound off dissonance through our words and actions. This is something that I see in my own life as well as in the lives of others. Do you ever cringe at what others say? Do you recoil at times from the words that come from your mouth? Do you ever fail to lend a hand to help someone so that there is no resonance of a deed done in love?

One of the blessings we have as Christians is that our God is not finished with us. He is working in our lives to renew us daily. Through His Word, He brings forgiveness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, He tunes and guides us in our lives so that we bring joy and delight into the lives of others. This is all made possible because the work of Jesus.

We are entering the season of Lent. It is a time for us to be retuned and renewed by God so that our lives might resonate love, compassion, humility, kindness and joy. God's blessings be with you during this Lenten season.

Pastor Dave

Sunday Morning Study "Transformation: Letting God Change You from the Inside Out"

9:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Although many people will go to incredible lengths to change what is on the outside, it is God's nature to be concerned with matters of the heart and mind. In this study, we will explore how the Lord can transform us from the inside out. The topics we will look at are: A New Heart, A New Mind, New Ears, A New Voice, New Hands and A New Spine.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Book of Colossians

7 p.m. Tuesdays

We will be concluding our study on Colossians and will begin a new study in March. This study is arranged so that you can join in at any time. As part of your renewal during Lent, we encourage you to join us when you can.

Elder of the Month

Paul Asche is our elder for the month of March. Paul is originally from Gwinner, ND, and has worked for Bobcat Company for nine years as a sourcing specialist.

His job includes purchasing all the composites and plastics used in the production of Bobcat equipment. He and Tricia have been married for 14 ½ years and have two children, Payton (11) and Hudson (7). Tricia is originally from Grand Forks, ND. Paul likes to hunt, fish and golf in his spare time.



Paul, Tricia, Payton
and Hudson Asche

"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."
Psalm 51:10

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 March 3 and 10.
- ♦ Thursday classes are at 8:30 a.m. on March 6 and 13.

Renovate and Renew Campaign

In March, we will begin our campaign entitled "Renovate and Renew." This title gives us a summary of what we hope to accomplish through this capital fund drive. Although our congregation has a great facility, there are some upkeep and maintenance issues that need to be addressed. This covers the "Renovate" part of our campaign. But as a Christian congregation, it is vital that we also remember why we are here. God has called us to be His people who carry out His mission of rescue and mercy to the people of our community as well as to everyone in the world. Considering what God has called us to do, it becomes obvious that it is not only buildings that need renovation. We need to be renewed as well. This is where the second part of the title of our campaign comes in. We pray that through this process, every member would be renewed in their faith and life.

An appeal letter will be mailed out in March explaining how you can contribute to this campaign. You can even start now. In the envelope boxes, there is a pink envelope for each month that has special funds where you can designate your offering to go (such as Building Fund, Scholarship Fund or Grace Lutheran School). It also has an "other" box on it. To start contributing to our Renovate and Renew campaign, you may mark that box with "R & R" or "Campaign" and your gifts will go to this much-needed endeavor. We are hoping to raise \$100,000 in this campaign.

An Evening of Great Music and Improv Theatre for our Fundraising Campaign

7 p.m. on Sunday, April 13,

Mark your calendars to join us for an evening of fun and entertainment put on by various people from our congregation. A free-will offering will be taken at this that will go towards our Renovate and Renew Campaign.

Plug Yourself Into Helping

We are looking to involve more people in the activity of our church. Look over what is listed here and consider volunteering.

Counters Needed for Offerings

We are in the process of updating the way we count money that is given in our offering. We are having two or three people count the money right after each service. We are in the process of training several people for this service and are looking for a few more who would be willing to help out. If you would like to assist with this, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

Looking for Sunday Greeters

Since the start of 2014, we have had greeters on Sunday mornings that welcome people as they enter the church. We had many that volunteered during the Fall Stewardship campaign, but we are looking to add more to our list of greeters. Many hands make light work. If you are interested, either call or drop an e-mail to the church or talk with Mike Schlichtmann.

Help with VBS

Volunteers are needed to help plan and run our VBS program. Come to our meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 10 to see how you can lend a hand.

BSLC and Thrivent "Choice Dollars"

If you have Thrivent products like insurance, you may be earning "Choice Dollars." BSLC is one of the organizations that is eligible to receive these donations. Approximately \$4,000 was received by BSLC for each of the last two years as members or friends directed their "Choice Dollars" to BSLC. The deadline to donate your 2013 dollars is March 31. You can do this by calling 1-800-THRIVENT or go to their website www.thrivent.com. If you have questions, please call the church.

Baptisms

Feb. 2-Eliza Anne Wirtz, daughter of Michael and Ruth Wirtz, born Dec. 16, 2013. Her sponsors were Richard and Rachel Tuttle.



Feb. 16-Opal Ellen Zilmer, daughter of Keith and Kari Zilmer, born Jan. 9, 2014. Her sponsors were Todd and Erin Blotsky.

Feb. 23-Andrew Merrick Kenney, son of Patrick and Kelly Kenney, born Jan. 23, 2014. His sponsors were Ethan Olson and Nichole Kenney.

Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Mar. 19

Gold Club is for people age 55 and older and/or retired, who gather once a month at BSLC for lunch. Bring a dish to share and join us at noon Wednesday, Mar. 19, in the fellowship hall.

Quilting in March

Quilting will be from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, March 13 and 27. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and even your sewing machine, if possible.

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 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!

Special Thank yous....

My many thanks to those of you in my BSLC family, for the visits, calls, cards and prayers, as I recover from surgery. I am grateful for the Lord's blessing of support from thoughtful people like you.

Amy Spoor

Thank you to our volunteers who get the newsletters ready to mail, to those who do our building repairs, to those who clean and organize the church, to those who set up communion and those who teach and reach out to others. Please consider volunteering for the church. Call the office to see where your skills could be used!

BSLC Members' Pictures

There are still members of BSLC who are not in our last pictorial directory and haven't had their picture taken. This is a great way for you to have a current family picture as we will quickly take your picture and 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!

Summer Bible Camps

Everyone has spring fever right now. So take home a brochure in the narthex on summer camp at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Or go to their website at www.shretreat.org. Shepherd's Hill is near St. John, ND, and is the ND District sponsored camp.



Lutheran Island Camp in MN hopes to give your child a better understanding of God's gift of creation in 2014. Their website is www.islandcamp.org. Many different camping experiences are available for children of all ages, youth and families too. Plan ahead and attend camp this summer! Most camps offer an early registration discount.

Pastor, Interrupted?

Word from Pastor Chris

Please don't apologize.

Most people do just that when they really need a pastor -- even though most of the concerns prove fairly dire. Whether it be someone admitted to the hospital, a family member or friend with a spiritual crisis, a couple dealing with marital problems or countless other issues, when church members bring deep and abiding concerns forward, they often begin the conversation with something like, "I know you are really busy," or "you probably have a lot better things to do."

Please don't apologize.

Pastors have privileges unmatched by few. We often find ourselves immersed in life's most intimate moments: rejoicing with a new mom and dad at the birth of a child, comforting a dying person in the last moments of life or celebrating a significant milestone with graduates or confirmands.

I recently had the privilege of sharing with one of our members and her family a hopeful message about how cancer is limited. The poem eloquently states what cancer cannot do: "It cannot erase love. It cannot shatter hope. It cannot corrode faith. It cannot harm friendship. It cannot destroy peace. It cannot silence courage. It cannot steal memories. It cannot conquer the spirit. It cannot take eternal life."

I shared these words one day after the first anniversary of my mom's death. Even more strangely, I shared it with someone with the same disease: pancreatic cancer.

I couldn't be with my mom in her last few weeks, days or hours, but God gave me a chance to share the exact same news with a family member that He has given me here at Beautiful Savior in Fargo.

Pastor interrupted? Please!

Luke records these words of Paul's farewell to the appointed pastors: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with His own blood," (Acts 20:28).

God has placed pastors here to tend to you. He has placed pastors here to give you His uncompromising Law and Gospel. The Lord has placed pastors here to be stewards of the mysteries of God. And he has placed pastors here to give you His words of comfort that you have through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you!

Pastor Chris



LWML Happenings

The annual LWML prayer service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at Immanuel, Fargo. Everyone is invited to this special time of prayer.



Our next LWML meeting will be at noon Sunday, March 9, here at the church. There will be a potluck lunch before our meeting so bring a dish to share.

Our LWML is happy to report that funds raised at the December Munchies for Missions were distributed to Sudanese ministry at BSLC, Giving Hearts day projects including Grace School and FirstChoice Clinic and to Theresa Erdmann for expenses. Theresa also shared highlights of her recent Jamaican dental mission trip at our Feb. 9 meeting.

Order Your Easter Flowers

In March, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex that you can order flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones for Easter. Watch the announcements for prices and flower selections. Checks are to be made out to the LWML.



GIETZEN FAMILY BENEFIT FUNDRAISER

* **Free Will Offering
Spaghetti Supper**

* **Silent Auction**

* **Bake Sale**

* **Activities for
the Kids**

This fundraiser is to help offset medical costs incurred by the Raphael and Nicole Gietzen Family since Odessa's birth. She was born with Double Outlet Right Ventricle which requires multiple surgeries. Since birth, baby Odessa has already endured one open heart surgery and an extended stay in the NICU at the Children's hospital in Minneapolis. Come out and enjoy a family friendly night of fun and show your support.



**Saturday, April 5, 2014
5pm - 8pm**

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
2601 23rd Ave SW
Fargo, ND**

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/odessagietzen>

For More Info contact: **Maria Gietzen 701.361.3649**

Or: **Jeff Ebertowski 701.371.3416**

Donations can be sent to:

**Bell State Bank and Trust
C/O Gietzen Family Benefit Fund
3100 13th Ave S
Fargo, ND 58103**

Gietzen Benefit

Raph and Nicole Gietzen recently welcomed another child, Odessa; however, she is challenged with a genetic disorder. A benefit will be held Saturday, April 5, at Beautiful Savior, to help offset the cost of medical bills. We invite you to come support this family. You can donate items, help volunteer or simply attend the event. Donations can also be sent to Gietzen Family Benefit Fund at Bell State Bank and Trust.

Grace Lutheran School News

Grace Lutheran School dinner and auction "God's Grace" will be from 5-10 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 22, at the Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo. All are invited to partake in a fun evening that includes both a silent and live auction and a delicious meal of sirloin steak or prosciutto and smoked gouda stuffed chicken. Tickets for the auction are \$50. If you would like tickets, please call Grace School at 232-7747 or talk to one of our RRLA Board representatives.

The geography and art fair at Grace will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6. Stop by to see all their interesting displays and projects!



Tuition Assistance for Grace Lutheran School

Beautiful Savior has money set aside to help parents send their children to Grace Lutheran School. Assistance forms are available in the narthex or from the church office. The deadline for submitting the application for assistance is at the end of March.

Special Concert

Grace Lutheran School will be holding a special concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 13, at 1025 11th St. South, Fargo. Living Word Lutheran High School A Cappella Choir and Band, from Jackson, WI, will be performing a variety of music, from marches, to spirituals, to familiar hymns. Come enjoy some great music!



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.



VBS Meeting

Volunteers are needed to help plan our VBS program this year. There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 10. If you cannot make the meeting but want to help, please let the office know.



Youth Praise Band



Praise band practice will be held from 7-8 p.m. every Sunday in March. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.

February Youth Events



Teen Bible Study

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Wednesday, Mar. 12—No Youth Group—Pastor Chris in Hillsboro

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

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



Teen Bible Study

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

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 on Friday afternoon 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.

Sunday, March 16 – Chili Feed and Auction: Join your church family for fellowship and fun at our second annual chili feed and auction from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Pay just \$4 for an endless chili bowl. Desserts will be available for a small fee. Help support our youth by bringing your favorite chili recipe, donating an item for the auction or simply attending the event.



Friday, March 28 – YMCA Night for Junior High. All junior high students are invited for a night of fun at the downtown YMCA from 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The evening will include a Bible study, games, a pizza supper and, of course, fun at the YMCA. The evening will begin at Grace Lutheran Church, 821 Fifth Ave. S. Please bring appropriate clothes and shoes and swim gear if you plan to use the pool. The cost is \$5 per person. Fill out a form and return to Pastor Chris.

UPCOMING SERVANT/FUND-RAISING EVENTS

Youth serving Easter breakfast between services April 20: In addition to celebrating the risen Christ's Easter victory by receiving His gifts in Word and Sacrament, embrace your Lutheran roots by joining in a fellowship meal. The youth will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken with all proceeds supporting youth planning to attend the National Youth Gathering and other assorted youth 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. Volunteers are needed 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 by 5:30 p.m. See Pastor Chris for more information.

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Office Hours

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 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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