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Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

April 2014

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Easter Breakfast April 20

The youth will be serving a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice and coffee from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

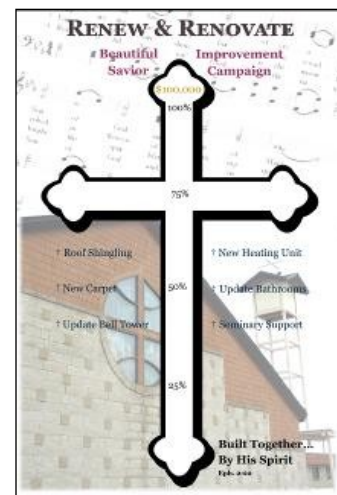
OUR MISSION
is to share
God's message,
to grow in our
faith, to love and
serve others.

Renew and Renovate Campaign

Beautiful Savior has launched a capital campaign to raise \$100,000 in cash and pledges by the middle of May. We are conducting this to address some needed repairs and renovations to our building. We also will use some of the contributions from this campaign to go toward mission work.

Our congregation has a wonderful facility. Our building allows us to gather for worship, weddings, funerals, Christian education, VBS and fellowship opportunities. It is a facility that is being put to good use. This campaign will make it possible for us to continue to impact the lives of those who come here.

During this campaign, we want everyone to know that it is not just buildings that need renovation. God is constantly working to change us to become more like Him. St. Paul describes the new life in Christ as "being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator," (Colossians 3:10b). We pray that, as improvements are made to our facilities, the Lord also would enrich us personally and together as a community of believers.



Praise Band moves to late service in April

During the month of April, the worship times will remain at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. However, the praise band will lead music at our second service, and our organ will lead music at our first service for this month.



Palm Sunday Party, April 13
1-3 p.m. (See page 7).

Maundy Thursday, April 17
7 p.m. Worship

Good Friday, April 18
7 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday, April 20
8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship
Easter Breakfast from 8:45 -10:30 a.m.
No Sunday school or Bible study on April 20.

Here Our Faith Stands

by Pastor Dave

One cannot overestimate the importance of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is what we, as well as Christians throughout the ages, have based our faith upon. What Christ accomplished through the cross and empty tomb has changed how we view God, ourselves and others. It transforms how we see life and death. Consider these quotes from St. Paul:

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world," (Galatians 6:14).

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. . . But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep," (1 Cor. 15:17, 20).

The death and resurrection of Christ was not just some story to St. Paul. It was what compelled him throughout life. As Holy Week approaches, I believe it is important to take a closer look at who Jesus Christ is and what he accomplished for us. The story of Christ's death and resurrection is very familiar to most of us. However, just because it is familiar doesn't mean that there is not more to understand about it. It may be that, just because we have heard it so many times, we have overlooked just how radical it is.

Please take time to ponder the basis of our faith and life. Join us not only for our worship services, but also set aside some personal time to explore the mystery of God's love for you in Christ.

Pastor Dave



Sunday Morning Study

"Transformation: Letting God Change You from the Inside Out"

9:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Our study on "Transformation" continues on April 6 as we explore "New Hands" and on April 13 as we see how God has given us "New Spines." God is constantly renewing us from the inside out. Come and see how we can grow as His people.

Tuesday

Evening Bible Study

"Islam"

7 p.m. Tuesdays

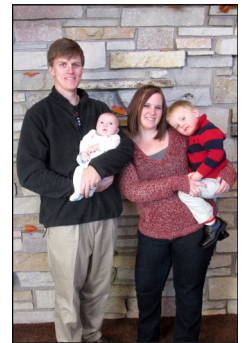
We are exploring "Islam" and comparing it to the Christian faith. This study is arranged so that you can join in at any time.

Elder of the Month

Matthew Deardoff is our elder for the month of April.

Matthew grew up in Plainview, NE. He moved to Brandon, SD, in 2002, and met his wife, Jenna, there. He graduated from SDSMT in 2011. He and Jenna were

married in 2010 and have two children, Ian (2), and Addison (six months.). In his spare time Matt likes to read and build plastic models.



Matthew, Jenna, Ian and Addison Deardoff

Easter Plants



The Easter flower sign-up sheet is out on table in the Narthex. Not only lilies, but a selection of blooming spring plants are available to pick from. Please order your flowers by April 9 to ensure you get your choice of plant. You can place a plant in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please make your check out to LWML and leave in the envelope attached to the sign-up sheet. Thank you!

Women's Bible Study

"Love's Priceless Gift"

As part of our renewal during the season of Lent, we are having a short study on "Love's Priceless Gift." We meet at 5:15 p.m. on Mondays or 8:30 a.m. Thursdays. Our study is based on the Scripture John 3:16. Our topics include "Amazing Love," "Priceless Gift," "To Believe or Not to Believe" and "Life or Death." This is open to all women.

Voters' Meeting Report

Elections were conducted at our March congregational meeting. Congratulations and God's blessings go to our newly elected officers. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve our congregation.

Elders: Dave Eggers and Steve Thielman were re-elected

Director of Properties:
Dan Berglind was elected

**Red River Lutheran
School Board member:**
Brad Palmer was re-elected



The new terms begin May 1. We would like to thank Scott Simonson for serving as director of properties. At this time we are continuing to look for someone to serve as the director of education. Please talk to Brad Cogdill, Mike Schlichtmann or one of the pastors if you are being called to serve in this or another position at BSLC.

Preparing for Eternity

Free Workshop at Immanuel, Fargo

Come join us for a great informational workshop dealing with all the aspects of leaving this earth and going to our heavenly home! Presentations will be given by one of our pastors, an estate planning attorney from Ohnstad Twitchell Law Firm in West Fargo, a funeral home director and Ed Bean, ND District-LCMS.

This workshop will be from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 N. Broadway, Fargo. At 8:15 a.m. a coffee and continental breakfast will be served.

Please call the church office to register at 293-7979. All ages are welcome and no products will be offered. This event is sponsored by Immanuel's local Thrivent group.



You are invited to An Evening of Awesome Music and Improv Comedy

Palm Sunday, April 13

7:00pm

*Beautiful Savior Lutheran
2601 23rd Ave S ~ Fargo*

Fundraising Kickoff for our
RENOVATE & RENEW CAMPAIGN

Featuring our very own:

Sonny & Cher

The Grape Suzettes

God's Geezers Band

**Audience Improv Comedy Participants
& More!**

FREE-WILL OFFERING
Refreshments following, of course!

Midweek Lenten Worship Services

At 7 p.m. Wednesdays, we will look at the book of Amos at our Lenten worship. We invite you to come and to grow in your walk of faith.

Our "Restore the Roar" Midweek Lenten Series Schedule

Lent 5, April 2-"Locusts Here, Locusts There,
Locusts are Everywhere" (Amos 7:1-6)

Lent 6, April 9-"Lion Alert!"

You are invited to join us at 6 p.m. for a soup and sandwich supper before the worship service each Wednesday. You can sign up to furnish food on the sheets in the narthex.

Deaths

Laurel Wegener passed away on March 3, 2014. She leaves her husband Lowell, five children: Lisa (George) Fraza, Lane (Sally) Wegener, Lezlie (Gary) Marohl, Lenny (Joni) Wegener, and Lynn (Kim) Wegener; one sister, Anita (Don) Beeks; 11 grandchildren with one due in April; and three great grandchildren. Her funeral was held March 7 at BSLC with Pastor Dave presiding.



Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, April 16

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, April 16, in the fellowship hall.

Quilting in April

Quilting will be from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, April 10 and 24. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and even your sewing machine, if possible.

LWML Meeting



The LWML will meet on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. This is open to all ladies of the congregation. Come and make a difference as we carry on God's mission work.

Living the Fruits

LWML Spring Event on April 5

The LWML Eastern Zone Spring Event will be at Grace, Cooperstown on April 5. Registration will start at 9:15 a.m. From 10 a.m. -noon will be the Bible study "Living the Fruits." Lunch will be served afterwards. Please bring \$5 donation for supplies for the servant event.

Please Save Used Stamps

Please bring in your used stamps and place them in the drawer marked stamps by the LWML kiosk.

New Member Corner

Kari Dahlstrom is a new member who attended college here and then became a traveling nurse. She moved back to Fargo to be closer to her nephews. She loves the friendliness of BSLC, the different music worships and that the sermons are easy to understand. She loves to be with family and friends and going to the lake in summer. Jeremiah 29:11 is her favorite Bible verse that helps her see that God has a plan in life for her. Kari's passion is end-of-life nursing, so if anyone is struggling with the loss of a loved one, she would be willing to talk with you. Welcome Kari!

Confirmation on April 27

Eight youth will be confirmed at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 27. Please join us in prayer for these individuals as they step forward in their Christian faith. Our confirmands are:

Megan Barth	Morgan Fredenburg
Emily Berglind	MacKenzie Mackner
Cody Elhard	Brian Phillips
Dylan Erdmann	Danielle Schimke

Smile and Shoot – April 13

For those of you who haven't yet had their church picture taken, our smile and shoot team will be taking pictures after each worship service on April 13. Please take time to get your picture taken. A copy will be e-mailed to you. Thanks!

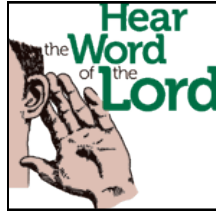
BSLC Coffee Club

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.

How do I listen to a sermon?

Word from Pastor Chris

Listening has become a lost art. In an age in which we glean information from 30-second video clips, news slideshows and other fast-paced media, a 20-minute sermon can seem like an eternity. Yet the second commandment encourages



God's people not to despise preaching or God's Word, but to gladly hear and learn it. So how can you make the most of those 20 minutes of preaching? Here are some suggestions.

1) Focus on the words, not the superfluous.

When you hear a sermon, it's easy to focus on human flaws and shortcomings. But a sermon is not about the speaker at all; it's about the words he preaches. Let the words, then, be the focus of your attention. Why? Through preaching, God elects, sustains and works on His people. Preaching brings God's living word and his gracious activity directly to you. The apostle Paul tells us, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ," (Romans 10:17). In other words, God creates faith through the power of the Holy Spirit where the Word is preached rightly.

2) The law will do its work.

It's never easy to hear about how we have let someone down. In every sermon, there will be a focused malady – some problem, challenge or failure on the part of God's people. Our prideful, sinful human nature often dismisses this part of the sermon because it causes discomfort; it makes us squirm. It shows us our heard hearts and our black souls. To escape this discomfort, we tend to notice how everyone else around us fails while we dismiss or excuse our own failings and fallings. However, Jesus encourages us to "first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye," (Matt. 7:5). Although the law instructs, the law always accuses, strips us bare and kills any notion that we deserve or can earn God's love. It drives us to the only place sinners can go: God's mercy. An awareness of our own failings also helps us to deal gently with the failings of others.

3) Rejoice in the Gospel!

The Gospel makes clear that God does not deal with us as our sins deserve, but rather, in mercy and grace

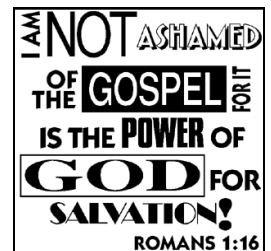
and love. Keep in mind the Gospel does not negate the law or change it. In other words, sin still remains serious business that requires justice, but the Gospel places the penalty for our crimes within the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! For the penitent, the Gospel always prevails, always triumphs, always outweighs the law's accusations and curse. As Paul says, "Therefore, since we have been justified (declared to be righteous) through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand," (Romans 5:1-2). God's word kills our old nature so that the new person might rise to life. God's word also places our standing before God solely by grace. And God's Word builds us up in the fear and knowledge of the Lord. Our entire right standing before God and its expression through faith is a gift from God! Rejoice!

4) Don't look now ...

The final tip is more practical than theological. My thoughts tend to follow my eyes. I can become distracted by other people, the sacred space, my bulletin, etc. I find that I listen best when I look at the speaker. It helps me to keep my focus where it belongs. If your eyes wander, your mind most likely will, too.

To keep yourself accountable on Sunday during the sermon, ask yourself: "Where is my heart this morning? Am I honoring God with my lips, yet my heart is far from him?" The answer will likely drive you to a profound need to hear the sermon and its Gospel message for you.

Throughout the history of God's people, God has sent messengers to proclaim His word faithfully and boldly. This continues today through faithful and bold preaching. The top priority is not simply to entertain, inform or motivate by human speech although a sermon indeed may do those things; Instead, the sermon is the delivery system of the Gospel for you -- right here in this time and space, "the power of salvation for all who believe," (Romans 1:16).



Pastor Chris

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**

Journeying Through Grief

Hospice will hold a four-session grief class for recently bereaved adults from 5:30-7 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning April 3. Sessions are designed to increase your understanding of grief, explore methods of self-care and to embrace memories. You must register, and classes will be held at 1701 38th St. S., Fargo. To register, call 356-1500.

Family Values Forum Sponsored by Family Alliance

You are invited to attend a Family Values Forum from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 12, at Calvary United Methodist Church, 4575 45th St. S., Fargo. There will be speakers on "Biblical Manhood and Womanhood" and sanctity of life issues. There is no charge to attend. The ND Family Alliance also will offer training for 25 couples to become Marriage Mentors. If you are interested, call 364-0676 or e-mail admin@ndfa.org. There is no charge for the training.

Summer Bible Camps



Now is the time to plan for summer camps. Our church offers two wonderful camps for children and families. Scholarships for camps are available. Contact Pastor Chris for more information.

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads brochures are in the lobby or visit them at www.shretreat.org.

Lutheran Island Camp in MN will give your child a better understanding of God's gift of creation in 2014. Their website is www.islandcamp.org.

Most camps offer an early registration discount.

Grace Lutheran School News

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Grace Lutheran School auction! We appreciate your time, talents and prayers.

There are still openings at Camp Grace this summer. Call 232-7747 if you are Interested or have questions.

To find out the latest, please visit our website: www.gracefargo.org.

Chili Feed Thank you

Thank you to all who attended, donated and supported our second annual chili cook-off and silent auction. Dan Berglind and Ramsey Dahl were the first- and second-place winners for the chili cook-off. Congratulations!



Palm Sunday Party 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.



Special Thank You to BSLC

We would like to thank everyone for all of the food, visits, prayers and flowers during Laurel's cancer fight. We also appreciate all of your concern and caring words during this time. Having such a wonderful church family is a blessing.

Lowell Wegener and family

BSLC High School Seniors Graduation Plans Needed

Calling all high school seniors! BSLC would like to know your plans after graduation. You can e-mail the church or leave an update in the office no later than April 21. Our congregation will be honoring our seniors on a Sunday in May. We will include your information in our May newsletter. Thank you.

Youth Praise Band

Practice will be held from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, April 6. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403. BSLC thanks the youth and Ramsey for their performances this year.



April Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, April 2—No Lutheran Youth Fellowship-Pastor Chris in Hillsboro

Wednesday, April 9—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, April 16—No Lutheran Youth Fellowship-Holy Week

Wednesday, April 23—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, April 30—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12: Junior High Gathering in the Cities All sixth- through eighth-graders are invited to a junior high gathering at Concordia St. Paul. The event includes great music and worship experiences, fun games, team-building exercises, Bible study led by college students and more. Cost is \$65. We will leave at 1:30 p.m. on Friday and return at 8 p.m. Saturday. Please also bring enough money for dinner on Friday and Saturday. Please fill out a form and turn into Pastor Chris.

Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26: Senior High Lock-In. All high-school students are invited to attend a Zone lock-in from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church 1258 N. Broadway. The evening will include food, games, ultimate Frisbee, Bible study, movies, fellowship and much more. Cost will be in the upcoming announcements. Please 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 pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice and coffee 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. 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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