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Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Summer Worship Times Begins May 25 Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10 a.m. 7 p.m. Midweek Wednesday Service begin June 4

Please note the change of times for worship services during the summer. Between the services from 9:30-10 a.m.; we offer a time of fellowship with refreshments. Our midweek worship service will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, and will continue through the middle of August. There will be no midweek worship June 11 due to Vacation Bible School.

Weird Animals VBS

Where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind
6-8:30 p.m. June 8-12



Get ready to take a walk on the wild side! God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures... including you! When kids feel different, weird, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus. VBS will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. from Sunday, June 8, to Thursday, June 13.



Dinner will be offered from 5:15-5:45 p.m. every night for a cost of \$3 per person. This year, there will be amazing experiments, untamed games, lip-smacking snacks, surprising adventures and incredible music. All kids from age 4 to sixth grade may attend. Register your child(ren) now for their chance to see evidence of God in everyday life.

Do you go to the lake for the summer? Please keep us updated with your address, phone number and e-mail. Newsletters can be e-mailed to you but are not forwarded and instead returned to the church at a cost.

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



Christ is Triumphant-This is Good News

Pastor Dave

I have to admit that I appreciate and prefer happy endings when I go to movies or read books. I also welcome joyful endings in life. During the months of May and June, there are many happy endings as students graduate from school. We know that there are other things to come for these graduates. But for now, they have concluded one chapter in their lives. It is appropriate for family and friends to take time and congratulate them. However, things do not always go as we like in stories and life. There are times that we fail to achieve our dreams and desires.

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Christ is Triumphant

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There are some stories that go far beyond just failing to graduate or achieve a dream. There are some stories that are called "tragedies." It is because they have horrible, awful conclusions for the people involved. Death, which is always heartbreaking, is often involved as well.



One of the great things that I appreciate about our congregation is the business that we are in. It is the business of good news. And this good news comes from our Savior and all that he has done for us. Jesus is also the content of our message. I

mentioned how in May and June we acknowledge the accomplishments of those graduating from school. During this time of year, we also acknowledge the accomplishments of our Savior as we celebrate His resurrection from the grave and His ascension into heaven. Jesus Christ is now at the right hand of God the Father reigning with all power and glory. This has a tremendous impact on us. As we look to our Savior, we see that life, hope and meaning are found in Him. This is important as we look at our own lives but also as we see it in the context of the world.

The only way to understand history is to begin, openly and firmly, with Christ. He is the Alpha in the alphabet of historical discourse. He is not an after-thought brought in as a rescue operation. The Bible makes it clear that as the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, He was there at the creation of the world and all things were made through Him. And even though Adam and Eve rebelled against our creator, God had a plan in place that would bring about the redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. But the good news does not stop there. Our Savior is also the Omega in the alphabet of historical discourse. He is the one who is at the end and who continue to reign forever.

That Christ is triumphant is good news for us. It means that our lives will never ultimately be a tragedy. Heartache, pain, sorrow and struggles may come our way. But with Jesus we win. Christ put it this way, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full," (John 10:10). What a joy it is to know that trusting in Jesus, we will have a happy ending – forever.

Pastor Dave

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Begins June 17

We will start a new Bible Study after VBS. The topic for this study will be announced later. The Tuesday evening studies are arranged so that you can join in at any time. The study starts at 7 p.m.

Women's Bible Study "Pew Sisters" Mondays or Thursdays

Throughout the summer, there is a Bible study for women that "tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today. From alcoholism to postpartum depression to cancer, 12 different women share the story of God's faithfulness in their lives for the consolation of their sisters in Christ. This study meets at 5:15 p.m. on Monday evenings and at 9 a.m. on Thursdays. If you would like to join this study, please talk to Loretta Swanson at 236-1891 in order to receive a study book.



Sign up for Summer Camp

Family camps. Horse camps. Geocaching camps. Fishing camps. Splash camps ... and much more. Whatever your child's interest, you can find a corresponding adventure at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads or Lutheran Island Camp. Camps not only provide a source of summer fun, they offer an opportunity to grow in faith. Scholarships are available from our church as well to help offset the cost. For more information, check corresponding brochures for prices and schedules. More information is available at www.shretreat.org and www.islandcamp.org.

Service Group Announcement

At BSLC, it takes the time and talents of our treasured members to support the ministry. As a means to help broaden this support, we are forming BSLC service groups as of June 1. Members/families will be divided into eight groups based on the first letters of your last name, the same split that is used with assigning elders. Refer to the listing shown below.

A captain or leader has volunteered to be the main point of contact for these eight groups. The captains also have a co-captain to assist as needed. The groups will rotate on a per-month basis starting in June. For your group's assigned month, responsibilities will include providing Sunday morning fellowship treats and supporting other events such as funerals, weddings, conferences and whatever events happen during your month.

In June we will begin with those whose last names begin with the letters A-Bo. Donna Ceroll is the captain of this group. When you are contacted by Donna, please support your congregation by giving your time and talents, sometimes even treats.



You are also encouraged to contact your service group captain, to ask questions or perhaps volunteer for a specific date you know will work for you. The list of captains and assigned months is shown below. The list will repeat starting in Feb 2015.

Team	Month	Captain	Co-captain
A-Bo	June 2014	Donna Ceroll	Jeanne Barchinger
Br-D	July 2014	Wanda Roesler	
E-G	August 2014	Diane Knutson-Lee	
H-K	Sept 2014	Rhonda Hoge	
L-N	Oct 2014	Mary Seiffert	
O-R	Nov 2014	Kay Osman	
S	Dec 2014	Maggie Stende	
T-Z	Jan 2015	Kim Wagner	

Christian fellowship is a vital part of our ministry at BSLC as a means to share the joys and sorrows of individual members and it takes all of us working together for the good of Christ's church. Thank you for all you do as a member of the Beautiful Savior faith community.



Our New Custodian

We welcome Chris Speelmon, who will be our new custodian. Chris and his wife Shelly have 2 children and are members of BSLC.

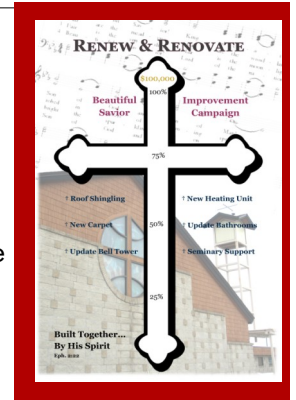
Renew and Renovate Update

We have had a successful response to our Renew and Renovate capital. We have received almost \$82,000 in cash and pledges. Thanks to these contributions, the roof over the fellowship hall already has been reshingled. We are moving forward with replacing the heating unit in the fellowship hall and re-carpeting portions of our building. We also will use portions of this campaign to help with two Sudanese seminarians with their schooling.

It is still not too late to contribute to this campaign or to make another gift.

Thanks again for your generous gifts.

Renew and Renovate Capital
Campaign Committee



Remember Your Offerings

As you enjoy the summer and take time to relax and travel, we ask you to remember honoring the Lord through your weekly offerings



for the support of our ministry. As always, there is a need as we continue to carry on our Lord's mission and your gifts of money are appreciated. If you are not able to make it to worship on Sunday, we encourage you to mail or drop off your offering to the church office.

"Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your income."
(Proverbs 3:9)

Baptisms

May 11—Akiah Marie Colley, daughter of Antione Colley and Amy Ogaard, born Dec. 4, 2013. Her sponsors were Paul and Julie Segovia, Tom Bowman, Whitney Davidson, Monique Coleman and DeAndre Harris.



May 18—Scarlett Kristine Moilan, daughter of Michael and Stephanie Moilan, born Feb. 12, 2014. Her sponsors were Chris and Katie Carr.

LWML News

Don't forget that the ND District convention will be June 20-22 in Wahpeton. Attend all weekend, or just attend Saturday. Contact Rhonda Hoge or Mary Seiffert if you have questions.

An upcoming LWML event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 1, so mark your calendar now. There will be a LWML tea at BSLC and we need you to host a table! How will you decorate it? More information on the event will be provided in coming months. It will be tea-lightful! If you have questions, talk to Mary Seiffert or Kim Wagner.

Quilting Will be June 12

Quilting will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 12. All women of any age (men too) are invited to come to our fun quilting day. You don't need to be good at sewing in order to participate.

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.



Thank you's

A big thank you to all our Sunday School teachers, helpers, confirmation leaders and to our Education Directors Denise Doeling and Dawn Thompson, who gave their time and talents to work with our children this past year. Such a blessing you have been to share God's word with our younger people.

Thank you to our organists, praise band, youth praise band, choir and anyone who is involved with the music at BSLC. Praise God for all you do to bring the joy of music to our church.



A Special Thank you



Thank you to Tricia Asche and her children for keeping our church so clean this past year. Tricia has taken a new job and is unable to continue with her custodian job here at BSLC. We wish you the best as you move on, Tricia!

Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, June 18

Mark your calendars now to come to BSLC at noon, Wednesday, June 18, for a delicious pot-luck. Bring your favorite dish to share (or try a new recipe). This lunch is for all people age 55 and older that are members of BSLC (and bring guests if you want) and gives members a chance to visit and have a good time. Hope to see you in June!

Harlan and Esther Wallum Scholarship Fund

Are you thinking about where you or your children may go for college? Consider one of our LCMS universities. Grants are available to assist youth and adults who wish to begin, continue or advance their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available in the church office.

Trash talk now about a new fight

I was surfing recently on a rather large news website that had posted an interesting link to “videos of the week.” The clips included an 18-wheeler nearly tipping over and a cat snatching a bat out of mid-air. Thinking this innocuous and suitable to watch with my son, I invited him over to view the clips with me.

Three out of the four clips had bleeped-out words. Bleeped-out words? On a news site? For videos of the week? Really?

How is it that foul language has become a vaulted and celebrated cornerstone of expression and communication? Our society has descended into a bunch of crude potty mouths eager to take in filth and spit it back out. From top 10 radio hits to cartoons and supposed children’s programming on children’s networks – even popular acronyms people type when chatting and texting – things have spiraled out of control.

Where are we to find refuge from this refuse? Not our institutions of learning, apparently. Many of our public high school youth say teachers have no problem using offensive language. Perhaps they don’t pepper their speech with profanity, but there is enough to go around.

What’s the big deal, you might say. Words only convey information; they contain nothing inherently evil.

Yes, but words always have context.



Many uses of offensive language mock and cheapen God’s gift of human sexuality, a violation of the seventh commandment. Still others harm our neighbor’s reputation; they certainly don’t put the best construction on everything and speak in the kindest way – a violation of the

eight commandment. Jesus said calling our neighbor “fool” in anger puts us in danger of the fires of hell. Graciously, our Lord doesn’t mention what people say in anger nowadays as they violate the fifth commandment. Drag God’s name or Jesus’ name into this whole mess and the second commandment has been broken.

Word from Pastor Chris

In other words, this behavior is against God’s will and breaks the first commandment. Is free, vile expression our God? Enough is enough.

St. Paul wrote, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen,” (Eph. 4:29).

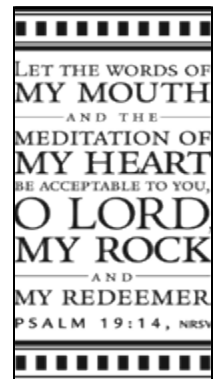
Some discernment is in order. Does unwholesome talk really help our faith? Is it a gift of the Holy Spirit? Does it accomplish anything worthwhile? Does it provide benefits for growing in our Lord and Savior? It is part of our intended new life and freedom we have in Christ?

That would be a no.

Thanks be to God for The Good News of the Gospel. Good news brings good words. The Good News brings the best words. At the end of the divine service, the pastor proclaims the benediction, Latin for “good word.”

That Good Word calls the Lord to bless us, keep us, make His face shine upon us, be gracious to us, look upon us with favor and give us peace – all through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As the people of God, our identity flows not from crude language, but from the Good Word and its good words to all people.

God’s Good Word and good words be with you and on your lips!



Pastor Chris

Camp Grace Openings at GLS

Camp Grace still has a few openings! This is a five-day/full-day summer camp that runs from June 2 through Aug. 22. Students are kept busy making crafts, taking field trips, swimming, participating in the summer reading program at the Fargo Public Library and much more. Call 232-7747 now for more information.

FirstChoice Clinic Golfing "Fore" Life

This is the 20th year of the Golfing "Fore" Life marathon for FirstChoice Clinic. Pastor Dave, along with Tim and Tina Deitemeyer will be golfing 100 holes on June 3 to raise money for FirstChoice Clinic. All money collected will be used to support their ministry of assisting women and families in receiving life-affirming education and support. If you would like to support this organization, you can make a pledge per hole or pledge a set dollar amount. Pledge forms are available at the church.



To sponsor Pastor Dave, go to teamfirstchoice.com, click on Golf Marathon and choose Pastor Dave.

To sponsor Tim and/or Tina Deitemeyer, (team name TnT), please call Tim at 701-793-2220 or e-mail tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com or you can visit Team TnT webpage at: <http://www.fundeasy.com/m/1851650/>.

Thanks for your support of Pastor Dave, Tim and Tina.

Office Summer Hours for Vicki

Starting May 27, the church office hours for Vicki will be 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Thursdays. The office will not be open on Fridays during the summer. If a need arises after office hours, please call one of the pastors' cell phones. The office will also be closed on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.



Grace Lutheran School News

GLS has been working on a process of re-accreditation through the National Lutheran Schools Association. GLS is sharing with you an important message from the Visiting Team, as well as their recommendation: "Becoming accredited is a strenuous task. The school and its administration are to be highly commended for their efforts in this accreditation process. The self-study document, School Improvement Plan and the various arrangements for the team were done exceptionally well. The committee hereby expresses sincere gratitude to the faculty, staff and students at Grace Lutheran School for the opportunity to serve on the visiting team and for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our visit. We were delighted with Grace Lutheran. The school speaks out for the Christian faith to the students and to the community very effectively.

Outstanding Strengths of GLS:

- ◆ This school is a place where God's message is central.
- ◆ The staff and faculty are very dedicated.
- ◆ The staff & faculty relate to students, families, and each other in an exemplary manner.
- ◆ A marketing director has been hired to promote the school.
- ◆ The school is supported either through monetary support and/or verbal promotion by the association congregations.
- ◆ The summer program (Camp Grace) is a good recruitment tool.
- ◆ The facility is made available for community group use.

Deficiencies of GLS:

- ◆ An intentional evangelism plan should be established so un-churched members can be connected with an association church.
- ◆ Salaries are nondiscriminatory, but are very low. Increased benefit costs are burdensome for the employees who have a family plan and may effect staff retention.
- ◆ Although the principal was evaluated this spring, this has not been done on a yearly basis.
- ◆ A process for doing background checks on volunteer needs to be implemented.

We, the members of the visitation team, recommend granting accreditation for Grace Lutheran School in Fargo, North Dakota."

Sincerely, Muriel Stark and The NLSA Team

VBS Crew Leader Meeting



All those who have volunteered to be crew leaders for VBS should attend one of two upcoming training sessions from 7-8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, or Thursday, June 5. Both meetings will be held in Room 101 at church. Volunteers need only attend one meeting, not both.

Rev. Adam Harvala Installation June 8

Rev. Adam Harvala will be installed on June 8 as part-time assistant pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo. The service will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. All are invited to welcome Rev. Harvala and ask the Lord's blessings on his ministry.

VBS Donations Needed

We are blessed to have a supportive congregation at BSLC when it comes to needing items for VBS. If you would like to donate, there are slips on a table by the coat room with the items that are needed. Please take a slip and then indicate on the attached spreadsheet what items you will be donating. This list helps us remember what you planned to donate in case you forget. The items should be brought to the church no later than June 1 except for the bread and milk. Those fresh items will be needed by June 5. Thanks for your donations to help our VBS.



Rev. Charles Johnson Celebrates 40 Years of Ministry

On June 29, you are invited to celebrate with Grace Lutheran Church, Cooperstown, as they honor Rev. Johnson's 40 years in the ministry. A regular Sunday morning service will be at 11:30 a.m. and will be Pastor Johnson's retirement service. He is retiring from full-time ministry and will serve the parish as a part-time pastor. At 3 p.m. there will be a church service with Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Maschke preaching. He was a classmate of Pastor Johnson. This service will be followed by a luncheon and a time for visiting and sharing.

June Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



During the summer, our Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) will be held from 7:45-8:45 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, except the first week of July. All those in grades seven through 12 are encouraged to attend LYF, which includes devotions, games, off-site trips and more. We will meet:

June 4 and June 18

July 16

August 6 and 20

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Friday, June 20, to Saturday, June 21: Servant Event and Trip to Valley Fair

All senior high are invited for a weekend of service and fun in The Cities. More information will be available soon.

Sunday, June 22: Day at Thunder Road. All junior high are invited from 2-4 p.m. for a day at Thunder Road. Bring \$12 for attractions and more if you want to buy food and pop. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.



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Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month.

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