

October 2014

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Did you know that BSLC sends out weekly updates on events? Or that you can get your newsletter via e-mail instead of a paper copy? Let the office know your e-mail.

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

Good Will Triumph In the End

At the end of October, we will celebrate Halloween. It is viewed as a holiday for children and for those who are young at heart. Part of the appeal of this day comes from the costumes that people wear as they attend parties and go trick or treating. For those who dress up in costumes, they have the option of pretending to be someone or some things that is either good or bad. An example of what might be called good comes from my grandson, Leo. Last year he dressed up as Spiderman. This year he is already looking forward to Halloween because he is going to be one of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

There are costumes that portray evil people or creatures as well. This is all in keeping with a part of Halloween that seeks to scare people. Monsters, ghosts and a host of other creatures can be seen on that day. Once Halloween is over, these costumes are put away. But even though the outfits are taken off, we need to remember that there is true evil out there in the world and the source of this evil is the devil.

Word from Pastor Dave



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Transforming Lives in Christ Renewing, Responding, Rejoicing

This year's mission and stewardship emphasis will begin at the end of October. This year we will see review how our lives have been transformed by our Savior and how God calls us to carry on his mission of transforming the lives of others in Christ.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



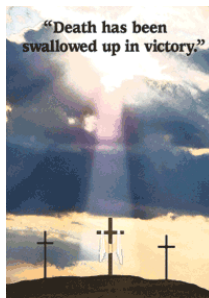
Pastor Appreciation month began in 1992 as a way to encourage congregations to show their appreciation, love and support for their pastors. This affirmation can provide new life and energy for a pastor who may be dealing with burnout, disillusionment, frustration, isolation, or stress. Because pastors are often "on call" around the clock, special recognition for the work they do is more than called for. So take time to thank your pastors for all they do, and remember them in your prayers!

Good Will Triumph

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St. Peter exhorts us with these words: “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). It would be great if there was no devil and no evil forces at work in this world. But they exist and we need to realize this. C. S. Lewis wrote in his preface to *The Screwtape Letters*: “There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.” His advice is godly and should be remembered. But acknowledging the devil and his desire to undermine us and our faith does not mean that we need to live our lives in fear.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ came to earth to defeat the devil and his work. When speaking about the evil forces that against Christians, St. John reminds us: “You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). Because of our Savior, we have the assurance of the final victory over everything that is evil – even death. Because of Christ, we have the strength to stand up against the devil. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the direction of God’s Word, we are able to bear fruit that is a blessing for others.



There is a good chance this Halloween you will see a variety of costumes – some depicting good and others evil. My prayer is that you would take time to think about how God has overcome evil in Christ for you and that this good news would move you to live a life that brings blessings to others.

Pastor Dave

Sunday Morning Bible Study

“Encounters with Jesus” - 9:30 a.m.

What is my purpose in life? What is a good life? Why is there so much wrong with our world? What can I do to help make it right? These are some of the big questions that everyone must answer. And any lasting change in our lives will start with a change to one or more of our answers to these questions.

Jesus changed the lives of people he met in the Gospels. In our Bible study on Sunday morning, we will not only examine how people were changed when they met Jesus, but also how God changes us through our encounters with Him. The upcoming studies are:

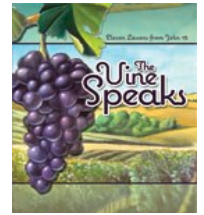
Oct. 5—The Grieving Sisters

Oct. 12—The Wedding Party

Women’s Bible Study

“The Vine Speaks”

“The Vine Speaks” is a conversational Bible study rooted in Jesus’ words in John 15 that uses imagery and metaphor of the vineyard. Each of these eleven lessons explores how Christ works in us by drawing lessons from the seasons of the vineyard, from the lives of the apostles, from the author’s experiences (owner of a vineyard), and from our own circumstances and perspectives.



The Service of Women and Men in the Church (Bible Study)

9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct 19

There were short discussions at the last two voters’ meetings on how women and men can use their talents in the congregation. We will take up this discussion in greater detail on Oct. 19. An example of one question raised was this: The LCMS allows women to serve as chairperson/ president of congregations. Is this something that we might want to have in our church as well? Please join us as we continue this discussion.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

“Galatians for You!”

7 p.m. at the church

We are continuing our look at Paul’s letter to the Galatians. In this letter Paul proclaims the only true gospel. In this study, we will seek to help you treasure and live out the freedom of the good news that is found only in Jesus Christ. This study is arranged so that you may join at any time.

Got Joy?



What if the well is dry?

You will fill me with JOY in your presence. Psalm 16:11

Eastern Zone LWML Fall Rally

Saturday, October 25 – 9:00 AM

Grace Lutheran, 821 5th Ave S, Fargo



"Joy on the Cancer Journey"

Featuring Motivational Speaker: KIM WAGNER

All women are invited to join us! Call Bonnie with questions: 701-541-1257

A day filled with coffee, Bible studies (Pastor Chris), lunch, business meeting, Kim's program, an ingathering for The Perry Center, and wonderful Christian fellowship!

LWML News



There will be an LWML Meeting at BSLC (all women of BSLC are invited to join us) at 6:59 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2.

LWML Sunday will be Oct. 5.

The LWML Fall Zone Rally will be on Saturday, Oct 25, at Grace Lutheran church in Fargo. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., there will be a devotion and Bible study with Pastor Chris. Following lunch at 1:15 p.m., Kim Wagner will be our keynote (motivational) speaker. There also will be a collection of items for the Tender Hearts Preschool and Daycare Center. Items needed include: paper towels, garbage bags, antibacterial wipes (like Clorox), bus tokens for Matbus and gift cards for Hornbacher's, Cashwise, Kmart, Target, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and gas stations.

Fargo-Moorhead Lutherans for Life 2014 Fall Dessert Banquet

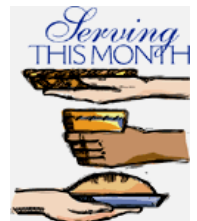
Please mark your calendars to attend the Lutherans for Life annual Fall Dessert Banquet to be held from 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church, 2901 20th St. S., Moorhead. Our guest speaker will be Janna Myrdal, chairwoman for ND Choose Life, the coalition to pass the ND Human Life Amendment, Measure 1, on the ND November ballot. Janna has worked as the co-director of the Pregnancy Help Center, Park River, ND, and as a missionary with Youth With a Mission. Her presentation on "What is the Value of Life" promises to be inspirational and educational.

For more information, call Gail Waagen at 306-6283 or e-mail FMLuth4Life@gmail.com

If you have never attended a Lutherans for Life sponsored event and /or would like to learn more about sanctity of human life issues, please visit the website for our national organization at www.lutheransforlife.org. Lutherans for Life is incorporated as a non-profit national inter-Lutheran organization. Its mission is "Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life."

October Service Group

Mary Seiffert is our captain for the month of October. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters L-N. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with a funeral or other events. Please help support our congregation by giving your time, talents and treats. Christian fellowship is a vital part of our ministry at BSLC as a means to share the joys and sorrows of individual members. It takes all of us working together for the good of Christ's church. Thank you for all you do as members of the BSLC faith family.



Funerals

Sept. 19—Louise Erma Richter passed away on Sept. 16, 2014. She leaves behind a sister-in-law Ardeith Richter, 2 nephews and 2 great nephews. The funeral was at Touchmark, Fargo, and interment in the Ellendale City Cemetery, Ellendale, ND. Pastor Dave officiated at both the funeral and the interment.



Elder of the Month

Craig Hashbarger is our Elder for October. He will assist the pastors if there are any needs, greet members and visitors and help see that things run smoothly. Please take time to get to know our elders and let them know if you have any ideas or concerns for our church.



BSLC Coffee Club



Our BSLC members meet at 9 a.m. on Fridays at Randy's University Diner, 2130 University Dr. S., Fargo. This time of fellowship is to get to know other BSLC members and is for both men and women of any age.

Save Your Labels and Box Tops

The Parent Teacher League at Grace Lutheran School continues to gather labels and box tops for their "Cash to Trash" program. Currently, we are accepting the following: Campbells Labels for Education, General Mills Box Tops for Education, My Coke Rewards points from bottle caps and box codes, SunMart and Family Fare receipts, Our Family brand bar codes, and Cash Wise education points from the bottom of the receipt. Also, Target has started a program that you can link your "Target Red Card" to our school and we will receive a check back for 1% of the total purchase.



There is a collection bin next to the water fountain in the narthex at BSLC, or you can drop them off at the school in the front hallway. If you have questions, contact Kim Ternes at kternes33@yahoo.com.

District Convention Delegate



David Anderson will be our Delegate at the District Convention in Grand Forks in January. We thank David and Sherrie for representing our church.

Gold Club Lunch

Noon, Wednesday, Oct. 15

Calling all BSLC members age 55 and older and/or retirees: come to our monthly potluck! It's a fun time to share good food and visit with others. This month we will meet at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the fellowship hall. See you there!

Quilting in October

Our quilters will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, and Thursday, Oct. 23. Please feel free to stop by and see what quilting is all about. There's always a need for people to tie or help lay out designs.

Please Save Your Used Stamps

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

Lost and Found: Where Do We Fall?

Every so often, a parent's worst nightmare comes true. Their child goes missing.

For the family of NDSU student Tom Beason, that haunting possibility became a reality last month. We were all praying and hoping Tom would be found alive and unharmed, but it did not work out that way. We mourned with the family, empathizing with such a painful loss.

This kind of thing happens far too often. As of this writing, University of Virginia student Hannah Graham, missing since Sept. 13, had not yet been found. According to statistics, about 800,000 young people (under 18) go missing each year. Half of those are runaways; another 200,000 are taken in custody or family disputes. But far too many missing kids fall into disappearance categories of "endangered" or "involuntary."

Not to stir up melodrama or invoke panic, but this world is just not as safe as we sometimes think. St. Paul reminds us to "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour," (1 Peter 5.8). The devil, a murderer from the beginning and the father of lies, seeks only physical and spiritual harm for God's people. He wishes to tear us from our earthly families and our Heavenly Father.

We certainly don't want our children to go missing from us, but we also don't want them going missing from their Heavenly Father by rejecting the faith and promises God has granted in Christ. Just as you would guide and protect your children from earthly danger, I hope you would guard and protect them from spiritual danger.

Word from Pastor Chris

Although you cannot create faith in your children, you can bring them to where God promises to enrich and bless us. Regular worship and Bible study certainly should be encouraged, along with family devotions and faith discussions.

Because of God's call to us in our baptism, because of the promise of the forgiveness of sins in and through Jesus, those in faith are never lost to God. God cares for and keeps them in His arms, even through something as horrific as death.

In Psalm 139, David receives comfort, knowing that God does not lose track of anyone. God knows David's thoughts; discerns His movements. No matter what David does or where He goes, day or night, God is aware of what is happening.

Jesus gives us further assurance in John 10 that he is the good shepherd sent to care for the lost sheep by laying down his life for them.

"My sheep listen to my voice," Jesus says. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand," (John 10:27-28).

Let us share these assurances, as often as possible, with our (and God's) beloved children.



Pastor Chris

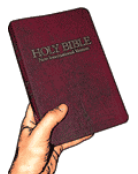
Ministry and Service Opportunity Survey



During worship on Sept. 28, our members had an opportunity to fill out a survey to indicate where and how they might help with the ministry of our congregation. We hold that as many members as possible would fill out these surveys and return them to the church office. If you have not filled out a form, you may find extra forms in the narthex/lobby of our church. You may also contact the church office and have a survey sent to you.

Third Graders to Receive Bibles

Every year our third grade students are given Bibles from the church. This year the Bibles will be handed out during worship on Oct. 12.



Family Outreach Event!

Changing Cultures: Building Bridges to Family, Friends, and Neighbors

Inspiring message and hands-on workshop with the Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Greg Seltz of Lutheran Hour Ministry

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
West Fargo, ND
October 4th, 2014
1:30 PM

\$20 Individual \$40 Family, Includes dinner and Childcare 0-5 years
6 years -12th grade: Witnessing event & Service Project

Visit Ourredeemermoorhead.org/#/outreach/the-lutheran-hour-event to register!
Pre-registration encouraged but walk-ins welcome!

Rev. Seltz will preach on Sunday morning, Oct. 5 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN at 8:00 and 10:30 AM Worship and Bible study at 9:15. This is a good opportunity to meet, hear, and interact with the Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Seltz. The whole family will walk away **inspired, encouraged, and better equipped to live as Christians in today's world.**



"So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations...I am always with you" Matt. 28:19-20 (God's Word Translation)

Grace Lutheran School Sunday

On Sunday, Oct. 12, there will be representatives of Grace Lutheran School at our congregation to visit with us about their school's visions.

Grace School Installation Of New Teacher

Christian Wacker, our new Language Arts teacher at Grace Lutheran School, will be installed at 10 a.m. on Oct. 5 at Grace Lutheran Church. Coffee and cake will be served following the service. Everyone is invited to attend. We are grateful for another synodically trained teacher!!

Grace School - Flu Shots

There will be a Flu shot clinic at Grace Lutheran School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 20. For every person getting a flu shot on this day, we will receive a donation to our school. This event is sponsored by PTL.



Bold Witnesses for Life

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18

A Bold Witnesses Conference will take place at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo on Saturday, Oct. 18. Rev. Dr. James Lamb will speak on bioethics, abortion, post abortion syndrome and care of the elderly. There also will be presentations on mission and mercy work being done in the ND District. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can register on-line at www.regonline.com/boldwitnessforlifeconference. Call Bill Sharpe at 293-9001 if you have questions.



Munchies for Missions

Silent auction items are still needed for our Munchies for Missions event. Please contact Mary Seiffert at 212-3712 or e-mail her at mseiffert@marykay.com.

LWML will be hosting the fundraising event from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6. This enjoyable occasion includes Christmas treats, shopping, soup and sandwiches and a silent auction.

Crossfire—Our Youth Praise Band

Sunday, Oct. 5 – from 7-8 p.m. regular practice
Saturday, Oct. 11 – from 6-7 p.m. Special practice
Sunday, Oct. 12 – Play for worship at BSLC
Sunday, Oct. 19 – 7-8 p.m. regular practice
Sunday, Oct. 26 - No Practice

Youth praise band is open to all sixth through twelfth graders. If you are interested in playing, come to any practice or call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403 if you have questions.



Can you Help at the Middle School Gathering?

Many hands are needed to prepare for the ND District Middle School Gathering, Doublewood Inn, Fargo, from Oct. 16-18. You can decorate or help with paperwork starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct 16. Please call Sue Corwin at 701-320-3259 or text or e-mail her at scorwin@ndfu.org to let her know when you can help. Help with registration is especially needed on Thursday from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Thanks for your help.

October Youth Events



Teen Bible Study

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Oct. 1 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 8 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 15 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 22 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 29 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Thursday, Oct. 16, through Saturday, Oct. 18 – District Jr. High Gathering: Join middle school students from across the state for the district junior high youth gathering at the Doubletree Inn in Fargo. One needs not look far to see that we are bombarded by dangers on every side – where do you find refuge? REFUGE is the theme for the Gathering for sixth-graders and up! Those in grade nine and up are invited (and encouraged) to serve as teen counselors. Activities include Bible time and devotional talks, concerts from Tangled Blue and 100 White Flags, games, interest sessions on various topics, a variety show (Get your act ready.) and more! Friends are welcome to attend! Registration forms are available from Pastor Chris or at www.ndyouthonfire.org. Cost is \$150, but the church will pay half of your registration costs.



Friday, Oct. 31 – Trunk or Treat: All kids from the congregation and their families are invited to come to church Halloween night from 6-7:30 p.m. for Beautiful Savior's Trunk or Treat. For those from preschool in fifth grade, come show off your costume and grab some treats in a fun, safe environment. For those in sixth grade through twelfth grade, we need you to sponsor a car where you will hand out candy from your trunk. There are several prizes, including gift cards for best costume (sixth grade and up), best car decoration and best treats. Join us for this fun event!



Upcoming Servant/Fund-raising Events

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4-5 – Homeless and Hungry: All youth and their families can take a stand against homelessness in the area by participating in Homeless and Hungry. Participants are asked to fast, raise money, sleep outside on the church lot in a cardboard box and do service events in the community. The event starts at noon on Saturday, Oct. 4, and ends around 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5. Get registration packets outside Room 101. You must register online to participate. See Pastor Chris for more information.

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9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m.—noon Friday

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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