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Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Markers in Life

(Sudanese Ministry Takes the Next Step)

From Pastor Dave

There are events that can be described as markers in the life of individuals. I refer to them in such a way because they mark a new beginning. A good example of this comes from anyone who has watched their children grow up. My wife and I looked forward to the time when our children were able to roll over by themselves, sit up, walk and say "mommy" or "daddy." A big step came as they entered kindergarten, first grade, high school and when they began studies at their respective universities. Taking note of and celebrating these markers in the development and schooling of individuals is common.



Daniel, Pastor Dave and Samuel

There are markers also in the lives of organizations. We can look to our own congregation as a type of organization and note important moments. We had a beginning. There was a time when we became self-supporting. We went through several building projects. We can mark the time when we brought on a youth worker and when we called an associate pastor to our congregation. And now, something else is happening that needs to be celebrated. It relates to the Sudanese ministry in our congregation.

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Remember to change your clocks back one hour on Nov. 2.

Transforming Lives in Christ

Renewing, Responding, Rejoicing

During our mission and stewardship emphasis, we will 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. Our worship themes will be as follows:

- Nov. 2 Responding with our Actions
- Nov. 9 Renewing our Minds in Christ
- Nov. 16 Responding Through our Gifts
- Nov. 26 Rejoicing in our Savior
(Mission and Stewardship Sunday)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

7 p.m.

Wednesday,
Nov. 26



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

Four years ago, a group of Sudanese Christians began worshipping at our building on Sunday afternoons. Before they began to worship here, the leaders of this group developed a relationship with Pastor Dave and received permission from our Church Council to use our facilities.

The relationship between the Sudanese and both pastors from Beautiful Savior grew. Two of the Sudanese leaders, Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak, went through instruction with Pastor Dave and became members of Beautiful Savior. Their desire for learning led them to take on-line courses from Concordia University in Portland. Having completed these courses, they enrolled and were accepted into a special program at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Upon successful completion of this program, Daniel and Samuel will be able to be ordained as LCMS pastors specializing in ethnic ministry.



Daniel receives vicarage assignment

Beautiful Savior has been financially supporting these two seminarians in their studies. And now, another major moment has come in their studies.

Having completed a year of study at the seminary, Daniel and Samuel are now vicars working under Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris. Our congregation will have a special installation service for them at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Nov. 23. This is a great day not only for the Sudanese but also for our congregation. A new step is being taken.

As I reflected on what was happening, I thought I would also share some other things:

- ◆ Many people think that we need to send missionaries overseas to reach the various people groups of the world with the Gospel. The opportunity for cross-cultural ministry is also going on here. Our congregation is blessed to be a part of this.
- ◆ Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak are not regular vicars. They are worker-priests. This means that they continue to hold down jobs as they do their studies and as they minister to the Sudanese community. This is not an easy task. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.
- ◆ Pastor Dave, along with Pastor Chris, are mentoring these students. It has been a blessing for Daniel and Samuel to have two pastors help them. At the same time, we have also learned much from them and all the Sudanese.
- ◆ Daniel and Samuel came over to the USA because of the fighting in Sudan. There continues to be fighting in South Sudan. We encourage you to keep that area of Africa in your prayers along with every other place where persecution, terrorism, war and disasters strike.
- ◆ As I look at what we are doing with the Sudanese, I wonder where God might be leading our congregation to minister to other people and people groups in our area. God can use us as a blessing for others. Pray that God might open doors for new opportunities for ministry at Beautiful Savior.



Samuel and his family

May God bless us and provide us with many other markers for celebration in our own lives, our congregation's life and in the life of the Sudanese community.

Pastor Dave

New Member Sunday Nov. 16

BSLC will welcome the newer members of our congregation during both worship services on Sunday, Nov. 16. If you would like to join BSLC, please call the office to find out what steps to take.

Cradle Roll Recognition Nov. 23

All those who have young children ready to enter Sunday School will be recognized at both services Sunday, Nov. 23, to celebrate this milestone. Each child will receive a book as part of the gift of God's word.

Food and Gift Cards for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is only a month away. Now is the time to pick up non-perishable grocery items and gift cards to be given to families in need. Bring your items to the church. There will be a special table set up in the narthex for donated items. Thank you for your support.



LWML Meeting



The LWML will meet at BSLC at 6:59 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. This is open to all women of BSLC so please come and see what LWML is all about.

Prayer Partners Needed

Secret prayer pals are needed for several of our new confirmation seventh-grade students. Call Mary Seiffert at 212-3712 or e-mail mseiffert@marykay.com for a student name and information so you can remember him or her with prayers, birthday and other holiday greetings.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

"Transforming Lives in Christ: Renewing, Responding, Rejoicing"

Our Sunday morning study will be in keeping with our mission and stewardship theme. Join us as we explore what God has to say about our transformed lives.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study at 7 p.m.

"A Look at Deuteronomy"
Nov. 4, 11 and 18

We will look at portions of Deuteronomy. In this book, Moses gave instructions to God's people before they entered the promised land. Join us as God encourages us to remember His grace, be faithful to His will and live joyfully in the blessings of His promises.

Women's Bible Study

"The Vine Speaks"
5:30 p.m. Mondays or 9 a.m. Thursdays

"The Vine Speaks" is a conversational Bible study rooted in Jesus' words in John 15 that uses imagery and metaphor of the vineyard.

Service of Women and Men in the Church

9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16

On Sunday, Nov. 16, we will continue our discussion on how women and men can use their talents in the congregation. This is a follow up to what was discussed on Oct. 19.

Grace Lutheran School Open House

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, there will be an open house for people to find out more about Grace.

November Service

Kay Osman is our captain for the month of November. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters O-R. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with a funeral or other events. Thanks for your support of our church.

LCEF Scholarships Available

Six LCEF scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to six graduating high school seniors or current full-time post-secondary students at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining. Candidates must be members of a congregation belonging to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod located in one of the following LCMS districts: Iowa East, Iowa West, MN North, MN South, North Dakota, North Wisconsin or South Wisconsin. The application deadline is Feb. 28, 2015.

Baptisms

Oct. 25 - Claire Deborah Andring, daughter of Douglas and Amy Andring, born Sept. 29, 2014. Her sponsors were Jeffrey and Julie Smith.

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. Join us anytime.

Gold Club Lunch

Noon, Wednesday, Nov. 19

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. We will meet at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the fellowship hall. See you there!

Quilting in November

Our quilters will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Please feel free to stop by and join in the fun.

Grace School News

The Grace Lutheran School Fall Carnival will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, in the school gym. There will be food, games, prizes and lots of fun for everyone.

Donations of baked or store-bought foods are needed for the carnival. The bake walk is our most popular attraction, and we always run out of items. Bring your donation to BSLC by 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, and our committee will pick up the items. Questions? Call Kim Ternes at 205-7101 or e-mail kternes33@yahoo.com.

VIP day will be from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19. Students are invited to bring a special person in their lives to enjoy treats and chapel.

It's time again for the Grace Christmas Boutique. It will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. Do some early Christmas shopping with unique vendors and gift options.

Special Thank You

Thank you for the many birthday cards I received for my 90th birthday. They are so precious to me. I even got some from Beautiful Savior members whom I don't know, so thank for your thoughtfulness. It is good to have Christian friends. God's blessings to everyone.

Dora Behrens

Your Thoughts are Appreciated

A special thank you goes out to all who sent cards, gifts and prayers during Pastor Appreciation Month. The pastors are blessed to have such a loving and supportive congregation. We certainly know we are appreciated! Thank you!

Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris

Elder of the Month

Adam Tykwinski is our Elder for November. 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.



Save Labels and Box Tops

Please continue to save Campbell's and 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. 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. Thank you.

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.

My son's mind works a little bit different from everybody else. He can write forward. He can write backward. He can read from left to right or right to left. He assumed that's what you were supposed to do. Left to right, then right to left. Needless to say, training to think like everyone else proved a steep challenge.

We had landed in a regimen of specialized classes in the public schools and AD-HD meds, but after three years, we still found ourselves at Ground Zero. Two steps forward, three steps back.

So when I wanted to send him to a Christian day school where standards are higher, and take him off his meds, I'm not sure we envisioned in our wildest dreams that our son - who had lost his confidence and zeal for learning - would earn A's and B's during the first semester in his new surroundings. I can't explain it all just yet. But I do know Grace Lutheran School has been an answer to our prayers.

I can't promise that exact experience for every child, but I feel it is my duty and privilege to share some reasons why those in our congregation should give GLS serious consideration.

1. Specialized attention. Benefitting from a smaller class size, our son tells us one of the reasons things have turned around is that he gets more time with and attention from teachers.

2. Quality education. When asked why he is doing so much better this year, our son's first answer was: "They just explain it better in ways that I can understand."

3. The congregation owns the school. Beautiful Savior is part of the Red River Lutheran School Association which helps to support and invest in the school. Grace is one of only two LCMS elementary schools in the state.

4. Continuity in the Biblical message. Kids soak up all the information around them. GLS seeks to provide their students with a Biblical worldview and truth grounded in Scripture. What is taught in your church will be reinforced in your school.

5. Christian support for our kids. When attending the public schools, Jacob's classmates did not share his view of God. Few went to church. He struggled to fit in. At GLS, students are surrounded by others who walk together in faith.

6. A reaffirmed identity. Amid his academic struggles, our son found himself alone and isolated. His teachers and fellow GLS students have accepted him as a child of God, one redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and worth so much that Jesus willingly went to the cross for him.

Please know that I am NOT saying that you are an evil person or bad parent if you choose not to send your child to Grace. I am not saying you do not support the church or any such ridiculous thing. I am not saying kids that go to the public schools are any less Christian or should be seen as second-class citizens. I am not saying you cannot raise your child in fear and knowledge of the Lord without Grace. I'm also not saying that Grace is a perfect place.

But more and more, we live in a twisted and crooked generation, one in which the Biblical worldview is mockingly dismissed. Our son's beliefs were assaulted not so much by the teachers in the public schools, but by his fellow students. The main reasons we sent our son to Grace was so that he could be surrounded by other kids of faith, receive the Scriptures as a base of worldview and knowledge, and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Even had his academic challenges continued, the choice would have been easy for us. But as it is, we wanted to share our story with you because through Grace, our son went from failing to flourishing.

What might Grace Lutheran School be able to provide your child? To find out, call 232-7747.



Pastor Chris

The Christmas County Spelling Bee

Are you a third to sixth-grade student? Our Christmas practices will begin this Saturday, Nov. 1. Listed below are the times and dates of practice. Thank you for bringing your children to practice each week.

Nov. 1	2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m.	Electric Eleven All third to sixth graders
Nov. 8	2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m.	Electric Eleven All third to sixth graders
Nov. 15	2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m.	Electric Eleven All third to sixth graders
Nov. 22	2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m.	Electric Eleven All third to sixth graders
Nov. 29	No Practice	Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec. 6	2-3 p.m. 3-4 p.m.	Electric Eleven All third to sixth graders
Dec. 13	2:30-4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Dress rehearsal Pizza party
Dec. 14	10 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	All third to sixth graders practice and warm up Program

Our Electric Eleven students are listed below:

Lexi Doeling	Nathan Krause
Mollie Gilman	Leah Tykwinski
Chloe Thompson	Nate Thielman
Dani Hjelden	Lydia McArthur
Alison Hoerer	Elizabeth Krause
Benjamin Thielman	

Preschoolers-Second Graders Christmas Program Practice

Our preschoolers through second-graders look forward to sharing the news about the birth of Jesus during the upcoming Christmas program! We plan to hand out CDs for the upcoming program during Sunday school Nov. 16. Please work with your children to learn the songs. We also will practice on the following dates in the church sanctuary.

Saturday, Nov. 22:

Preschool and Kindergarten 10-10:30 a.m.
First- and second-graders 10:35-11:15 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 29: Thanksgiving weekend; no practice. Have a good holiday!

Saturday, Dec. 6:

Preschool and Kindergarten 10-10:30 a.m.
First- and second-graders 10:35-11:15 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 13:

Preschool and Kindergarten 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
First- and second-graders 9 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14. Program is at 8:15 a.m.

Crossfire-Youth Praise Band

Sunday, Nov. 2	7-8 p.m. regular practice
Sunday, Nov. 9	7-8 p.m. regular practice
Sunday, Nov. 16	7-8 p.m. regular practice
Saturday, Nov. 22	6-7 p.m. special practice
Sunday, Nov. 23	Play for 8:15 a.m. worship

November Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Nov. 5 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Nov. 12 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Nov. 19 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Nov. 26 – No Youth fellowship; Thanksgiving worship at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Friday, Nov. 7: Senior High Zone Lock-in. All those in senior high school are invited for a Zone lock-in from 7 p.m. Friday to midnight at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 N. Broadway. The evening will include games, food, Bible studies and a variety of activities. Please sign up with Pastor Chris as soon as possible. Cost is \$4.

Friday, Nov. 21: Junior High Lock-in. All those in junior high school are invited for a lock-in from 7 p.m. Friday to midnight. The evening will include games, food, Bible studies, and a variety of activities. Please sign up with Pastor Chris as soon as possible. Cost is \$4.

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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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