

September 2015

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Weekly Updates

Do you get the church's weekly update via e-mail? A short blurb is e-mailed out to our members weekly to keep them informed of upcoming events. If you are not getting our blurbs, please let the office know your e-mail address. You can also get the church newsletter via e-mail.

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

Reluctant or Ready

By Pastor Dave



Some things in life we are hesitant to carry out. For example, I do not look forward to going to the dentist. I have a wonderful dentist. My teeth and mouth are in good health. I go for regular checkups, but I am reluctant in many ways to do it. Other things in life we are eager to do. For example, I look forward to riding my bike on a nice day, drinking a good cup of coffee with friends, going to a good movie, or spending time with my children and their families. I am sure that you can come up with

your own list of things that you either look forward to do or are reluctant to do.

I was encouraged to think about things I am ready or reluctant to do because of a prayer in one of my morning devotions. It reads:

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we are to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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Sunday, Sept. 13

Start of Sunday School
Church Picnic at Noon

Start of Fall Schedule September 13

Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, we kick off our new Sunday School year. In addition to Sunday school classes beginning, we are planning a rally and picnic to celebrate! Everyone is welcome to attend! The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and buns as well as plates, cups and utensils. Please bring your favorite salad, hot dish or dessert to share. Also grills are needed so if you can bring one that day, please let the office or Jean Berard know. Make plans now to attend and help kick off the new year of Christian education at Beautiful Savior!

Weekly Bible Studies

"Gospel in Life"

(Grace Changes Everything)

9:40 a.m. Sunday Mornings

On Sept. 13, we start a thought-provoking study by pastor Timothy Keller. We will explore the gospel and how to live it out in everyday life. It begins with the theme of the city, our home in the world. It closes with the theme of the eternal city. In between, we will look at how the gospel changes our hearts, changes our community and changes how we live in the world.



"Exploring Romans"

7 p.m. on Tuesday Evenings

For our Tuesday evening Bible study, we will finish looking at portions of the book of Romans. Having been the recipients of God's mercy, Paul explains how this changes how we live and interact with others in our world today. This study is structured so that you may join us on any night.



"Ruth: More Than a Love Story"

Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Mondays or 9 a.m. Thursdays.

We invite women to join our study on Ruth that meets Mondays or Thursdays. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, or 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. The cost of the book is \$13. If you have questions, call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891.

In the book of Ruth are connections to God's fulfilled promise of a Messiah and how God loves us and cares for us in Christ. The story is a wonderful picture of how God watches carefully over every little detail so His grace may come to fruition. The Holy Spirit continues to remake us, transforming us into Christ's image and workmanship. Just as Ruth is about commitment to faith and to family, it is about God's commitment to His promises even when we can't see those promises being fulfilled.

This prayer points out that there is a big contrast between the LORD God and us. I would like you to think about what God is not reluctant but ready to do. He is ready to hear our prayers when we have joys, heartaches, pain and angst. God is eager to listen even if we may whine and complain in them about what is happening in our lives. Our heavenly Father continues to supply us with our daily bread and every spiritual blessing in Christ. He does even when we do not ask Him for these things. The LORD truly gives us more than we desire and gladly does it because of Jesus Christ.



God is . . . an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Psalms 46:1

Because we have a God who is ready, eager and willing to act on our behalf, we are moved to be less reluctant but ready to go to Him. I encourage you to look forward to the time that you can spend with God in worship as much as other things that you love to do. I hope that you look forward to speaking with our heavenly Father just as you are willing to speak or text to a best friend. Our LORD is loving and full of compassion. May that mercy move you to be even more inclined to go to God in worship, thanksgiving, prayer and praise.

Pastor Dave

Discovery Class

(For members or for people desiring to become members and/or just to learn about our beliefs.

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Starting Sept. 21

This study reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. It is structured so that it will be a blessing for members as well as those interested in joining our congregation. We will explore the main teachings of the Christian faith and discover how they make a difference in our lives today.



Membership Class

LWML News

All women of the church are invited to attend our LWML meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the church. If you have not come before or are curious to learn more about LWML, please stop in. LWML will meet the third Thursday of each month except December during the school year.

The 2015 Fall Retreat will be Friday evening through Sunday, Sept. 18-20. The theme is "Stepping Out: To a Life on the Edge 'I can do all things through him who strengthens me' Phil. 4:13." This will be held at the Chieftain Conference center in Carrington, ND. Talk to Mary Seiffert if you would like to learn more.

Sept. Service Group

Kim Wagner is our captain for the month of September. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters T - Z. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with a funeral or other events. Thanks for your support.

Elder of the Month

Paul Asche is our elder for September. 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.



New Organ Update

Our congregation is planning to purchase a New Organ. Please donate if you desire.

We have an organ that has wonderfully served us for many years. However, there is a need to replace it because of wear and difficulty in finding replacement parts. Several gifts recently have been received for this. The church council decided we can move forward with our plans for a new organ based on what we have already received. As with most projects, more donations would be helpful. If you feel so moved, you may give a special gift to the organ fund. Please designate this on your check or envelope. You may also contact the church office or Beth Gustafson (our financial secretary) if you have questions.

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Meeting

All teachers and helpers are asked to attend a Sunday school preparation meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10.

Make a difference in a child's life by volunteering to teach or help with Sunday School. You are needed! Talk to Bobbi Hestdalen or Pastor Chris to find out where you fit in.

Confirmation Students' Parents Meeting

7:30p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9

A short meeting will occur with parents to describe our confirmation program this year. If you have any questions before the meeting, please contact one of the pastors.

Voters' Meeting

9:40 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

Beautiful Savior will hold a fall congregational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20, between worship services.. There will be reports from the various boards and committees. This is your chance to find out more about the ministry of our church.

Praying For Others

Prayer Chain

BSLC has an e-mail prayer chain. If you have a concern or joy and would like our prayer warriors to pray for you or others, please e-mail the office and your prayer will be sent out on the e-mail chain. Prayer updates are appreciated by our prayer warriors.

Sunday prayers posted in bulletin

Prayer petitions also will be placed in our announcements at your request and will continue to run weekly. Please let us know when your petition should be taken off our prayer list. This gives all our church members a chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears all our prayers at all times.

Baptisms



Aug. 2 - Meryl Jean Perleberg, daughter of Caley and Samantha Perleberg, born June 24, 2015. Her sponsors were Brian and Penny Perleberg.

BSLC is Looking for You!



Are you wondering how to get more involved with activities at BSLC? Listed below are activities

looking for people—choose which ones you can share your talents with the church.

Music lets us glorify our God in a variety of styles.

- Our Adult Choir starts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, and meets each Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. Call Ramsey Dahl, our director, at 237-9009 for more information or just show up for practice!
- Our Praise Band starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, and meets each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We are in search of a guitar player.

Sharing our love to visitors and members

- Greeting people before each worship service only takes 15 minutes of shaking hands and smiling.
- Ushers assist people if needed and take offering
- Praying for others—become a member of BSLC prayer chain. Prayer requests are e-mailed out on our chain.
- Give rides to church for those unable to drive.

Working with our children and young adults

- Become involved with our Sunday school by team teaching or helping out a classroom
- Assist Pastor Chris with the various weekly youth events at BSLC.
- Assist with the Christmas programs, Palm Sunday party and other events.

Volunteer your time

- Be one of the money counters after worship.
- Help with assembly of newsletters each month.
- Run the PowerPoint for worship services.
- Join the LWML.
- Set up communion.

Let us know if you have a particular talent you would like to share with BSLC.

Gold Club Potluck

Noon, Wednesday, Sept. 16

Have you come to one of the church's Gold Club potluck lunches? This is for anyone age 55 or older. We will meet at the church at noon Wednesday, Sept. 16. Bring some wonderful garden fare, hot dish or other favorite dish you like to make. Bring a guest and enjoy fellowship with other BSLC members.

Quilting

Quilting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 24. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you would like to share and your sewing machine, if possible. This is open to all ages and even non-sewers can be kept busy.

College Students' Address

Please leave your child's new college address with the church office. This will allow us to keep in contact with them as well as notifying the campus ministry so they can make contact with your child.

BSLC Coffee Club

Every Friday, BSLC members gather at 9 a.m. at Randy's, 2130 University Drive 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 when you can.

National Convention

Our church body will hold its 65th convention in Milwaukee July 9-14, 2016. Our circuit will be sending one pastoral and one lay delegate. These delegates will be elected on Sept. 27 of this year. If you would like to have your name as a lay delegate on the ballot, please contact the church office. Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris have both served as delegates to the national convention. If you have any questions about what it entails, please talk to one of them.

What is this all moving toward?

by Pastor Chris

For years, my family dreamed of visiting Yellowstone National Park. This August, the park rewarded our expectations with its stunning beauty, endearing character and unlimited adventure.

Yet YNP remains a unique contradiction. Its borders allowed us to encounter the untamed wilderness but remain on the beaten path. We got out into nature but ran into crowds. Wildlife encounters proved unpredictable and tricky, yet we could always count on specific sightings in the Lamar and Hayden valleys. We got away from the hustle and bustle of life, yet endured long days to reach the next star on the map. We felt safe, yet at risk; off the grid, yet connected; immersed in the past yet looking toward the future.

Where was this all heading? Change proved the one constant. In the Black Sand Basin, a ranger explained that thermal features had changed within the season, and those changes affected the ecosystem in numerous ways. In many ways, he said, the park clearly demonstrates the struggle to survive. Some bursting geysers in the upper basin that once attracted large crowds now had slowed to a trickle and seemed forgotten. Once glorious pools had faded from ignorant and irresponsible human guests throwing coins and rocks. Because of erosion, viewing balconies and trails that had once been sightseeing stops now stood fenced off. All the while, new features had popped up around the park – many with no signs, markers or names yet given.

And for all its beauty and tranquility, Yellowstone unapologetically remains volatile and dangerous, requiring constant care to keep visitors safe. Chipmunks and birds eagerly approached us for a morsel, but ample signs also made it clear a bear might do the same, only we could be the morsel. As the park bid us to approach its crackling, boiling and steaming areas, it also warned us to stay on the boardwalk because a stray foot might crack through the earth's thin crust and end up in 200-degree water. The winding roads stirred our pioneering spirit, but also made navigating treacherous. Unfortunately, my wife and I saw a car that had veered off the road and crashed into a deep gully, bringing to mind the fact that a bookstore manager in the park told me her bestselling title was *Death in Yellowstone*.



For all its allure and charm, Yellowstone, like all creation, is groaning from its liberation from the curse and its conditions under sin and death. But despite all of nature's unpredictability, we know where the world is headed, and it ends well.

Christ's suffering death and resurrection do not just bring eternal life for us, they bring an entirely renewed creation. When Christ comes to usher in a new heavens and new earth, all brokenness and death fade away, and the curse on us and the world will be entirely removed. Our new home will be a place of complete harmony, much like the Garden of Eden. In the new creation, the cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox (Isaiah 11:7). God will guide us to springs of living water (Rev. 7:17). There will be no more night (Rev. 22:5), nor will there be death (Rev. 21:4).

As much as we enjoyed Yellowstone's painted canyons, rushing waterfalls, steaming geysers, glorious peaks and life-filled valleys –all evidence of the glory of God – we know the renewed creation will offer so much more, especially because we will behold God himself as we live in perfect communion with him for eternity.

As the disciple whom Jesus loved reminds us, "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2).

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! We loved Yellowstone, we long much more for Eden.

Pastor Chris



Firstchoice "LifeWalk"



teamfirstchoiceclinic.com

Plan to walk or sponsor a walker at "LifeWalk" on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Red River Zoo, Fargo. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m., and the walk starts at 9 a.m. "LifeWalk" is a fun, inspiring community fundraiser that supports women and families facing unplanned pregnancy by providing them with life-affirming free medical services and support. Register online at www.teamfirstchoice.com or call 237-5902 for more details.

Grace Lutheran School 40th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday,
September 26th
11:00 am – 7:00 pm**



TICKETS

Adults \$9.00
Children \$5.00 (age 3-11)
Children under 3 are Free



Grace Lutheran School News

We Keep Jesus in School

Are you looking for a Christian Education for your child or Grandchild? Grace Lutheran School holds the **power** of Christian education through the blessings of the Holy Spirit. Children are daily immersed in the LCMS faith and fed through God's word. Grace Lutheran School offers small class sizes and a continual loving environment for your child's growth in faith. We teach our children to learn to live as responsible citizens in their homes, school, church and community and to continue to know Jesus Christ as their loving and forgiving Savior. Our children deserve it, and they are worth it. Grace Lutheran School is more than just a school, we are a Christian family and we have a place for your child. Please call 232-7747 or email Gail Traub today at gtraub@gracels.com to enroll your child.

Spaghetti Dinner Celebrate its' 40th Year!

Grace Lutheran School is thrilled to be celebrating our 40th Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! The spaghetti dinner has been a time-honored and much loved tradition for students, teachers, family, alumni and friends to gather in support of Grace Lutheran School. The delicious sauce is still a secret though, so don't miss your chance to enjoy it! Tickets can be purchased by calling the school at 232-7747 or contacting your Grace Board representative (Jane Thielman or Brad Palmer). Adult tickets are \$9 and children are \$5 (children 3 and under are free). Volunteers are also needed. If you would like to help, call Kris at 232-7747 for more information.

Proverbs 22:6: "Train a child up in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."



1025 14th Ave S
Fargo, ND 58103
Phone: 701-232-7747



Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band is in need of you! This is for any students in grades 6-12 who love to sing and/or play an instrument. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403 or come to the church at 6 p.m. Sunday Sept. 13. Our group will do a Dairy Queen visit kick-off from 6-7 p.m. and practice will follow at the church from 7-8 p.m. Practice also will be held from 7-8 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 20 and 27.



Bibles for Third-graders

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. service Sept. 27

All children entering third grade will receive a free Bible at the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. services on Sunday, Sept. 27. As our children grow in years, the gift of the Holy Scriptures guides, leads and strengthens us in God's truth, ways and salvation in Jesus Christ. Please join us for this special celebration!



Confirmation Classes

For students in grades 7-9

As a part of our education ministry, we offer confirmation classes for students in seventh through ninth grades. If you have a child in those classes, please have them join us beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 9. If you have any questions, please call the church office

Sunday School Registration

Please be sure to register your child for Sunday School. Forms are in the narthex or e-mail details to the office.

September Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Sept. 2 - No Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, Sept. 9 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Sept. 16 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Sept. 23 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Sept. 30 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12



Upcoming Fellowship Events

Sunday, Sept. 20 – Day at Thunder Road: Junior high students (sixth through eighth grade) are invited for summer fun from 1-3 p.m. at Thunder Road. We will have a short Bible study followed by the park attractions. Cost is \$12 for four tickets. Please fill out a form and see Pastor Chris for more details.

Sunday, Sept. 27 – Bonfire and Hayride: Get a feel for the fall season with youth from other area LCMS churches at a bonfire and hayride during our Zone Fall Rally. The event will be from 4-9 p.m. and include Bible study, food and games and more. We will meet at Beautiful Savior at 3:30 p.m. and drive to Trinity Lutheran Church in Sabin. Please fill out a form and return to Pastor Chris as soon as possible. Cost is \$5.



Upcoming Servant/Fund-raising Events



Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4 – 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 and ends at noon Sunday. Registration packets will be available soon.

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Office Hours

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

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

Worship Schedule

Sept. 6

Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Starting Sept. 13

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

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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