



November 2015

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Change Your Clock



Sunday, Nov. 1

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

## Celebrating Our Blessings

By Pastor Dave

When I was a child, I could hardly wait for Christmas to come so that I could open my gifts. I was impatient. But I was forced to wait because we celebrated Christmas on Dec. 25. At the end of this month, we will be celebrating a national day of thanksgiving. I look forward to eating and spending time with family and friends. However, I do not have the same type of eagerness or being impatient with that day coming as I did and still do with the coming of Christmas. Although I plan on praising God on Thanksgiving, it is not as if I can hardly wait for our Thanksgiving worship service to be here. Christmas is definitely a higher church festival than Thanksgiving. But that does not mean we should not look forward to Thanksgiving Day or take time every day to thank God for our blessings?

The Lord God gives both spiritual and physical gifts to us each and every day. In light of that, daily we have reasons to celebrate the goodness of God. This is something that I pray that you and I will learn to do better all the time. It is also something that we will be doing as a congregation during November, not only with our Thanksgiving service, but also at these other times. We invite you to join us on these special occasions in November.

### New Member Sunday—Nov 15

We will welcome the newer members to Beautiful Savior on Sunday, Nov. 15. Those who are newer members may come to either the first or the second service and be welcomed. If you are interested in joining our church, please give the office a call at 293-1047 to do paperwork.

### Organ Dedication—Nov 22

At the 10:45 a.m. service on Nov. 22, we will dedicate the new organ that was installed in our church at the beginning of November. We are delighted to have this new instrument to lead our congregation in music.

### Burning Mortgage—Nov 22

Also at the end of our 10:45 a.m. service, we will burn the mortgage we took out on our new addition. In 1996, Beautiful Savior undertook a major building project. We built the current sanctuary as well as offices and Sunday School rooms. We are grateful to God for how this building enhanced our ministry. We also are thankful for the support of all those who contributed to make this happen.

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship-Nov. 25

Our congregation holds a special worship service at 7 p.m. on the eve of Thanksgiving Day. If you are in town, please join us for this celebration service.



## Meet and Greet With Your Elder

In the church, God has instituted the divine office of pastor to serve his people through preaching His word and administering His sacraments. Through these means, His Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens and keeps His people in faith.

Furthermore, our congregation has established elders to assist the pastor in attending to the spiritual needs of God's people. It is plain to see that your spiritual welfare matters to God and your church.

In November, members will have an opportunity to meet and speak with an elder. These meetings are intended as a time for you to share any needs or joys you may have.

Meetings will be offered from 3-5 p.m. and from 6 to 8-30 p.m. on Nov. 10, 12, 17 and 19. Meet and greet sessions are scheduled for 25 minutes, but do not need to last that long. All families are encouraged to sign up and attend.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex for the next several weeks. If you are unable to schedule in November, other meetings will be scheduled soon.

We ask God for your prayers and blessing upon our time together as we continue to serve you!

## “This Act of Grace”

### Fall Stewardship Emphasis

“This Act of Grace” is this year's fall mission and stewardship emphasis. For each week of this series, we will hear stories about God's abundant grace toward us, focusing on the different ways in which we respond to his grace. The themes for each week are:

- ♦ “God's Varied Grace” (1 Peter 4:10) Nov. 1
- ♦ “My Grace is Sufficient” (2 Cor. 12:9) Nov. 8
- ♦ “This Act of Grace” (2 Cor. 8:9). Nov. 15

Plan to grace us with your presence as God will grace us with His.

## Weekly Bible Studies

### “Gospel in Life”

(Grace Changes Everything)

9:40 a.m. Sunday mornings

We continue our study by Pastor Timothy Keller. We are exploring just how radical the gospel is and how it changes our hearts, our homes, our community and changes how we live in the world. Join us any Sunday in the fellowship hall.



### “Ruth: Your God Will Be My God”

Women's Bible Study

5:45 p.m. Mondays or  
9 a.m. Thursdays.

We invite women to join our study on Ruth that meets Monday evenings or Thursday mornings. Questions? Call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891.



### *A Man Named Martin - Part 1:*

7 p.m. on Tuesdays

Our study examines Luther's life and times through the lens of history, religion and theology. The influence and impact of Luther's life is the stuff of serious study.

As a forlorn sinner feeling lost and desperate before a stern Judge, Luther desponded of all hope for eternal life. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel. Join us as we look at the Gospel and see how it not only changed the life of Luther, but also how it changes us.



## LWML News

### Containers Available for Munchies

Don't forget to pick up your container for the upcoming annual Munchies for Missions. We would like everyone to fill a container with Christmas goodies for our bake sale that will be on Sunday, Dec. 6, so start thinking about what to bake. The holiday treats will be available before and after both worship services on Sunday Dec 6. If there are any goodies left, they will be available again at 4 p.m. just prior to the Christmas tea later in the day. The proceeds from the Munchies and the Tea will go to support the LWML MITES (20 percent) program and the BSLC Sudanese Ministry (80 percent). Thank you!

**November meeting** - Our November LWML meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19. This is open to all ladies of BSLC.

## Elder of the Month

Our elder for the month of November is Adam Tykwinski. 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.



## November Service Group

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

There's a slight change in our upcoming groups and when they serve. Listed below are the next three months so you know what month your group will serve.

December group	E-G	Diane Knutson-Lee
January group	Br-D	Wanda Roesler
February group	L-N	Mary Seiffert

## Christmas Tea Celebration

5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6

Imagine this: Our fellowship hall taking on a new look...Beautifully adorned Christmas trees and tables decked with Christmas finery. Entertainment provided by our very own *Grape Suzettes*. Exceptional food and fellowship. A sweet "warm-up" for the upcoming Christmas season served up by the men of BSLC.

Women are invited to join in an evening of merriment at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Beautiful Savior. If you are interested in hosting a table, please call Kim at (701) 866-4747 by Nov. 8. A table host is responsible for decorating a six-place table, inviting five guests and providing a festive dessert.

Interested in attending but not a part of a group? No problem! Join us for the evening and invite a friend if you wish. RSVP by calling the church at 293-1047 by Nov. 23 so we know how many guests to anticipate.

There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering will be taken for Sudanese Ministry expenses and for MITES mission projects.

### The Grape Suzettes – Christmas Tea Entertainment

Kim, Theresa and Mary, otherwise known as the *Grape Suzettes*, have been singing together for the past 12 years and will share their musical renditions of favorite Christmas songs and carols at the Women's Tea on Sunday, Dec. 6, at Beautiful Savior. For information or to reserve a seat, call the church office at 293-1047.



## BSLC Food Drive

November is a great time to give thanks for all God has blessed us with and to help others who may be in need. Please bring canned goods (check expiration dates), non-perishable food items, paper products and gift cards to Walmart or grocery stores to the table in the narthex by Sunday, Nov. 22. Boxes will be packed and given to families for Thanksgiving.



## Baptisms Oct. 11

Akon Deng Mapur, daughter of Daniel Deng Mapur and Elizabeth Ayak Makuei. She was born May 13, 2015.

Deng Manyang Atem, daughter of Manyang and Martha Deng. She was born June 4, 2015.

Mary Abiei Ajak, daughter of Ajak Ayual and Apajok Jongkuch. She was born Oct. 1, 2014.

## Weddings

Oct. 10—Jacob Allen Leland and Claire Marie Bollinger were married at Rustic Oaks, MN, with Pastor Dave as officiant.

## FirstChoice Clinic LifeWalk Thank You

The staff at FirstChoice Clinic would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who supported those who walked in our 2015 LifeWalk. Across the State, we had more than 500 people who took to the streets and professed their support of life and the services provided by FirstChoice Clinic.

## Thank You From Our Pastors

We appreciate all the cards, kind words, prayers and gifts that were given throughout October for pastor appreciation month.

*Pastor Dave*      *Pastor Chris*

## 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.

## Quilting

Quilting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 5 and 19. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you would like to share and your sewing machine, if possible. This is open to all ages. Even non-sewers can be kept busy. Come for an hour or stay all day!

## 25 years? Can that be so? Thanks from Pastor Dave and Kim

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who made our celebration on Oct. 18 extra special. We received many lovely notes/cards/gifts and can't begin to thank everyone adequately for their kindness. Allow us to share one handwritten note that was sent to us:

*Dear Pastor Dave and Kim,*

*It is so good that Beautiful Savior is recognizing your 25 years of service. I am rewording a devotion from a former Portals of Prayer:*

*Thank you, Lord, for your endless supply of providing our church, Beautiful Savior, with faithful pastors and lay people such as Pastor Dave and Kim. Give us an appreciation for those who are ordained and their gracious mates. We are so blessed. May their work for us be a blessing and not a burden. May we regard them as your messengers and hold them in respect and esteem and support them in their work.*

*May God bless you and your entire family. Sorry we can't enjoy Sunday worship with you at church but thanks for all the visits you continue to share with us.*

*Love, hugs and prayers, Earl and Dora Behrens*

Note: The Behrens joined Beautiful Savior in 1993 and presently live at Eventide in Moorhead.

## Gold Club Potluck Wednesday, Nov. 11 (a week earlier).

Please note the change of date for this month's Gold Club potluck. It was moved up a week to catch our snowbirds who will fly (or drive) south soon. This is for anyone age 55 and/or older. We will meet in the fellowship hall at the church at noon Wednesday, Nov. 11. Bring a dish to share and invite others to come too. We spend an hour in fellowship while enjoying good food.

## 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.

## Staying Connected

by Pastor Chris

I was in Mandan, but my wife was in Fargo. Yet it was so easy to tell her I missed her. I just picked up my phone and sent some texts.

Although we may spend time away from family, staying connected has become much easier, thanks to advances in technology. Of course, that does not compare with actually being there with loved ones and sharing treasured moments as we experience life together. But e-mail, texting and video conferencing allows us to interact with loved ones, even though they may be many miles away.

For people of faith, staying connected to God is a bit different. We can't e-mail, text or video conference with God. Yet God does not need technology to connect with His people. Instead, through His almighty power and mercy, he connects to us through Word and sacrament.

In our baptism, God connects us to himself. He clothes us with Christ, giving us a new identity. He adopts us as His own child. He gives us the gifts of forgiveness and the Holy Spirit. In our baptism, God comes to us directly.

In the Lord's Supper, God gives us the very body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Through the Lord's Supper, God comes to us directly.

Through His word, God demonstrates His great love for us. Through this Holy Word, the Father and Son send the Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to receive God's love and to remind us of what He has promised, what He has done and to renew and lead us in His ways. Through His Word, God comes to us directly.

Although at times, he may seem far away, God is never far from us. Although we live by faith and not by sight, God still deems to pour out His presence right where we are. What great gifts God has bestowed upon us in Word and Sacrament, also called the means of grace.

As we enter into a new church year, remembering Christ's coming as a human babe to suffer, die and rise for us, and as we anticipate His return, we also remember He is with us through the means of grace. As I hope you would not neglect the chance to connect with your family, do not neglect to come where God has promised He will be! It is a wondrous and hopeful thing to think that where and when we gather in His name, there He truly resides in the midst of us.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

*Pastor Chris*



Daniel Samuel Dale Meyer Philip

## College Students' Address

Please give your child's college address with the church office. This allows us to keep in contact with them and notify the campus ministry so they can make contact with your child.

## Pastoral Education for our EIIT Vicars

Pastor Dave went down to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, with our two vicars, Daniel and Samuel, for continuing pastoral education classes. They were able to meet with other students enrolled in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology. Pictured with Daniel and Samuel is the president of the seminary and a fellow Sudanese immigrant who now lives in Canada.

## Praying for Others in Bulletin

Please remember to update the office on your prayer petition in our announcements. Our announcements of prayer requests gives all our church members a chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears all our prayers at all times.

## F-M Chapter Lutherans for Life 2015 Fall Dessert Banquet

You are invited to attend the Lutherans for Life annual fall dessert banquet to be held from 3:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 N Broadway, Fargo. Our speaker will be Roxane Salonen, wife and mother of five, who has worked as a newspaper reporter in both Washington and North Dakota. She is an award-winning children's author and freelance writer. Roxane writes the "Living Faith" column and "Faith Conversations" feature stories for the *Fargo Forum*, along with other communications work. She wrote the spiritual, pro-life memoir "Redeemed by Grace," the story of former Planned Parenthood manager Ramona Trevino, published in February 2015. Roxane prays regularly in front of the Fargo abortion clinic along with a group that calls themselves "Mothers Loving Mothers."

For more information or to register, call Gail Waagen at 306-6283, e-mail her at [gl\\_wgn@msn.com](mailto:gl_wgn@msn.com) or sign up on one of the table lists in the narthex. Childcare will be available; mention number of children when you pre-register. If you would like to learn more about sanctity of human life issues, visit our website at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org). Lutherans for Life is a non-profit national inter-Lutheran organization. Its mission is "Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life."

## Help at the GLS Fall Carnival

The Grace Lutheran School Fall Carnival will be Nov. 15 from noon-3 p.m. and we need your help! The most popular game that we have has always been the Bake Walk. Every year, without fail, we run short on treats to give out so have to shut the game down early. This year, we are asking the association church congregations to help us out with this. We need donations of homemade or store bought treats. Cakes, cookies, bars, pies, etc. are all welcome! We will even pick them up from you! If you can have them ready by the afternoon of November 14<sup>th</sup>, please call or text Kim Ternes at 701-205-7101 and she will arrange to pick up the goodies!

If you want to volunteer your time at the carnival, please contact Kim Ternes.

## Save for Grace School

- Box tops and labels for Education
- Coke Rewards
- Entire receipts from Family Fare store
- Our Family bar codes
- Cash Wise points

## Grace Lutheran School News

Grace is forming a "Labors of Love" group. If you are or know someone who would be interested in donating some of your time and talents to do "fixer upper" projects around the school, contact Kari at 232-7747 or e-mail her at [marketing@gracels.com](mailto:marketing@gracels.com). The group will begin meeting on Mondays at the school in January 2016.

Our school fall carnival will be from noon-3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15. Join us for fun fall games, family fellowship and plenty of smiles! Lunch will also be available for a small fee.

Our school needs volunteers to be on our auction committee. Please contact Becky Johnson at [vbejohn@microsoft.com](mailto:vbejohn@microsoft.com).

*Operated by The RR Lutheran School Assn.*

Our school VIP day will be from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18. Students enjoy bringing a special VIP guest to school for chapel, coffee and treats!

The school Christmas boutique will be from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. Come to shop for unique or Christmas items with various vendors. This is a fun way to support PTL and Grace Lutheran School.



Grace Lutheran Alumni dinner is being planned, so if you or someone you know attended Grace Lutheran School, please send contact information to Kari at [marketing@gracels.com](mailto:marketing@gracels.com).

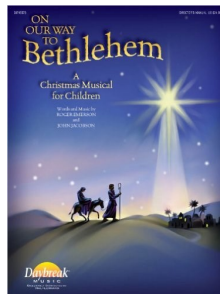
## Going South for the Winter?



Will you be gone for a month or longer this winter? Did you know that the church has to pay the post office 49 cents each for all returned mail? Please let the church office know when you plan to leave for the winter so that you will still receive any correspondence from the church. Or let the church know you would like the e-mail version of the newsletter while you are out of town. Thank you for keeping your church updated while you travel!

Have you gone from a land line to cell phones? Are you planning to move? Do you have a new e-mail address? Did you change your cell phone numbers? Please e-mail the office your new information as soon as possible. Thanks!

## "On Our Way to Bethlehem"



Calling all third-sixth grade Sunday school students! Our rehearsal for the Christmas program will start on Saturday, Nov. 21. This practice will be for all the students in grades three through six. We will meet at the church at 2 p.m. and practice until 4 p.m. There will be no practice Nov. 28. Please watch the upcoming announcements as to the December practice dates and times.

## Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will practice on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 and 8. There also is practice at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. On Sunday, Nov. 15, our band will play for the 8:45 a.m. worship. There will be no practice on Nov. 15, 22 or 29. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.



## November Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

**Wednesday, Nov. 4** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12  
**Wednesday, Nov. 11** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12  
**Wednesday, Nov. 18** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12  
**Wednesday, Nov. 25** - No youth group; Thanksgiving worship at 7 p.m.

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Friday, Nov. 13: Junior High Fall Lock-In.** All those in junior high school are invited for an activities and movie night from 7 p.m. Friday to midnight Saturday, Nov. 14. Please sign up with Pastor Chris as soon as possible. Cost is \$5.

**Friday, Nov. 20: 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 \$5.



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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

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

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

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