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**Chili Feed
and Silent
Auction
Sunday,
Feb. 28.**

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

God's Goodness

By Pastor Dave

As I sat in my office one morning in January, I paused to enjoy the chirping of a bird for a few minutes. It had already been singing about 15 minutes outside my window when I thought I might as well listen to what it wanted to communicate. It was a beautiful winter day. There was very little wind, and the sun was shining at that moment. The temperature was in the mid-twenties. If I had to live outdoors, I might have been singing a joyful song that morning as well. I have no idea what was going through the mind of the bird that morning. But I conjectured that life for that bird was good at that time. As the bird sang, it was making that known. This moved me to think about what was going on in my own life and how I respond to what is happening.



A Reality Beyond Our Mortal Vision: Psalms And The Touch Of Grace

The title: A Reality Beyond Our Mortal Vision: Psalms And The Touch of Grace relies on the assumption that there are two registers of existence. The world you see with your mortal eyes, where hard work will "get you places." And the other world, the one you cannot see, where God, who controls all things, dwells. Where your work doesn't matter. Job found that out the hard way. God's favor does not depend on anything you do.

So, on this assumption, grace is--in a sense--terrifying because you can't control it. It comes to you. You are touched by it ...or not. You can't see it--at least not yet. But there are those who are sure they have it. Paul, for one, was sure he and his addressees had it. He wrote: "[God] hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." The poets in this series also knew God's touch. They knew God's grace. And it haunts their words. By listening to them, we learn of it, and through their words we might even be touched with it ourselves.

Ash Wednesday
Lent 2
Lent 3
Lent 4
Lent 5
Lent 6

Psalm 146
Psalm 28
Psalm 135
Psalm 121
Psalm 118:22-29
Psalm 45

God Does Not Remain Silent
A Death and Life Experience
God's Ferocious Choice
God Never Sleeps
A Staggering Reversal
The King's Marriage

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God's Goodness

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Often, because of my schedule, it seems like it is only in the evening that I am able to pause for a while, rest and reflect on the day. Before we go to bed, my wife, Kim, and I will often comment to each other about how it was a good day. But as I thought about how that bird was chirping away early in the morning, I was reminded about how we can reflect on the goodness of God throughout the day.

When Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, he encouraged us to "look at the birds of the air" (Matt. 6:26). He urged His followers to pause from time to time and consider how our Creator provides for us. This is to bring us peace so we do not act like others who do not know God. It also gives us the opportunity to focus on even more important things. In that sermon, Jesus also went on to say that because God is watching over us, we can focus on even more vital things. Christ put it this way, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

The kingdom of God and his righteousness refers to God's gracious rule over us in the person of His Son and the salvation that Jesus bestows upon us because of His death and resurrection on our behalf. If a bird had reason to sing because it was a beautiful winter morning, I believe we have 10,000 more reasons to sing each day because of the beautiful and gracious things that God does for us through creation and through Christ.

Stop, take time to think about the good things that God brings to you each and every day.

Pastor Dave

Discovery Class

New Member Class
8 p.m. Tuesday evenings
beginning Feb. 9

Are you interested in becoming a member at BSLC? Would you like to refresh your knowledge about our teachings or find out more about our beliefs? You are invited to join us at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, to find out more about BSLC. This class will meet for about an hour for four to six weeks. Questions? Talk to one of the pastors or call the office at 293-1047.

God's Will Revealed

(study of the 10 commandments)
7 p.m. on Tuesdays

We invite you to join us on Tuesday nights as we take a close look at the 10 Commandments. Using Scripture and Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, we will explore what God's will is for us and everyone else.

Chili Feed and Silent Auction is Feb. 28

Warm up for the winter by attending Beautiful Savior's fourth annual chili feed and silent auction from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.



Pay just \$5 for an endless chili bowl and sample some of Beautiful Savior's finest recipes. Desserts also will be available for purchase. After the chow, stick around for a silent auction.

We would like to involve the entire congregation to contribute to this event. Please consider donating an item for the silent auction. Gift certificates and baskets of any value certainly are welcome. Please see Pastor Chris if you would like to donate.

"Counterfeit Gods: The empty promises found in the things of this world and the only Hope that matters"

9:40 a.m. Sunday mornings

In this insight study, we will see that anything can become an idol. What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, or anything you seek to give you what only God can give. Though we think we live in a secular world, idols and counterfeit gods are all around us. But there is hope. The living God, who revealed Himself on the Cross, is the only Lord who can truly fulfill you and, if you fail him, can truly forgive you.

LWML News

Our February LWML meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. This is open to all ladies of BSLC. Please come and get involved in LWML.

Addresses Needed For Our Military or College Students

Do you have a loved one in the military far from home or on active duty?

Perhaps you have a college student who would love to get mail. BSLC would like to reach out to all of them with cards or letters. The church also would like to offer prayers for them.

Please let the office know by Feb. 15, their names and addresses, as well as the time frame in which they will be living at that address. The office e-mail is office@bslcfargo.org.

Women's Bible Study

9 a.m. Thursdays

We invite women to join our morning Bible study. We meet at 9 a.m. at the church on Thursday mornings. Questions? Call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891.

February Service Group

Mary Seiffert is our captain for the month of February. 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. Thanks for your support.

Our March group is O-R with Kay Osman.

Elder of the Month

Our elder for the month of February is Nate Gannon. 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.



LWML Prayer Service Feb. 13

All women are invited to attend the annual LWML Prayer Service on Saturday, Feb. 13. It will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran, 1000 14th St. S., Moorhead, MN.



Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., the prayer service and music will be held in the sanctuary. Hope you can come refresh yourself with prayer.

Become a Greeter at Church

Please consider becoming a greeter at BSLC. Sign-up sheets for February are in the narthex or let the office or Jean Berard (532-0245) know you will help. It's a great way to get involved with the church and learn to know other members. Thank you to those who have signed up.

Potluck Lent Soup and Sandwich Suppers

You are invited to join us for our soup and sandwich suppers starting at 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, and stay for worship. Bring sandwiches, soups or treats to share if you are able. Our service groups will do the set-up and clean-up for the Lent soup and sandwich suppers. Please help your service group captain if you can. The groups and dates of service are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
Feb. 10	Mary Seiffert	L-N
Feb. 17	Kay Osman	O-R
Feb. 24	Maggie Stende	S
March 2	Kim Wagner	T-Z
March 9	Donna Ceroll	A-Bo
March 16	Wanda Roesler	Br-D

Equipping to Share: Stories and Styles Workshop

9 a.m. to 2:30 pm. Saturday, Feb. 27

Every believer in Christ has a faith story to tell. Learn how to tell a story in a way that holds the listener's attention and points to the Savior. This is a free workshop open to anyone. It will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran, 1000 14th St. S., Moorhead, MN. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5 each. Call Mark Noennig at 233-7569 or e-mail him at dcemark20@gmail.com if you have questions.

Quilting

Quilting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 11 and 25. 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!

Praying for Others in Bulletin

Please remember to update the office on your prayer petition in our announcements. 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.



BSLC Coffee Club

Every Friday, BSLC members gather at 9 a.m. at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. Take time to get to know other BSLC members and is for both men and women of any age.

Christian Book Club

Our Christian Book Club started off in January with nine ladies who discussed the book "Someday Home" by Lauraine Snelling. Thanks to all who came.

Our book this month will be "Home Another Day" by Christa Parrish. The book is not available locally but can be purchased through Amazon.

Our next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15. We will meet in the small room at the Speakeasy, 1001 30th Ave. S., Moorhead.

Please join us if you like to read Christian fiction, even if you did not get the book read.

If you have questions or want to learn more, please call Diane Berggren at 236-6405 or Jodi Haekenkamp at (320) 282-6584.

Gold Club Wednesday, Feb. 10

Potluck and Ash Wednesday Worship

Note on your calendars that our Gold Club potluck will be a week earlier in February. Along with our potluck, the pastors will offer a short Ash Wednesday worship service. Please join us in the fellowship hall at noon Wednesday, Feb. 10, and bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to come this month.

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 office in the narthex or you can drop them off at Grace Lutheran School, 1025 14th Ave. S., 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.

Embrace Jesus, Not Worldly Items

by Pastor Chris



The majesty of St. Louis Cathedral stands as the backdrop of Jackson Square, an iconic public landmark and the Gateway to the French Quarter in New Orleans.

With the sacred and the secular in such close quarters, this juxtaposition brings with it certain jarring realities. Psychics, Taro

card readers and palmists lined the plaza immediately outside of the

Cathedral's doors facing Jackson Square, inviting people to engage in activities that undermine faith right outside a house of faith. Not content in the Lord's plans to bless you in this world and the next through Jesus Christ our Lord? Then seek your comfort elsewhere.

Such is our battle. In our hearts, Idols always stand outside the door. So many things vie for our attention and our allegiance. So many things affect our attitudes, behaviors, hearts and minds. So many things take the place of God, who is the ultimate comfort.

In Matthew 16:15, Jesus asks the disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" After all, many opinions had been forming. In answer to Jesus' question, Peter responds not with an opinion, but with the truth of God that had been revealed to him by the power of God:

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

So much is packed into this statement! Peter had

confessed that Jesus was the anointed one that God had set apart to usher in salvation. Peter's confession receives Jesus as part of the Godhead. Most of all, Peter's confession sees in Jesus the one true God, active in human history bringing life to all.

Peter's confession is quite a statement. Is that your confession? Many times, we are content to see Jesus as an option or a safety net – something way in the backdrop while we attend to "our life."

But all the idols that we think place comfort and true meaning in our lives and give shape to who we are cannot give us life. Only the living God working in Jesus Christ can do that.

I had an impulse to overturn the tables outside of St. Louis Cathedral. A zeal for the Lord's house had consumed me and touched me in the sacred space within that Cathedral. But perhaps a better solution has presented itself, one that will require God's aid and providence. The solution is receiving God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, which through the power of the Holy Spirit, reminds us that in view of eternity, idols always lead to a dead end.

But Christ finds us in all our dead ends. He comes to us with arms wide open, empowering and imploring us to embrace Peter's confession of our Lord and to receive our Lord himself. It is Jesus who is our hope and our life, our Lord and our God. It is Jesus who is the subject and object of our faith – the person in whom we have the forgiveness of sins and God's all-encompassing favor and love.

Pastor Chris

Tuition Assistance for Children Attending Grace Lutheran School

Beautiful Savior has tuition funds to help parents send their children to Grace Lutheran School. The assistance forms are available in the church office. If you are requesting assistance, you are asked to sign a covenant agreement. Talk to either pastor if you have any questions. The deadline for submitting the application is the end of March.

"Simply Giving"

Automatic Withdrawal for Offerings

Members can choose to have their offerings automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. It is simple to sign up for or to change.

Contact the church office for the forms to set up these types of donations.

Election of New Church Officers

Are you being called? BSLC is looking for nominations for officers. At our upcoming April voters' meeting, elections will be held for the following positions:

Director of Properties
Director of Christian Education
Elder positions

LeAnn Herrmann is chairman of the nominating committee. If you would like to serve or know of someone who might serve well in one of these positions, please contact LeAnn at 318-1360 or Pastor Dave at 293-1047.

Serving God Through His Church

This is your church! Do you feel like an outcast? Why not use your talents and gifts to get involved? Once people become involved, they feel like they belonged to BSLC. By getting involved, you learn more about the needs of the church and appreciate other believers for what they do. Pray to God about where He wants you to use your talents and ask the pastors for guidance.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for men." Col. 3:23

Grace Lutheran School News

Giving Hearts Day is Feb. 11

Giving Hearts Day is a community-wide fundraising event based around one incredible day of giving. On this one day, your donation of \$10 or more will be matched up to \$6,200 (total gifts) through our match funding sponsors! Match funding from generous community donors greatly magnifies the impact of your gift on Giving Hearts Day!

To donate go to www.impactgiveback.org

Grace Auction Needs You

A few committee members are still needed to help with this year's Grace Auction. We meet about once a month. Please prayerfully consider donating your time for the largest fundraiser of the year that benefits Grace Lutheran School! If you want to help or have questions, contact chairperson Becky Johnson by e-mailing her at v-bjohn@microsoft.com or call the school at 232-7747.



Summer Bible Camps

It's not too early to think about registering for summer camps for your children. Most camps offer an early registration discount. There are brochures in the narthex or go to the camp websites for more information. Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads website is shretreat.org. It is located by the Peace Gardens. Lutheran Island Camp website is www.islandcamp.org. It is located on East Battle Lake, MN.

Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty - Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19-20

A Conference for Laity and Church-Workers of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts
Ramada Plaza, 1635 42nd Street South, Fargo, ND

Friday, February 19 5 p.m. Reception 6 p.m. Banquet **Saturday, February 20, 2016** Workshop

Joseph Infranco is our main speaker on Saturday. Infranco is senior counsel and vice president attorney coordination at Alliance Defending Freedom in Washington D.C. Infranco will speak on **"Coming Threats to Religious Liberty, and How to Prepare."** He'll explain the source and nature of these coming threats and address concrete steps churches need to take in protecting their ministry. Infranco will also speak on the Supreme Court's marriage decision and its potential impact on churches, including your church! You won't want to miss this!!

Registration Information

Please register online at <https://www.regonline.com/lifemarriageandreligiousliberty>

Registration fee till Feb. 4 is \$85. Registration after Feb. 5 is \$100.

If you prefer to mail a check to "North Dakota District," please send it to: PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106-9029.

Fell Benefit

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Northern Cass School

In conjunction with the Boys' Basketball games vs. Kindred

Junior High Game vs. Ada at 4:30 (west gym) * C Squad Game vs. Kindred at 4:45

Junior Varsity Game vs. Kindred at 6:00 * Varsity Game vs. Kindred at 7:30

Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00-6:30 PM (free will offering)

Silent Auction open from 5:00-7:00

(Winners announced at halftime of the Varsity Boys' Basketball Game)



Addison (age 14, diagnosed 9/2005) & **Clay** (age 10, diagnosed 3/2011) both have Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 2I (LGMD2I) which is a progressive muscle weakening disease affecting the voluntary muscles, mainly around the shoulders and hips and the muscles connected to those that are closest to the center of the body, resulting in the inability to raise your arms and legs and to walk. The only involuntary muscle affected is the heart and at this time there is no cure or way to slow the progression of the disease.

As these muscles have weakened and Addison has lost her ability to walk & solely depends on her power wheelchair for mobility. At this time Clay uses a manual wheelchair for long distances. The weakening muscles are no longer able to support Addison's spine causing her to develop neuromuscular scoliosis resulting in reduced pulmonary function and pain in her back. Addison is having her spine fused in January at the U of M Children's Hospital in Minneapolis to reduce the pain, improve her breathing and give her better quality of life.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Fell family to help with current and ongoing medical expenses.

Please make cash or check gifts payable to Fell Benefit at Dakota Heritage Bank, PO Box 268, Hunter, ND 58048

To make an online gift, go to www.dmflendahand.org, click 'Benefit Events' and give to the Fell Benefit.

For more information, Contact Julie Keckler – 701-874-2322

Lend A Hand is providing up to \$5,000 in matching funds!

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Special Donation for Fell Family

Addison, Clay and their mother Becky Fell are members of BSLC. On Sunday, Feb. 14, our church will take a special free-will offering to give to the family to help with their medical needs. Thank you for your support!

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Crossfire, our youth praise band will practice on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14 and 21. There also will be practice at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. There will be no practice on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7.

On Sunday, Feb. 28, our band will play in church for the 8:45 a.m. worship.

February Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Feb. 3 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Feb. 10 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Feb. 17 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Feb. 24 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Sunday, Feb. 21-Family Bowling Day: Youth in grades 7-12 and their families are invited for a day on the lanes at the Bowler. We will be bowling from 3-5 p.m. followed with a devotion. Please sign us as soon as possible. More information will be coming soon.

Sunday, Feb. 28-Chili Feed and Silent Auction: All youth who help with the event will earn money toward future mission and servant event trips as well as the 2016 National Youth Gathering.

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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

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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