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Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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## Vacation Bible School: "Cave Quest"

"Following Jesus The Light of the World"

6 to 8:25 p.m. Sunday, June 5 through Thursday, June 9.

Supper will be served from 5:15-5:45 p.m. each night for \$3 a person

Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure. Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times!

VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, and touch! Bible Point crafts, team-building games and cool Bible songs are just a few of the activities that help us remember that even though obstacles get in our way, God is faithful. All kids from age 4 to sixth grade may attend. Please pre-register your child for this summer adventure!



## Summer Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

7 p.m. midweek Wednesday service begins June 1

Please note that worship times have changed for the summer. From 9:30 -10 a.m., we offer a time of fellowship with refreshments.

Our midweek worship service will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, and will continue through the middle of August. There will be no midweek worship June 8 due to Vacation Bible School.



## Please Update Your Information

Do we have your latest phone number? Many of you have dropped your land line, but BSLC doesn't have your cell numbers. Our team leaders are unable to reach some of our loyal members when help is needed.

Also if you go to the lakes for the summer, please let the church office know. Newsletters are not forwarded, and the church is charged each time one comes back. By letting the office know, a newsletter can be e-mailed to you each month until you return home. Thanks!

## Measuring our Faith

by Pastor Chris

Looks like Fitbit may be just a bit off perfectly fit.

A recent news article called into question the accuracy of Fitbit heart rate trackers. According to the report, the popular device may miscalculate heart rates by up to 20 percent (on average) during more intensive workouts. Other studies have revealed similar flaws.

This still must play out in court, and the jury is still out. But it calls to mind a more theological question: When we try to measure the strength of our faith and how we “are doing” in regards to our standing before God, our internal trackers based on works cannot report any degree of accuracy. Our barometers of faith fitness cannot always be trusted.

I recently heard a troubling accusation that many LCMS churches don’t practice what they preach. They don’t live their faith. It sounded like if a local church did not have a soup kitchen or a track record of mission trips or a zeal for social justice that somehow their faith was lesser and lackluster.

This was the exact thinking of the Pharisees, and Jesus condemned them for it! I do not condemn committing ourselves to acts of mercy and helping our neighbor. That certainly flows from the Gospel. But when we start making comparisons and look down on one another, that becomes a danger of the gravest kind. When we start to take pride in our deeds as a measure of our faith, then faith truly has been compromised. Jesus makes that clear as recorded in Luke 18:9-14:

“(Jesus) also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

‘Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: “God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.” But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.’ ”



So what does living our faith really mean? Living our faith means God has moved us to repent for the depths of depravity and self-centeredness and pride our hearts produce. Living our faith means the Holy Spirit helps us call to mind who “went to His house justified” and why. Living our faith means God has given us trust in Christ alone for our righteousness. And living our faith means good works flowing from the Gospel.

Any other measure is not fit. Not one bit.

*Pastor Chris*

## Bible Studies

### A Brief Look at The Early Christian Church

7 p.m. Tuesday Evenings  
June 14, 21, 28

We will continue to look at the history of the early Christian Church along with some of the struggles that they had. As part of this study, we are also digging into some Bible passages to see how they guided the people as different challenges arose. We will also see how they can still inspire and guide us today.

### “Focus Lost... Focus Restored”

Women’s Bible Study

Our women’s Bible study in June continues to deal with 14 Biblical personalities and examples of times when they lost their focus and when their focus was restored by God. Please feel free to join us at either study time that works for you. We meet at 6 p.m. Monday evenings and 9 a.m. Thursday mornings.

### Praying for Others in Bulletin

Please remember to update the office on your prayer petitions in our weekly announcements. Prayer requests give all our church members a chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears our prayers at all times.

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## LWML ND District Convention

Date: June 24-26, 2016.

Location: Jamestown Civic Auditorium, Jamestown.

Theme: "Rejoice in God's Bounty."

Goal Statement: God's love and goodness provides us with earthly and spiritual blessings in Jesus, therefore we rejoice in God's bounty with everyone around us.

Entertainment : Kim Wagner, Mary Seiffert and Theresa Erdmann will be the entertainment at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night.

BSLC Delegates: Shirley Elsner and Maggie Stende.

Registration: Go to [www.ndlwml.org](http://www.ndlwml.org) for details or to register. Everyone is welcome to come! Bring a friend.

## LWML News

The LWML will be going to the Good Samaritan Home at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 12, to host a root beer float social.

Don't forget about the upcoming LWML Convention that will be in Jamestown this month. If you can't make it, keep those participating in your prayers.

## Christian Chicks Bookclub

Our next book will be "Bridge to Haven" by Francis Rivers. We will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Holiday Inn, Fargo, to discuss the book. Questions? Please e-mail [ChicksBC16@gmail.com](mailto:ChicksBC16@gmail.com).

## June Service Group

Donna Ceroll is our captain for the month of June. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters A-BO She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your support.

Our July group will be Br-D with captain Sherrie Anderson.

## Elders for June

Our Elders for June will be Dave Anderson and Adam Tykwinski. They 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.

## VBS Crew Leader Meetings

All those who have volunteered to be crew leaders for VBS should attend one of two upcoming training sessions from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, or Thursday, June 2. Both meetings will be held in Room 101 at church.

## VBS Donations Needed

We are blessed to have a supportive congregation at BSLC when it comes to needing items for VBS. If you would like to donate, there are slips on a table by the coat room with the items that are needed. Please take a slip and then indicate on the attached spreadsheet what items you will be donating. This list helps us remember what you planned to donate in case you forget. The items should be brought to the church no later than June 3. Or call the office and ask what is still needed. Thanks for your donations to help our VBS.

## Voters' Meeting June 12

There will be a voters' meeting at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 12, right after the second worship. You are invited to come and hear reports from the various church groups.

## Summer Office Hours

Beginning May 31, the office will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you need to stop by the church, please call first to see if anyone will be here.

## Baptisms

May 28: Kiera Jolynn Hoesel, daughter of Jeremy and Nicole Hoesel, born May 6, 2016. Her sponsors were Chad Finch, Shelby Finch, Cody and Audra Peterson, and Ryan and Ashley Peterson.

May 29: Cyrus Jamie Mann, son of Jamie and Sally Mann, born Feb. 13, 2016. His sponsors were Tracy Nordahl, Stan Nordahl, Arielle Ehli and Jasper Ehli.



## Appreciation for Supporting Youth Spaghetti Dinner

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth at our recent spaghetti dinner. Because of your generosity, the youth raised almost \$1,000, which will go toward the trip to the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering, which will be this July in New Orleans. Thanks again!

## Harlan and Esther Wallum Scholarship Fund

Are you thinking about where you or your children may go for college? Consider one of our LCMS universities. Grants are available to assist youth and adults who wish to begin, continue or advance their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available in the church office.

## 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. This is for both men and women of any age.

## New Member Corner

Welcome to Brent and Megan Gray and their son Evan. Evan was just confirmed in April. Brent and Megan started coming to BSLC through friends of theirs that attend here. They have enjoyed becoming part of our church. In their spare time, they enjoy camping and watching Evan's numerous sporting events.

We are glad to have you here!

## Gold Club Wednesday, June 15

Gold Club will be at noon Wednesday, June 15, in June due to VBS. If you are a BSLC member older than 55 and/or retired, join us for fellowship with other BSLC members while enjoying a delicious potluck meal. Bring a spouse, a friend or just yourself.

## Quilting

Quilting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 16 and 30. 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!

## 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.



## Delightful Conversations with Dad

by Pastor Dave

I went on a vacation with my dad at the end of May to visit my sister in Nebraska who had recently moved into a new home. My mother was not able to come with us. Although I converse with my father on a regular basis, this afforded me the opportunity to have some wonderful conversations with him. We reminisced about life on the farm near Fisher, he told me some things about his life when he was growing up, he shared with me stories about his parents, and I was able to talk to him about things going on in my life. Our discussion covered the joys, sorrows, challenges and hopes of life. It was great.

It is a blessing to be able to have a wonderful conversation with a loving father. I realize that this is not the case for everyone. Some fathers are no longer around. Other fathers have become estranged from their children. Unfortunately, there are even fathers who have never been there for their children. So to have a loving father who listens, cares, provides and helps you grow is a blessing. We even acknowledge this in our nation with a special day for fathers this month.

As we think of earthly fathers this month, my mind also turns to our heavenly Father. It is humbling to realize that the God who created this world has brought us into His family and desires us to see Him as our Father. This is all possible because of His true Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus himself invited us to pray to God as “our Father in heaven.” There is a lot that can be written about what that means. In many ways, it points to the fact that we have a personal God. The Lord is personally involved in our lives and He desires that we see Him as one who desires a rich and close relationship with Him.

Martin Luther expounds on this phrase of “our Father” by declaring in the Small Catechism,

“With these words, God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.”

Just as I had a wonderful conversation with my father driving to and back from Nebraska, so also does God want us to freely talk with Him in our prayers. He hears what we say, cares about us and answers us in His own time and way.

Take time to have a delightful conversation with your heavenly Father as you talk about your joys and sorrows, challenges and hopes.

*Pastor Dave*



Pastor Dave's Dad

## Special Thank You from Oliver Wold's Family

**“I thank God every time I remember you,” Philippians 1:3.**

Dear Friends,

Words cannot begin to express our thankfulness for your overwhelming kindness and generosity shown to our family during the past several weeks. This past weekend more than 500 people attended Oliver's benefit supported by the Dakota Medical Foundation's “Lend a Hand” program. We enjoyed visiting with many of you. We would also like to thank you for your many prayers for Oliver and his family. God reminds us in James 5:16 that “the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” Oliver is a testimony to that promise. He is our miracle baby. He continues to do well. In June he will have another neurological evaluation. We continue to place our trust and hope in God knowing that “in all things God works for the good of those who love him,” Romans 8:18.

May God's blessings and peace be upon you!

In Christian Love,

Gene and Linda Sommerfeld      Michael and Marysa Wold



## Pastor Leo Deitemeyer Installation

First American Lutheran Church, Mayville, proudly invites you to join us as we celebrate the installation of Pastor Leo Deitemeyer at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12. We will celebrate this blessed occasion through worship with God's word. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for Pastor Deitemeyer, his wife, Eunice, and for our congregation. We rejoice that the Lord has led a new pastor to lead our congregation, and we are looking forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God. Please RSVP by calling 701-786-4279. There will be a dinner following the service. First American is located at 214 Third Ave. NE, Mayville, ND.

## See "Moses" at Branson

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, will host a Branson bus tour to see "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theater, along with four other shows. The bus will leave Monday, Sept. 19, and return to Fargo Saturday, Sept. 24. A \$100 deposit will guarantee you a seat on the bus! The cost is extremely reasonable. With double occupancy in the motels it is \$742 per person. Four people from Beautiful Savior already have signed up. Please pick up an itinerary in the narthex or contact Vicki in the office for a printed itinerary booklet.

## Summer Worship

Summer is here, and many of you are gone on the weekends. Remember that BSLC has worship at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

The church still has monthly bills to pay, so if you can't make it, mail in your pledge or sign up for "Simply Giving," which is an automatic withdrawal for offerings that can come out once or twice a month from your savings or checking account. To obtain a form, call the church office. Thanks for your support, and may summer 2016 be a safe one!

## Please Sponsor a Participant for the 2016 National Youth Gathering

The 2016 National Youth Gathering is fast approaching!

Thanks to everyone at Beautiful Savior for your support of our fund-raisers. Seven BSLC youth will attend the gathering July 14-20 in New Orleans. They are:

Megan Barth	Sabrina Berard
Isaac Berglind	Lucas Doeling
Hanna Persoon	Abby Tykwinski
Reegan Weitnauer	

Pastor Chris and Kim Persoon are the adult leaders.

Please remember these young people in your prayers as they travel and take part in this exciting event. Pray for wisdom and guidance for our youth leaders.

As we get closer to the National Youth Gathering, we are asking that our congregation "sponsor a participant." Sponsors pray for their youth and provide a scholarship of \$75. In return, you will get an appreciation lunch in August and receive a bookmark with your sponsored participant on it. We need 14 sponsors to help defray the cost of the National Youth Gathering.

Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

## FirstChoice Clinic's Golfing "Fore" Life 18-Hole Scramble

FirstChoice Clinic will host its 22nd annual "Golf for Life" tournament on Tuesday, June 7. The event will begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament will conclude with lunch and prizes about 1 p.m. If you would like to participate, call Mona Franck at 237-5902 for more details.



BSLC members Tim and Tina Deitemeyer will be golfing in this tournament. They would love to have you sponsor their team "The Bigshooters." Just go to their website at <http://www.fundeasy.com/m/2875859/> or call 793-2220 (Tim's cell phone).

## BSLC HS Seniors Correction

Katelyn Triepke, daughter of Shane and Tracy Triepke, will graduate from South, Fargo. She plans to attend Minnesota State Technical College in Moorhead and major in nursing.

## Youth Summer Bible Camps

Send your child to church camp this summer. There are two LCMS camps nearby.

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads website is [shretreat.org](http://shretreat.org). It is located by the Peace Gardens.

Lutheran Island Camp website is [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org). It is located on East Battle Lake, MN.

Most camps offer an early registration discount. There are brochures in the narthex or go to the camp websites for more information.

## Grace Lutheran School First Grade Scholarship Gift

Grace Lutheran School has received an awesome gift! Each student entering first grade in the fall of 2016-17 will receive \$2,000 towards their tuition and an additional \$2,000 if the student continues into second grade in 2017-18. *This is only available to students entering first grade in the fall of 2016-17.* No scholarship forms are required for this gift; however, parents will be required to complete 20 volunteer hours per year in order to receive the \$2,000. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this scholarship! Call 232-7747 or e-mail [kniebeling@gracels.com](mailto:kniebeling@gracels.com) if you have any questions.

## June Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

**Wednesday, June 1** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, June 8** - No LYF; Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday, June 15** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

**Wednesday, June 22** - No LYF

**Wednesday, June 29** - No LYF; Encounter Camp

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Sunday, June 26, through Friday, July 1: Encounter Camp.** All Beautiful Savior students who will enter grade 8 or above should consider attending Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Join us as we encounter God through word, world, worship and recreation encounters. Make new friends. Learn basic leadership skills. Spend time being fed by God's Word in a camp setting! Beautiful Savior also has scholarship money available to help offset the cost. See Pastor Chris for more information.



### Save The Date

**Thursday, July 7: Tubing Trip on the Ottertail River.** All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to our annual tubing trip. We will meet at Beautiful Savior at 9 a.m. for Bible study then travel to our destination. Please bring \$13 for transportation and shuttle rental. Also bring extra cash for lunch at Detroit Lakes and ice cream on the trip back to Fargo. We will return around 6 p.m. We can make alternate arrangements to return earlier, if needed. Please fill out a form and turn into Pastor Chris if interested.

**Monday, Aug. 1: Senior High Lakes Day** - Soak up some rays with fellow senior high students as we explore God's word in Bible study before hitting the lake. Jet-skiing, wake-boarding swimming and sunning will be part of the day. We will meet at Beautiful Savior Lutheran at 10:30 a.m. and carpool to the lakes. Cost is \$15 for transportation. Please also bring money for a fast food lunch and dinner at Zorbaz.



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

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

## Worship Schedule

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

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

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