



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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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 keep members informed of upcoming events. Let the office know your e-mail address so you keep up with events. 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.

Surprised by the LCMS

by Pastor Chris

This summer, the LCMS managed to surprise the Big Easy.

That ain't easy! But with more than 25,000 youth, young adults and chaperones coming to New Orleans to celebrate the National Youth Gathering, locals started asking questions.

In a town overly accustomed to tourists, residents wondered why so many people wore the same backpacks and T-shirts. They wondered about the inordinate amount of pedestrian traffic in the French Quarter and along Poydras Street. They marveled at the long lines that seemed to snake out of every restaurant, tour and museum. They asked about the big crowds at the Superdome, home of the NFL Saints, especially considering training camp had not yet started.

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7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship

August means last-minute summer fun but please remember to keep Christ in your life each week by attending our 7 p.m. worship Wednesdays, Aug. 3, 10 and 17 or on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Our fall church schedule and Sunday school will begin Sept. 11.

Getting Ready for Fall

Fall is just around the corner which means Sunday school time. Please pre-register your child(ren) for Sunday school so we know what to order for supplies. The registration forms can be found on page seven of this newsletter or in the narthex.

Not only do we need Sunday school teachers but there are other various positions and opportunities for all you members to help us out. Prayerfully consider how God might use you this fall.

Bathrooms Remodeling

It's so exciting to watch the progress of the remodeling of the bathrooms and to see the new family bathroom as it takes shape. We appreciate your patience as the work continues.

We want to thank all the people helping with the remodeling job and for their tenacity as they work despite the delays of back-ordered supplies

Please continue to use the bathrooms off the fellowship room in the hallway by the east entrance of the church.

Surprised by LCMS

(Continued from page 1.)

Simply stated, LCMS youth from around the country had gathered to celebrate their identity in Christ. Those from our congregation did so in many ways, including:

- Attending the mass event every night from July 16-19 at the Superdome, which brought all participants together for worship music, skits, speakers and an overview of the day.
- Attending Bible study every morning from July 17-20 to study the book of Philippians.
- Attending special interest centers July 17-19. We listened to a death row guard who had become a pastor. We heard a former Muslim who had become a Christian and discovered his murdered father (unbeknownst to him in his youth) had done the same. We learned how to share our faith through social media. We learned to view single life in a godly way. And we enjoyed Christian improve guys and laughed at family and faith with a Christian comedian.
- Participating in a servant event for Habitat for Humanity.
- Having fun in the experiential learning center playing volleyball, life-sized hungry hippos and other games and visiting various information booths such as Concordia Publishing House.

In short, we packed a lot into our trip!

The best way to learn more about the gathering is to ask one of our participants about their experience. They include:

Megan Barth, Isaac Berglind, Sabrina Berard, Lucas Doeling, Hanna Persoon, Abby Tykwinski, Reegan Weitnauer and adult leaders Kim Persoon and Pastor Chris.

We plan to have an appreciation lunch in the near future to share pictures, experiences and our appreciation with the congregation!

Pastor Chris



Bible Studies

Monumental Mountaintops

Tuesday Evening
Bible Study ♦ 7 p.m.

It is remarkable how many of the great events in Scripture took place on mountains. God chose mountaintops as a favorite venue so that certain events would stand out in our minds. As if to hold them up for all to see, God performed some of His mightiest acts and taught some of His most dramatic lessons on mountaintops. This study will offer insight into the meanings of these mountaintop events for us.

“Focus Lost... Focus Restored”

Women’s Bible Study

Our women’s Bible study continues to deal with 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.

Christian Chicks Bookclub

Our next book will be “Room for Hope” by Kim Vogel Sawyer. We will meet Wednesday, Aug. 24, at a place to be determined. If you have a copy of any of the books that have been read so far, let Jodi know. It would be nice to have a copy of the book in the church library. If you have questions or would like to join the group, please e-mail ChicksBC16@gmail.com.

See the play “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. Questions? Please call Ed Bean at 261-9687 or e-mail him at walleyman4@hotmail.com.

“Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation”

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo has reserved 60 spots to see “Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation” at the Minneapolis Institute of Art on Friday, Nov. 11. A bus will leave from Fargo on Friday morning, and the tour starts at 2:30 p.m. Plans are being made to do a vespers service that night in Minneapolis and then return home in the morning on Saturday, Nov. 12. Costs are \$12 for the tour and \$30 for the bus. A block of rooms will be reserved for overnight. If interested, call Pastor Bernie Worral at 866-1163, e-mail him at bworral@cableone.net) or call the Immanuel Church office at 293-7979 or e-mail the church at immanuel.fargo@gmail.com) to reserve a spot or to find out more about the trip.



Many youth were present to welcome Bishop Daniel

Sudanese Welcome Visiting Bishop from South Sudan

July 24 was a special day for the Sudanese Community. Bishop Daniel was one of the lost boys from Sudan. He was settled as a refugee in Australia. After his ordination, he was asked to return to South Sudan to help start and plant churches there. He is visiting other lost boys in the United States and Canada to encourage them and others in the Sudanese communities before he travels back to Africa.



Pastor Dave, Bishop Daniel and Vicar Daniel Mapur

Baptisms

July 10: Kinsley Kay Mathiason, daughter of Kurt and Samantha Mathiason, born March 10, 2016. Her sponsors were Josh and Missy Weigel and Taylor Weigel.



Special Thank You

We sincerely thank you for serving the meal after our son Shane's funeral on July 6. It was truly humbling to receive the many kind words and feel the prayer support from the Beautiful Savior Lutheran family.

Again our family is most grateful for your continued support and prayers as we mourn the loss of our beloved son, brother, uncle and grandson.

Shawn and Teresa Driscoll
Jessica Grondahl and Sterling
Jocelyn Driscoll
Jillian Driscoll and Noah
Gerry and Joan Fiechtner

Funerals

July 6: Shane Michael Driscoll passed away Wednesday, June 29. His funeral was at BSLC on Wednesday, July 6. Shawn is survived by his parents, Shawn and Teresa Driscoll; his grandparents, Gerry and Joan Fiechtner and Nyla Carson; his sisters, Jessica Grondahl, Jocelyn and Jillian Driscoll; and his nephews Sterling Grondahl and Noah Grey-Driscoll.

July 22: Judy L Gregerson passed away Tuesday, July 12. Her funeral was at BSLC on Friday, July 22. Judy is survived by her husband, Keith; her children, Kevin (Michelle Lam), Brenda (Ed) Hague, Robert (Kathy) and Kathryn Heitmann (Gavin Lewis); nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four brothers and five sister-in-laws.

Gold Club Wednesday, Aug. 10

Our Gold Club potluck will meet at noon Wednesday, Aug. 10. 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.

August Service Group

Diane Lee is our captain for the month of August. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters E-G. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Elder for August

Matt Deardoff is our elder for the month of August. He will take time to greet members and visitors, help the pastors with any needs and see that things run smoothly. If you have any concerns for ideas for our church, please talk to Matt or any of the elders.

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.

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.

Quilting

Quilting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 4 and 18. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you would like to share and your sewing machine, if possible. This is open to all ages and people can help by tying or cutting material. Come for an hour, or stay all day!

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.

Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

by Pastor Dave

Terroristic acts, shooting of police, violent protests and riots—these are some of the recent headlines in the news. There have always been cruel acts committed against other people and property. However, when it seems to become the new normal, there is a fear, disgust and dismay that comes upon people. Many are saying that things must change.

I would agree that change is needed in order for us to have a more peaceful society and world. I applaud the work of community leaders, law enforcement personal and elected officials who seek to bring about a better understanding between people and who seek to work through grievances so that things may become more settled and peaceful. It is a difficult task. I believe progress can be made. However, there is only so much that people can do. That is why I believe many people feel frustrated when things don't change or when things don't change as quickly as they would like.

It is not sinful to feel utter repulsion when we see blatant evil in our world. However, we often fail to see just how present evil is everywhere. It is not only out there in the world. It is not only out there in the work of the devil. It is also in us because of our sinful nature. Jesus declared that out of people's hearts comes evil thoughts, murder, malice, envy and slander (See Mark 7:21-22 for more examples).

This brings home the point that in order for true peace to come into the world people's hearts must be changed—people must be transformed.

The good news we have is that God is in the change business. The Son of God came to earth so that through His work, people may be transformed. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are being renewed into the image of our Creator. See Colossians 3:9-10. This is the start of God bringing about true concord. As we allow God to work in us and as we seek to be more like Jesus, I believe that we can bring about change in ourselves, our families and with those we come in contact. Because we live in a corrupted world and because we are also corrupted by sin, the peace we have on earth will never be whole or lasting. But after we are raised from the dead, true peace in ourselves and between people will exist. Until that time, we will struggle here on earth with having harmony. Until that time, there will continue to be horrific acts of violence.

As we look at what is happening in the world, we can have feelings of helplessness. As Jesus was tortured and crucified, it seemed as if evil had prevailed.



However, God brought about the greatest peace through His death and resurrection. Because Jesus lives, change is possible. Through His life, death and resurrection, Jesus reconciled us to God. This is the most important peace for us to ever have and it comes to us as a gift. It is through this peace with God that we are now able to have peace with others even though it may not be a perfect peace. But that will come; God promises that He will bring an end to all violence and evil in His time when Jesus returns.

Until Christ comes again, we will live in a world where there is evil. But this does not mean that there is nothing we can do. We pray for our community, state, national and world leaders to work at bringing about a worldly peace. But we also know that for true change to come about; it must start with a new heart. As we pray for missionaries and give to the work of God's Church, we are supporting the Lord's mission of bringing true peace. I pray that we also look at ourselves and our own attitudes and ask God to continue to transform us so that we may through our words and actions live in harmony with others.

In the face of evil, we look to our Lord who is there to protect us and bring about true concord. There is a prayer from around the sixth century that is found in our hymnal. It is a wonderful reminder of where lasting reconciliation comes from. It is also a prayer that is worth lifting up to our heavenly Father.

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord;
Peace in our time, O send us!
For there is none on earth but You,
None other to defend us.
You only, Lord, can fight for us. Amen.
(Lutheran Service Book # 778)

Pastor Dave

August Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Aug. 3 - No Youth Group

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

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - No Youth Group

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

Wednesday, Aug. 31 - No Youth Group

Upcoming Fellowship Events

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.

Thursday, Aug. 18: Tubing Trip on the Ottertail River.

All youth in grades 6-8 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 5:30 p.m. Please fill out a form and give to Pastor Chris if interested.

LWML Thank You's and News

A big LWML thank you to the following women:

Karen Mart-Taverna for being such a wonderful hostess for the fun LWML social held in July.

Rhonda Hoge for her invaluable work at the ND District LWML Convention that took place in June at the Jamestown Civic Center.

To Shirley Elsner and Maggie Stende for carrying out voting delegate responsibilities at the convention.

These are SOME of the many gifted women we are blessed with in LWML.

Here are the new LWML mission grants for 2016-2018 that our MITES will be supporting:

<i>Name of Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>ND Full-time Church Workers Scholarships [STANDING RULE -this grant is listed first]</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>
Orphan Grain Train—North Dakota	\$7,500
Wahpeton LCMS U	\$1,500
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000
Providing Spiritual & Emotional Care for Pastors	\$8,000
Concordia Fort Wayne Food Co-op	\$5,000
Christ's Care For Children: Kenya	\$4,320
Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund	\$5,000
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Chapel furniture & Educ Materials [partial funding]	\$4,680

Election Results from LWML ND Convention 2016

PRESIDENT VP-MISSION GRANTS VP-HUMAN CARE VP-COMMUNICATION TREASURER NOMINATING CHM. COUNSELOR



Valerie Biberdorf Carrington Bonnie Krenz Cooperstown Sue Hartley Bismarck Ruth Walsh Fargo Sue Corwin Jamestown Bonnie Kittelson Fargo Jacob Swenson Hillsboro

Sunday School Registration

It's time to register your child(ren) for class. This helps us in setting up the classrooms and the ordering of supplies. Below you will find the registration form to be filled out and returned to the church office as soon as possible. Forms also will be in the narthex. Thank you!

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Needed

Sunday school wouldn't be a success without good volunteers to teach and help with the classes. Please prayerfully discern if you are being called to help our Sunday school program this year, and let Bobbi Hestdalen, Pastor Chris or the office know if interested.

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 neighbors and friends about this scholarship! E-mail kniebeling@gracels.com or call 232-7747 if you have any questions.

Pre-K-6th Grade Christian Education Registration Form

Please fill out this form and return it to the church office.
You may also email your information to the church at office@bslcfargo.org.

Name of parent(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

<u>Names of Children</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade (2016-2017)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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I am interested in helping in the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Christmas Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Opening | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Team Teacher/Sub. | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | |

Sunday School begins **Sept. 11**

Sunday School Classes available for children ages 3 thru Grade 12

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Office Hours

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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