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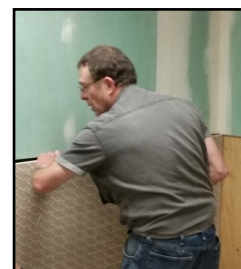
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## Under Construction

By Pastor Dave

In the middle of June, our congregation began a remodeling project in our facility. We are redoing the main restrooms as well as enlarging the restroom in the nursery and making it into a handicapped accessible/family restroom. Several members from our congregation are helping with the project along with some subcontractors. Sherman Waagen is heading up this project. We are grateful for Sherman and everyone else who is helping by using their time and abilities to help with this project. We are hoping to have this project completed sometime in July.

The first thing we did to start this remodeling was to tear away some of what was there in order for us to replace it with the new. As with most building projects, we had to adapt some of our plans once we found out what would or would not work with our reconstruction. During the process of remodeling, things became messy. It is what happens when you work to improve something. But you continue on because you have a goal.



Sherman Waagen

This project brings to mind of what God is doing with us. The Bible is clear that God is at work in us. He is in the remodeling business. This is something that happens throughout our lives. We never reach the point where there is no more need for growth in our Christian life.

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## 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!



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

## Under Construction

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I am speaking here about our growth as God's children and God working in us to bear more fruit. Once we come to faith, we are saved. There is nothing that we can do to contribute to our forgiveness or eternal life in heaven. We are not living yet in the world to come. As long as we live here on this earth, God is in the process of remodeling us so that we may more boldly declare His praises and better serve others. St. Peter puts in this way in his first letter (1 Peter 2:4-5):

"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

This passages states that we are "being built." This refers to God working in our lives. It also describes us as living stones and a holy priesthood. This means we are to reflect the holiness and love of God. Through our words and actions, we show others just how majestic and gracious is the Lord God. Being incorporated into God's house and family, we allow God to remodel us so that our lives may better demonstrate love to others.



Mike Herrmann

I mentioned earlier that remodeling can be a messy thing. The old needs to be removed and replaced with the new. That also happens in our life. Our self-centered thoughts, words and actions are not to remain a part of us. Through repentance and forgiveness, God removes the old self with its self-centeredness and replaces it with a new self that is to reflect the image of God. Because we will never be free of our sinful nature in this life, this remodeling project is continuous throughout our life. There is no need to become discouraged. God is more than up for this task. He is willing and through His Spirit capable of doing what needs to be done. St. Paul expresses confidence as he writes in Philippians (1:6):

"being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

The Lord God sent His Son into this world so that things could be made new. Before He began His public ministry, Jesus worked as a skilled carpenter. I like to think that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are in the business of building things.

I encourage to check up on the progress that is happening with our remodeling project at the church building this summer. I also pray that you would continue to allow God to mold and shape you. I encourage you to let the Holy Spirit continue to remodel you so that you may display the grace of God to others.

Have a blessed summer!

*Pastor Dave*

## Bible Studies

### Tuesday Evening Bible Study

A new Bible study will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19. Watch the announcements for more information. Please feel free to join us any Tuesday that works for you to learn more about God and His Word.

### "Focus Lost... Focus Restored"

Women's Bible Study

Our women's Bible study 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.

## LWML Social

The LWML will host a social at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Karen Mart-Taverna's house. Her address is 3225 37 1/2 Ave. SW, Fargo. Please bring a dish to share. Plan to come for fun and fellowship with others.

## Loose Change" Sunday July 31

July 31 will be "Loose Change" Sunday so please bring your mite boxes to church so those coins can be sent on to North Dakota and national projects.

The ND Mite Goal is \$76,000. The National LWML has paid out more than \$1,100,000 to mission grants this past year. Thank you for your support!

## Christian Chicks Bookclub

Our next book to be read will be "If I Run" by Terri Blackstock. We will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, at the Holiday Inn, Fargo, to discuss the book. If you have questions or would like to join the group, please e-mail ChicksBC16@gmail.com.



## Don't take a vacation from God

What if God decided to take a vacation from caring for us? The world would really be in chaos! Please take time to attend worship either on Sunday morning at 8:30 or 10 a.m. or come during the week at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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!

## Bathrooms Remodeling

We appreciate your patience while the main bathrooms are undergoing a much needed renovation and a family bathroom is being constructed. In the meantime, please use the bathrooms off the fellowship room in the hallway by the east entrance of the church.

## In Gratitude

Have you noticed the plants outside the church building? How about the new benches under the bell tower? Have you prayed and given thanks for those who help care for the plants and for the church lawn during the summer season?

BSLC members are very grateful to our members who keep the outside of the building looking so nice throughout the summer. Thank you to all who help out. Extra hands are always appreciated for little jobs so let the church office know if you would like to get involved in projects for the church.

## July Service Group

Sherrie Anderson is our captain for the month of July. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters Br-D. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your willingness to help.



## Baptisms

June 12: Anabel Lynn Henn, daughter of Andrew Henn and Cyrina Paul, born May 15, 2016. Her sponsors were Ashley Henn, Samantha Paul, Shaun Zuther and Tim and Carrie Nelson.



June 12: Stephanie Titi Jarboe, daughter of Stephane Jarboe and Teta Roland, born Nov. 16, 2015.

June 26: Evan Walker Dahl, son of Noah Dahl and Jamie Walker, born Sept. 16, 2013.

## Weddings

June 11: William Bayuk and Alissa Schwieger

## Memorials

Charles Krogen (Linda Brandt's Dad)  
Glen & Gail Bjornstad  
Loretta Swanson  
Tom & Debra Tharaldson

Eugene Hall  
Lynn & Arla Strege

## 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.

## Thank You

A big thank you to Mike Herrmann who has been the treasurer for BSLC the last few years. We appreciate all you have done to bring the job into the computer world. Craig Hashbarger will be our new treasurer.

## Gold Club Wednesday, July 13

Our Gold Club potluck will meet at noon Wednesday, July 13. 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 July 14 and 28. 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!

## 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.

I have no use for critics.

Not the kind you encounter in daily life, mind, you. I'm talking about the kind who make their living writing for magazines, newspapers and other assorted media.

I recently took our kids to see one of the summer's anticipated blockbusters in the movie theater. We saw the film in eye-popping 3-D, a rare treat for us. After the movie ended, we all responded approvingly, giving the film six thumbs way up (That's two thumbs up from three of us.)

Anxious to see what the critics thought, I fired up the computer. They received the movie much differently than I did. It seems these days that the movies I enjoy and the ones the critics recommend are never the same movies.

And I'm not the only one. Checking on IMDB, many films garnered an 80 percent approval rating from moviegoers only to be snubbed by the critics.

Yet even though I am full aware of this discrepancy, I still allow critical accolades or blasting too woo my decision to see a film. When will I learn?

I think many of us allow outside voices to influence our view of God's Word. We let the outside world shape and mold our opinions, not always confident that God has given us His Word as a gift to help us discover truth in reality, truth in salvation, truth in living and truth in general. Only God remains unaffected by sin, corruption and falsehood. The rest of us cannot make that claim.

So I must insist that we boycott the critics calling us to alter or even forget God's Word. One of my favorite Bible passages sums it up best:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths," (Proverbs 3:5-6).



*Pastor Chris*

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## Harrison Re-elected LCMS President

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, having received 56.96 percent of the votes cast, is the president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for a third term of office, 2016–2019.

The nomination process for the position of Synod president began last fall with the mailing of nominations ballots to all congregations of the Synod. All nominations were required to be submitted by Feb. 9, 2016, or five months prior to the start of the Synod convention, when the ballots, received by an outside auditor, were tallied and delivered to the Secretary of the Synod.

The resulting candidates for the office of president were the three ordained ministers who received the highest number of votes in the nominations process and who consented to serve if elected. The three nominees for president of Synod were Harrison, the Rev. Dr. David P.E. Maier and the Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer.

The voters in the president's election were the congregations' delegates that were in attendance at the 2015 district convention.

The results of the ballot tallied and reported to the Secretary of the Synod by Election-America are as follows:

Harrison was voted president-elect with 3,507 votes (56.96 percent);  
Meyer received 2,257 votes (36.66 percent); and  
Maier received 393 votes (6.38 percent).

We pray that God would continue to lead, guide and bless the work of our re-elected president.

## Dedication Week at Grace Lutheran, Fargo

The members of Grace Lutheran Church, 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, are pleased to announce the completion of our building addition and we invite you to share in our joy and in giving praise to God for this blessing. Please join us the days of July 20-24 as we lead up to the dedication service on Sunday, July 24. The schedule of events is:

- Wednesday, July 20: Worship at 7 p.m. followed by tours of the new addition and root beer floats.
- Thursday, July 21: Men's Barbeque and Fellowship at 6 p.m. with music by Caleb Worrall.
- Saturday, July 23: Ladies Tea at 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Carnival from 2-4 p.m.
- Sunday, July 24: Bible Study at 8:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10 a.m. followed by potluck lunch.  
Hymn sing with organist Dave Hansen at 1 p.m.  
Dedication Service at 1:30 p.m. followed by a cake and coffee reception. We look forward to seeing you!

## Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo has reserved 60 spots to go 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. We will reserve a block of rooms for overnight. Contact Pastor Bernie Worrall at 701-866-1163 or e-mail him at [bworrall@cableone.net](mailto:bworrall@cableone.net)) or call the Immanuel Church office at 293-7979 or e-mail the church at [immanuel.fargo@gmail.com](mailto:immanuel.fargo@gmail.com)) to reserve a spot or to find out more about the trip. .

## Free Dental Care in July

If you know of anyone needing dental care who cannot afford it, free care will be available. Hundreds of Minnesota and North Dakota dentists are volunteering at the fifth Mission of Mercy to be held in Moorhead on **July 22 and 23**. The Concordia College Auditorium will be converted into a giant dental clinic. Care will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and doors open at 5:30 a.m. both days. The event is co-hosted by the Minnesota Dental Association and the Minnesota Dental Foundation in cooperation with the North Dakota Dental Association and the North Dakota Dental Foundation. Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation is the Signature Sponsor. Learn more at: [mnmom.org](http://mnmom.org).

## 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. Questions? Please e-mail Ed Bean at [walleyman4@hotmail.com](mailto:walleyman4@hotmail.com). or call 261-9687.

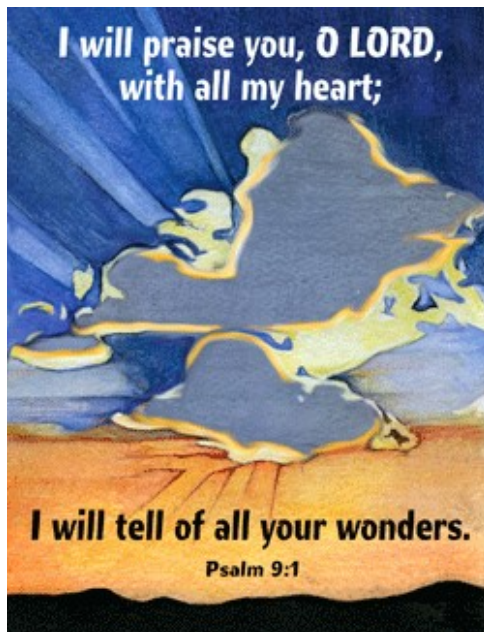
## Thrivent Financial Night at the RedHawks

You are invited to our annual Thrivent Financial Night at the RedHawks, Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Newman Outdoor Stadium in Fargo. We'll watch the FM RedHawks take on the Wichita Wingnuts at 7:02 p.m. Tickets are just \$10 per person and include a pregame chicken sandwich or hotdog picnic starting at 5:30 p.m. and reserved seating at the game. Attendees do not have to be Thrivent members, so all members of BSLC can plan to join in the evening of fun! Contact Vicki in the church office before July 19 if you are interested.

## VBS Thank You!

A BIG thank you to all of you who donated to, prayed for, and helped with our Cave Quest vacation Bible school program this year. We especially thank the wonderful kitchen crew who fed all our attendees and our teachers and assistants who guided the children at the nightly adventures. Thanks to Bobbi Hestdalen and Pastor Chris for their expertise in organizing the program. More than 70 kids came each night to experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways.

We look forward to having VBS next year!



## 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 [knibeling@gracels.com](mailto:knibeling@gracels.com) if you have any questions.

## July Youth Events

### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, July 6 - No LYF

Wednesday, July 13 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, July 20 - No LYF; National Youth Gathering

Wednesday, July 27 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

### Upcoming Fellowship Events

**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 give to 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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