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Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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All Nations Praise God

by Pastor Dave

In October, I traveled to St. Louis for a week-long seminar with our two Sudanese vicars—Daniel and Samuel. It was an inspirational and informative week. The sheer delight that I received came not only from what was presented but also from the other people who attended the class. At the seminar were people from around the world that had legally come to the USA and who were now in ministry to other newer Americans. These brothers and sisters in Christ could not say enough about the goodness of God shown to them and the love that they have for God. They also had a tremendous appreciation for the country that they are citizens of—the USA. Many had lived in countries where they were not able to worship God as they wanted. They were not free to speak to others about Jesus.

As I listened to their stories, I was reminded again how I often overlook all the blessings that God gives to me. I was inspired by these men and women who went through so much living in other countries where there was war and persecution. I take for granted the ability to worship God and freely to speak about His grace in Jesus Christ. I also gained a greater appreciation of the God who has made it possible for our country to be populated by so many different people with different cultures, languages

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Three Sudanese vicars: Galluk, Samuel, and Daniel with Deaconess Dr. Jill Bond

Daylight Savings



Time
Ends

Remember
to change
your clocks
back one
hour on
Nov. 6.

**Fall
Back**

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

**Thanksgiving
Eve Worship
7 p.m.
Wednesday,
Nov. 23**



Day of Prayer-Saturday, Nov 5

We invite you to stop by Saturday morning between 8 and 10:30 a.m. to offer special prayers in our church sanctuary for the needs of others and your own needs.



New Member Sunday-Nov 20

BSLC will welcome the newer members of our congregation during both worship services on Sunday, Nov. 20. If you would like to join BSLC, please call the office to find out what steps to take. We would love to have you as part of our fold.

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and traditions. Yet, in spite of our differences, we are one in Jesus Christ.

I was reminded of a passage from the book of Revelation. As St. John caught a glimpse of heaven, here are the words that he used to describe those worshipping God in heaven:

"I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb [Jesus Christ]" (Rev. 7:9).

People from every corner of the world are in heaven because of the grace God has shown them in Jesus Christ. These are the people (the saints) praising God. That is where all of us who trust in Jesus Christ will be one day. If that is how it will be in heaven, I think it is good for us here on earth now to appreciate, pray for and reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ who come from different countries, traditions and languages. If we will know them in heaven, why not get to know them now?

One of the things that I appreciate about Beautiful Savior is our congregation's willingness to support the ministry of the Sudanese in our community. We are supporting the schooling of two Sudanese vicars and allow the Sudanese to worship at our congregation. All of the adults of come here from Africa. They definitely have had difference experiences in life, have different traditions and do things not exactly how we do things in our congregation. But that's okay. What connects us together is Christ and our love and confession of Him as Lord and Savior.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, I seek to make note of certain things to praise for. On my list is the brothers and sisters in Christ that I have come to know who are from different cultures and languages. People who are different than me. Yet, these are people who love and praise the same God as we do.

Pastor Dave



Elizabeth, Loretta, and Mary

Gift to the Vicars' Wives

The quilters from our congregation donated a quilt to each of the Sudanese vicars' wives. They were extremely grateful for this gift.

Bible Studies

9:40 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study

"Parables from Matthew"

Jesus told parables to teach us about some essential things about the Kingdom of God. He did this so that it would be easier for people to remember what he said. Also, as Jesus spoke parables, people naturally started to think how do I fit into this story and what can I learn from it. In November, we will focus on several parables from the Gospel of Matthew. We invited you to join us between services for this study.

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study

"I Am the LORD"

We will finish our study on Ezekiel. In this book you will discover the central themes of judgment and deliverance as God deals with humanity. These themes are the central thrust of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as God brings upon Jesus His judgment and our salvation. It is still not too late for you to join us.

"Gifts Chosen for You"

Women's Bible Study

Every Christian has spiritual gifts. "Gifts Chosen for You" will teach us about the spiritual gift of administration, prophecy, generosity, faith, service, teaching, mercy and wisdom. Our morning Bible study meets at 9 a.m. Thursdays. Our evening Bible study meets at 6 p.m. Mondays (no Monday Bible study on Nov. 7 or 14.) This is open to all ladies.

Thanks from the Pastors

In October, we received many words of appreciation, encouragement, thanks, prayers, cards and gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you! We certainly know we are appreciated!

Pastor Dave Pastor Chris

Second Annual Women's Christmas Tea

5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4

Women are invited to join in an evening of fellowship and delicious food at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Beautiful Savior for our second annual Christmas Tea. All tables will have a table host, and if you wish to attend, please RSVP by calling the church at 293-1047 by Nov. 18 so we know how many guests to anticipate. We can only fit 110 guests comfortably, so call early to reserve your seat.



Evening entertainment will feature Christmas quartet music performed by Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner, Pete Anderson and Mary Seiffert. Come out and enjoy a sweet "warm-up" for the upcoming Christmas season. The men of BSLC will serve and wait on the tables for the evening. It promises to be an evening you won't forget!

A free-will offering will be taken to support the Jeremiah Program in the F/M community. This program provides single mothers and their children with support for a career-track college education, quality early childhood education, a safe and affordable place to live, and empowerment...transforming two generations at a time from poverty to prosperity. Plan to share your Christmas giving by supporting the Jeremiah Program.

Special Thank You Notes

Thanks to the confirmation students who put on the Trunk or Treat last month and for the adults who helped with it. Everything went smoothly and all the participants seemed to have had a great time.

Thanks to Kim Scheer for filling in at the office while Vicki was on vacation in September.

Thanks to Wanda Roesler, Rhonda Hoge and Kay Osman for being captains of our service groups. You did a great job as captains as the monthly service groups were being utilized for the first time.

Thanks to all the members who bring and help out in the kitchen on Sunday mornings and when there are funerals. Thanks to Sharon Lorz for her leadership in the kitchen each Sunday.

Thank you to the ladies who cleaned in the church this summer - both in the kitchen and the small storage room upstairs. It's so nice to have supplies organized and in places to be found easily by others.

Thanks to our members who weeded, planted and mowed outside all summer and fall. The grounds of the church looked great and we dread the snow coming that will cover up the grounds and plants.

Thank you to the people who come in and assemble our newsletters each month! The office really appreciates their help!

LWML Meeting

Our November LWML meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. This is open to all BSLC ladies.

Our annual Munchies for Missions will be Dec. 4. Please start thinking about what you would like to bake for this wonderful fundraiser. Containers will be handed out soon at church.

Are You Being Called?

Just one more captain or a pair of co-captains are needed to head up our service groups. Please talk to Mary Seiffert if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed on Sunday Mornings

Help is needed with running the PowerPoint, ushering and counting the offering each week. A sign-up sheet for November is in the lobby. Please consider taking time on a Sunday to help out.



PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Baptisms

Oct. 2: Apajok Goi Majak, daughter of Samuel Majak and Mary Garang, born 4/30/16.

Oct. 23: Kyla Marie Hansen, daughter of Travis and Samantha Hansen, born 2/19/16. her sponsors were Ashley Pietig, Mark Pietig, Marissa Hansen, and Adam Kasel.

Oct 30: Simon Bol and John Bol, sons of James and Deborah (Sudanese Community)

Marriages

Sept. 17: LaVon Schill and Christopher Johnson

Oct. 8th: Rebecca Julius and Christopher Hoerth

Oct. 22: Sara Ryan and Austin Walcker

Deaths

Sept. 20: Thon Chol Manyoon Aboot, one of our Lost Boys from Sudan, passed away. His funeral was Saturday, Oct. 1, at BSLC. He is survived by his mother, 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Oct. 19: Brittany Marie Wendt passed away, and her funeral was at BSLC on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Brittany is survived by her son Madix Jay (MJ); her soul mate, Casey Adam; her parents Tina Wendt and Randy Villalon; her siblings, Cody Hart, Nikki Hart and Randy (Bubba) Wendt; a niece, Peyton Hart; a nephew, Jaydon Madson, and several extended family members.

November Service Group

Barb Moser is our captain for November. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters O-R. 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 November

Dave Anderson is our elder for November. 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 or ideas for our church, talk to Dave or any of the elders.

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. 20. Boxes will be packed and given to families for Thanksgiving. Thanks for your donations for families in need.

New Member Corner

BSLC would like to welcome Rich and Virginia Beaver to our church! Virginia has lived in Fargo most of her life, and Rich is from Gwinner. They were married in the fall of 2014 (second marriage for both) and decided to make Fargo their permanent home. Rich likes to read and do carpentry and Virginia likes to sew and craft. Together they enjoy movies, cooking and traveling to see their children and grandchildren. They have several favorite Bible verses: John 3:16, Phil. 4:13, Romans 8:28 and Matt. 11:28. They love the kindness our church shows for others. Welcome again!

Gold Club Wednesday, Nov. 9

Our Gold Club potluck will meet at noon Wednesday, Nov. 9. 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 held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 3 and 17. Please bring any materials you want and a sewing machine if you can. This is open to all women of the church. Bring a friend if you want!

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.

Do Not Be Distracted From God's Word

by Pastor Chris

The rock band the Eagles most likely knew from experience. Their hit song "Life in the fast Lane" told a cautionary tale of excess. Everything all the time will slowly make you lose your mind. That's not the order of the lyrics, but it does encapsulate the gist of the song.

Most of us don't have the stamina or the inclination for everything all the time. But we can deal with and devour unlimited distraction. It always has been this way since the fall into sin. Eve became distracted from God's Word by Satan's deception. Adam became distracted by the lure of his beloved wife. When God's people prepare to enter the promised land flowing with milk and honey and overflowing with resources, God warns them not to forget about Him. They forget.

An article I read recently talked about how we medicate ourselves today not with excess but excess distraction. In other words, our brains are becoming dependent on distraction. Screens have replaced reality, the whimsical has surpassed wisdom and all sort of nonsense and trivial matters have replaced the one thing needful. God seems to be an afterthought, something we have to get through in our quest to be amused or overworked to death.

You might remember the story in Luke 10 about Mary and Martha preparing for Christ's visit. Martha busies herself with getting things ready for Jesus, while Mary simply places herself at His feet to hear what Jesus has to say:

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her,

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

The point Jesus makes does not dismiss service outright. But he does highlight the fact that when one becomes so busy that the Word of God is seen as an option (and in this text, a distracting option), then we know distraction has won the day.

Our depraved distraction knows no bounds. Even when we hear God's Word, distraction is at work. Sermons, Bible studies and the like might meet our ears, but too often, our distracted hearts and minds find something to latch onto rather than the living, electing Word of God.

We do well to remember that every time God speaks, He speaks to you directly. Amid your busy life, God's Word is not an option! God breaks in with His holy Word to help break the power of distraction and instead bring your focus back to Him.

In this life, there are many choices for distraction. But only one thing is necessary. God's word in preaching, devotions and Bible study always is God's Spirit-filled power of salvation. The Words of Eternal Life bring about eternal life. Forgiveness of sins in Christ alone is not just something we hear about but believe with all our soul, mind and strength.

God has given you His Word so he can keep you in that Word. Jesus wants your ears and heart and mind so He can pour out the good portion, which will not be taken away.



Pastor Chris

Praying For Others

Prayer Chain

BSLC has an e-mail prayer chain. If you have a concern or joy and would like our prayer warriors to pray for you or others, please e-mail the office, and your prayer will be sent out on the e-mail chain. Prayer updates are appreciated by our prayer warriors.

Sunday prayers posted in bulletin

You may place prayer concerns and joys in our announcements and the petitions will continue to run weekly until you let the church know to remove them off the list. This gives all our church members a chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears all our prayers at all times.

Fargo-Moorhead Lutherans for Life 2016 Fall Dessert Banquet

Please mark your calendars to attend the Lutherans for Life annual Fall Dessert Banquet from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1005 First St. E., West Fargo. Guest speakers will be John Trandem and Mary Benton.

John is a local business owner and is well known in our state for his strong pro-life advocacy. He is passionate about the need for those of us who share this conviction to be involved and take action. He will speak about what we can do and how we can do it. John and wife, Lydia, have three children, Elsie, James and Marcella and attend Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo and St. Johns Lutheran Church in Park Rapids.

Mary is president of ND Teens For Life and will join John in presenting on this important topic from a teen's perspective. Teens for Life is the official youth outreach program of North Dakota Right to Life for teens. Mary will share how she and other teens are taking action as advocates for life among their peers throughout ND. Mary is from Wahpeton, and is tenth out of 13 children in her family.

For more information, or to register, please call Gail Waagen at 701-306-6283. You may also e-mail to fmluth4life@gmail.com. Child care will be available if needed, please let us know when you pre-register.

If you would like to learn more about sanctity of human life issues, visit our website for our national organization at www.lutheransforlife.org.

Shepherd's Hill Fundraiser at St. Andrew Lutheran, West Fargo

There will be a fundraising auction and supper from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at St. Andrew, West Fargo, to benefit our ND LCMS Camp, Shepherd's Hill Retreat. Bidding on silent auction items will begin at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to attend or sponsor a table, please let Alisha at Shepherd's Hill (701-244-5225) know right away. Thank you.



Grace Lutheran School News

Preferred Savings Guide – Coupon books are still for sale for only \$20. Come to the school office and grab up several for your family, friends and relatives. They make great gifts for everyone. You'll save on dining, recreation and merchandise all year long! Call the school office to reserve one now!

PTL Carnival invites you to Grace between noon and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, for games, a bouncy house, food, cake walk and lots of fun! Invite friends too. Questions? Call Kim Ternes at 701-205-7101.

VIP Day will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. Students will bring a very important person with them for breakfast and to attend chapel.

Christmas Boutique will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. Find items to decorate your home or great gifts to give to your family and friends. Questions? Call Becky Johnson at 701-730-2377.

Grace School 2016 Theme: Trust in the Lord - Prov.

PTL Book Fair will be the week of Nov. 28. Shop hundreds of awesome books for yourself, your children or for gifts.

Fargo Holiday Light Parade wants you to come help assemble our float between 3:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. Be sure to attend the parade on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

The Grace school children will sing at Beautiful Savior church at both worships on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Want to learn more about Grace Lutheran School? Call Mr. Hagge, our principal, at 232-4474 or check out our website, blog or Facebook.

Facebook: [Facebook.com/gracelutheranschoolfargo](https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranschoolfargo)

Website: www.gracelutheranschool.org

Blog: <http://gracelutheranschoolfargo.blogspot.com/>

"The Power of the King" Christmas Play

Hey third to sixth-grade students: our Christmas practices will begin this coming Saturday, Nov. 5. Listed below are the times and dates of practice. If you have questions, talk to Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403. Thank you for bringing your children to practice each week.

Nov. 5	10:30 a.m. 11:15-noon	Seven Speakers All third-to-sixth-graders
Nov. 12	10:30 a.m. 11:15-noon	Seven Speakers All third-to-sixth-graders
Nov. 19	10:30 a.m. 11:15-noon	Seven Speakers All third-to-sixth-graders
Nov. 26	No Practice	Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec. 3	10:30 a.m. 11:15-noon	Seven Speakers All third-to-sixth-graders
Dec. 10	10:30 a.m. 11:15-noon	Seven Speakers All third-to-sixth-graders
Dec. 17	10:30 a.m. to noon	All third-to-sixth graders Dress rehearsal
Dec. 18	10 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Practice and warm-up Program

Our Seven Speakers students are Olivia Blotsky, Alex and Josie Paul, Maia Gilman, Morgan Mielke, Owen Sevald and Leah Tykwinski.

The preschoolers through second grade will start practicing on Dec. 3. Watch announcements for more details Their program will be at 8:15 a.m. Dec. 18.

Kids Create Christmas Crafts, Gifts at Advent Fun Shop Nov. 20

Kids of all ages can make Christmas presents for loved ones at our annual Advent Fun Shop. This fun family event of Christmas crafting for preschoolers through fifth-graders will be on Sunday, Nov. 20. The workshop will run from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$3 per child, and an adult should accompany the children, especially younger ones. Each family is also asked to bring a dozen cookies for a cookie exchange. Please register your child today for this event.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band for students in grades 6-12 will meet at 7 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20. No practice Nov. 27. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

November Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Nov. 2 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Nov. 9 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Nov. 16 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Nov. 23 – No youth group; Thanksgiving worship at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Saturday, Nov. 19 – Youth Nerf War: All sixth- through twelfth-graders are invited to gear up for an-all out Nerf War from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. Bring your favorite Nerf gun and come along for a night of mayhem. Games include "Storm the Castle" and "Behind Enemy Lines." If you do not have a Nerf gun, we will have some available. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.

Friday, Dec. 2: 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 Grace Lutheran School, 1025 14th Ave. S. 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-noon Friday.

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

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

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