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Voters' Meeting
10 a.m.
Sunday,
June 11

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

Gear Up for "Fun Factory" VBS

6-8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4, to Thursday, June 8

"Fun Factory" aims to help curious kids from age 4 to sixth grade become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. This adventure 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 faith come alive into everyday life. Please pre-register your child.

Dinner also will be served from 5:15-5:45 every night for a cost of \$3 per person. Donations of food and craft materials are being accepted. Call the office to find out what is needed. Get in gear for a great time at this summer adventure. Volunteers are still needed so let Bobbi Hestdalen or Pastor Chris know if you can help.



VBS Crew Leader Meetings May 31 and June 1

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 Wednesday, May 31, or Thursday, June 1. Both meetings will be held in Room 100 at church.

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule starts May 28 with one service at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

Our summer midweek worship will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14.

Consider worshipping with us at this alternate time if you will be gone for the weekend or if you have other plans.

The regular fall-spring worship schedule and Sunday School will resume Sept 10.

Pastor Chris Returns Call

Pastor Chris has returned the call to serve as pastor at Faith Lutheran, Bentonville. He will continue to serve at Beautiful Savior as our pastor. He looks forward to his continued service in our midst in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Chris and his family appreciate the overwhelming support and love they have received from us during this call process. They certainly feel loved and appreciated by our church family here!

Should you have any comments, questions or concerns, feel free to call or text Pastor Chris at 893-6995 or e-mail pastorchrisslc@gmail.com

Don't Leave God's Gifts Unclaimed

Imagine winning \$24 million but not collecting the money.

Somebody bought a winning lottery ticket from a Tribeca deli on May 25, 2016. They had not come forward as of May 17, 2017. Winners have only one year to claim their prize.

CBS New York reports that state lottery official Gweneth Dean issued a desperate plea that the winner come forward: "We urge New York Lottery players: Check your pockets. Check your glove box. Look under the couch cushions. If you have this winning ticket, we look forward to meeting you."

How might one describe a person who loses or does not claim a \$24 million ticket? Careless? Hapless? Feckless? Reckless?

Hold your judgment. Countless Christians leave something even more valuable unclaimed with alarming frequency.

Every week, God promises to meet worshippers during the Divine Service to grant them the gifts of the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and the Holy Spirit. His valuable gifts are given each time God's Word is proclaimed and His sacraments administered. We do well to know that our Lord comes down to abide with us each and every week to bless us beyond measure. Like the widow looking for a lost coin, or the shepherd looking for a lost sheep, our Lord's care and compassion plead not only for our pardon, but for our continued care.

By skipping regular church and Bible study, not only do Christians demonstrate a reluctance to follow God's will, but also they leave valuable gifts unclaimed!

Might faith continue without these gifts? Possibly, but it is hard to argue that faith that continuously ignores the will of God is a healthy faith. If we truly long to be with God for eternity, why skip out on where he has promised to be in the present?

God's gifts are worth more than that wayward lottery ticket. His gifts will last longer than the security lottery winnings might provide! So how might one describe a person who leaves such valuable gifts behind? Careless? Hapless? Feckless? Reckless?

Yes, that is the condition we must admit. And it is the condition in which our Lord Jesus continues to meet us with forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

This summer, don't forget to come claim those gifts Christ won for you. He is waiting to meet you.

Pastor Chris

Church Office Summer Hours

Summer hours for the church will start May 30. Vicki will be in from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call the church if you need to stop by to be sure someone is around. Thank you.

Organist or Pianist Needed

We are in need of an organist or pianist at BSLC this summer. We are thankful to have Ann Kelley, Loretta Rasmusson, Mary Seiffert and Ramsey Dahl use their musical skills during the year. One or two additional people would be nice to help out and give our regular musicians a break. If you are interested, talk to Pastor Chris, Mary Seiffert or e-mail the church office. Thanks!

Our High School Seniors

Mackenzie Mackner is in the army national guard. She plans to attend NDSU and get her degree in animal science. In the future, she hopes to become a veterinarian and work with exotic animals.

Coat Room Clean-Up

Please check the coat room for any items that belong to you. There are several nice jackets hanging that will be donated to the thrift store if not picked up. Thanks for taking home any of your belongings by June 13.

The "Beautiful Garden" Update

Twenty-one church members spent May 23 cutting and hauling sod, shoveling compost, and tilling to get Beautiful Savior's new community garden up and running. They worked hard, got dirty and had a great time of fellowship! In the next few weeks, they will be forming the beds and then planting. One end of the garden will have a youth pumpkin patch. If you weren't able to attend the first work day, don't worry. You can still join the group! You will need to sign up if you are not already on the garden e-mail list. The group will work in the garden at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday starting May 31 and continuing through the growing season. They will be done in time each week to ensure gardeners can attend mid-week worship. If you have questions or wish to participate, call Tim Deitemeyer at 793-2220.



The garden starts to take shape as the sod is cut .



The garden becomes a reality!

Support Golf Fore a Difference

Tim and Tina Deitemeyer, along with their son Tyler and his fiancée Kara (who are planning a wedding at BSLC in April 2018), have formed a team and will be golfing in the FirstChoice Clinic's 23rd Golf Fore a Difference 18-hole Scramble. They are asking for your support to help them reach their goal of \$5,000. Donations can be made easily online at www.teamfirstchoice.com. Click to "support a golfer" and then click on either Tyler, Kara, Tina, or Tim (who prefers you click on Tim) to contribute to FirstChoice Clinic and support our fundraising goals!

FirstChoice Clinic seeks out and meets women and families facing unplanned pregnancy at the very point of their need and questions, offering free medical services and life-affirming counseling and support in a Christian environment. This is a wonderful ministry. Call Tim at 701-793-2220 or e-mail tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com if you have questions or would like to donate to Tim directly.

Tour the Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky!

Are you interested in visiting this unique museum? Here's your chance to take a bus tour to see the museum. The bus will leave Monday, Aug. 7, and will return Saturday, Aug. 12.

The cost is \$775 per person; this includes five nights of lodging, complimentary breakfasts, three evening meals and tickets to the museum and ark.

To reserve a spot on the bus, send a \$400 check to Ed Bean, 3541 29th St. S., Fargo, ND, 58104, by May 31. Make the check out to Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you have questions, call Ed Bean at 701-261-9687.

Baptisms

May 14 - Weston Michael Amundson, son of Adam and Gretchen Amundson, born April 27, 2017. His sponsors were Molly Mentzer and James Simonson.



New Members Corner

We welcome Ole Thomassen to our church. Ole grew up in Norway and came to the U.S. to attend UND, Grand Forks. He has lived in Fargo since 2005. He enjoys the clear preaching of the gospel and the friendly and welcoming atmosphere here at BSLC. In his spare time, he enjoys being outside, softball and spending time with his 2-year-old son, Trygve. His favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 2:8 as it talks about God's grace towards undeserving sinners like all of us. Please take time to visit with Ole as he copes with life changes and learns more about becoming a member of our church.

We welcome Corey and Jenna Greenheck and their little girl, Peyton to our church. Both Corey and Jenna grew up in south Fargo and recently bought a house near here. They have heard many great things about BSLC and are eager to be a part of our church. They love to spend time outside and stay active with family and friends. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good," from Chronicles 16:34 is a favorite Bible verse. They are blessed to have family and health and recognize the Lord's blessings in each day.

May God bless Ole, Corey, Jenna and Peyton, our newest members!

Weddings

May 13 - Nicholas Michael Clasen and Rachel Ruthelen Manthey.

Gold Club Wednesday, June 21

Our Gold Club potluck will meet at noon Wednesday, June 21. For the summer, Gold Club will meet on the third Wednesday of each month. Gold Club is for all BSLC members older than 55 and/or retired. This is a chance for older members to enjoy food and fellowship with each other. Bring a dish to share and a friend. As before, there will be an interesting event taking place after we eat, so mark your calendars for a good time.

BSLC Voters' Meeting June 11

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

Quilting

Quilting will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 15 and 29. 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 or two if you want!

Church Photographer Thank You

Thanks to Beth Gustafson who took all the photos for this month's newsletter.

June Service Group

Mary Seiffert is our captain for June. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters L-N. She will call you asking for treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Our July group will be O-R with captain Barb Moser.

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.

“Angels and Demons”

7 p.m. Tuesday Bible study begins June 13

Angels appear on screen savers, book covers and wall calendars as pastel-colored feminine humans or chubby, winged infants. Demons are either skulking black mists or hulks of roasted human flesh. For many people, popular films, books, comic books and other media are the only sources of information about angels and demons. And many believe these creatures are not part of reality.

However, the Bible firmly teaches the truth that angels and demons have interacted with humans throughout history. Beginning June 13, our 7 p.m. Tuesday Bible studies will share the truth about angels and demons using God’s errorless Word.

In His letter to the church in Ephesus, St. Paul writes: “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places,” (Eph. 6:12).

In addition, the author of the letter to the Hebrews writes: “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:14).

Join us on Tuesdays to learn more about these creatures and the implications for us today.

Sunday Sermon Questions Comments and Answers

Sunday Mornings starting June 18

A new summer Bible Class offers a chance for feedback from our members.

Want to give an honest critique of Sunday’s sermon? Do you have unanswered questions about the sermon text? Were there things that were not covered or addressed in the sermon that you would like to talk about? Did pastor share something that was helpful? Do you have an illustration or topic that might be useful in an upcoming sermon?

Beginning June 18, join us for an informal Bible study from 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. The study is intended to allow for more feedback, participation and engagement from the congregation regarding sermon content and proclamation.

Your feedback and insights are important as God’s Word does its saving work among us!

Sundaes on Sunday, May 21

The Elders served approximately 160 Sundaes after services. Pictured, from left, are Paul Asche, Terry Stegman, Mike Sellden, Nathan Gannon, Matthew Deardoff, and Dave Anderson. (Missing was Adam Tykwinski.) Thanks for the delicious sundaes! If you ever have any concerns or questions about the church, please talk to any of our elders.



Farewell Party for Pastor Dave and Kim

A good time was had by many from our congregation as the church honored Pastor Dave and Kim at a morning reception between worship services with cake and again in the evening with a program and supper on May 7. Matt Gustafson was the host for the program as people enjoyed music from the praise band, choir and Crossfire youth band. There was a slide show with many fun memories and some farewell gifts they can use in Bellingham, WA.



After a delicious taco supper catered by Sweet Commotions, there was an open microphone for people to share memories. Pastor Dave and Kim also received a plaque honoring and thanking them for their years of dedication at BSLC.

Pastor Dave and Kim left for Washington on Tuesday, May 23. May God's blessings go with them and with Beautiful Savior and Pastor Chris during this transition.



Women's Bible Study

"Women of the Old Testament"

6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays

They were ordinary people. Yet the women of the Old Testament made critical choices that led to extraordinary outcomes. This study will help you understand the far-reaching consequences of your own everyday choices and actions.

LWML Sing-a-long With Root Beer Floats

If you like to sing patriotic songs and drink floats, we can use your assistance! The LWML is hosting a red, white and blue root beer float social at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Good Samaritan Home (connected to Crosspointe Lutheran Church) in honor of Memorial Day and Flag Day. We will start with a sing-a-long with the residents and serve root beer floats to them at 2:30 p.m. We would love to have lots of BSLC members join in on this fun event.

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 or continue their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available in the church office.

"Simply Giving"

Automatic Withdrawal for Offerings

Don't forget your pledge to the church this summer. Summer giving is traditionally lower; yet the church still has monthly obligations. By our "Simply Giving" program, members can choose to have their offerings to the church automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. It is simple to sign up for or to change. Contact Vicki at the church office for the forms to set up these types of donations.

Grace Lutheran School News

Trust in the Lord - Prov. 3:5

Prospective students are invited to visit our Welcome Wednesday Open House all summer. Also watch for an upcoming open house for pre-k and kindergarten.

Camp Grace starts Tuesday, May 30, and runs until Aug. 18. Cindy Noennig and Betty Hagge are this year's lead teachers along with nine leaders and four other support staff. Field trips and organized centers will be some of the highlights at camp.

To learn more about Grace Lutheran School, call 232-7747. School will resume Aug. 23.

Sunday School Thank you



Pictured are the BSLC Sunday school children singing in church on Sunday, May 21. Thank you, Ramsey and Lyndell, for leading the music for our Sunday school program. We want to thank all our Sunday school teachers and helpers for the 2016-2017 school year. Pastor Chris and Bobbi Hestdalen led a great team. Please think about teaching or helping out a class next year. Become involved with our young students and keep them involved in church as they grow up. Also thank you to the parents for bringing their children each Sunday.

June Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, June 7 - No LYF; Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 14 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, June 21 - No LYF

Wednesday, June 28 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Sunday, June 25: Paintball - All kids in sixth through 12th grades and their family and friends are invited for a day of paintball from 12:30-5 p.m. at Valley Paintball. We will meet at BSLC at noon. Cost is \$40 for this private event. The church will provide drinks, but you can bring your own snacks and beverages. You **MUST** fill out a waiver and permission form to attend this event. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.



Save the Date

Thursday, July 13: 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.

Sunday, July 23, through Friday, July 28: 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

Saturday, Aug. 12: 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. More information will be available closer to the date.

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Pastor Chris also is available by appointment.

Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 9 a.m.

Wednesday worship at 7 p.m.

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

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