



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Appreciation Receptions for Pastor Dave and Kim

Come show your appreciation for Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner on Sunday, May 7, at BSLC. The church will have receptions at 9:30 a.m. and from 5-7 p.m. with a light dinner. Come share stories and memories as we celebrate the Wagners, who gave more than 27 years of service at Beautiful Savior and in the Fargo-Moorhead area. We thank you both for all you have done for Beautiful Savior and for us! We pray for God's blessings upon Pastor Dave and Kim as they continue to serve God and His church. Pastor Dave and Kim accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran, Bellingham, WA. His last Sunday will be May 14.



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**Summer
Worship
9 a.m.
starting
May 28**

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

Sign Up For "Fun Factory" VBS

All kids from age 4 to sixth grade are invited to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School. "Fun Factory" aims to help curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. This year's VBS will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. from Sunday, June 4, to Thursday, June 8. 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.

Pastor Chris Receives a Call

Pastor Chris has received a call from Faith Lutheran in Bentonville, AR. For the next few weeks, he and Jamie will faithfully and prayerfully deliberate on where God would have him serve. The family plans to visit Bentonville and to make a decision by the end of May. Please keep Pastor Chris and family in your prayers. You may e-mail him at pastorchrissbslc@gmail.com or call him at 893-6996 with any questions, comments or concerns.

It is a Joy and Great Partnership

by Pastor Dave

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 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."

(Philippians 1:3-6)

By now, I believe that most people have heard that I have accepted a call to serve as a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellingham, WA. It is with a multitude of different emotions that my wife, Kim, and I leave this community to move to another one.

For almost 27 years, I have worked with and served the wonderful people in our congregation, community and state. As most of you know, Kim has been a tremendous help and support. Looking back on the years, God has been very good. The Lord has done many amazing things through the people and ministry of Beautiful Savior. And the important thing to remember is that God is not done with us yet. As Christians, we do not only look back or gaze at what is happening now. We also set our sight forward to all that God has in store for us as well as consider how God can use us wherever we are.

As St. Paul wrote to the Philippian Christians, he reminded them of the connection he had with them. It reminded me that, though there will be distance between us, our partnership in the Gospel continues. Wherever we are, we have the privilege and honor of serving the same God and Savior. Wherever we are, we have the call to live out our Christian faith in grateful response to all that God has done for us. Wherever we are, God comes to us with the mercy and forgiveness that we need so that we can have true life now and forever.

I have had the joy of serving for many years as a pastor of Beautiful Savior. My call as pastor here will end this May. However, the joy my wife and I have for being a part of this congregation will never go away. Neither will the connection and partnership that we have with one another.

May God's Kingdom come and His Will be done. To Him be all glory and honor.

Pastor Dave

Bible Studies

9:40 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study "The Way of Jesus"

See how Old Testament people anticipated Christ's coming and how we are God's people given a mission to do. We invite you to join us in the fellowship hall between worship services May 14.

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study "Interpreting the Prophecy" May 2 and 9

Revelation is a letter written so that God's people can live each moment in joy and confidence. We are looking at the last two chapters of Revelation in May. Please note that we will meet on May 2 and 9. The Tuesday evening Bible Study will stop after that and will resume after VBS. Even if you have not attended before, you are invited to join us as we look at the new creation that God has in store for us.

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.

Sundaes on Sunday Ice Cream Social

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 21

The elders are hosting a special event of serving up sundaes on Sunday, May 21, in the fellowship hall. This event will provide an opportunity to meet and greet the elders and other members and friends of Beautiful Savior. You also will be given some updated information about the ministry of our congregation.



LWML News

The LWML women and guests made 46 blankets for Project Linus at their Spring Zone Event on April 22. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped with this worthwhile project.

The LWML will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 18, at BSLC. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend.



Installation of New Church Officers

Installation of our newly elected officers for BSLC will be held during both worship services next Sunday, May 7. Keep them in your prayers. Also thanks to all who have served and will be stepping down.

Elders: Terry Stegman and Mike Sellden

Chairperson: Denise Doeling

Vice Chairperson: LeAnn Herrmann

Director of Evangelism: Tim Deitemeyer

Director of Stewardship: Jennifer Krause

RR Lutheran School Board: Kim Persoon

Church Office Summer Hours

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

Our High School Seniors

Megan Barth will graduate from Fargo South High School. She plans to attend UND in the fall and major in psychology.

Dylan Berard will graduate from West Fargo High School. He plans to move to Texas to work and attend college to major in marine biology.

Emily Berglind will graduate from Shanley High School. She plans to attend Minnesota Duluth in the fall and major in business.

Morgan Fredenburg will graduate from Sheyenne High School. She plans to take a year off and then join the air force.

Danielle Schimke will graduate from Northern Cass High School. She plans to attend NDSU and major in nursing.

Congratulations to our 2017 high school graduates. If you are graduating from high school and didn't get listed here, please e-mail the office of your future plans and we will include you in our June newsletter.

Summer Worship

Beautiful Savior will offer one worship service at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings starting on Sunday, May 28, and going through Sunday, Sept. 3.

Our mid-week worship will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, and run through Aug. 16.

Call Ceremony for Samuel and Daniel

Our two Sudanese vicars officially received their calls to serve as pastors for the Sudanese community at Beautiful Savior on April 26. This happened at a special call service at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. After they have completed their classes, they will be able to be ordained. This will probably take place sometime in September. Pastor Chris went down with them to attend this event. Daniel and Samuel also enjoyed a visit the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod's headquarters with Pastor Chris.



Baptisms

April 24 - Courtney Esther Carlson, daughter of Amanda Potter, born April 23, 2002.

April 24 - Christina Emily Carlson, daughter of Amanda Potter, born Nov. 8, 2008



Gold Club Wednesday, May 10

Our Gold Club potluck will meet at noon Wednesday, May 10. Take time to eat and wish Pastor Dave the best as he moves on. Gold Club is for all BSLC members older than 55 and/or retired. Bring a dish to share and a friend.

Quilting

Quilting will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 4 and 18. 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!

Christian Chicks Bookclub

Do you like to read Christian fiction? The next book our group will read is "If I'm Found" by Terry Blackstock. We will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at the Fargo Holiday Inn.

If you have questions or want to learn more, please e-mail ChicksBC16@gmail.com.

Prayer Chain and Announcements

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. Also please e-mail updates to the office or the pastors so it can be shared with our prayer warriors.

Please let the church office know by Wednesday if you have joys or concerns to put in our weekly announcements. The petitions will run weekly until you ask to have them removed from the list. Our church members appreciate the chance to pray for our special needs and joys. Prayer is powerful.

Bill Sharpe Received His Eternal Crown April 6

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Bill Sharpe. He was the business manager for the North Dakota District who worked out of our facility for 26 years. He was a great friend of the ministry of Beautiful Savior and was known to many of our members. Although many of us mourn his loss, he celebrates the victory that Jesus won through His death and resurrection. We ask that you keep Bill's family in your prayers. Please remember his wife, Gale; along with his children Andrew (Lacey); Rachel (Dave) and their children, Grace and Grant; Rebecca (Ryan) and their son, Peter. Pray that the Lord would keep their faith strong as they move on without Bill.



Memorials

Don Dahl (Ramsey's dad) by Loretta Swanson

Bill Sharpe by Richard & Virginia Beaver

Elders for May

Nathan Gannon and Adam Tykwinski are our elders for May. They 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 our church, talk to Nathan, Adam or any of the elders.

April Service Group

Jodi Haekenkamp is our captain for May. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters H-K. She will call you asking for treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Our June group will be L-N with captain Mary Seiffert.

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.

Change Remains the One Constant Except...

by Pastor Chris

As the school year winds down, I wanted to celebrate with the Beautiful Savior youth by taking them to a fun restaurant, a place that provided grub and a good time.

The target destination? Kitchen Gremlin in downtown Fargo. For those of you who have not heard of it, Kitchen Gremlin offered a family-friendly meeting place complete with board games and other distractions while you wait for your meal. But when I looked on the website to nail down reservations, Kitchen Gremlin had closed its doors. And it had happened months ago!

In this day and age, change happens so fast it sometimes escapes our notice, yet we remain painfully aware of it at the same time. Never mind death and taxes. Change seems to be the one thing to count on.

That favorite pair of shoes isn't in fashion anymore. That new computer, tablet or phone seems outdated the month after you buy it. Your favorite item in that restaurant you like isn't offered anymore. That successful business model has grown cold. People can be fickle and flighty. Nothing lasts forever.

Fortunately, our God does not change. No matter our situation in life, God remains steadfast in his love for us in Christ Jesus. He doesn't waffle or waiver. In addition, what Christ accomplished through his suffering, death and resurrection has not diminished in meaning or value. In him, we have forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Through Jesus, we have an inheritance that will never spoil, perish or fade.

In addition to being rock steady with his love and salvation in Christ, God himself does not change. James tells us to put our faith in God who does not follow fads, notions or whims: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created."



And the author of the Hebrews writes: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

In a world of constant change, where values, allegiances and alliances alter their course before we might even realize, God's love and care remains constant and steadfast. Because of his love, we can weather life's changes while under His constant care.

Pastor Chris

Grace Lutheran School News

Theme: Trust in the Lord - Prov. 3:5

Grace will host a Pre-Kindergarten Round at 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 4. Our theme for the night is "Swim into Grace!" All those little fish will hear from our teachers and principal, do a special "fish" craft and have fish snacks! Come hear how our Pre K can build up the faith and character of your child, get prepared for kindergarten and get to know the families of Grace Pre-K!

Join us under the sea for this year's spring musical - GO FISH on May 16! We'll meet Tiger Shark who wants friends, but the others are afraid of him because, well, he's a shark. He encounters a misfit group of fish and all search together for someone who can help them. Their journey teaches them that God created us all with a purpose and learn what it means to be a true friend.

Muffins for Mom is scheduled for May 10 close to Mothers day! Moms come and enjoy a morning of coffee and a muffin and enjoy Chapel by Pastor Giddings from Crosspointe Lutheran church here in Fargo!

Welcome Wednesday is every Wednesday at Grace Lutheran School. It's an open house for prospective students. Invite your friends to spend a day at Grace and see what it's like.

Interested in Grace Lutheran School enrollment or financial aid? Call the school office or Principal John Hagge at 232-7747 or go to our website at www.gracelutheranschool.org. We never want financial questions to stand in the way of a great education.

Lily Placed by:

Rich and Virginia Beaver
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Sue and Steve Buth
Shirley Elsner
Gerry and Joan Fiechtner
Don and Pam Hartwig
Don and Pam Hartwig
Craig and Sherri Hashbarger
Pastor Charles and Kathy Johnson
Harvey Medenwaldt
Heather Mumm
Terry and Margie Opp
Brad and Pam Palmer
Pytlik Family and Janice Thalmann
Don and Claudia Schroeder

Mums Placed by:

Grandchildren of Al and Donna Larson
and Don and Diane McCabe
Pastor Dave, Pastor Chris and Vicki

Cyclamen Placed by:

Dave, Amy and Morgan Mielke
Mike and Judy Sellden
Steve, Jane Ben and Nathan Thielman

Begonias Placed by:

Roland and Jeanne Barchinger
Glen and Jodi Haekenkamp
Karen Mart-Taverna
Monna Morse
Dave and Kim Scheer
Gary and Maggie Stende
Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann
Mary Seiffert
Lynn and Arla Strege
Kim Ternes, Jack and Noah
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Jason, Bobbi, Matt and Lydia Hestdalen
Mary Seiffert
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Lily Placed by:

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Sue and Steve Buth
Ed and Carol Herrmann
Pastor Charles and Kathy Johnson
Dennis and Penny Kroshus
Terry and Margie Opp

Mums Placed by:

Danny and Diane Lee

Begonias Placed by:

Joe and Lori Pytlik
Wanda Roesler

Cyclamen placed by:

Mark and Kay Osman
Mike and Judy Sellden

Kalanchoe Placed by:

Joe and Lori Pytlik and family

In Loving Memory of:

Beaver family loved ones
Seed family loved ones
Grandson Landon
Bruce Elsner
Our grandson Shane Driscoll
Brian Hartwig
Kevin Hartwig
Neil Hashbarger
Our parents and our daughter Rachel
Beverly Medenwaldt
Grandparents and nephew Jack
Our parents
Pam's grandma Carla Kleppen
Grandpa Loren
Our parents

In Loving Memory of:

Grandparents Alfred and Roiene Kuska
and Uncle Dennis Kuska
Bill Sharpe, our co-worker and friend

In Loving Memory of:

Paula Mielke
Our parents
Jack and Audrey Thielman

In Loving Memory of:

Daughters Donna Jeanne Kragt and Cindy Crummy
Father Edwin Haekenkamp
Larry Mart
My husband Steve
David Jr.
Our parents
Eugene Paulsrud
Mother Ursula and Grandma Maria
Parents
Duane Matzke
Dad and husband Keith Wiest

In Loving Memory of:

Our grandparents
Our grandparents
My brothers Timmy and Randy
Grandpa and Grandma Wunderlich

In Honor of:

Sherrie's Mom Bernice Hangsleben
My mom, Mildred Stout, for her 90th birthday
Grandchildren Ari, Andrew, A.J. and Matt
Our children and grandchildren
Pastor Johnson's retirement for 42 years in ministry
Our grandchildren
Our parents

In Honor of:

Diane's mom, Arline Knutson, 95th birthday April 6

In Honor of:

Our children: Ian, Evan and Cooper
Parents

In Honor of:

Our children
Our children

In Honor of:

Our parents (grandparents)

Investing Workshop at Crosspointe Lutheran, Fargo

You are invited to a seminar on finding childcare at 6:30 p.m. and investing for future goals as college funds or retirement from 7-8:15 p.m. Monday, May 8. Go to the website www.crosspointelutheran.org under the events tab for more information.

Community Garden at Beautiful Savior

Plans are underway to start a community garden in the back of the church. If you are interested in helping, there will be a meeting later this month. Talk to Loretta Swanson or Tim Deitemeyer for more details.



High School Seniors Recognized

BSLC would like honor our high school seniors at worship Sunday, May 21, at both the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. services. Please attend the one that works best for you. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you as you expand your horizons. Congratulations to you all!



Summer Bible Camps

Have you thought about sending your children to a Lutheran camp this summer? Most camps offer an early registration discount. There are brochures in the narthex, or go to the camp websites for more information.

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads website is shretreat.org. It is located by the Peace Gardens.

Lutheran Island Camp website is www.islandcamp.org. It is located on East Battle Lake, Minnesota.

Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday school and adult Bible study will be done on Sunday, May 21. A big thank you to all our teachers and assistants for teaching our youth this year. Our hope is for you to sign up to teach vacation Bible school from June 4-8, have a great summer and come back next fall to lead the youth again!

Crossfire Youth Band

Our youth praise band for students in grades 6-12 will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7 and Saturday, May 13. They will play for worship Sunday, May 14. On Sunday, May 21, they will meet for a Dairy Queen year-end party. If you have questions, please call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

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.

May Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, May 3 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship
Wednesday, May 10 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship
Wednesday, May 17 - Youth Picnic
Wednesday, May 24 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship
Wednesday, May 31 - No Youth Group

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Wednesday, May 17 – Youth Picnic. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited for an outdoor activity and game night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. The event will include a barbecue dinner of hot dogs and brats. Bring a dish to share and your favorite outdoor game. Please fill out a form with Pastor Chris.

Friday, May 19 – Junior High Day at Thunder Road. Junior high students (sixth through eighth grade) are invited for some fun from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Thunder Road. We will have a short Bible study followed by the park attractions. Cost is \$14 for four tickets. Bring extra money if you would like to do more and if you would like a snack. Please fill out a form and see Pastor Chris for more details.



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Office Hours

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

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O-R	Adam Tykwinski	793-8170
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T-Z		

Elders are assigned families based on last name

Other Volunteers

LWML President:	Mary Seiffert	241-9032
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