



## August 2017

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## Important Stuff Needs to be Priority by Pastor Chris

Sometimes, really important stuff gets put on hold.

Sometimes, 2 or 3 p.m. comes calling, and I realize I haven't eaten lunch yet. Now the world may applaud such work ethic and dedication, but my dietician would not see this in a positive light. In fact, she would cite the different ways this practice harms me.

So many good things in life can become a casualty of time. Yet we often dismiss the carnage, saying that we will get to those priorities sooner or later. But before we know it, later has long since arrived and passed us by. Much later comes far too soon as we continue slouching toward never at all.

Our worship life can be a lot like that. We vow to get to church, but the summer ends before we have set foot in the sanctuary, where God graciously and gloriously meets His people for the distribution of His gifts: forgiveness of sins, strengthening of faith and much more.

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## Sunday School and Other Volunteers Needed

Sunday school wouldn't be a success without our volunteers! As the school year is quickly approaching, we are looking for people to teach, team-teach, assist in a classroom, help with memory work, take attendance, and looking not too far into the future... assist with the Christmas program. Let Bobbi Hestdalen, Pastor Chris or the office know if you would be willing to help our Sunday School program in any way.

Not only is the Sunday School program looking for volunteers, but there are also other committees in the church that would love to have you on them. If there is a program or activity in the church that you are interested in and would like to assist with, please visit with a member of the Church Council and they will get you connected with the right person.

## Call Committee Update

A survey was e-mailed out in July to members of the congregation to be filled out. If you have not yet completed one, there are extra copies in the narthex or call the church office. The surveys need to be turned in by July 31. Thank you to those who took part in the survey.

The Call Committee will gather the results and will be meeting in early August to analyze priorities and needs from the survey and then move forward with the process. Your input is very important, so be sure you fill out the survey!

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## Important Stuff Needs to be Priority

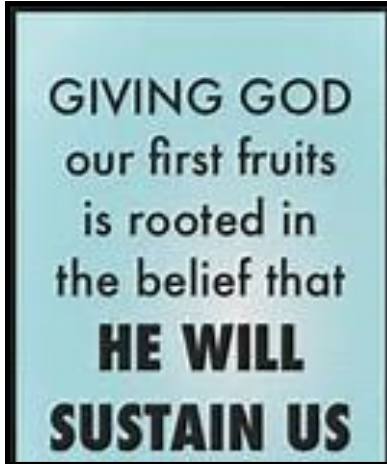
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And what about our giving? We vow to set something aside only to burn through our paycheck with no scraps to spend.

Firstfruits giving allows us to remain vigilant in our worship life and to manage our stewardship better.

Grounded in a practice from the Old Testament and realized and motivated by the Gospel, firstfruits giving means that I prioritize by giving back to God first. I first give God a portion of my income and then figure out how to spend the rest. Same thing can apply to my time. I set aside time to worship so that I might receive God's gifts, and then I schedule other activities as needed during the week.

Although this is not the way we operate, God is sacrificial in His giving to us. St. Paul writes in his first letter to the church in Corinth that **"Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep,"** (1 Cor. 15:20).



Paul means that because God's plan of salvation was realized through Christ, Jesus gives life to those with faith in Him. Christ had to suffer and die according to plan, but part of that plan was for Christ to be raised from the dead so that he will bear further fruit as He raises believers on the Last Day.

Paul also makes the case in Romans 8 that the firstfruits gift of the indwelling Spirit gives hope and faith to the Christian -- even in the midst of that believer's trials and suffering -- until God's plan comes to complete fulfillment on that Last Day.

As you race through life, don't put the important stuff on hold. Skipping church is like skipping meals: It is not good for your well-being! Cutting back on giving cuts out our part to partake in God's Kingdom work. Make time for Him!

Making time for God is not so much about doing things for Him as it is about Him doing things for you and those around you.

*Pastor Chris*

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## Two pastors for the Sudanese Community to be installed at BSLC

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church will have an installation and ordination service for Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak on Sunday, Sept. 17. All are invited to set time aside in the late afternoon and early evening to attend this service and a reception following the service.

In Mid-August, Daniel and Samuel will complete their studies through the Ethnic and Immigrant Institute of Theology at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. They have been called as assistant pastors at BSLC to the Sudanese community.

## Set Aside Time For Jesus!

August means last-minute summer fun, but remember to receive God's gifts each week during worship services, where God promises to meet and bless us through His Word. We will continue to offer 7 p.m. Wednesday worship through Aug. 23, while our 9 a.m. Sunday service will continue through Sept. 3.

### Important upcoming dates

#### Wednesday, Sept. 6

Confirmation classes begin at 6:15 p.m. for grades 7, 8 and 9.

#### Sunday, Sept. 10 – Rally Day

Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

## The "Beautiful Garden"

The Beautiful Garden at Beautiful Savior is flourishing for the most part, looking surprisingly well through drought-like conditions and bunnies. Even a red tomato has been spotted! Walk around to the backyard and check it out if you haven't already! It's not too late to get involved with the garden. We have different people come every week, so don't be shy. Just show up on a Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for some great fellowship and fun. We are done in time for 7 p.m. worship. This year is our "trial and error" year and we hope to expand next year.

## Flowers on Altar

Why not sign up for a bouquet in memory of or in honor of a loved one? Our flower chart is outside the office on the bulletin board. There are open spots for the next three months. Cost of a bouquet is \$20, and you can take them home after the service. Please designate the money to be for the altar flowers and place in the offering plate or leave in the office.

## Inviting All Ladies To Our Women's Retreat

Women of all ages are invited to attend the annual Lutheran Women's Missionary League retreat in Carrington Sept.15-17.

This year's theme is "Bearing Their Burden" and will be led by Rev. Tom Eckstein of Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown.

Discussion will be held on same-sex attraction and the hot-button issues that accompany it. Issues include same-sex marriage, and the burdens of sexual sin such as pornography and its impact on marriage.

There also will be other activities along with the Bible study and topic discussions.

Other events will include a Friday evening meet and greet with activities; packing Mercy Meals for a servant event and a Saturday evening banquet followed by a "No Talent" Talent show.

The retreat will end Sunday morning with a worship service.

Plan now to join your sisters in Christ. If it is a challenge to attend for the full weekend you are welcome to join us for just one day on Saturday. Your LWML president will gladly share registration material with you or you can find it on the website at [www.ndlwml.org](http://www.ndlwml.org). What was that you asked? What if you're not a member of the LWML? Please join us anyway! This is open to all women. Make your reservations today!

### BSLC Treasurer's Report

Through June 30, 2017

#### Receipts:

	<u>2017</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Actual</u>
General Fund	\$127,723	\$150,100	\$143,823
Building Fund	9,982	15,000	10,848
Other Designated	8,751	-	105,438
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$146,456</b>	<b>\$165,100</b>	<b>\$260,109</b>

#### Expenses:

	<u>Total Actual</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Total Actual</u> <u>2016</u>
Administration	\$109,035	\$118,918	\$113,824
Properties	21,426	21,625	21,226
Education	24,452	32,195	32,828
Boards	3,440	3,490	2,090
Worship, Supplies	1,333	3,295	2,394
Missions	14,511	19,262	19,987
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$174,197</b>	<b>\$198,785</b>	<b>\$192,349</b>

## Weddings

July 1 - Marley Linda Palm and Andrew James Strand at BSLC.

July 15 - Aubrie Ann Odegaard and Tyler Gene Laufenberg at BSLC.

July 21 - Kerry Bittner and Heather Peterson in Detroit Lakes, MN.



## Pastor Chris and His Broadcast on Main Street Living North

Pastor Chris gave the sermon on our locally broadcast "Main Street Living North" TV show on Sunday, June 11. His message was "The Trinity at Work" based on Acts 2:14a, 22-36. If you would like to watch the broadcast, go to our website: [beautifulsaviorfargo.com](http://beautifulsaviorfargo.com) then click on the Sermons tab.

"Main Street Living North" is broadcast at 10 a.m. every Sunday on KVRR. A different pastor from our area is featured each week. To learn more, go to their website: [mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://mainstreetlivingnorth.com). Donations to support this ministry are appreciated. Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living North", 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103 or you may donate by credit card on the website.

## No Quilting in August

Our quilting ladies are taking a break from quilting until September.

## 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.

## Life Is Like a S'more

While you are camping and enjoying this yummy treat, think about how our life is like a s'more. The graham crackers hold the treat together just as God is our firm foundation and rock on which we lean.

The marshmallow is the fluffy goodness that represents each of us as God molds and shapes into who we are.

The chocolate is a sweet temptation that represents our sin. It isn't always what it seems to be as it melts into our lives and we can be deceived.

S'mores can represent our life in summer – simple and sweet. But eating too many can end in a stomach ache. S'mores are a delicious treat that can just get too messy at times just as our lives can when we drift away from God and church.



## Elders for August

Dave Anderson and Mike Sellden are our elders for the month of August. Dave will be around on Sunday mornings and Mike on Wednesday evenings to take time to greet members and visitors, help the pastor with any needs and see that things run smoothly. If you have any concerns for ideas for our church, please talk to Dave or Mike or any of the elders.

## Service Group for August

Maggie Stende is our captain for August. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letter S. She will call you asking for treats or to help out with special events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Our September group will be T-Z with captain Kim Ternes and our October group will be A-Bo with captain Andrea Olson.

## Summer Bible Studies

### Sunday Sermon Questions, Comments and Answers

Sunday Mornings in the fellowship hall

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 proclamation and content. Your feedback and insights are important as God's Word does its saving work among us!

### Women's Bible Study

Our Women's Bible study groups that meet on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings will not meet in August. A new Bible study will begin in September.

### Gold Club Potluck Wednesday, Aug. 16

Are you young at heart yet retired and/or older than age 55? Do you wonder what Gold Club is? It's a time for all our older BSLC members to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and have fun. Hope you take time to come and enjoy fellowship. Bring a dish to share and join us at noon Wednesday, Aug. 16

### Christian Chicks Bookclub

Take some time this summer to read a Christian fiction book and join other readers to discuss the book. Our book this month is "Angels Walking: A Novel" by Karen Kingsbury. Our group will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28, at the Fargo Holiday Inn. If you have questions or want to find out more, please e-mail ChicksBS16@gmail.com.

### "Angels and Demons"

7 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Many believe that angels and demons are not part of reality. However, the Bible firmly teaches the truth that angels and demons have interacted with humans throughout history. Bible studies will share the truth about angels and demons using God's errorless Word. Join us on Tuesdays August 1 and 8, to learn more about these creatures and the implications for us today.

# Open House!



ALL SCHOOL

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7pm

Please join us to learn all about Grace Lutheran School and all we have to offer. Also learn about new updates, programs and financial aid! Also, new families can register for 1/2 off tuition for 2017-2018 school year (K-8) to be drawn that evening at 6:45pm. We look forward to seeing you for this great event!



# August Youth Events

## Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Aug. 2 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12  
Wednesday, Aug. 9 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12  
Wednesday, Aug. 16 - No LYF  
Wednesday, Aug. 23 - No LYF  
Wednesday, Aug. 30- 6 p.m. - Foot Golf at EL Zagal for grades 6-8

## Upcoming Fellowship Events

**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.

**Wednesday, Aug. 30: Junior High Goofy Golf at El Zagal** - Students in grades 6-8 are invited for a round of Foot Golf at 6 p.m. Aug. 30 at El Zagal Golf Course, 1400 Elm St N. in Fargo. Foot Golf combines soccer and golf gives people a new and fun alternative to swinging clubs. The course follows the regular golf fairways but with specific Foot Golf greens placed off to the side of the traditional putting greens. Cost is \$5 to play the course and \$2 to rent a soccer ball. You may bring your own soccer ball to avoid rental fees. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.

## Listen to BSLC Sunday Sermons



Did you miss church on Sunday? You now can listen to past Sunday sermons via our website: <http://beautifulsaviorfargo.com>. Click on the Sermons tab. The current week's sermon should be uploaded and ready for you to hear a few days after the Sunday worship.

## Updating our Website



We are in the process of updating the church website to include some new features (such as the audios of the sermons). If you have a suggestion of something you'd like to see on our website, we'd love to hear it. To share your ideas, please visit with Beth or Shayla Gustafson and we'll see what we can do to accommodate your request.

## Grace Lutheran School News

The 2017-2018 school theme is "The Fruits of the Spirit" from Eph.5:22-23. Each month, our school will focus on the Spirits of Joy, Peace, Self Control, Love, Goodness, Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness and Gentleness. It's going to be a fruitful year!

School activities start Aug. 21 with our new and improved "Back to School" night, held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be open sessions to hear valuable information and special sessions to meet your teachers and bring school supplies for your child's desk. The first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 23 .

Starting on Aug. 30, every Wednesday is "Welcome Wednesday." From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. we will have an open house for any prospective students so they can see what a day is like at Grace Lutheran School

Want to learn more about Grace Lutheran School enrollment or our new financial aid program? Just call our school principal John Hagge at 232-7747. Don't let financial situations stand in the way of a great education and character building experience.

To learn more about Grace, visit us on social media:

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

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

Instagram: [Gracelutheranfargo](https://www.instagram.com/Gracelutheranfargo)

# Sunday School Registration For 2017-2018

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. Consider teaching or assisting with a class this year. Forms also will be in the narthex and online. Thank you!

# Sunday School Supply Drive

We are gearing up for Sunday School and would appreciate some help stocking our classrooms with supplies. Here are just a few of the items we are looking for:

- construction paper
- cardstock
- glue sticks
- brass fasteners
- pencils
- paper plates
- invisible tape (refill or in a dispenser)
- dry erase markers, erasers and board cleaner

Please mark donations as for the Sunday school drive. You can leave the items in the office. Thanks for your donations!

## 2017-2018 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](mailto:office@bslcfargo.org).

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Names of Children</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade (2017-2018)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**I am interested in helping in the following areas:**

- Help with Christmas Program
- Administration
- Opening
- Music
- Teacher/Team Teacher/Sub.
- Classroom Helper
- Crafts

Sunday School begins **Sept. 10, 2017**

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.

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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