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God's message,
to grow in our
faith, to love and
serve others.

Putting Faith on Backburner May Result in Spiritual Fire

By Pastor Chris

Limited time offer! Hurry; act now! Will not last! Last chance!

The psychology behind the sell often taps into our fear that we will miss out on a great opportunity or lose something of incredible value.

In his second letter to the church in Corinth, Paul appeals to the fledgling Christians to consider the gift of salvation God has brought directly to them through the apostle's ministry. He writes: "Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation," (2 Corinthians 6:1-2).

Paul is not pushing some inferior product on the Corinthians that they don't really need. He's not trying to sucker the Corinthians into a false deal. Paul also does not really suggest that the Gospel is a limited time offer. He doesn't mean God's promises will not abide forever. As a former persecutor of the church, Paul knows full well that the one true God is patient, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Paul is quoting the Scriptures (Isaiah 49:8) and God's direct call and appeal to sinners.

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Important Upcoming Dates

Set Aside Time For Jesus!

We will continue to offer 7 p.m. in-person Wednesday worship through Aug. 26, while our 9 a.m. in-person and YouTube Sunday service will continue through Sept. 6.

Wednesday, Aug. 5 or Sunday, Aug. 9

Senior Recognition for 2020 high school graduates at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and 9 a.m. on Sunday

Wednesday, Sept. 9

In-person Confirmation classes begin at 6:15 p.m. for grades 7, 8 and 9. In-person Confirmation parent meeting will be at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 13 – Rally Day

In-person Worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

In-person Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

In-person LYF (grades 6-12) 7:30-9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Confirmation for 2020 confirmands at 10:45 a.m. worship service



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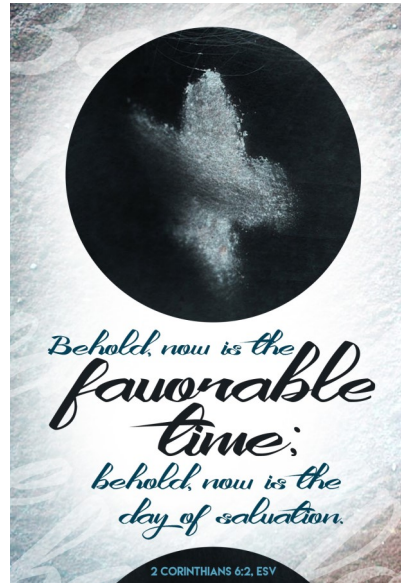
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Death can come for us at any time. That has become abundantly clear in the last few months. Jesus also tells us that he will come at a time we do not expect. Those without saving faith in Christ face an eternity of darkness, weeping and “gnashing of teeth.”

Garfield, the famous, lazy cartoon cat, once asked, “On what day do most diets begin?” If you know Garfield and his hatred for Mondays, one might assume Monday is on his mind. But the sly cat reveals the answer is “tomorrow.”

While we wait for the pandemic to subside, we might put faith on the backburner. We tell ourselves we will return to worship and Bible study eventually. Before you know it, we have gotten out of the habit and hunger for God’s Word. Tomorrow becomes next month or even next year and we have become apathetic and unresponsive. The Gospel, however, wakes us from our slumber with both incredible urgency and miraculous promise. Forgiveness of sins, strength and faith through God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament do not qualify as something that we don’t need or should pass on; they grant us God’s Holy Spirit so we may beat back the persistent advances of our sinful nature, the world and the assaults of the evil one.

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Pastor Chris

Volunteers Appreciated

- Thank you to all the volunteers who have been sanitizing the sanctuary and narthex each week to make sure we have a safe worship environment.
- Thank you to the video, sound, vocal and music crew that gather each week so that we have an awesome worship available each Sunday.
- Thank you to the volunteers that mow and trim each week and make sure the church yard looks so nice.

We are grateful for your service to your church family and the Lord!

Upcoming Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. Sunday morning

Bible study via Zoom - The topic will be “Sunday Sermon Questions, Comments and Answers.” The study is intended to allow for more feedback, participation and engagement from the congregation regarding sermon content and proclamation. Come with your questions, comments and insights! The study form will be emailed each week and is also available on the church website.

Please use the following information to access the Bible study.

Meeting ID: 882 2478 2029

Password: 497670

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88224782029>

For those of you using an iPad or mobile phone, download the Zoom app and enter meeting number 882 2478 2029. Password: 497670

9 a.m. Thursday Women’s Bible study via Zoom, a new Bible study beginning Aug. 6 - “A Study of the Ten Commandments - Love Rules.”

- What do the Ten Commandments do for you? Do they send you on a guilt trip? Are they a mirror of your frailties? Or do they hold life-changing love? This Bible study addresses one commandment each week and then follows up with four devotions from different angles.



Restore His House

Capital Campaign

Capital	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Campaign	\$289,450	\$330,000

BSLC Treasurer's Report

General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$44,676	194,886
Expense	24,016	188,285
Surplus	20,660	6,601

BSLC High School Seniors to be Honored

As a congregation, we would formally like to recognize our high school seniors at the 7 p.m. in-person worship service on Wednesday Aug. 5 or at the 9 a.m. in-person worship service on Sunday, Aug. 9. Please plan to attend one of these services. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you in your new endeavors. Congratulations to you!

BSLC Confirmation Date Set

Seven youth from our congregation will be confirmed at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sept. 27. Please pray for these individuals as they profess their Christian faith. Our confirmands are:

Karsen Lehfeldt	Benjamin Thielman
Brienna Leno	Nathan Thielman
Sam Lies	Leah Tykwinski
Brennan Palmer	

Confirmation Classes

As a part of our education ministry, BSLC offers confirmation classes for students in seventh through ninth grades. If you have a child in those classes, please have them join us in-person beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9. There will also be a short meeting following confirmation at 7:30 p.m. with parents to review our confirmation program this year. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian.

Memorials

John Opp (Terry Opp's Uncle)
Terry and Margie Opp

Hilda Gappert (Terry Opp's Aunt)
Terry and Margie Opp

Lynn Strege
Tim and Tina Deitemeyer
Arla Strege



Sunday School Volunteers Needed

We plan to have in-person Sunday school this fall. We are looking for people to teach, team-teach, assist in a classroom, help with memory work, take attendance, and assist with the Christmas program. Let Stacy Knudson, Pastor Brian or the office know if you would be willing to help our Sunday School program in any way.



Rocky Railway "VBS in a Box" "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through"

This year, VBS will be coming to Beautiful Savior families as "VBS in a box." Kids will discover through life's ups and downs that Jesus' power pulls us through. If you registered for a box, they will be available for pick up the middle of August. If you didn't register, there are a limited number of extra boxes available. Please contact Stacy Knudson at 701-306-4302 or Pastor Brian at 314-532-0012.



Lutherans for Life Regional Conference

The theme for 2020 is "From Invisible to Indispensable." Join us from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1005 First St., West Fargo, as we unpack this theme and what it means for the For Life movement. Speakers will be Pastor Chris Brademeyer, Heather Ruesch, Pastor Scott Licht and Col. John Eidsmoe. Please register online at <https://lutheransforlife.org/conference/>. Registration begins at 8:30. Lunch is included in the registration fee.

Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for Aug. will not be needed this month. Our Sept. group will be the letter H-K with captain Jodi Haekenkamp, if needed. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume fellowship. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Elders - At least one of our elders are here every Sunday morning. They greet members and visitors, help the pastor with any needs and see that all goes well. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the elders.

Gold Club - We will not be meeting this month. Gold Club is a time to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and some fellowship. Gold Club is for everyone, so feel free to join us for food, faith and fellowship. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

Quilting and Fellowship - We have resumed in-person quilting while practicing social distancing! Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 13 and 27. If you have any questions, please call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

BSLC Coffee Club - Coffee Club is back! Join us if you feel comfortable. BSLC members, men and women of any age are invited to gather at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo.

LWML - Loose Change Sunday Aug. 30 - bring change or bills to drop in the mite buckets.

As local, zone, and district gatherings are canceled, LWML encourages everyone to continue to collect and send in their mite offerings (and offerings to their local congregations). The needs of His people continue. Giving our mission dollars and praying for grant recipients gives glory to God and takes our minds off of difficulties we may be experiencing. We encourage women and men who are able, to increase their mission offerings to meet the possible shortfall in mission giving that may happen at this time.

Beautiful Garden - We meet at the garden at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays or whenever you are able. We are promoting social distancing so we ask that you keep a six-foot distance at all times and don't come if you are sick. If you haven't been able to come, we could really use your help! If you know of someone who doesn't have a garden and would enjoy the fellowship, send their contact information to: Tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.

"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Just what is a Christian and how does being one differ from the other religions and moral codes of the world? This is the question that Mr. Brownly is struggling with – and which was keeping him from openly sharing his faith with others. My guess is that there are many within our churches who will be able to identify with him. The *This is the Life* episode entitled "House of Sand" does an excellent job of answering this question! I encourage anyone who missed this episode to go to www.mainstreetliving.com and click on "Watch This Is The Life," then scroll down to the "House of Sand" episode (posted June 26) to watch this program!

Thank you for your much needed financial support! Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living North," 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website.

August pastors and sermons:

Aug. 2: Rev. Jonathan Durkopp, Trinity Lutheran Church, LaMoure and Trinity Lutheran Church, Adrian presents the message: "God's Care," based on Matthew 14:13-21. *This Is The Life program* "The Visit."

Aug. 9: Rev. Ron Hobbie, Zion Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church, Ada, MN, presents the message: "Have You Comprehended?" based on Job 38:18. *This is The Life program* "One Hour to Live."

Aug. 16: Rev. Richard Biberdorf, Grace Lutheran Church, Carrington, Zion Lutheran Church, Binford and Grace Lutheran Church, Cooperstown presents the message: "Choking Us with Cream," based on Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32. *This Is The Life program* "Trial By Fire."

Aug. 23: Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, Perham, MN, presents the message: "What's the Point," based on Romans 11:33. *This Is The Life program* "Red Trap."

Aug. 30: Rev. Paul Preus, Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale presents the message: "In the Likeness of Our Father," based on Matthew 5:38-39. *This Is The Life program* "Run Away."

Long Trip Alone

By Pastor Brian

In the world of country music, Dierks Bentley is a bona fide star. But his talent goes beyond his voice and his performance. Dierks Bentley is a gifted songwriter, known for crafting his lyrics with care.

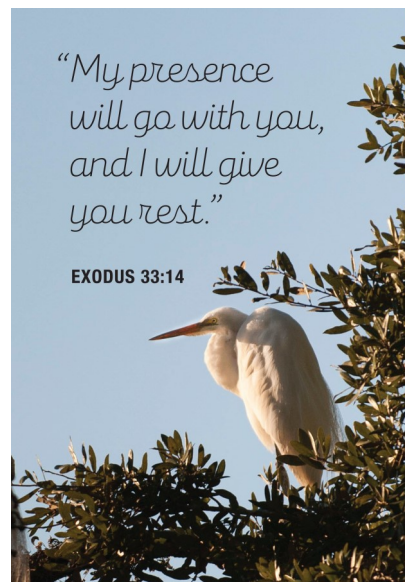
Of the songs he's written, one has a twist in how it came to be. The song is distinctive in tone. It is slow, thoughtful, somber. The title of the song is, "Long Trip Alone." As he began to write, Bentley had his marriage in mind. Picturing the years of his life as a journey, he intended to describe what it meant to have his spouse by his side. As he wrote, however, his perspective changed. By the time it matured into a finished piece, "Long Trip Alone" was no longer about a husband and a wife. Rather, "Long Trip Alone" was about the quiet, desperate need each of us has for the presence of the Lord.

Indeed, as Bentley describes it, your life and mine is "A long trip alone, over sand and stone." You know the hardships. You know the difficulties. You know the crushing disappointments. Left to ourselves, you and I would wander. We'd walk in circles. We'd stumble and fall. And as we did, the suffocating isolation would just grow worse until our pointlessness came to an end in some dark, despairing place.

That's what sin does—your sin and mine. Not only does it make the journey of life rugged and painful, it isolates us—separates us from God. It forces each of us to walk the long trip alone—a grip that ends in eternal death.

But that's why Jesus came. God's Son became one of us. He took the long trip through this broken world, living a perfect life on our behalf. Then he carried our sins to the cross, where he endured an aloneness that will forever defy description—an aloneness he endured in our place. And because he has, you and I, through faith in him, will never have to walk alone again.

In Exodus 33:14, the Lord promised Moses, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." In Christ, he makes the same promise to you and me.



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Grace Lutheran School News - Are you looking for a school that supports your child's faith, fewer kids in a classroom and feel like part of the family? For more information call GLS at 232-7747.

GLS new website: www.GRACELUTHERANSCHOOLFARGO.com

ARE YOU UNSURE ABOUT
CROWDED SCHOOLS AND
LACKING THE CONFIDENCE
TO HOMESCHOOL THIS FALL?

Grace Lutheran School
Small Classes
On-site Learning

Call 701-232-7747 to schedule a tour!
Find us at gracelutheralschoolfargo.com!

Let's Grow Grace!

Recruit Families & Save on Tuition

Enroll a new family at Grace for the 2020-2021 school year and you will receive:

Recruited families must start school.

Operation Christmas Child Information

School Supplies Needed: School supplies are on sale now and we need lots for OCC! They are at the best prices they will be all year right now! The top needs are crayons, colored pencils, markers, pencils, pens, scissors, erasers, pencil sharpeners, and glue sticks. Anything else is also welcome of course. We have the potential to pack well over 200 boxes if we get enough of those basic school supplies! Email Jennifer at: rnikrause@yahoo.com with any questions.



Packing Parties are being planned: The need to spread the Gospel message is greater than ever and OCC is proceeding while following recommendations for social distancing and safety. Instead of one huge packing party this year, we are planning on packing in smaller groups. Dates and times are yet to be determined. While the groups will be smaller, the potential is expanding. Due to some early generous donations we could easily exceed 200 shoe box gifts! Watch for future announcements highlighting wish list items to be sure we have all types of items covered. A complete list of gift ideas and Do Not Include list is available on the church website or on the donation box in the lobby.

New Facebook Group for local Shoebox Packers: FM Shoebox Packers is for anyone in the area and their friends and family wanting to be involved in OCC. There will be posts about things such as great deals and sales on items for boxes, how and where to donate, local events of interest such as collection week or packing parties, and encouragement for shoebox packers. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fargomoorheadshoeboxpackers> or search Facebook for "Fargo Moorhead Shoebox Packers".

<u>WOW" Items</u>	<u>Toys and Crafts</u>	<u>School Supplies</u>	<u>Hygiene/Accessories</u>	<u>PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE:</u>
Nicer toys	Cars	Crayons	Toothbrushes	Candy; toothpaste; gum;
Ball with pump	Jump rope	Markers	Bar soap	used or damaged items;
Outfit	Yo-yo	Pens	Comb or brush	war-related items such as
Doll	Finger puppets	Pencils w/sharpener	Washcloth	toy guns, knives, or military
Stuffed animal	Bracelet kit	Rubber bands	Hair bows or clips	figures; chocolate or food;
Puzzle	Origami paper	Paper clips	Ponytail holders	seeds; fruit rolls or other
Musical instrument	Coloring book	Solar calculator	Socks	fruit snacks; drink mixes
Flashlight w/batteries	Deck of cards	Notebook	Hat	(powdered or liquid); liquids
Legos	Watercolor set	Paper	Sunglasses	or lotions; medications or
<u>Fishing kit</u> - fish line,	Playdough	Scissors	Chapstick	vitamins; breakable items
hook, bobber, lure	Stickers	Ruler w/metric	Band-aids	such as snow globes or
<u>Sewing kit</u> - 1-2 yds.	Binoculars	Pencil case	Small blanket	glass containers; aerosol
Fabric, ribbon,	Compass	Index cards	Cup or water bottle	cans.
thread, needles, pins,	Magnets	Tape	Plate or bowl	
thimble, scissors	Kaleidoscope	Erasers	Blunt utensils	
<u>Tool kit</u> - small	Marbles	Glue sticks	Compact mirror	
hammer, screwdriver,	Rope or twine	Chalkboard and	Nail clipper	
wrench, pliers, NO knives	Slinky	chalk	Emery board file	
or saws	Etch a sketch		Stick deodorant	
<u>Multi-tool</u> - remove	Frisbee or Kite		New underwear	
knives	Pretend play items		Shoes	
<u>Gardening kit</u> - gloves	Tennis ball		Flip flops	
and trowel, NO seeds	Plastic animals		Backpack or sack	
	Hacky sack		Tote bag/purse	
	Chess or checkers			

August Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Join us for fun and fellowship!

Wednesday, Aug. 5 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

Wednesday, Aug. 12 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

Wednesday, Aug. 19 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

Register for Sunday School

It's time to register your child for Sunday School classes. This will help us with the planning and ordering of supplies. We plan to have in-person Sunday school beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Rally Sunday, Sept. 13. The registration form can be found below on this page. Please fill it out and return to the church office as soon as possible. Consider teaching or assisting with a class this year. Forms are also available on the church website under the "Resources/Links" tab. Thank you!



2020-2021 Pre-K-6th Grade Christian Education Registration Form

Please fill out this form and return it to the church office.

You may also email the completed form to the church at office@bslcfargo.org.

Name of parent(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell: # _____ Parent name: _____ E-mail _____

Cell: # _____ Parent name: _____ E-mail _____

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: _____

May we use pictures of your child on BSLC social media, website and publications?

Yes ☐ No ☐ _____

guardian/parent signature

Names of Children

Birthdate

Age

Grade (2020-21)

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I am interested in helping in the following areas:

☐ Teacher

☐ Attendance

☐ Memory Work

☐ Team Teacher/Sub

☐ Classroom Helper

☐ Crafts

☐ Help with Christmas Program

Please indicate a preferred grade _____

Sunday School begins **Sept. 13, 2020**

Sunday School Classes available for children ages 3 thru Grade 12

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Office Hours

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

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. in-person and via YouTube

Wednesday Worship at 7 p.m. in-person

Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sundays via Zoom

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

Pastors are also available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call ahead for an appointment.

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