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Sunday School Registration Form

August Youth Events

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

I may be a former journalist, but I'm still a sucker for an odd or amusing news story. So I couldn't help clicking on this recent headline: "Bull in a China Shop: Bull Goes on a Shopping Spree in downtown Park Rapids."

Valley News Live reported that this naughty bovine spent 45 minutes moooving on Main Street before finally kowtowing to its owner. Police blocked streets so people could safely corral the animal. Cowtastrophe averted!

We sinners run like bulls in a China shop. We indulge the domineering, self-centered, self-righteous and self-possessed sinful nature. We see red, charge ahead and break God's commands while trampling on God's creation and creatures. What a mess!

But God doesn't let sin and death win the day! He doesn't let these enemies completely consume His creation. After the fall into sin, God barred the way to the tree of life "lest man reach out his hand and live forever in a fallen state." God drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden, He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-24).

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By Pastor Chris



Important Upcoming Dates

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. 31, while our 9 a.m. Sunday service will continue through Sept. 4.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

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

Sunday, Sept. 11 – Rally Day

Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.
Third-graders Receive Bibles at 8:15 or 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

LYF Youth Group (grades 6-12) 7:30-9 p.m.

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With the tree of life now beyond man's reach, God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son to take on flesh and accomplish the restoration and salvation of mankind. Jesus does this not by charging forward His own way, but by perfectly obeying the Father's will and becoming obedient unto death. Jesus does this "by the tree

of the cross that, where death arose, there life might also arise again and that the serpent, who overcame by the tree of the garden, might likewise, by the tree of the cross, be overcome," (Proper Preface for Holy Week).

You have been united to Jesus in your baptism. You have been buried and raised with Him. The tree of the cross is part of your story! Paul puts it this way: "We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives





ROMANS 6:11

he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus," (Romans 6:6-11).

By the power of His Gospel, our Lord placed you under His charge, not your own bull-headed ways. Jesus changes everything! "Sin no longer has dominion over you because you are not under law, but under grace!" (Romans 6:14).

Cowtastrophe averted! Thanks be to God!



NYG to Host Presentation for Envelope Sponsors

Eight youth, three adult leaders and Pastor Brian went to the National Youth Gathering in Houston. They had a great



time learning more about how our God is "In All Things." The youth were actively engaged by the speakers at the gathering and were able to go to sessions on topics they were interested in. They also enjoyed the mass event each night when almost 20,000 people gathered together to sing, listen and worship our God who is involved "in all things." Thank you for praying for us during trip.

The NYG youth will host a presentation for those who supported them through the envelope sponsorship fundraiser. Mark your calendars for 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28 right after our Sunday morning Bible class.

Upcoming Bible Studies

10:15 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: "Death, Heaven, Resurrection and the New Creation" - Death is a reality we all must face. Some embrace death as a friend. Others fear it, seeking to avoid it at all costs. But Christians find hope in the Lord Jesus, who overcame the grave. Death has no hold over Jesus, and it will have no hold over you.

7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: "Overcoming Life's Sorrows:
Learning from Jeremiah" - This tour of the book of Jeremiah shows us how to find comfort amid life's grief and heartbreaks by pointing us to Jeremiah's reliance on God and ultimately pointing us to Jesus, the real "man of sorrows" and the One in whom all hope and joy are found. This study is offered in person and via Zoom. You may enter the meeting manually: Meeting ID: 878 698 0623; Passcode: 497670

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study (in person): We will be taking the month of August off. Beginning Thursday, Sept. 8, we invite you to grab a cup of

your favorite
warm beverage
and join us in
"Sip, Savor, and
Drink Deeply"

by Deb Burma.

This study will give a way of taking familiar coffee-shop imagery, connecting it to our daily lives and pouring in the rich aroma and flavor of God's Word. If you would like to join the group, let Shirley Elsner know. The book costs \$10.80.

7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18: Married Couple Bible Study - The married couple small group Bible study will be taking a look at what God's Word has to say about marriage and showing it is still so relevant today!

7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22: Men's Bible Study - Enjoy fellowship with other men from our church and learn what the Bible says about the vocation God has given us.



Final Wednesday Night Potluck

Before the Wednesday night service on Aug. 24, we will be hosting our final potluck meal for the summer. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Beautiful Savior. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Bring a dish or dessert to share and enjoy a meal and some fellowship with your church family!

BSLC Seeks Long Range Planning Committee Members

We are looking for individuals interested in serving on a long range planning committee to determine the best use for the land just to the north of the church building. If interested contact one of the pastors.

BSLC Business Directory

If you are interested in listing your business, side business, special license or other certification such

as a notary, we would like to include you. Please register your business by filling out the business directory card available in the narthex or sending an email to the church office by Sept. 1. When we have the list compiled, we will make a directory available to all BSLC members.



Adopt-a-Seminary Student Update

We will be posting updates from Andrew on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please feel free to pray for Andrew and send notes, cards and gifts to encourage him as he prepares to serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry. Make sure to let him know you are from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church! Send correspondence to:

Vicar Andrew Frerichs c/o The Lutheran Church at Vestavia Hills 201 Montgomery Hwy. Vestavia Hills, AL 35216-1801

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund				
Oper. Fund	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>		
Contributions	27,999	184,190		
Expense	<u>33,657</u>	<u>197,614</u>		
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(5,658)	(13,424)		

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 one of those classes, please have them join us in-person beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7. 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.

Seventh Grade Confirmation Teacher Needed

Prayerfully consider if you would be willing to help with the confirmation program at Beautiful Savior. The curriculum is already done for you. We meet from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights from Sept. through April. If you are interested, contact Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian.

Sunday School Begins Sept. 11, Volunteers Needed

Sunday school begins Sept. 11 and it's time to register your child for class. The registration form can be found on page 7 of the newsletter or on the church website.

As the school year approaches, 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

There are other ways you can serve Beautiful Savior. 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.

LCMS District Office is Hiring

in any way.

The LCMS ND District Office is hiring an office manager. Key job duties include customer service, accounts receivable, accounts payable, publishing and file management. Position is located in Fargo and is 20-25 hours per week. Contact Tami Ulland at (701) 360-1469 or lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com.

Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our captains will call asking for treats or help with events. Thanks for your help. August: O-R with captain Wanda Roesler September: S with captain Maggie Stende

Elders - Our elders greet members and visitors, help the pastors with any needs and see that all goes well at worship service. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the other elders.

Quilting and Fellowship - We meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Join us from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11 and 25. Feel free to come and go as you are able. If you have any questions, call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

BSLC Coffee Club - 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.

Gold Club - Join us for some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next get-together will be at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 17. We will be having a picnic lunch so bring a picnic dish to share (but leave the ants at home). Gold Club is for everyone!

Beautiful Garden Group - If you haven't come in a while, we have veggies to pick, a bit of weeding and some fun and fellowship. Bring your gloves, water to drink, a hoe and any smaller boxes, cloth bags or containers to put veggies in. We work in the garden at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday and 8 a.m. Saturday, or whenever you are able. We finish in time so gardeners can attend mid-week worship. Please email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com if you wish to be added to the communications list!

LWML - We will take the month of August off and resume meeting in September.

ND District Fall Retreat "Consecrated": Save the date for Friday - Sunday, Sept. 16-18 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads in St. John, ND. Cost is \$70 for lodging and \$70 for registration. Forms are in the narthex.

Fall Luncheon: BSLC will be hosting a salad luncheon at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. It will start with entertainment and a short presentation by Hope, Inc. This will be followed by a lunch with tea and a special donation to Hope, Inc. If you are interested in hosting a table, contact Kim in the church office.

Baptisms

July 10: Luka James Michael Tostenson, son of Patrik and Lily Tostenson, born April 8, 2022. His sponsors are Michael Kuna, Alejandra Maytorena-Diaz, Oluwasegun Paul Omotoye, Karla Omotoye, Sami and Tana Krog.

July 24: Ryder Lee Smith, son of Austin and Abby Smith, born March 2, 2022. His sponsors are Aaron Telander, Ashley Telander and Cassie Van Horn/Smith.

Weddings

May 25: Daniel Sherman and Tashina Bakke at Island Park, Fargo, ND.

Deaths

July 12: Leland "Lee" Niemann, 88, passed away at Edgewood Assisted Living in Fargo.

Leland was born March 20, 1934, in Frazee, MN, the son of Arthur and Emma (Breitenfeldt) Niemann. He attended St. Paul Lutheran Church Elementary School and graduated from Frazee High School. Leland set pins at the bowling alley, later did factory work in South Bend, IN and worked as a logger.

On Dec. 2, 1955, he married JoAnne Christensen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Frazee. To this union two sons were born. They made their home in Frazee and Leland began his career as a truck driver with Daggett Trucking. He moved to Fargo in 1988 and worked as a dispatcher for Daggett Trucking at the West Fargo Stockyards. He retired Jan. 1, 1993, with 36 years of safe driving awards and logging 4,137,287 miles.

He enjoyed playing cards and bowling. In his retirement years, he served as Properties Director at BSLC and traveled with JoAnne.

Leland is survived by his sons: Alan (Janet) Niemann; Kevin (Jan DeYonge) Niemann; grandchildren: Amanda, Justin (Monita) and Jason (Samantha) Niemann; great grandchildren: Opal, Cove, Harper, Alder and Noah. He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Emma Niemann and wife JoAnne in 2000.

Memorials

Leland Niemann:
Dave and Kim Scheer
Loretta Swanson
Larry and Vicki Peihl





"Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;" (Psalm 119:37).

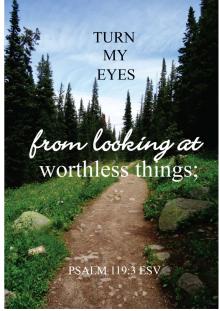
What do our eyes decide to look at? A compelling article from the University of Melbourne gives this some thought. For quite some time, the dominant theory has been that people's eyes automatically focus on whatever is bright and shiny in front of them. For example, if you show someone a picture of a drab city street with a bright yellow taxi, the person will first look at the taxi.

Recent work in this area, however, suggests there's another factor in what our eyes choose to see. Rather than just looking at what is bright and shiny, our eyes also seek out those things that are meaningful to us. And what is meaningful? There's the big question. The answer to that question can vary from person to person.

In Psalm 119, the Holy Spirit moved the psalmist to pray, "Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things." Our ancient enemy, the devil, knows it rarely works for him to attack us directly and demands that we turn our eyes away from Jesus. Instead, he's learned that the more he can get us to fix our eyes on other things—things that seem more important and urgent at the moment—the more he can gently nudge us away from our Savior.

And here's the tricky part. The thing that pulls our attention away from Jesus does not need to be an inherently bad thing. It might be a wonderful thing. Maybe it's a relationship, family, hobby, career, retirement planning, or keeping up with the news.

All well and good in and of themselves, but when I slip into presuming that one of these good things is more worthy of my ongoing attention than my Savior, then Satan has set his hooks. Disaster awaits.



Thank God for Jesus. Not only has He washed us clean at the cross, but He also continues to pursue us with His Holy Spirit. He empowers us to come to repentance, to turn our eyes away from relatively worthless things, to fix our eyes upon Him all over again.

"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction," (2 Timothy 4:2.) what a tremendously important directive for all times. It is so important these days when the pressure is increasing to change and totally disregard what God has revealed regarding the sanctity of human life and His creation of male and female in the image of God!

Your financial support, checks may be sent to Main Street Living North, 821 Fifth Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website. Thank you.



August pastors and sermons are as follows:

Aug. 7: Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, presents the message: "Myopia Gives Way to Faith in Jesus" based on Luke 12:22-40. *This Is The Life*: "No Laughing Matter."

Aug. 14: Rev. Daniel Larsen, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Henning, MN, presents the message: "Heresy" based on Jeremiah 23:16-29. *This Is The Life*: "My Husband, My Sorrow."

Aug. 21: Rev. Christopher Brademeyer, St. John's Lutheran Church, Oakes, presents the message: "The Offices Christ Bestows" based on I Corinthians 12:1-11. *This Is The Life*: "The Cup."

Aug. 28: Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: "Angels Unaware" based on Hebrews 13:1-2. *This Is The Life*: "Stranger at the Door."



Memory Verse Challenge

Aug. 7: Hosea 14:9 - Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

Aug. 14: 1 Kings 8:27-28 - But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day.

Aug. 21: Ephesians 3:20–21 - Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Aug. 28: Exodus 6:6-7 - Say therefore to the people of Israel, "I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."

Beautiful Savior Celebrates 40 Years

The eighth in a series on the history of BSLC

In the 40 year history of Beautiful Savior, we have had three head pastors, two assistant pastors, four administrative assistants and two paid youth workers.

3/82 - Rev. Mervyn Bauer installed as pastor

7/90 - Rev. David Wagner installed as pastor

6/08 - Rev. Chris Waldvogel installed as assist. pastor 9/17 - Samuel Majak installed as Sudanese pastor

9/17 - Daniel Mapur installed as Sudanese pastor

11/17 - Rev. Chris Waldvogel installed as head pastor

6/18 - Rev. Brian Shane installed as vicar

6/19 - Rev. Brian Shane installed as assistant pastor

Youth Workers

Fall 2001 - Jay Schaefer, part-time 9/02 - Jay Schaefer, full-time 11/07 - Shanara Lassig, part-time

<u>Administrative Assistants</u> 5/98 - Jennifer Bolgrean, part-time 10/06 - Jeanne Corbett, part-time

10/07 - Vicki Peihl, part-time BSLC/part-time ND District

4/18 - Kim Scheer, part-time

CrossTraining

Bible Memory Verse

CrossTraining is for children in first through fifth grade. CrossTraining will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. CrossTraining involves food (spiritual and physical), fun and fellowship. Contact Pastor Brian with any questions.



Grace Lutheran School News

Susan Jahnke, our principal, recently graduated from the School Leadership Development (SLED) program through the LCMS which is designed to help grow leaders for Lutheran schools. Congratulations, Susan!

Thank you to the North Dakota District LWML and Immanuel Lutheran Church's VBS for their donation of school supplies.

Our current enrollment is about 105 students and there is work to do prior to school starting on Aug. 24. We opened a second Pre-Kindergarten classroom. We have reopened the portable building that houses two classrooms and it is in need of paint. Please contact Amy or Susan at 701-232-7747 if you or your group can assist in this project.

A work day is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. It takes many volunteers to put the final touches on the school. The work will be ongoing all day and lunch will be served.

Calendar:

August 13 – Work Day, 9 am August 22 – Tell the Teacher More Day August 24 – 8:30 a.m. First Day of School September 5 – No School, Labor Day September 13 – 6 p.m. Back to School Night

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Information

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, and pencil sharpeners. Anything else is also welcome of course. Our goal is to pack 200 boxes again this year. Watch for future announcements highlighting wish list items to be sure we have all categories covered. A complete list of gift ideas and the Do Not Include list can be found on the donation box in the narthex or on the church website. Email Jennifer at: rnjkrause@yahoo.com with any questions.

2022-2023 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: ____ State: Zip Code: City: 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? quardian/parent signature Names of Children Birthdate Age Grade (2022-23) 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. 11, 2022 Sunday School Classes available for children ages 3 thru Grade 12

August Youth Events

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

Wednesday, Aug. 3 - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12 **Wednesday, Aug. 10 -** from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, Aug. 24 - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, Aug. 31 - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

BSLC/ LYF NEWS

Monday, Aug. 8: Back to School Youth Event at Thunder Road - This event is for sixth through twelfth-graders in the fall. Enjoy laser tag, miniature golf, go-cart rides, batting cages and more, along with Bible study. Parents please drop off and pick up your kids from Thunder Road. We will be meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 8. Cost is \$20 for 5 tickets if paid by Aug. 7. Otherwise, the cost is \$25 at the door. Snacks will be provided. Forms are on the church website or in the narthex and may be returned to the office. For more information, call Pastor Brian at 293-1047.

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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:

Wednesday at 7 p.m. in-person only Sunday at 9 a.m. in-person & via YouTube Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Sunday

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Pastors are also available by appointment Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Worship Services available at:

www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com www.youtube.com www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo Sermon podcasts on our website & iTunes app

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