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Midweek Advent Services

**7 p.m. on Wednesdays,
Dec. 6, 13 and 20**

"Taking Back the Faith: The Solas
Of the Reformation"

Advent Suppers

6 p.m. Wednesdays

Soup and Sandwiches

Please bring soup, desserts and
sandwiches if you are able.

Set-up and clean-up groups are:

Dec. 6 T-Z (Kim Ternes)

Dec. 13 A-BO (Andrea Olson)

Dec. 20 BR-D (Sherrie Anderson)

Children's Christmas Programs

Sunday, Dec. 17

8:15 a.m.

The preschoolers through second
graders present their Christmas
program.

10:45 a.m. "The King and Me"

Our third-through-sixth grade
students will share their talents in
music and drama.

Munchies for Mission

Sunday, Dec. 3

Buy delicious Christmas
goodies after each worship
service and support our
LWML mites.

Advent Fun Shop

1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3

Fun for preschoolers
through fifth-graders.

Christmas Tea

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3

Good food, entertainment
and a silent auction.

Elders' meeting

Monday, Dec. 4

Voters' Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 10

Potluck at 11:45 and
meeting to follow.

Gold Club Potluck

noon Wed., Dec. 13

Fun with other
BSLC members.



Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, Dec. 24
Regular Worship 10 a.m.

Candlelight Worship
3:30 and 5 p.m.



Christmas Day Worship

Monday, Dec. 25
10 a.m.

Lord's Supper
to be celebrated



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

Pastor Chris Installed as Senior Pastor at Beautiful Savior



Back row: Pastor Adam Harvala, Pastor Leo Deitemeyer, Pastor Steve Schulz, Pastor Daniel Mapur, Pastor Clark Jahnke, Pastor Paul Bunkowske.
Front row: Pastor Samuel Majak, Pastor Charles Johnson, Pastor Christopher Waldvogel and ND District President Arie Bertsch.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church welcomes Pastor Chris Waldvogel as our new senior pastor. An installation worship was held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12; followed by a delicious meal of pork, potatoes, coleslaw and bars.

The Sudanese congregation provided special music, along with the BSLC choir, directed by Ramsey Dahl.

North Dakota District President Arie Bertsch preached and installed Pastor Chris, while Pastor Steve Schulz served as the liturgist.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported Pastor Chris at this special worship.

Bible Studies

“Waiting for Christmas: The Importance of Advent”

9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings
Dec. 3 and 10

People can't wait for anything anymore. We binge watch entire seasons of shows. The holiday shopping season kicks off on Thanksgiving instead of Black Friday. Can we wait for Christmas? December marks the beginning of the church year and the season of Advent. But what is Advent? What does it mean? What's the significance of the Advent wreath? Come discover more about this regal and royal season of anticipation as we explore hymnody and readings from this often overlooked (and often skipped) time of the church year.

“Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?”

7 p.m. Tuesday,
Dec. 5

Imitation Christs roam in and out of our spiritual conversations, lives and beliefs. Do you know these false Christs? Do you worship them? Join us as we examine Dr. Matt Richard's book that not only identifies 12 common false Christs found in our culture but also reveals the true Jesus Christ found in the pages of Holy Scripture.

New Member Class

7 p.m. Thursday,
Dec. 7

Our new member class reviews teachings of the Bible. We invite those interested in learning more about the Bible or those interested in joining our congregation to attend this class. BSLC members are also invited to come as this study will help you grow in your faith and Christian life. Our class meets at the church at 7 p.m. Thursdays. Questions? Talk to Pastor Chris.

Christmas Tea Will Be Dec. 3

Our Christmas Tea will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. It's not too late to sign up to attend, but seating is limited. Call the office now to register. Enjoy delicious food, hear some wonderful entertainment and bid on interesting silent auction items. Monies collected will benefit the Main Street Living TV program. It will be a relaxing Christmas activity to enjoy.

Munchies For Missions

The LWML Munchies for Missions bake sale will be on Sunday, Dec. 3, after both worship services. Bring your containers to the church between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, Dec. 2, so they can be priced. Then plan to shop on Sunday, Dec. 3, before and after both worship services, and take home a variety of tasty goodies for the holidays. Thank you for participating in this fundraiser for LWML Mites.

Christmas Caroling

LWML invites congregation members young and old to bring some Christmas cheer to some wonderful people! Wear a Christmas sweater or scarf, anything to dress festive for the afternoon and join us on Sunday, Dec. 17. We will start at Touchmark at 1 p.m. and then go to Bethany Homes at 3 p.m. Watch for more details on carpooling options and where to meet.

Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Board would like to thank everyone who helped out with the information tables during the month of November. It was encouraging to see people stopping to visit and a number of groups were able to get people to be involved.

If you haven't already, please turn in your pledge card and complete the Growing In Faith Together survey (on the church website).

Survey responses will be evaluated during Christmas break, and we will be following up through the next few months to assist members with getting involved in their areas of interest.

Big Thank You to BSLC Members

God's blessings to all the members of our Beautiful Savior family who so graciously stepped forward in service for Pastor Chris' installation and for Gerry Fiechtner's funeral. The outpouring of people supplying bars, helping set up, serving the food and doing the clean up was gratifying. That was showing our love for our Risen Lord in doing gifts of service.

Operation Christmas Child:

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts!

We had a great group of middle-and-high school kids packing boxes between church services on Nov. 19. We were able to fill 27 boxes. We ran out of empty shoeboxes and still have enough items to pack at least five to seven more boxes, which we will take with when we volunteer at the OCC Processing Center in Minneapolis on Dec. 9.

A huge thanks also to those who pitched in with the shipping cost! This allowed us to pay online so we can track where the boxes will go. We'll let you know when we find out. Please pray for the children who will receive these boxes that as they open these gifts, their hearts will also be opened to the gift of Jesus!

Mitten and Sock Tree

Donations are being taken for a mitten and sock tree. Bring in new mittens, caps, scarves or gloves for children or adults. The items will be donated to the schools. Socks of all sizes will be donated to Churches United. Thanks for filling our tree.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

January through Oct. 2017

<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	26,092	\$246,299
Expense	21,363	\$259,559
Net Income (Loss)	\$4,729	(\$13,260)

Baptisms

Nov. 14 - Remington James Zulauf, son of Emily Bartz and Justin Zulauf, born Sept. 7, 2017. His sponsors were Bradley Bartz, Dorothy Bartz and Michael Bartz.

Deaths

Nov. 15 - Gerald "Gerry" Fiechtner passed away in Fargo. His funeral was at BSLC on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Gerry was a charter member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church; the first organist of the church, playing for 14 years and served on many BSLC boards. He loved to sing and was well known for his version of "Were You There" sung on Good Friday before Easter.

Gerry is survived by his wife Joan, sons Jon and Matthew (Juliette); daughters Lori Paakh and Teresa (Shawn) Driscoll; grandchildren: Jessica, Jocelyn, Laura, Melissa, Jillian, Pierce and Grayson; great grandchildren: Sterling, Noah and James; a sister, a sister-in-law, nieces and nephews; and Ed (Carol) Herrmann, who Gerry considered as his brother. Gerry was preceded in death by his grandson, Shane Driscoll and his brother, Bob.

Elder for December

Paul Asche is our elder for December. He will be here Sunday mornings to 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 Paul or any of the elders.

Service Group for December

Diane Lee is our captain for December. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters E-G. She will call you asking for treats or help for other events. Thanks for helping. Our January group will be H-K with captain Jodi Haekenkamp.

BSLC Coffee Club

Every Friday, BSLC members gather at 9 a.m. at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. This is for both men and women of any age.

Voters' Meeting and Potluck Dec. 10

There will be a voters' meeting on Sunday, Dec. 10, along with a potluck (about 11:45 a.m.). Bring your favorite dish to share if you are able. Discussion will be held on the 2018 budget, a call committee report and other reports. Please plan to attend.

Gold Club Lunch Wednesday, Dec. 13

Take a break this December from the Christmas rush to come to Gold Club. Bring a special dish to share if you can and enjoy a potluck meal at noon Wednesday, Dec. 13. Let the fellowship of BSLC members surround you with God's love this month.

Poinsettias for the Altar

Give a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$12. After Christmas, you may take home your poinsettia.

Confirmation Picture Display

Take time to look at the new picture display by the office. The display was given in memory of Gordy Swanson. Kim Scheer has put up the confirmation pictures of all the classes since BSLC first became a church. There are some years missing, so if you have a confirmation class picture for the years of 2009 or 2016, please bring it to the church office. Thanks to Kim for doing such a wonderful job on the pictures.

Memorials to BSLC in Memory Of

Keith Gregerson

Ginni Fasteen and Ruth Pratt

Duane and Maxine Boehning

Paul Fredrickson (their family dentist)

Thanks from Vicki

Thank you to all those who sent gifts, cards and words of encouragement at my cake reception at BSLC on Nov. 5. I enjoyed visiting with all of you. It does not seem like 10 years since I started in the office. I'm blessed and privileged to have gotten to know so many wonderful people.



Don't forget about God's gifts waiting in the Divine Service

by Pastor Chris

A few weeks ago during the children's sermon, I asked the kids if they left any Christmas gifts unopened and under the tree. Their confused faces told me all that I needed to know: The very thought seemed so ridiculous that it bordered on outrage.

"Who would do that?" one child asked.

But many gifts do go unclaimed, unappreciated, exchanged or forgotten. Even gift cards fall into this category. In 2014, more than \$750 million in cards went unused. The year before, that total reached more than \$1 billion.

I can hear the kids now: "Who would do that?"

As we enter the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we remember that God sent a much more valuable gift into the world, Jesus Christ, a savior for all mankind, who would save people from their sins, and in turn, save them from death and separation from God.

This savior, true God and true man, accomplished God's rescue mission by living a perfect life without ever committing a single crime or sin. Yet he was condemned to a criminal's death on a cross. There, His Holy precious blood and innocent suffering and death satisfied the wages of sin, death and separation from God.

But Your savior does not just reside in the pages of history; this living Lord has promised to come to you directly through Word and Sacrament. Here, Christ grants you His words of forgiveness. He sends His Holy Spirit that you might believe His word, turn from

your sin, and turn toward God. He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies His people, keeping them in the one, true faith. True gifts are waiting for you every time you come to church!

Ephesians 4 expresses God's gifts distributed through the office of the Holy Ministry and the church.

Quoting Psalm

68, Paul writes of Christ: "When he ascended on high, he led a host of captives and he gave gifts to men."

God's Word and the Spirit allows us to see the divine service for what it is. The very thought of letting God's gifts go unclaimed, unappreciated, exchanged or forgotten seems so ridiculous that it borders on outrage. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God's children exclaim: "Who would do that?"

God himself moves us to come to church each week like little eager, joyous children on Christmas morning to regularly receive what Christ so freely gives, and more importantly, receive the gift of God himself dwelling in our midst to care for and to save His beloved people.



Pastor Chris



Pledges for BSLC Stewardship

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card to help BSLC plan its 2018 budget. Pastor's sermon on Nov 26 was on finances, how the church uses your donations and our current financial standing regarding a second pastor. The sermon is available to listen to on our website. As you are making your pledge, prayerfully consider how richly God has blessed you and what God's work is for you in our congregation. Show your support by sending in your pledge card. Thank you to all who already turned in their cards. If you need a pledge card, you can pick one up in the narthex.

"Simply Giving" Automatic Withdrawal for Offering

Members can choose to have their offerings automatically transferred from their checking or savings account. It is simple to sign up for or to change. Contact the office for the forms to set up these types of donations.

Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available to be picked up in the narthex. If you don't find your envelopes, please let the office know, and a box can be made available for you. Thank you for taking home your envelopes.

“Main Street Living North” TV Program

Main Street Living will celebrate our first year of Sunday morning broadcasting the good news of Jesus Christ through our TV ministry program! Nearly all of our LCMS pastors within the broadcast area of our Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts have led the 30-minute worship service at least once.

However, there is currently only funds to cover our broadcasting fees through the first Sunday in December, so Christmas donations would be greatly appreciated! It is our hope and prayer that viewership and donations will continue to increase during our second year of broadcasting, but the next several months will be a crucial time for the financial support of our relatively new LCMS TV ministry!

Our worship program may be viewed at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings on KVRP or online at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

Financial support checks may be sent to “Main Street Living North”, 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103. You also may donate by credit card or a PayPal account at: www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com. Thank you and God’s blessing in Christ!

Please note that the monies collected at the BSLC Christmas tea will be donated to this TV ministry program

Barnes & Noble Book Fair in Support of Grace School

Grace Lutheran School will have a special book fair on Saturday, Dec. 9, at Barnes and Noble, 1201 42nd Street S., Fargo. There will be special story time and craft activity at 3 p.m. If you can’t make it to the book fair, you can visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online by entering Bookfair ID 12068177 at checkout. A percentage of your Barnes and Noble purchases will benefit our school! The online support will be from Dec. 9 through Dec. 14. Thanks for your support.

Sunday School in December

Regular Sunday school classes will be held on Dec. 3 and 10. The preschool-through second-grade students will have their Christmas program at 8:15 a.m. Dec. 17. The third-through-sixth grade students will present their program at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 17. There will be no Sunday school on Dec. 24 and 31. Regular class will resume Jan. 7.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will practice at 7 p.m. on Sundays Dec. 3 and 10. A Christmas party is planned for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Questions? Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

Grace Lutheran School News

Grace will have their Christmas musical at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 and 15. “Meet me at the Manger” is about a group of kids who are performing a manger scene in Herod’s Department store on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, Herod informs them that there is “no room for them in the store.” The kids decide to take their performance down the street to the Lighthouse Mission. Along the way, they meet some interesting characters and help Herod discover the true meaning of Christmas. The pre-k classes will perform before the musical on Thursday, Dec. 14. The kindergarten class will perform before the musical on Friday, Dec. 15. There will be a dress rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday that is open to the public.

The school has two part-time job openings. They are in need of a part-time physical education teacher and a part-time marketing director to promote Grace Lutheran School. Please email John Hagge at jhagge@gracels.com or call the school and ask for John.

Volunteers are needed at Grace to assist students in completing their work, helping teachers with tasks, supervising morning care, helping with recesses and in the kitchen. A background check is needed. Please call 701-232-7747.

The December and January chapel offerings will go to the Ronald McDonald house as they minister to families with children in the hospital.

"The King and Me" Christmas Play

Our Christmas practices for third-sixth grade students will meet on Saturdays in Dec. Questions? Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403. Thank you for bringing your children to practice.

Dec. 2	10 a.m. 11-noon	Expressive Eleven All-third-to-sixth-graders
Dec. 9	10 a.m. 11-noon	Expressive Eleven All third-to-sixth-graders
Dec. 16	10 a.m. to noon 12:30 p.m.	All third-to-sixth graders Dress rehearsal Pizza Party!
Dec. 17	10 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Practice and warm-up Program

Our Expressive Eleven are Isaac and Olivia Blotsky, Maia Gilman, Eve Hashbarger, Ruby Horsager, Lydia Hest-dalen, Morgan Mielke, Josie Paul, Adria Roller, Jack Ternes and Jacob Waldvogel. Thanks to all our students for taking part in the Christmas pageant.

Preschool through Second Grade Christmas Practice

Christmas practice for the younger children for their program will be held on Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16. The first-and Second-graders will practice from 8:30 to 10 a.m., and the preschool and kindergarten students are asked to come at 9:15 a.m. on Dec. 2 and 9. All students are asked to be at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. Their program will be at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Kids Create Christmas Crafts, Gifts at Advent Fun Shop Dec. 3

Kids of all ages can make Christmas presents for loved ones at our annual Advent Fun Shop. This fun family event of Christmas crafting for preschoolers through fifth-graders will be on Sunday, Dec. 3. The workshop will run from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$3 per child, and an adult should accompany the children, especially younger ones. Each family is also asked to bring a dozen cookies for a cookie exchange. Please register your child for this fun annual event.

Children's Christmas party

Calling all kindergarten students through fifth-graders: Join us for games, fun and food at a Christmas party just for you from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18. Preschool children may attend, but we would like parents to attend with them, if possible. Please bring a dozen cookies or baked treats to exchange and share.

December Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Annual Holiday Light Hunt (Destination Known)

Wednesday, Dec. 27 - No youth group

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Wednesday, Dec. 13 – Junior and Senior High Christmas Party. All those in sixth through 12th grade are invited to a Christmas Party from 7:45-9 p.m. at the church. Please bring a treat to share and a wrapped gift (between \$8-\$10).

Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

The youth will be offering beautiful "God's Creation" calendars for sale during services in December. Suggested donation for a calendar is \$10, with a minimum of \$5. All youth in junior and senior high are encouraged to help man the table to help fund youth mission trips, servant events and the 2019 National Youth Gathering.

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Office Hours

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9 a.m. - noon Fridays

Pastor Chris also is available by appointment.

Worship Schedule

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

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

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