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Help is Needed

At 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, we will take down the Christmas decorations. If you can help, please join us. It will take only an hour.

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

Gospel Trumps Tradition

Pastor Chris

Sometimes, you have to kill your darlings.

One of my college professors broke this news to me in a creative writing class. I later heard the same thing from a colleague in the publications department at Saint Louis University.

In the context in which I heard it, killing your darlings involves removing something from an article or story that doesn't quite fit. It could mean removing a crafty phrase, a well-written paragraph or a favorite character.

Usually, someone from the outside has to suggest killing a darling because the writer tends to embrace and cling to a specific part of the story instead of the story as a whole. A well-meaning editor usually has to pull out the red pen and surgically strike at the material doing more harm than good.

Traditions can sometimes fall into the darling category. Don't get me wrong, traditions add luster and meaning to moments in our lives. But sometimes, they get in the way. Sometimes, we get so caught up in expectations, traditions and the shape of how we want things to be that we forget the way things are.

The expectations of some of the people of Israel led them to reject the Christ because they could not believe that God would or could come in the flesh. Others rejected Jesus because they expected him to fulfill more of a nationalist, militaristic Messianic role. These preconceived notions blocked the way for the Gospel. People missed out on a Savior because they could not get past their darlings.

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North Dakota District Convention is Jan. 21-24

Our North Dakota District Convention will be in Dickinson this year. This is a time for the churches to gather together to worship, nurture, inspire, enjoy fellowship, and share the communication of vital information. The convention is the principal legislative assembly where the district pastors and congregations take action on reports and overtures and handle appropriate appeals. (Synod Bylaw 4.2.1). Please keep our upcoming convention and attendees in your prayers.

This year's representatives from BSLC will be Pastor Chris Waldvogel and layperson Charolotte Dotting. Thank you for serving!

The special offering collected from each church will go toward Wittenberg.

Vicki will be out of the church office to work for the District convention Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 21-24.



I know a man who grew up going to 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. He moved to a different community, and no church held a similar service. Dejected, he decided he would not attend services on Christmas Eve because the services were not like the one he remembered and cherished. The man embraced and clung to a specific part of the story instead of the story as a whole. He cherished the service more than the Gospel itself.

In His first letter, the apostle St. John writes, "what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and, indeed, our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3).

As we move from the season of Christmas into Epiphany, I hope you let go of some of those traditions, expectations and attitudes that take on more importance than the Gospel and Jesus. Remaining in God's Word and Sacrament is not just a tradition, it falls under the unchanging will of God for us. It's where God meets us and blesses us as His salvation story continues to break into the here and now. It's where he makes us His darlings in Christ Jesus, killing the Old Adam in us so that the New Adam might rise to life.

God killed His Darling: the holy, perfect, sinless son of God, so that we might have fellowship with Him. Through the means of grace, God's Spirit calls and keeps us living in the blood-bought suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. It's where God surgically removes sin and death and hell from your story and replaces it with Christ's holiness, innocence and blessedness for all eternity!



Pastor Chris

Bible Studies at Beautiful Savior

"St. Nick: Leader, Legend or Lie?"

9:40 a.m. Sunday mornings
Beginning Jan. 7

St. Nick is not just some fanciful figure who sprang from the human imagination. St. Nick actually existed in history. Although known for his generosity, St. Nick also made other significant contributions to the early Christian church.

Come discover more about the man who had a profound impact upon the world -- a far more different one from selling shavers, Coca-Cola and other products. Instead, learn about a follower of the babe of Bethlehem, a devoted servant of the Christ of the cross and a believer in the savior of the empty tomb.

"Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?"

7 p.m. Tuesdays
Resumes Jan. 30

Imitation Christs roam in and out of our spiritual conversations, lives and beliefs. Do you know these false Christs? Do you worship them? We will continue our study of 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.

"Prayer"

6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays
Beginning Jan. 15 and Jan. 18

We will begin a new women's Bible study on "Prayer" at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan 15, and at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan 18. This study is from the LifeGuide Bible study at Intervarsity Press.

We pray for our own needs and for the needs of others. We pray in the face of conflict, and we pray for forgiveness. We can learn how to pray by praying and being prayed for by others. Our Biblical examples will include Mary, Abraham, Moses and Daniel. We will be gaining new insights and experience in the adventure of prayer. Please sign up for the study in the narthex. If you have questions, please call Loretta Swanson at 218-236-1891.

Christmas Tea Thank You

So many people are to be thanked for their participation in the Christmas Tea success this year. Our planning committee members were Karen Mart-Taverna, Carrie Berglund, Jodi Haekenkamp, Carol LeMier and Kay Osman. Our master of ceremonies was Matt Gustafson, who entertained and engaged the audience with his quick wit. Loretta Swanson arranged to have the Apollo Strings from Moorhead High to be our delightful entertainment for the evening. Mary Seiffert and Kim Ternes used their lovely voices in song. The table hostesses decorated their tables and helped our guests enjoy the tea. Our all-men servers proved that they are more than just handsome faces. Our guests took time from their busy schedules to attend our event and generously gave to our Main Street Living North mission. Thanks to those who donated and bid on items for the silent auction. Thrivent also contributed funds to help cover expenses. Ken Koehler shared great information on Main Street Living North, and the Berglinds helped brighten up the fellowship hall with festive ceiling lights! LWML is sending Main Street a check in the amount of \$2,192, which will help to fund air-time and expenses involved in sharing the Word of God across the airwaves. For more info, go to <http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com>



Join Our 2018 Gardening Group

Happy New Year! The Beautiful Garden at Beautiful Savior is looking for you! Would you like to join a flexible gardening fellowship group when all this snow is gone? This is a fun, rewarding, flexible and delicious activity. If you do not have a garden of your own, love to garden but are terrible at growing plants, we are what you are looking for. Be a part of our gardening group, enjoy some delicious vegetables and improve your growing skills!

If you are interested in helping and benefiting with our garden and harvest in 2018, please e-mail tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com with your name, phone, and e-mail and you will be added to the communication list. Thanks.

Munchies for Missions Thank You

LWML would like to thank everyone from BSLC who donated goodies and/or purchased goodies at the bake sale. The project was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without our wonderful BSLC members! The proceeds are designated to go to LWML mites, which fund mission projects throughout North Dakota and the world. A total of \$997.25 will be given to mites! Praise the Lord! Visit our LWML website at <http://beautifulsaviorfargo.com/lwml/> to learn more about mites and mission projects.

Carol of the Bells Thank You

A small but joyful group of carolers had a bell, I mean ball, on Sunday, Dec. 17, visiting Touchmark, Bethany on 42nd, and the VA hospital to share love. Many thanks to those who sang; the Krause family, Brian and Katelyn, Maggie and Amanda, Mary, Loretta, Pastor Chris, Judy, Mike and his grandson, Marlene and Shirley for joining in on the fun. Bells and candy canes were passed out, along with smiles, hugs and handshakes. It was a blessing to get out to spread joy to all the people.

Bus Tour To The Ark Encounter

Immanuel Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a bus tour to see the Creation Museum, the Ark Encounter, and Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. The tour will originate in Bismarck with stops in Jamestown and Fargo. This seven-day, six-night trip is only \$765 per person/double occupancy. We will be gone April 15-21. Please contact Ed Bean at 701-261-9687 for a copy of the brochure or for further details. This was an extremely successful trip last year, so we want to do it again! We need a minimum of 40 people to make this work so sign up now!

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

January through Nov. 2017

<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	26,961	\$273,352
Expense	24,440	\$284,382
Net Income (Loss)	\$2,521	(\$11,030)

Main Street Living Choir Rehearsal Jan. 20

Calling all our wonderful singers. You are needed to sing with our Main Street Choir this month. We will practice from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, and then record for the program from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Practice will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 N. Broadway, Fargo. We hope you will join us.

Thank You, Members of BSLC

The family of Gerry Fiechtner sincerely thanks the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church family or all the loving support during this most difficult time of Gerry's death. We ask for your continued prayer support as we mourn the loss of our dear husband, father, brother, grandpa, and great grandpa and friend.

In the name of our loving Lord and Savior,
Joan Fiechtner

Memorials to BSLC

Gerry Fiechtner

Al and Donna Larson
Robert and Carla Ethan
Don Andersen
Carol Freeman
Chuck Hoge
Loretta Swiontek
Karen Mart-Taverna
Duane and Maxine Boehning
Matt and Beth Gustafson
Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann
Sherman and Gail Waagen



Elder for January

Our Elder for January is Mike Sellden. 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 Mike or any of the elders.

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.

New Member Corner

Welcome to our newest members!

Rochelle Rieck has rejoined BSLC, along with her husband, Brian, and children Davis, Benett and Ellie. They live in the country near Durbin, ND. Rochelle is happy to be back to the church that feels like home; she was confirmed here and her parents still attend. They like to go camping, to the lake and spend time with family and friends. Their favorite Bible verses are Romans 4:7-8 as it reminds them to thank God for His forgiveness as we need it everyday.

Michelle Neuberger and her children Elizabeth and Joshua moved here from St. Cloud. She appreciates a chance to improve her life for her and the children. She is thankful for the help and the welcome Pastor Chris and BSLC members have given them. They like to go bike riding, swimming, watch movies and go to the parks.

Fellowship and Quilting

Quilting will resume at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11. We meet twice a month for 5-6 hours. Please come join us. Being a quilter is not a requirement; much conversation and fellowship is involved. We donate quilts to local organizations and sell them to members. If there is a silent auction, we are happy to donate a quilt. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ceroll 232-2464.

Gold Club Potluck Jan. 17

Don't let this cold weather keep you from coming to Gold Club and fellowship. Bring a special dish to share and enjoy a potluck meal at noon Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Thanks from Pastor Chris and Vicki

God's blessings to all for your kind gifts and words during the busy Christmas season. We have been so blessed to be your pastor and office staff. We wish you all the best in 2018.

Service Group for January

Our group for January consists of the letters H-K with Jodi Haekenkamp as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help for other events. Thanks for your help. Our February group will be L-N with captain Mary Seiffert.

Dear Body of Christ,

It is customary for the District Convention to have a mission offering. Therefore, this letter is to invite all of our North Dakota District LCMS delegates, pastors, and congregations to participate in the 2018 Convention Mission Offering. This year's convention offering will be designated for Wittenberg Chapel on the UND Campus in Grand Forks, ND.

The purpose of Wittenberg Chapel is to serve our youth from our congregations attending college there with Word and Sacrament ministry and to reach out to the rest of UND students on the campus with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The reason for the mission offering needed for the Wittenberg Chapel and ministry is that early in 2017 the District Board of Directors considered to end the Wittenberg ministry by closing and selling the facility. This action was because of the chapel roof leaking and fear of what it would cost to fix it. Along with that, the district-called pastor there retired. It was also a consideration of what it might take to update the parsonage that you the district own also. It just didn't seem that we as a district had the funds to continue that ministry with good stewardship of the gifts that you give. Many of the district congregations, pastors, and people expressed great concern about this and desired that we keep the ministry going there.

Therefore, the District Board of Directors checked into the roof repair on the chapel and updating the parsonage and decided that the \$47,900 to repair the chapel roof and \$20,000 updating of the parsonage was good stewardship and also that we would call a full-time pastor for that position.

Due to the expense the district has invested and the desire of many of the district congregations, pastors and people to continue this ministry, I am confident in asking you and your congregations to participate in the District Convention Offering.

Between now and the January 21-24, 2018 District Convention in Dickinson, I would ask you and your congregation to consider a generous offering towards Wittenberg Chapel and Ministry. Your entire congregation may want to get involved in this effort including your Sunday School, youth, LWML, and all the members of your congregation. Your delegates are asked to bring your congregation's mission offering to the convention, which will be received during Tuesday evening's banquet. Please make checks out to "ND District LCMS" and write "Wittenberg Convention Offering" in the memo.

If you have any questions concerning this offering, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be more than happy to talk to you about Wittenberg Chapel and ministry and this special convention offering.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Arie D. Bertsch

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God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21).

"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

This month, we introduce our web master, **Dallas Rosin**, who built and hosts our web site. He also updates the site every week to include the MSLN Worship Services. Dallas and his wife, Elissa, have four children: Elijah, Lydia, Evelyn and James. They are members of Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown, where he previously served as their youth worker for many years. Dallas works at University of Jamestown as their web coordinator and teaches classes in web design. Thank you Dallas for all of your volunteer hours given to Main Street Living North!

Our worship program may be viewed at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings on KVRr or online anytime 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!

"Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up" At Immanuel, Fargo

You are invited to join others for a book discussion on Rev. Matt Richard's book "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up" at Immanuel Lutheran, 1258 N. Broadway, Fargo. This will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Learn more about who the real Jesus of the Bible is. If you aren't able to come to Pastor Chris' Tuesday night study, join others for a one day study.

2017 Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettia Placed by:

Rich and Virginia Beaver

Muff Brandt
Linda Brandt
Steve and Sue Buth
Shirley Elsner
Pat Ensrud
Glen and Jodi Haekenkamp
Don and Pam Hartwig
Ed and Carol Herrmann
Randy and Amanda Johnson
Karen Mart-Taverna
Harvey Medenwaldt
Brian, Rochelle, Davis, Benett and Ellie Rieck
Dave and Kim Scheer
Jim and Diane Schill
Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann
Mary Seiffert

Mike and Judy Sellden
Gary and Maggie Stende
Kim Ternes, Jack and Noah
Juanita Tewksbury
Steve, Jane, Ben and Nathan Thielman
Steve, Dawn, Chloe and Lizzie Thompson
Abby and Leah Tykwinski
Austin and Sara Walcker
Kelly, Traci, Macy and Alex Weible
Lisa, Harrison and Brooklyn Wiest

Poinsettia Placed by:

Dave and Sherrie Anderson
Lucas and Alexis Doeling
Katie, Kelli, Alyssa and Allison Gaber
Mike and LeAnn Herrmann
Karen Mart-Taverna
Mark and Kay Osman
Judy Rolle and Deanna Dahl
Mike and Judy Sellden
Lynn and Arla Strege
Kim Ternes, Jack and Noah
Steve and Dawn Thompson, Chloe and Lizzie

Poinsettia Placed by:

Steve and Sue Buth
Shayla Gustafson and Kyle Loecker
Danny and Diane Lee
Don and Claudia Schroeder
Pastor Chris and Jamie Waldvogel

In Loving Memory of:

Virginia's parents and family members
Rich's parents and family members
His parents Ken and Doris
Her dad Charles
Grandson Landon Olthoff
Bruce Elsner
Rod Ensrud
Edwin Haekenkamp
Kevin Hartwig and Brian Hartwig
Gerry Fiechtner
Gary Halverson
Larry Mart
Beverly Medenwaldt
Larry Rieck
David Jr.
Our parents
Eugene Paulsrud
Mother Ursula; Grandmas Maria and Esther
Brothers Randy and Timmy
Parents Elmer, Lucille and Val
Our parents
Duane Matzke
Dick Tewksbury
Jack and Audrey Thielman
Donald Stout
Grandpa Glenn Hubrig
Steve Ryan, father of Sara Ryan-Walcker
Jacob Weible, son and brother
Keith Wiest, husband and father

In Honor of:

Bernice Hangsleben, Sherrie's Mom
Our grandparents
Our grandparents Don and Diane McCabe
Our children Dustin, Leah and Tara
Grandchildren
Our children
Roger and Darlene Dahl
Our children
Family
Joyce Matzke
Diane Berggren

In Thanksgiving of:

Our children and grandchildren
Family and friends
Our family
Our family
Our Lord Jesus



Flower Chart for 2018

The flower chart for 2018 is on the bulletin board by the office. Sign up to place flowers in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Cost of flowers are \$20, and you can leave your check in the office.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will practice at 7 p.m. on Sundays Jan. 7, 14, and 28. Practice will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. The band will play in church, Sunday, Jan. 21, during the 8:15 a.m. service. Questions? Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

FirstChoice Clinic Hosts The Largest Baby Shower

This January, support life by donating new baby items to FirstChoice Clinic. Our clients earn points by taking classes and can spend their points in our family boutique where donations are kept. Items needed are infant clothing up to size 3T, diapers, baby wipes, infant carriers, feeding and baby care items, crib sheets and gift cards to Target or Walmart. To learn more or to find out where to drop off items, please visit www.teamfirstchoice.com.

"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.

Grace Lutheran School News

"God's Grace" annual auction celebration will be March 10 at the Delta Hotel by Marriot in Fargo. Registration is at 5 p.m. for pre-swipe and silent auction; from 5:30-7:30 p.m. there will be gourmet hors d'oeuvre's and at 7:45 p.m. the live auction begins. The cost is \$40 per ticket. Call the school office at 323-7747 or email jhagge@gracels.com to get tickets.

Grace Lutheran School welcomes Mr. Chris Howard as our new Marketing Director! Chris replaces Kari Lugo who had worked here the last four years. He brings to us experience in computer and graphics knowledge, a strong work ethic, great ideas to let the community learn more about Grace Lutheran and a great attitude about Christian schools. His office hours are 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We would also like to welcome Mr. Trevor Kleineschay from Maple Grove, MN, who will be our new phy-ed teacher, athletic director and coach. He will start on Jan. 3. He is a new graduate of Valley City State and NDSU.

Excitement is high at Grace with new ideas and enthusiasm for 2018 from the staff.

January Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Jan. 3 – No LYF

Wednesday, Jan. 10 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Jan. 17 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Jan. 24 – No LYF

Wednesday, Jan. 31 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Sunday, Jan. 14: Saver's Bowling - Bowl like never before as students in grades 6-12 will go shopping as a group for "proper bowling attire" at Saver's thrift store. The super fun part? You won't pick your outfit, someone else will. Meet at Beautiful Savior at 12:45 p.m. to carpool. Bring \$15 to cover bowling and the thrift store trip. Please sign a permission slip and return to Pastor Chris.

Saturday, Feb. 3: Skiing and Snowboarding Trip - All families should save the date for some time on the slopes. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. sharp at the Beautiful Savior parking lot and return around 6 p.m. or so. Check-in will be at 9 a.m. We will attempt to carpool but will need drivers as well. More information will be available soon.



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Office Hours

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

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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