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

Don't wait! Tell someone about Jesus today!

By Pastor Chris

I stand before you a notorious procrastinator. As I write this column, the ticking clock tells me time wears thin. That plus I have been told earlier today: "They are coming to do the newsletter on Thursday." This is a polite way of saying, "Write your column for the newsletter today, or it won't make the cut."

Putting things off until the last minute harkens back to my days as a journalist. In my first "real" job, I lived under tight deadlines that required intense focus (and kicked back addictive adrenaline surges). It meant getting things done efficiently and with a sense of urgency. As an assistant sports editor, I would watch prep games, check the official score sheet, interview players and coaches before racing back to the office to write and file a coherent and interesting story in less than 40 minutes. Never did high school sports seem so vital and important.

But let's take a reality check for a moment. Not filing my stories on time would have eventually cost me my job, but honestly, would it really have affected the world all that much? The Gospel, on the other hand, beams with utmost urgency. God's saving work leaves no room for procrastination. The news of sins forgiven through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection remains the most vital and important message anyone can and will receive. Why?

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Coming Fall of 2018: Restore His House - Fall Stewardship Focus and Capital Campaign

First - great news! Thanks to your increased regular contributions, the budget is in nice shape, and we can support both our pastor and our vicar as well as all of the current ministries here at Beautiful Savior. Let's keep this up!

Our next project will be our annual fall stewardship focus. "Restore His House" will be the theme this year and will include a capital campaign to focus on replenishing our building fund. As was reported at the June voter's meeting, our building is in need of a number of repairs and updates that are a normal part of taking care of a property as it ages. We are looking at a goal of raising \$300,000 in three years to meet these building needs.

During the "Restore His House" campaign, you also can look forward to a sermon and Bible study series, a fall work day, opportunity to visit one-on-one with an Elder, and at least one service opportunity (possible packing Mercy Meals).

Look for more information as fall approaches. In the meantime, we ask that you prayerfully begin to consider how God has blessed you and what you may be able to commit to both the capital campaign and your regular contributions for the coming year.

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Without the Gospel, people are condemned to an eternity apart from God. On the other hand, the Gospel is the power of salvation for all who believe (Romans 1:16).

In Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth, the apostle writes with intense urgency. He doesn't want people to lose out on the free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. And he wants people to know God speaks today, directly through the Gospel, to give people this wonderful gift: "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 Cor. 6:1-2).

A member of our congregation recently lost a neighbor to a horrible accident. She lamented that she did not know if this individual had believed or received the Gospel. You never know when someone might be taken unexpectedly or our Lord may return. The Bible repeatedly demonstrates that the Gospel message must be proclaimed and received so that people might be saved. If someone you know does not know Jesus, that requires urgent attention! If someone you know has doubts about God, that requires urgent attention!

That might seem to put a lot of pressure on you, but the powerful, living word of God will do the work. It plants the seed of faith and makes it grow. It deposits within the hearer the Holy Spirit. It brings a lost and condemned person into the Kingdom of God through faith in Jesus Christ!

The deadline for the Gospel is today, not tomorrow! Our Lord's glorious Gospel killed any semblance of procrastination in Paul. It can and will also do this in you also so that your unbelieving family, friends and neighbors might live.

Upcoming Bible Studies

10:15 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study 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!

7 p.m. Tuesdays: "John's first love letter to the Church." John's wonderful letter challenges us to expand our view on what love is and why it is needed, especially within the church.

Women's Bible study: 6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays. Our women's Bible study will be studying the Lord's Prayer. If you have any questions, call Loretta Swanson at 218-236-1891.



Vicar Brian Shane Installed at Beautiful Savior



Dahlia Shane, Vicar Brian and Pastor Chris

Vicar Brian Shane was installed at the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 10.

His office hours will be 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and Fridays by appointment. Please stop in and introduce yourself and welcome him to our church family!

July Service Group Captain Needed

Don't let "captain" intimidate you! Ask a friend to be co-captain with you. Our eight captains each take a month at a time to make phone calls or e-mail members to line up treats for Sundays and help set up or clean up for special services. We currently have no one to cover July, which will result in one person doing all of it. Please prayerfully consider how you can get involved with your church family and volunteer for service group captain for July. E-mail Mary at mseiffert@marykay.com if you are interested.



VBS Kids Help Battle Hunger in Haiti

This year, the offerings received during VBS week went to help battle hunger in Haiti. The island of Haiti has been battling years of drought and hurricanes. As a result, parents struggle to grow enough food for their families. Operation Kid-to-Kid is partnering with World Vision to provide Haitian families with drought-tolerant seeds. A \$10 gift provides seeds that can grow into food that will feed a child for an entire year. Our VBS kids are happy to announce that \$464 was collected and donated to provide seeds for Haiti.

Apple of His Eye Mission Society Evangelism Event

The LCMS ND Circuit has an excellent Evangelism event planned from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Saturday, October 13. It will be

held at Crosspointe Lutheran or St. Andrews in West Fargo. This event will be led by the director of Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Steve Cohen.

This will be a special opportunity to hear detailed and well studied effective information about how we can effectively witness to others.

Apple of His Eye Mission Society is centered around evangelism in the Jewish community; however, these same techniques work effectively on Gentiles too.

This provides a unique opportunity to understand how important we are to spreading God's Word and how we can do this effectively in our communities and across the world.

Reserve the date and look for more information on this in the future. Plan to attend and register early, as this event will fill up quickly. It would be great to have a big contingency there from Beautiful Savior!

Thrivent Night at the Redhawks

The whole family is invited to a picnic and RedHawks game hosted by the Thrivent Member Network - Northland Region! The picnic will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the east entrance of Newman Outdoor Field. You can choose either a pulled pork sandwich or hotdog and includes chips and pop. Then stay for the baseball game at 7:02 p.m. All this for just \$10 per person! Please bring a guest you would like to introduce to Thrivent. For tickets, contact your financial representative or go to https://bit.ly/2qCKuOK to purchase.

Picnic to Welcome Shane Family



Approximately 100 members of our church family gathered at the Rheault Farm shelter on Sunday, June 10, to celebrate the installation of Vicar Brian Shane and to welcome him and his wife, Dahlia, to our church family. It was a beautiful day, and a good time was had by all.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

Operating Fund	<u>May</u>	YTD
Contributions	\$18,749	141,721
Expense	35,215	130,173
Surplus (Shortfall)	(16,466)	11,548



Baptisms

June 10: Carson Arnold Baptist Zimmel, son of Clarence and Kimberly Zimmel, born January 19, 2018. His sponsors were Tim Flaten, Nate and Kathleen Trivette.

June 11: Estelle Lee Petter, daughter of Tyler and Amanda Petter, born June 1, 2018. Her sponsors were Terence Bennett, Dale and Brenda Crabtree.

June 24: Cora Louise Palmer, daughter of Jeffrey and Sara Palmer, born May 16, 2018. Her sponsors were Shawn and Katherine Pope and Brad and Pam Palmer.

Your Time is Needed Sundays and Wednesdays

Help is needed with running the PowerPoint, ushering and counting the offering each week. Please consider taking time on a Sunday or Wednesday to help. To sign up, go to our website: www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com, then go to the "Get Involved/On Sunday Mornings" tab and click on the appropriate link. If you have not done the task before, we will gladly find someone to train you.



Prayer Chain and Announcements

Please let the church office know if you have joys or concerns to be sent out in our e-mail prayer chain or the weekly announcements. Let the office, pastor or vicar know if there are any updates so it can be shared with our prayer warriors. Additionally, the petitions will run weekly in our announcements for up to four weeks. Please call the church office to extend the listing. Our church members appreciate the chance to pray for our special needs and joys. A.S.A.P. - always say a prayer.

New Member

Allie Crummy decided to join Beautiful Savior because she knew past members and because of our great pastor and congregation! She lives in south Fargo and works as a front end manager at Hornbacher's. She enjoys going to the lake, eating out and attending movies.

Thank you

Vicar Brian Shane and his wife, Dahlia, would like to thank everyone for their assistance with moving them into their new home. They appreciate the wonderful turnout at the church picnic and for everyone helping to make them feel welcome and a part of the Beautiful Savior family!

Flag Day Sing-a-long at Good Samaritan Center



Pictured are Mary Seiffert (playing piano), Maggie Stende, Shirley Elsner, Kathy Johnson and Loretta Swanson.

11 members of our congregation went to Good Samaritan senior living complex on Sunday, June 10, to celebrate Flag Day with them. They sang songs and enjoyed root beer floats while visiting with the residents.

Noisy Offering Sunday, July 29

A noisy offering will be held Sunday, July 29th, which is the fifth Sunday of the month. The LWML will be collecting your loose change as well as your mite boxes. These coins and bills will be sent on to North Dakota and national projects.

Churches in Chile prove insightful

By Brittany Brevik Courtesy of *The Walsh County Record*

Tami Ulland, ND District business manager for the LCMS, recently spent time in Chile visiting partner churches. It was a chance to visit with local ministries and see how they're developing, what problems they may have and how to fix them, as well as address funding issues. For Ulland, it was also a journey of faith.

"It was such a re-energization, a re-invigoration," Ulland said of being immersed in a different culture and witnessing how the people of Chile approach their faith.

Because they are partner churches, they do follow the same theology and practice of the LCMS, but Chile's churches are mission-based.

"The mindset is so different," Ulland said. "They're true missionaries. They try to do something to give back to that community and to provide a service where they can with an act of mercy. And the church grows out of that act of mercy, or that service that they're able to provide to the community."

One of the churches is attached to a Bethesda Lutheran Home, which provides therapy service to people with disabilities. There are also churches with immigration ministries and two attached to schools, one with around 200 children and one with 800.

Ulland said the city of Constitucion had a tsunami wipe out a large area in 2010, and the church went in to help by talking to people in camps. A church was started





Left: The Constitucion Mural is painted on the walkway wall entering the Mision Maule - Constitucion property. The Reformation Mural on the left was designed and painted by North Dakota youth who visited the site in 2016 through a mission trip. Right: The congregation at Mision Maule in Talca, Chile, presented hand-stitched bags to Haley Ulland, Tami Ulland and Doris Bertsch.

there, and now there's an after-school program there.

Ulland traveled with her daughter, Haley, a teacher in Park River. North Dakota District President Rev. Arie Bertsch and his wife, Doris, from Minot, joined them. The four attended a pastor's conference in Santiago, and Pastor Bertsch preached at a few local churches.

"We got to visit every single church that's part of the Chile partnership with us," Ulland said. "Their faith is so different, it's hard to explain to people exactly what it is. There's always such a joy coming through them of being able to confess and share their faith. And none of the churches are self-supporting, and that's why we help."

"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

This month we introduce Carole Borchers, our MSLN secretary. Carole and her husband. Glenn. are retired and live in Moorhead. Carole states: "God has blessed us with a wonderful family of three children. God has blessed me with many experiences in life that prepared me for my role as director of christian outreach at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead. We lived in West Africa as volunteer agricultural missionaries for one year and have gone on numerous mission trips to many parts of the world. It is a joy to share the Good News and serve people wherever; thus my interest in Main Street Living North. My passion is encouraging people, especially women of all ages, in their walk with the Lord. I enjoy facilitating small group Bible studies and working in the LWML." Thank you, Carole!

The Main Street Living TV worship program and "Kid's Crossing" programs are being shown one hour earlier at 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Sundays, July 1 and 15 due to a nation-wide FOX network sports program. You can watch anytime at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

July pastors and sermons are as follows:

July 1: Rev. Leo Deitemeyer, First American Lutheran Church, Mayville, ND, presents today's message: *"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"* based on Lamentations 3:22-33.

July 8: Rev. Scott Muehlberg, St. John Lutheran Church, Frazee, MN, and Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Osage, MN, presents today's message: "Offensive and Weakness: Acceptance and Strength" based on 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 and Mark 6:1-13.

July 15: Rev. Robert Hill, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wimbledon, ND, presents today's message: "More Than a Prophet" based on Mark 6:14-16.

July 22: Rev. Jacob Wagner, St. John's Lutheran Church, Vergas, MN, presents today's message: "One In Christ" based on Ephesians 2:11-22.

July 29: Rev. Richard Biberdorf, Grace Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND, presents today's message: "Remember the Rainbow!" based on Genesis 9:8-17.



Service Group for July

We still do not have a July captain. Anyone from our Br-D group is invited to bring treats for fellowship/Bible study and/or help with set-up and clean-up duties during the month of July. This way Sharon doesn't have to do it all by herself. Our August group will be the letters E-G with captain Diane Lee.

Elder for July

Our Elders for July is Matt Deardoff and Gary Hasse. They will be here Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings 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 Matt or Gary or any of the elders.



Quilting and Fellowship

The quilting group displayed their beautiful works of art on the pews during the June 17 worship service. If you are interested in helping to create future quilts, our quilting group meets once a month during the summer months. Join us at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 12. Being a quilter is not a requirement. If you can cut a straight line, iron fabric without burns or use a sewing machine, you can be a great help. Our group enjoys good conversation and fun fellowship. We donate quilts to local organizations, donate to silent auctions when asked and sell quilts to anyone who desires one. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

LWML Convention Update

The 38th biennial convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League-North Dakota District was held June 22-24 in Minot, ND. The theme of the convention was Lift High the Name of Jesus. The Scripture was: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, Philippians 2:9-10.

Praise God that the mite goal for 2016-18 was met, and all grants were paid in full. The mite goal approved for the next biennium is \$76,750. Voting was held to determine the new grants. Eight were chosen to be paid in full, and two will be partially paid. Thanks to all who gave money to mites. Our portion of the mite goal was \$5,548.45. We are pleased to tell you Beautiful Savior gave the highest amount. Praise to God.

The ingathering collected:

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch -150 items

Domestic Violence Crisis Center - 650 items

Dakota Hope Clinic - more than 400 items (including 100 boxes of diapers)

Offering 1 - \$3310, plus \$318 from Mission in Motion given for Mites (for 2018-2020 biennium)

Offering 2 - \$2356 for Wittenburg Chapel in Grand Forks

Offering 3 - was for Nichelle Dykema, a LWMS sister who will be going to Peru.

Praise to the Lord and again thanks to all who helped us with our gifts from the heart taken to Minot.

There were many serious things we covered in business meetings and Bible study, but we also took time to have fun. Saturday night a lavish banquet was held in honor of 75 years of LWML. The ladies of the Northwest Zone outdid themselves. The decorations were incredible, the food was good and the entertainment was memorable. Pastor Harvala gave a hilarious presentation of his years as District counsellor. Past district presidents shared many memories of their terms. There was much laughter and tears as we remembered dear sisters who are no longer with us. The convention was live streamed and can be viewed on Facebook, or talk to Loretta Swanson or Shirley Elsner, the delegates from Beautiful Savior.



Gold Club

Join us at noon Wednesday, July 18, for some wonderful food, fun and fellowship. Our Gold Club is no longer just for seniors. It is fellowship for anyone. If you are free during the day, please come join us.

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.



Beautiful Garden

The Beautiful Garden at Beautiful Savior is well underway for 2018! If you get a chance, walk around to the backyard and check things out! By the time you are reading this, Lord-willing the sweet corn will be a little above knee high!?

Our mission this year is to produce harvest that benefits those who have been volunteering, fellow Beautiful Savior members and ministries, and also our needy within the community.

We are really hoping to get more people who do not garden on their own or have garden space involved.

It is a great learning experience and pretty easy work. It is also a great opportunity to enjoy some fellowship and get to know some of the beautiful members here at Beautiful Savior!!

We continue to meet as a group every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Garden! There will not be an organized gardening session on Wednesday July 4, but each Wednesday after that. Most communication, reminders, and updates are done via email. If you would like to be added to the communication list, please email your contact information to tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.

July Youth Events

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

Sunday, July 1, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Sunday, July 8, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Sunday, July 15, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. - No LYF

Sunday, July 22, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. - No LYF

Sunday, July 29, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Sunday, July 1: LYF will celebrate Independence Day, so wear your patriotic colors, bring your Bible and come enjoy some grilled hotdogs and a game of kickball. Join us each week for (spiritual and physical) food, fun and fellowship from 5-7 p.m. on Sundays, beginning July 1.

BSLC youth working the Dome

Thinking about going to the National Youth Gathering? Want to join in the junior high youth gathering? All Beautiful Savior youth age 13 and older can help work various events at the Fargo Dome to earn money for youth activities at BSLC. For more information, please call Adam Tykwinski at 793-8170 or Brent Barth at 799-8550.

National Youth Gathering Meeting will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 10 at the church for any youth and their parents interested in attending the National Youth Gathering next July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis.

Sunday, July 15, through Friday, July 20: Encounter Camp. All Beautiful Savior students who will enter grade 8 or above should consider attending Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Join us as we encounter God through word, world, worship and recreation encounters. Make new friends. Learn basic leadership skills. Spend time being fed by God's Word in a camp setting! Beautiful Savior also has scholarship money available to help offset the cost. See Pastor Chris for more information.

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Wednesday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

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