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By Pastor Chris

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On June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-3 to uphold a Mississippi law that would ban abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy and overturn the nearly half-century precedent set in Roe v. Wade that guaranteed a constitutional right to an abortion.

This change reflects what Christians already know: Life is an intentional and beautiful gift from God, who creates, forms and orders the days of all living things. God is the source of all good things. He is the giver of life and the one who bestows eternal life, God told the prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I set you apart," (Jeremiah 1:5).



King David beautifully captures God's creative activity as he writes: "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them," (Psalm 139:13-16).

Although the recent court decision moves in the right direction, a recent editorial in the Vatican newspaper suggests that much more needs to be done to protect God's gift of life. According to Andrea Tornielli, editorial director at the Vatican Dicastery for Communication, efforts should expand to find ways to protect maternal health and lower the maternal death rate; assist poor women; provide or expand paid family leave; and control access to guns.

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2022 National Youth Gathering

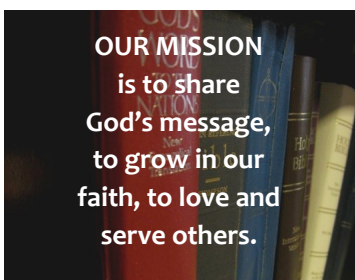
The 2022 National Youth Gathering is fast approaching!



Thanks to everyone at Beautiful Savior for your support of our fund-raisers.

Eight BSLC youth will attend the gathering July 9-13 in Houston, TX. They are: Eve Hashbarger, Lydia Hestdalen, Morgan Mielke, Annalise Steege, Jack Ternes, Leah Tykwinski, Kilee Waldvogel and Lillian Wirtz. Pastor Brian, Craig Hashbarger, Kim Ternes and Dahlia Shane are the adult leaders.

Please remember to keep these young people in your prayers as they travel and take part in this exciting event. Pray for wisdom and guidance for our youth leaders. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!



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"Being for life, always, for example, means being concerned if the mortality rates of women due to motherhood increase," he wrote. "In the United States, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the maternal mortality rate has gone from 20.1 deaths of women per 100,000 live births in 2019 to 23.8 per 100,000 in 2020. And, strikingly, the maternal mortality rate for Black women in 2020 was 55.3 deaths per 100,000 live births, 2.9 times the rate for white women."

As people who treasure God's gift of life, Christians should consider initiatives that would embrace and protect His wonderful gift. Martin Luther's explanation to the fifth commandment explains it this way: "We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need."

Tornielli hopes the debates following the court decision "will not be reduced to an ideological confrontation, but will prompt all of us—on both sides of the ocean—to reflect on what it means to welcome life, to defend it and to promote it with appropriate legislation."

As the Church, our aim should be to point all people to the One who gives life and gives life to the full in Jesus Christ. When Paul addresses the crowd in the Areopagus, he reveals Yahweh as the intentional, loving creator to those who do not know God as the giver of all life: "And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed His offspring,' " (Acts 17:26-28).

Pastor Chris

BSLC Adopts a Seminary Student

Beautiful Savior's Council has voted to continue supporting future pastors through the Adopt-A-Student program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Our current adopted seminary student is Andrew Frerichs, who will begin serving his vicarage later this summer at the Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills in Birmingham, Alabama. Donations of more than \$1,600 have been sent to Andrew. Thank you for supporting our future church workers.

To keep up with Andrew, we will post letters from him 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:

Before July 15:

Seminarian Andrew Frerichs
Campus Post Office Box
801 Seminary Pl.
St. Louis, MO 63105-3196

After July 15:

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

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 will be 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): "Spiritual Warfare" - The Bible has much to say about the temptations and struggles you face day by day. This Bible Study will deepen your understanding of spiritual warfare and direct you to God-given sources of power, assurance and hope.

7 p.m. Thursday, July 28: 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!

6 p.m. Monday, July 25: 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.



Wednesday Night Potluck Meals

Before the Wednesday night services on July 27 and Aug. 24, we will be hosting a potluck meal to get to know our fellow BSLC family. The meal on July 27 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!

CrossTraining

CrossTraining is for children in first through fifth grade. CrossTraining will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 24. CrossTraining involves food (spiritual and physical), fun and fellowship. Contact Pastor Brian with any questions.



Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill

All Beautiful Savior students who will enter grade seven or above should consider attending Encounter Camp Sunday, July 24 through Friday, July 29, at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Join us as we encounter God through word, world, worship and recreation encounters. Make new friends. Learn leadership skills and spend time being fed by God's Word in a camp setting! BSLC has scholarship money available to help offset the cost. See Pastor Chris for more information.

Church Mowing

If you are interested in helping mow the church grounds this summer, call Mardi Schlichtmann at 730-0466 to get added to the schedule. You can mow once or as many times as you wish.



Portals of Prayer Available

The July-September Portals of Prayer are now available. You may pick them up in the narthex. If you stop in during the week, call the church office to make sure someone will be around.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	36,872	156,192
Expense	<u>32,662</u>	<u>163,957</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	4,210	(7,765)

Voters' Meeting Update

Our congregation had a quick but heated discussion about the placement of flags at the end of the voters' meeting on June 5. In consultation with the board of elders, we have decided to remove the flags from the chancel (where the altar, lectern and baptismal font are located) but keep the flags in the sanctuary.

This decision factored in theological, historical and procedural considerations. On June 12, we reviewed and discussed all these considerations during the education hour. If you would like to review what went into this decision, copies are available in the church office or via email.

We encourage all members of the congregation to speak with an elder or pastor regarding this matter. We will continue to study and consider the theology and practice of this decision.

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 emailing the office or pick up and fill out the business directory card available in the narthex and turn it in to the office. When we have the list compiled, we will make a directory available to all BSLC members.

Memorials

Delaine Petry - Vincent and Cheryl Olstad

Wedding Anniversaries



June 27: Royce & LoAnn Warnsholz celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

July 14: Gerald and Donna Ceroll will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Donna met Gerald in 1958, on a hayride at Gerald's home church, Zion at rural Claire City, SD. Their first date was in January of 1959 at the Claire City Fireman's Ball. They were married on July 14, 1962. They have three sons, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



Please let the office know if you are celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary.

Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our captains will call asking for treats or help with events. Thanks for your help.

July: L-N with captain Mary Seiffert

August: O-R with captain Wanda Roesler

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, July 14 and 28. 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, July 20. We will be celebrating Christmas in July, so bring a green or red dish to share. Gold Club is for everyone!

Beautiful Garden Group - The group could really use your help. We work in the garden at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday and 8 a.m. Saturdays, or whenever you are able. We are done in time so gardeners can attend mid-week worship. This year we have added a kid's garden, so please bring your kiddos. Please email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com if you wish to be added to the communications list!



Beautiful Savior Celebrates 40 Years

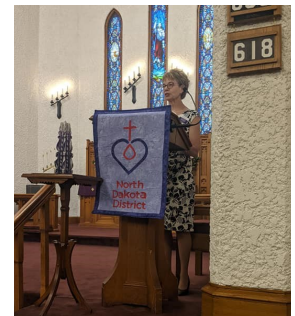
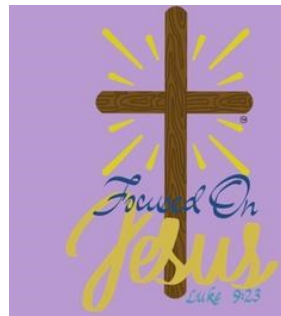
The seventh in a series on the history of BSLC

On Sunday, December 15, BSLC dedicated the new building with a special Sunday afternoon celebration. It was a festive event with area pastors, liturgical dancers and our adult choir participating in the service. On Saturday, December 14, a catered dinner was served at the church and a program of celebration and thanks followed.

LWML - We will not meet in July, but we continue to recognize the 80th Anniversary of the LWML. The Beautiful Savior LWML has decided to recognize the anniversary with a practical "What's Your 80?" project. Our goal is to purchase 80 boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons and 80 ten count boxes of Crayola markers to be donated to Grace Lutheran School. If you would like to help the LWML reach their goal, a donation basket can be found in the narthex until August 1.

Save the date for the annual LWML fall luncheon at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 - This year BSLC will be hosting a salad luncheon. It will start at 10 a.m. with entertainment and a short presentation by Hope, Inc. This will be followed by a salad lunch with tea and a special donation to Hope, Inc. If you are interested in hosting a table, contact Kim in the church office.

"Cross Eyed—Focused on Jesus" 2022 LWML District Convention Saturday, June 25 - Sunday, 26



God Intimately Knows and Cares for You

By Pastor Brian

“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Luke 12:6-7).

It was a muggy summer morning after a night filled with severe storms. As I walked outside, I noticed something strange. On the ground beneath almost every tree, I saw several dead birds. It was almost as if those poor birds had fled to the trees seeking protection from the previous night's storms only to be struck by the tree's branches and fall lifeless to the ground.

It all seemed so random to me until I remembered the words of Jesus from today's Bible passage: “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God.” I did not know anything about any of those birds before I saw them lying dead under the trees. But God did. He had been caring for them their entire lives. And not one of them died in the storms and fell to the ground without God knowing about it. If God shows such amazing care even for birds, imagine what amazing care God must show toward you!

In fact, Jesus tells us, “even the hairs of your head are all numbered.” Do you know how many hairs are on your head? Scientists tell us that the average human head has between 90,000 and 150,000 hairs on it. So where, exactly, do you fall in that range? 113,245? 136,574? But wait, some hairs just fell out. So that means your hair count right now is...

It's not possible for you to know right now exactly how many hairs are on your head. But God knows. Not a moment passes when He doesn't know exactly the number. In fact, not a moment passes when God doesn't



know absolutely everything about you—your needs, your wants, the challenges you're facing, everything. If God knows you that intimately, is there any way that He wouldn't also know precisely how best to take care of you?

So, “Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.” God already has demonstrated how much you are worth to Him when He gave His Son Jesus to take care of your greatest need—your need for forgiveness. Now, as He values you more than the birds and keeps a tally of the hairs on your head, you can trust Him to take care of every other need you have too. Nothing escapes His attention. Nothing is beyond His power. That's how intimately God knows you and cares for you.

Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

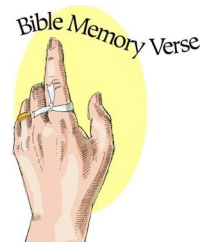
July 3: Isaiah 64:8 - But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

July 10: Numbers 23:19 - God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

July 17: Revelation 1:7-8 - Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

July 24: Leviticus 19:2 - Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

July 31: 1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.



VBS a Monumental Success

And that's a wrap!! VBS was a monumental success thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, gracious donations and amazing families that participated! 51 children learned about how monumental God's love is and more than 30 volunteers helped run the program.

It was a great week that ended with turning Pastor Brian into an ice cream sundae! The children raised more than \$1,000 to help with school supplies for the YMCA of the Seven Council Fires. Thank you to everyone for making this event so successful and fun for the children in our congregation.



"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

"We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies." (Romans 8:22-23). Do you sense that this fallen world all around us seems to be unsettled and even crumbling? A quick look at the nightly news will verify this! But verse 24 goes on to state: "For in this hope we were saved." This hope being "our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies." Yes, we need to be reminded regularly of what God has promised for all who trust in Him – and His promises are sure!

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.



July pastors and sermons are as follows:

July 3: Rev. Kevin Zellers, Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, presents the message. *This Is The Life:* "Some People Need Help."

July 10: Rev. Kirk Peters, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hazen, presents the message: "Christ Our Neighbor," based on Luke 10:25-37. *This Is The Life:* "Jeremy."

July 17: Rev. Justin Woodside, Bethel Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: "Resting in Jesus," based on Luke 10:38-42. *This Is The Life:* "Flight Plan."

July 24: Rev. Allen Kramp, St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro and Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope, presents the message: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," based on Luke 11:1-13. *This Is The Life:* "Amazing Grace."

July 31: Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, presents the message: "The Story of the Numbskull and His Stuff," based on Luke 12:13-21. *This Is The Life:* "The Selling Price."

LCMS Summer Bible Camps

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is now taking registrations for summer camp. For a full list and description of all the programs, pricing and registration, visit their website at www.shretreat.org or call Rev. Jon Bonine at 701-244-5225.

Lutheran Island Camp is now taking registrations for summer camps. For a full list and description of all their summer camp programs and registration, visit their website at <http://www.islandcamp.org/>.



Grace Lutheran School News

If your group is looking for a summer service project, please consider helping at GLS. Our primary needs include painting, deep cleaning and organization. Email ahirsch@gracels.com if you are interested in this opportunity.

Enrollment continues to climb as our community's demand for Christian education increases. We are overjoyed to see our classrooms filling up with students seeking a Christian and Lutheran education. There is always room for more! Come on over and take a tour this summer!

July and August Youth Events

Saturday, July 9-Wednesday, July 13 - National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

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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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.

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