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God Empowers Us to Follow the King, not the Crowd

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By Pastor Chris

"So and so is doing it!" "So and so has it!" "Everybody will be there!"

Parents hear statements like this when they deny a child's request. For my parents, the go-to response went something like this: "If so and so jumped off a bridge, would you do it, too?" Unfortunately, the desire to have what others have and do what others do does not leave us in childhood. The sinful heart cannot help but long for the worldly, chase its fleeting promises and allure. "So and so is doing it!" "So and so has it!" "Everybody else will be there!"

You might remember that Israel once had the all-knowing, all powerful, all-present, all loving true God as their king. They failed to see this unique arrangement as a blessing; they didn't take confidence or hope in their holy, just, benevolent ruler. No, Israel demanded to be like other nations. They wanted a human king. God granted them this request, but it did not turn out well.

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A Special Monumental VBS Worship Service 8 p.m. Thursday, June 9

There will be a special worship service from 8 - 8:25 p.m. Thursday, June 9. Our VBS kids will be singing the songs they have learned at this year's vacation Bible school. Come hear some fun music and support the kids.

**Give
Online**
this summer

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

Summer Worship Schedule

Wednesday Worship at 7 p.m. beginning May 25
(The sermon corresponds with the following Sunday.
We will not have a service Wednesday, June 8 during VBS.)

Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. beginning May 29

Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Sunday

Summer Office Hours

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

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian
available by appointment.

**Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

God Empowers Us to Follow the King, not the Crowd

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The vast majority of kings embraced evil and wickedness, adopting the vile practices of other nations and leading people away from God. Human kings usually indulged their own interests at the expense of the people.

Samuel shared these words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king: "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves," (1 Samuel 8:11-18).

In the person of Jesus Christ, God does something new and astounding. He sends a King who was fully God and fully man! Jesus is not only different in who He is but in what He does. Jesus does the full will of God for the welfare of all. Jesus comes to serve, not to be served. Jesus fights for His people and set them free from the dark powers and overlords of sin, death and the devil. Jesus overcomes these enemies by His extreme anguish and suffering, laying down His life and taking it up again in victory and power.

Jesus now rules and reigns at the right hand of the Father. He unites to His people through water and the word. He gives His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. He sends His Holy Spirit through His Word so that His people embrace God's perfect Kingdom rule for us and in us. This King gives life to the full, a life that we have yet to live fully. When that day comes, we will be glad God set us apart. We will know what it means to have Jesus as our King.

"For you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth," (Revelation 5:9b-10).



Jesus came
to serve
not to
be served.

Pastor Chris

Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 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, June 23: 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, June 27: 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.

Stay
in the
Word



NYG Youth Thank You

The NYG youth would like to thank the congregation for:



- supporting their mother's day flower sale. They were able to raise over \$1000 to go toward their trip this summer for the National Youth Gathering in Houston.
- supporting their envelope fundraiser. They were able to raise almost \$1,750. Sponsors will be invited to a program in August to see what the youth were able to experience and learn on the trip.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

The National Youth Gathering youth will be having a fundraiser night from 5-8 p.m. on June 13 at Pizza Ranch, 4480 23 Ave S, Fargo. Please come and support our youth. Mention BSLC when paying, and 25 percent of the receipt goes to our youth as well as 100 percent of the tips.



Coffee with the Keanes

Save the date and plan to attend coffee with the Keane's at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4 in the fellowship hall. The Keane family is the seminary family that the LWML supported with donations from the Munchies for Missions event in December. They are coming here to meet and thank our congregation. Please join us and show your support to this seminary family! They would love to meet the people who supported them.



Sundaes on Sunday Ice Cream Social

10 a.m. Sunday, June 5

The elders will be hosting a special event and serving up sundaes on June 5 in the fellowship hall. This event will provide an opportunity to meet and greet the elders and other members and friends of Beautiful Savior. You are also invited to attend the voters meeting at 10:15 a.m.



Voters Meeting June 5

There will be a voters meeting at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, June 5. Please plan to attend.

Wednesday Night Potluck Meal

Before the Wednesday night services on June 22, July 27 and Aug. 24, we will be hosting a potluck meal to get to know our fellow BSLC family. The meal on June 22 will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Rheault Farm, 2902 25 St. South in Fargo. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share and enjoy a meal and fellowship with your church family!

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

| <u>Oper. Fund</u> | <u>Feb.</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| Contributions | 30,706 | 82,687 |
| Expense | 33,323 | 69,522 |
| Surplus/(Shortfall) | (2,617) | 13,165 |

Monumental Vacation Bible School: Celebrating God's Greatness 6 p.m. Sunday, June 5-Thursday, June 9

Kids ages four to sixth grade are invited to join us for VBS! We are giving kids a 'grand'-new perspective! Kids will discover the vastness of God's love. Studies show that many kids today struggle with feelings of inadequacy, walking through deep valleys and canyons of loneliness. At Monumental, kids' eyes will look up, to a loving, powerful God who is bigger than...well, anything! As kids embark on action-packed, faith-filled adventures, they'll explore what it means to be loved by a mighty God. Registration forms are available in the narthex and online.

A meal will be available from 5:15-5:45 p.m. everyday at VBS for \$3 per person.

We are looking for volunteers to help with decorations, crew leaders, station leaders and registration. Contact Stacy Knudson or Pastor Brian if you would like to help. A supply donation list is on the window in the narthex.

The whole family is invited to join us for our program at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 9.



Clubs and Service Groups



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

June: H-K with captain Jodi Haekenkamp

July: L-N with Mary Seiffert

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 at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9 and 23. 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, June 15. Bring a dish to share. Gold Club is for anyone!

Beautiful Garden Group - Due to rain, the kick-off garden planting has been moved to June 1. If you aren't able to attend the first work day, don't worry. You can still join the group! The group will work in the garden at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday and 8 a.m. Saturdays through the growing season. They will be done in time each week so gardeners can attend mid-week worship. This year we have added a kid's garden, so please bring your kids. Please email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com if you wish to be added to the communications list!



LWML - We will not meet in June, however you are invited to attend the LWML District Convention on June 24-26 in Fargo at the Delta Hotel. The theme is "Cross Eyed ... Focused on Jesus." All are invited at 7 p.m. on June 24 at Grace Lutheran Church, 821 5th Ave S, Fargo for the opening worship service.

We are collecting items for our in-gatherings: Next Step (works with victims of human trafficking), Grace Lutheran School and the Women's Care Clinic. Please check the church website for a full list of items or the collection box in the narthex.

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



Rev. David Suelzle to Celebrate 40th Anniversary of Ordination

You are invited to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of Rev. David Suelzle's ordination as pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 12, Grace Lutheran Church, 821 5th Ave S, Fargo. Refreshments to follow. The offering received at this service will be split between men from our district enrolled at our seminaries in the fall of 2022.

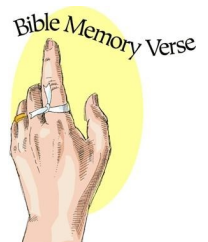
Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

June 5: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 - For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

June 12: John 15:5 - I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

June 19: 1 Corinthians 15:58 - Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

June 26: Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.



Get the Message Out

By Pastor Brian

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance... And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?" (Acts 2:4, 6-8).

Imagine being able to speak a foreign language without studying it. You are standing in front of a person who does not speak your language. You know what you want to say, and you open your mouth, and words come out that mean precisely what you want to say, but it's in the other person's language, and not your own. Wouldn't that be amazing? That's the gift of speaking in tongues.

God gave that gift to his disciples on Pentecost. It was a special gift from the Holy Spirit. It was not to impress people. It was not to make those disciples proud of how special they were. It was for one purpose, to get the message out.

Jesus had risen from the dead and ascended into heaven. His disciples were to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to everyone they met. But what if those people spoke a different language? The disciples were all from the same people group, and they spoke the same language. Did they each have to take time to learn a new language in order to take the gospel of Jesus to the ends of the earth?

Instead of taking that time, the disciples received the gift of speaking in tongues. After the gospel was passed on to many people speaking many languages, the Spirit did not give that gift anymore.

You might wish you had that gift today. But God knows precisely what He is doing. He has given you other gifts. One gift is your knowledge and faith that Jesus is your Savior. Another gift is your penitent heart. A further gift is your desire to get that message about Jesus out there. God bless that desire.



"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

A Christian friend of mine usually adds the words "It's all about Jesus!" along with his signature. I am reminded of how very true this is whenever I read the words of Colossians 1:16-17: "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

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.

June pastors and sermons are as follows:

June 5: Lutheran Bible Translators will be presenting a special service. *This Is The Life:* "A Will To Live."

June 12: Rev. Toby Heller, Concordia Lutheran Church, Beulah, presents the message: "Christ, The Wisdom of God," based on Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31. *This Is The Life:* "Interlude."

June 19: Rev. Nathan Schieber, St. John's Lutheran Church, Underwood and Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Hazen, presents the message: "The Word of God is all you need," based on Luke 16:19-31. *This Is The Life:* "Man in the Middle."

June 26: Rev. Matt Thompson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: "Set Free in Christ," based on Galatians 5:1, 13-25. *This Is The Life:* "Return Trip."

BSLC High School Seniors

These seniors graduated last weekend. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you in your new endeavors. Congratulations to you!

Nate Krause, son of Rick and Jennifer Krause, will graduate from Park Christian High School in Moorhead. He plans to attend the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities to study mathematics.

Alexus Olson, daughter of Travis and Andrea Olson, will graduate from West Fargo High School. She plans to attend the University of Jamestown where she will play volleyball and study exercise science. She plans to continue her education to become a physical therapist.

Evan Pytlik, son of Joe and Lori Pytlik, will graduate from Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Fargo. He plans to attend Montana State University - Bozeman for a business degree, but may take a gap year first.



Please Update Your Information

If you have moved, dropped your landline or have a new phone number, please let the church office know. You can call, email or leave a note in the church office with the new information. Thank you.

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.



Beautiful Savior Celebrates 40 Years

The sixth in a series on the history of BSLC

The members of Beautiful Savior are thankful that the Lord led us to build the new addition with the Laborers for Christ and our own volunteers. Even more important than the financial savings, the new addition is very special to us because of the personal long-lasting friendships that developed during the building process. We also take more pride in the building because we were part of the construction. For the actual construction, 1,800 hours of time were put in by local volunteers and about 3,800 hours by Laborers for Christ. Laborers for Christ working on the project were:

Del and Stella Carman, foreman, Bolivar, MO; Dale and Lucille Busse, Akron, OH; Mel and Betty Drath, Houston, TX; Woody and Marjorie Kohl, Oakdale, NE; Louis and Joyce Greffe, Apple Valley, MN; Lyle and Jeanne Puffe, Grand Forks, ND and Eugen Meyer, Willmar, MN.

A plaque has been placed in the new building to recognize and thank those Laborers for Christ who helped on this project. More importantly, however, it will remind us of the beautiful example of Christian living and service shown by the Laborers for Christ who served at Beautiful Savior.

Beautiful Savior to Compile Business Directory

Beautiful Savior is going to be assembling a Business Directory of members. If you are interested in listing your business, cottage industry, side business or whatever, we would like to include you. Also, if you hold a special license or other certification such as a notary, we would like to include this as well. We feel that if our members were aware of businesses that Beautiful Savior members were involved with, they would be willing to support those businesses. So, if you sell Mary Kay, do carpentry, work for a retail establishment in the area, or own a restaurant, pizza shop, appliance business or whatever, we are looking for those names to put in our directory.

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 Beautiful Savior members.

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.

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/>.



Thank You ...

- to the many volunteers who help out around the church. We appreciate your service.
- to those who helped spring clean the inside of the church and church yard. There are still a few classrooms that could use a cleaning and a few trees need to be trimmed yet.
- to Ramsey and Lyndell for leading the music for the Sunday school program and to Stacy and all our Sunday school teachers and helpers for the 2021-2022 school year.
- to the parents for sending your children to Sunday school and confirmation each week.
- to Matt and Beth Gustafson for all the behind the scenes projects necessary to keep the livestream of worship services going, all the updating of the website and power point announcements before worship services and for taking photos for the newsletters.

Grace Lutheran School News

Grace Lutheran School graduated five eighth grade students on May 24:
Madeline Bond, Hillary Hirsch (Immanuel),
Godana Jarso, Emerson Mastrud and Jack Ternes (Beautiful Savior).

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

It is our greatest desire to provide students with a Christian and Lutheran education. Enrollment is already at 103 students with more expected. We have room for more. If your family is considering Grace, please contact us at 701-232-7747 or email principal@gracels.com.

GLS is hiring a part-time secretary, one-two full time teachers, a Pre-Kindergarten teacher for a newly opened second PreK classroom, and a part time music teacher (or full time if licensing allows non-music teaching). If interested, please contact Susan Jahnke at 701-232-7747 or email her at principal@gracels.com.

June Youth Events

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

Wednesday, June 15 - from 8-9:00 p.m.. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, June 22 - from 8-9:00 p.m.. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, June 29 - from 8-9:00 p.m.. - LYF for grades 6-12



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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:

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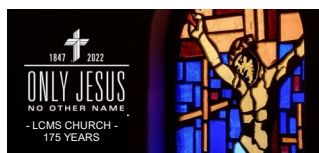
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