



ENLIGHTEN

Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Problems? Talk It Out Using God's Word

Pastor Chris

Please don't follow the model of current public discourse. The realm of debate has descended into ad hominem, which attacks people's character rather than discuss viewpoints or red herrings, which seeks to distract or lead people away from the real issues. Instead of engaging one another in meaningful dialogue, public discourse has become another arena of entertainment in which people lift themselves up at the expense of taking others down.

Need evidence? Look online. Social media allows us to connect like never before, yet it also allows a degree of detachment that encourages deliberate, terse and abusive attacks. Some Twitter users, especially, have a propensity to unleash sordid and savage discourse at someone else's expense. You most likely have heard of the term "Twitter War," a most appropriate moniker that glorifies inappropriate behavior disguised as debate.

Communication, at its core, is about sharing ideas while also connecting to others. Communication always has been hampered by sinful behavior. But today's society has sharpened communication to seek and destroy with impunity.

It's easy for those of us in the church to fall prey to these cultural shifts. As we communicate with one another, there are two approaches I hope we will avoid:

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Sunday,
March 11

Be sure to
turn your
clocks ahead
one hour!

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

Maundy Thursday, March 29

7 p.m. Worship

Good Friday, March 30

7 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday, April 1

8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

No Sunday school or Adult Bible
Study on Easter Sunday.



Holy Week

Problems? Talk It Out...

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The first is talking over someone. This approach turns up the volume and the shock. It seeks to drown out all other voices so they will not be heard. Yet the Scriptures encourage us, especially in our public witnessing, to engage others “with gentleness and respect.”

The second approach is talking about someone. This goes the way of complaining about someone but never trying to actually solve the problem. Instead of confronting someone about a disagreement, this approach attempts to rally others to your cause but does not really care about repairing the relationship that has been affected by the disagreement.

The Scriptures, however, **encourage us to talk to someone**, most notably, the one with whom there has been a disagreement. You do this face to face in hopes that you might come to an agreement or at least an understanding. This move may be difficult, awkward and even painful, but it seeks to keep the relationship intact. This is the spirit behind Matthew 18, which sets parameters concerning problems between individuals in the church. Yet this approach of talking to someone instead of over or about someone – should be applied in many different situations.

We all must admit we can be a bit too carefree with our words. James reminds us that this is a problem in the third chapter of his letter: “But no human being can tame the tongue,” he writes. “It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”

In a world bent on cracking down on inappropriate behavior, we advocate a culture of respect and personhood, but in our dialogue with one another, we demonstrate a lack of respect for others because we are too focused on our own militant viewpoint winning the day. If we are to care about others, our words matter, too.

Thankfully, we have the Word of God. We can speak Law, when appropriate, to one another. We speak Gospel, when appropriate to one another. And when we can’t decide and things become muddled, we are encouraged to err on the side of the Gospel.

Of course, this approach does not carry over very well into many of the arenas of public discourse and in a society ever further from the one true God. But Paul had some great advice for the way we talk to one another in our life together as the church. We stay on track when we do what the church does: receiving God’s Word and repeating God’s Words right back to God and others.

Paul urges: “Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ,

Pastor Chris

Bible Studies at Beautiful Savior

9:40 a.m. Sundays: “The Psalms: God’s Comforting Word in Christ”

From the worship of the children of Israel to the newly published hymns and praise songs of today, the psalms have played a central role in the worship of God’s people. This study will introduce you to the teachings and history of the psalms so that this treasure chest of God’s riches will be opened to you and enrich your worship life and devotional reading of the psalms.

7 p.m. Tuesdays: “Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up”

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.

6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays “Prayer”

Our women’s Bible study will learn how to pray by praying and being prayed for by others. Our Biblical examples will include Mary, Moses, Abraham and Daniel. We will gain new insights and experience in the art of prayer. Questions? Call Loretta Swanson at 218-236-1891.

Special Presentation "Christ in the Passover" 6 p.m. at March 21 Lenten Supper

Beautiful Savior will be supporting missionary work among Jewish people as we welcome Danielle Stavi, who will be giving the special presentation "Christ in the Passover" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, during our last Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper.

Danielle will demonstrate the link between the ancient festival of Passover, and how it points to Christ as the great Passover Lamb, who was sacrificed and raised for us.

Danielle is a missionary with Jews for Jesus, a group of people from a Jewish background who believe in Jesus Christ as the messiah and seek to share that proclamation with other Jewish people. A free-will offering will be taken after the presentation.

Join us during this special event, and help support this Christ-centered Gospel ministry.



Election of Officers at Voters' Meeting

There will be a voters' meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 18, between services, to elect officers. The financial report and other reports will be given. Please plan to attend. Thanks.

Call Process Update

At our February 11 voters' meeting, the BSLC voters approved moving forward to call an associate pastor. The call papers were completed and submitted after the vote was approved. We now have the fortunate position of being able to interview four candidates from the Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Four call committee members will be interviewing the four seminary candidates on Friday, March 2. We ask that you keep the call committee and seminary candidates in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to follow the call process.

Easter Flowers On Altar For Loved Ones

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to order flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Flowers and the prices are listed on the sign-up sheets. Checks for the flowers are to be made out to the LWML.

Midweek Lenten Service Schedule

The schedule and focus for each midweek Lenten service is:

March 7: "Seeing the Power of the Cross"
Mark 14:43-52

March 14: "Seeing God's 'Yes' to Us" **Mark 14:53-72**

March 21: "See-ers of Golgotha" **Mark 15:15-32**

Potluck Suppers During Lent

BSLC offers soup and sandwich suppers before our Lenten worship each Wednesday from 6-6:45 p.m. You are invited to bring soups, sandwiches or desserts as you are able. Our groups will do the set-up and clean-up. Listed below are the dates for each group. Thanks for your help.



March 7	O-R	Barb Moser
March 14	S	Maggie Stende
March 21	T-Z	Kim Ternes

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$27,189	\$27,189
Expense	28,843	\$28,843
Net Income (Loss)	(\$1,654)	(\$1,654)

Baptisms

Feb. 4: Cian Gmeiner Edner, son of Christopher Edner and Tracy Nevland, born Sept. 30, 2017. His sponsors were Todd Klingenberg, Tanya Klingenberg, Justin Werlinger and Leslie Werlinger.

Deaths

Feb. 25: Pastor Paul Bunkowske passed away in Fargo. There will be visitation from 5-7 p.m. and a prayer service at 7 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Boulger Funeral Home, 123 10th St. N., Fargo. His funeral will be at BSLC at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3.

Pastor Paul served churches at Lisbon, ND, Huron, SD, Edgeley, ND, Menahga and Wolf Lake, MN, before retiring.

Pastor Paul is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ruth; 3 children, Lorrie (Kevin) Grunewald; Timothy Bunkowske and Heidi Bowen; son-in-law Wade (Jill) Swenson; a brother Eugene (Bernice) Bunkowske; and 12 grandchildren. Pastor Paul was preceded in death by his daughter, Pam Swenson; brother David Bunkowske; and sister Marilyn Leiner.



Service Group for March

Our group for March consists of the letters O-R with Barb Moser as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help for other events. Thanks for your help. Our April group will be the letter S with captain Maggie Stende. A special thanks to Barb Moser and to Sherrie Anderson as they step down from their captain jobs.

Elder for March

Our Elder for March 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.

LWML News

The next LWML March meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

Two prayer partners are needed to support two of our confirmation students and two service captains are needed to replace Sherrie Anderson (Br-D) and Barb Moser (O-R). Our captains make phone calls or e-mail members to line up treats for Sundays, to help set up or clean up for special services. A captain is responsible for a month at a time. There are 8 captains in all. E-mail Mary Seiffert at mseiffert@marykay.com if you would like to be a captain or a prayer partner.

Shirley Elsner, Karen Mart-Taverna, Maggie Stende and Mary Seiffert had the pleasure of playing games of Yahtzee and Rummikub with residents at Sheyenne Crossings in February. Treats and small prizes were given out. More fun outings are being planned so read the announcements, newsletters and check out the BSLC website for the dates of the outings.

LWML ND Eastern Zone Spring Event

Our spring event will be at Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14. Used eyeglasses will be collected. All are welcome to attend.

LWML Mites

Consider giving mightily to the mite box in March. The terrific mission projects supported by your generous donations to mites are still in need of gifts so the projects can all be carried out to fruition before the June convention. Our mission grants for 2016-2018 are as below.



Grant	Total	Paid	Balance
ND Church Scholarships	\$35,000	\$28,000	\$7,000
Orphan Grain Train	\$7,500	\$7,500	Paid
Wahpeton LCMS U	\$1,500	\$1,500	Paid
Christ the Way Radio Min.	\$5,000	\$5,000	Paid
Pastoral Care	\$8,000	\$8,000	Paid
Concordia Ft. Wayne food	\$5,000	\$5,000	Paid
Christ's Care For Children	\$4,320	\$4,320	Paid
Grace School Scholarship	\$5,000	0	\$5,000
Dakota Boys/Girls Ranch	\$4,680	0	\$4,680
Totals	\$76,000	\$59,320	\$16,680

Please watch the announcements as to when a special offering will be taken to help the LWML reach their goal.

Gold Club Potluck March 14

We might not find four-leaf clovers in the month of March outside yet, but we can enjoy a good meal and have some fun at our Gold Club potluck. Join us at noon Wednesday, March 14, for a wee bit of food. Our Gold Club was originally formed for our senior members but if you are home during the day and would enjoy fellowship, come join us.

Fellowship and Quilting

Our quilting group meets twice a month. Please join us at 10 a.m. on Thursdays, March 8 and 22. Being a quilter is not a requirement. Our group enjoys good conversation and fun fellowship. We donate quilts to local organizations, donate to silent auctions when asked and sell them to members. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

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.

Farewell But Not Really From Vicki

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future; *Jer. 29:11*.

Had I known the plans God had for me in 2017, I would have hidden under a rock! Seriously, I need to thank all of the BSLC family for their support of me in my wonderful job at BSLC. It's been a stressful year, with the death of Bill Sharpe in the District office, with Pastor Dave leaving, and my folks having health issues and having to move them out of their house of 30 years. I've come to realize that I need to have more time to deal with my parents continuing health issues, my children and grandchildren (a new one coming in June), and to spend time with my husband.

I've decided to step down from my office job for the church. I'm not leaving the building; I plan to work for the ND District office four days a week and to assist Tami as she learns the ropes.

The good news is I can still see everyone who stops by and if need be, I can still help out at the church. May God bless you all, and again, thanks—you are all dear friends to me.



"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

This month, we introduce our MSLN President Ken Koehler. Ken grew up on a farm near Hankinson, ND. After graduating from NDSU, he spent several years working for International Harvester Company before attending Concordia College in St. Paul, where he received his director of Christian education degree. Ken then served as the DCE and youth director for 40 years at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in West Fargo, ND, retiring in June 2015. Ken continues to live in West Fargo, volunteering time with MSNL, Grace Lutheran School, Fargo, and other ministry related activities.

Our worship program may be viewed at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings on KVRN 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!

March pastors and sermons are as follows.

- March 4: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents today's message: "Zealous for You," based on John 2:13-22.
- March 11: Rev. Kevin Mann, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Henning, MN, presents today's message: "Look to the Son!," based on John 3:14-21.
- March 18: Rev. Jacob Swenson, St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, ND, presents today's message: "On the Mount of the Lord It Was Provided," based on Genesis 22:1-14.
- March 25: Rev. Stephen Meltzer, St. John Lutheran Church, Wadena, MN, presents today's message: "Come and Die with Jesus," based on John 12:12.

Grace Lutheran School News

Summer Employment: Grace Lutheran School is looking for high school seniors through college-age young adults to be helpers, assistant teachers, recreation leaders and guitar players for Camp Grace. Camp Grace is a summer program for students ages four to 12. The camp starts May 29 and ends Aug. 17, with the fourth of July off. There are two shifts daily (morning and afternoon). You will need a background check, first aid card, finger printing and complete up to 13 hours of training online before you start. If interested, contact Mr. Hagge at 701-232-7747 or email jhagge@gracels.com.

Open Enrollment: Open enrollment has begun at GLS. Association church members, friends and relatives are welcome to come in and register for the 2018-2019 school year. Take a tour of the school to get an idea of what Grace Lutheran is like. There is needs-based financial aid with more than \$100,000 available for your students to attend Grace! Registration is \$50 for new families. For those enrolled already, the fee will go up to \$100 April 1.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Open House from 4:30-6 p.m. Monday, March 12. Meet the teachers, ask questions, your child can create an art project and enjoy a snack. If you are unable to attend, contact Mr. Hagge at 232-7747 or email jhagge@gracels.com. to set up a care visit.

Volunteers still needed: Duties include helping teachers and students, supervising recesses and morning care, or help in the kitchen. Please contact John Hagge at 232-7747 or email jhagge@gracels.com for further information.



Stewardship Committee Needs You

Do you have ideas about stewardship in our congregation? Would you help encourage involvement in the congregation, community, and in regular giving? Do you have experience with capitol campaigns, finances, building maintenance and/or planning? Would you like the opportunity to work with a great group to share your creative vision for our congregation in any of these areas?

Then, the Board of Stewardship wants you!

Our next meeting will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 12. We'd love to have you join us!

Contact Jennifer Krause with any questions or to let us know you'll be there. You can e-mail rjnkrause@yahoo.com or text 1-320-237-5438 to reach Jennifer.



God's Grace
ANNUAL AUCTION CELEBRATION
March 10, 2018

DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT FARGO
CRYSTAL BALLROOM
1635 42ND ST S. FARGO, ND 58103

REGISTRATION & PRE-SWIPE/SILENT AUCTION
5:00 PM

A PLENTIFUL ARRAY OF GOURMET HORS D'OEUVRES
5:30 - 7:30 PM

LIVE AUCTION
7:45 PM

TICKETS: \$40/PERSON
PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR BY
CALLING: 701-232-7747

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP
SUSTAIN THE MISSION OF GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL,
PLEASE CONTACT US AT 1025 14TH AVENUE SOUTH IN
FARGO, OR EMAIL US AT jhagge@gracels.com.
MUST BE 18 TO ATTEND.



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Palm Sunday Party is March 25

When Jesus entered into Jerusalem on what is now called "Palm Sunday," crowds welcomed him, celebrating his arrival as the long-awaited Messiah. At Beautiful Savior, we will celebrate a Palm Sunday Party from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 25. All children from preschool to fifth grade are invited to participate. The event will include crafts, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and treats. Cost is \$3. Please fill out a form located in the narthex and return it to the office.



Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will practice at 7 p.m. on Sundays March 4, 11 and 25. Practice will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17. The band will play in church, Sunday, March 18, during the 8:15 a.m. service. The band members are asked to be at the church by 7:30 a.m. that day. Questions? Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

Main Street Living Choir Rehearsal March 17

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, March 17, 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.

Summer Camp

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads has brochures in the narthex for those who would like to attend church camp. Rev. Jon Bonine is the new camp director at Shepherd's Hill. This year's theme at camp is "A New Creation." Some of the camps offered are horse camps, science camp, Leadership Quest, fishing camp and even a grandparent camp. For more information go to their website www.shretreat.org.

Administrative Assistant Position Job Opening at BSLC

Beautiful Savior currently is looking for a person to take the administrative assistant position in the church office. Applications can be picked up in the church office. The position is approximately 20 hours per week. Some of the job details are:

- Assist with daily office duties.
- Assist Pastor Chris.
- Greet all who come into the church.
- Answer phone.
- Prepare bulletins, newsletters and mailings.

Qualifications:

- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher.
- Good communication skills.
- Be a self-starter and able to work independently.

Must be able to maintain confidentiality with sensitive information, compassionate, pass a background check and work with the various church committees and organizations.

March Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, March 7 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, March 14 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, March 21 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, March 28 – No Lutheran Youth Fellowship; Holy Week

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17: Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat. All students in grades eight through 12 can get refreshed in their faith during the ND District Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat in Carrington. We will leave on Friday afternoon and return around 5 p.m. on Saturday. Activities include teen-led growth sessions, devotions, concerts, a junk food buffet and some meals. Cost is \$75. Please also bring enough money for dinner on Friday. Please fill out a form and hand in to Pastor Chris.



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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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