



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Summer Office Hours

9:30-2:00 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.
Office closed on Memorial Day
Please call ahead on Friday
to be sure someone is around.

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

Kneeling as a sign of respect? Expect it.

By Pastor Chris

Sometimes, respect presents itself in amazing ways. Did you ever think kneeling could be a sign of respect in this day and age? If so, you may have read the recent story about a surprising gesture outside Franklinton Junior High School. Sisters Lynn Bienvenu and Johannah Stroud were in Washington Parish attending the funeral of their cousin, Velma Kay Crowe, when they witnessed a group of young boys suddenly drop their pickup basketball game, take to their knees and solemnly acknowledge the funeral procession driving through their Louisiana neighborhood.

"They took a knee not out of disrespect but out of honor," Bienvenu wrote in a post on social media. "There was not an adult in sight to tell them to stop playing."

On my wedding night, my wife and I decided to spend the evening in a nice hotel. Dressed in full wedding attire, we made our way to an elevator surrounded by a group of fourth-graders, who were in St. Louis for some sort of school competition. Their adviser encouraged them to please move out of the way. In unison, the group turned around, widened their eyes and let out a collective, audible gasp. Foregoing their rightful turn at the elevator, they parted like the Red Sea and shattered the awkward silence with explosive cheering and clapping.

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Beautiful Savior Assigned Vicar From Concordia Seminary St. Louis

Beautiful Savior has received a vicar from Concordia Seminary St. Louis. The news was announced officially during the Seminary's call service April 24.



Brian Shane, an alternate route student, will begin his vicarage at Beautiful Savior some time this summer. Vicarage is a one-year internship within an LCMS congregation that every candidate must complete before becoming eligible for a divine call as a pastor.

After his vicarage, Brian most likely will be called as an associate pastor at Beautiful Savior.

Brian was born in Red Wing, MN. He is a former junior high and senior high math teacher. He is married to Dahlia and has two sons, Andrew, 23; and Grant, 21.

Please pray for Brian and his family as they transition from the Seminary to ministry at Beautiful Savior. We thank the Lord, the Seminary, the Council of Presidents and the BSLC Call committee for helping in the process.

I will never forget that moment.

Unfortunately, that seems like the exception rather the rule. Respect is something that our society lacks and keeps losing, even when it comes to Jesus.

After all, our Lord Jesus arrives among us in Word and Sacrament, but His presence easily escapes our notice. Our Savior is met with sleepy eyes, apathetic hearts and distracted thoughts as He visits His people to do His loving and saving work.

How easily we slip into disrespectful patterns, even and especially in worship. But our failings and shortfalls are exactly why our Lord invites us to worship. Although Jesus is owed respect by His very nature as your Lord, God and Savior, His Gospel opens your sleepy eyes, apathetic heart and distracted thoughts to the fact that He has promised to come meet you in your wretched state. He comes to connect you to His suffering, death and resurrection. He comes to connect you to His humility and service. He comes to connect you to God's saving activity. He comes to connect you to the Holy Spirit so that you might delight in God's will and walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name.

And Paul makes clear that when our Lord comes again, every knee shall bow in a stunning show of respect. Yes, you read that right. Every knee. There will be no doubters as to who is Lord. When our God comes again, there will be no doubters about who is God. When our salvation comes there will be no doubt about salvation found in Christ alone.

The apostle writes in Philippians 2: "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Until that time, as Christ continues to meet and serve you, expect respect to flow from even you in surprising ways through the power of the Gospel.



Pastor Chris

New Administrative Assistant

Kim Scheer has been hired as the administrative assistant for Beautiful Savior. Kim and her family have been members at Beautiful Savior since 1995. You may have seen her in the classroom or the church office on and off over the years.

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to Vicki Peihl for being our administrative assistant for the last 10 1/2 years. You will still be able to see her, as she is in the building working for the ND District!

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: "The book of Joel: The Day of the Lord approaches"

"Rend your hearts, not your garments," the LORD says through the prophet Joel. With these words, God invites His people to repent inwardly in their hearts and minds, not with just outward actions that simply go through the motions.

Yet despite repeated warnings, God's people remain comfortable in their sin, so the prophet Joel warns about the upcoming "Day of the Lord," a time when God dramatically reveals and/or executes judgments by condemning the wicked and delivering the righteous.

The problem in Joel's time remains a problem in our time. As God pours out His Spirit through the Means of Grace, His Word calls us to truly repent and turn from our sins. Yet more and more, people remove themselves from God's Word and turn to their own ideas.

As the Day of the Lord approaches, God would not have us remain comfortable in our sin but repent, turn toward Him, and receive forgiveness in Christ. Joel calls God's people to remember the God who has delivered His people on the "Day of the Lord" throughout history and who will deliver the faithful on the Last Day.

6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays "Prayer"

Our women's Bible study will take the month of May off.

New Member

Shelly Gustafson, along with her two children, Madison and Jordan, have lived in Fargo their whole lives. They like the smaller community at Beautiful Savior and feel very welcomed! They enjoy biking, camping and watching movies as a family. Her oldest daughter, Madison, is currently serving in the U.S. Navy.

Memorials

Rod Kensrud

Ed and Carol Herrmann

Pastor Paul Bunkowske

James and Josephine Aarfor
 Randy and Pam Aberle
 Donald and Sandra Andersen
 Larry Bartz
 Duane and Maxine Boehning
 Muff and Linda Brandt
 Joan Fiechtner
 Keith Gregerson
 Matt and Beth Gustafson
 Ed and Carol Herrmann
 Charles Hoge
 Charles and Kathleen Johnson
 Janet Koppinger
 Tim and Elise Meyer
 Dale and Polly Olson
 Terry and Marjorie Opp
 Gaylord and Marilyn Schilling
 Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann
 Raymond and Sharon Schlichtmann
 Norma Schultz
 Loretta Swiontek
 Juanita Tewksbury
 Douglas and Tamara Ulland
 Redeemer Lutheran Church (Lisbon)

Patricia Teele (Harlan LeMier's Daughter)

Ed and Carol Herrmann

Leona Warns (LeAnn Herrmann's Mom)

Ed and Carol Herrmann

A Big Thank You

The family of Pastor Charlie Johnson wishes to express their humble gratitude for the numerous cards, memorials, food and words of comfort in the loss of Pastor Johnson. God bless you all.

Kathy Johnson and family

Summer Worship

Beautiful Savior will offer one worship service at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings starting on Sunday, May 27, and going through Sunday, Sept. 2.

Our mid-week worship will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, and run through Aug. 15.



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2018!

Back: Matthew Hestdalen, Ashton Breitbarth, Tanner Kainz, Carter Hoerer;
 Middle: Alexis Doeling, Logan Triepke, Joren Palmer, Benett Persoon, Pastor Chris;
 Front: Mollie Gilman, Ryan Grothman, Andrew Barth, Hunter Weitnauer and Dani Hjelden

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	\$33,442	88,057
Expense	19,440	66,497
Surplus (Shortfall)	14,002	21,560

Elder for May

Our Elder for May is Paul Asche. 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 Paul or any of the elders.

Service Group for May

Our group for May consists of the letters T-Z with Kim Ternes as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help for other events. Thanks for your help. Our June group will be the letters A-Bo with captain Andrea Olson.

Installation of New Church Officers

Installation of our newly elected officers for BSLC was held during both worship services Sunday, April 29. Please keep them in your prayers. Also thanks to all who have served and will be stepping down.

Elders: Adam Tykwinski and Lloyd Jemtrud
Properties: Chuck Hoge
Education: Bobbi Hestdalen
Secretary: Kayla Muehler
Treasurer: Craig Hashbarger
RRLSA Board: Kim Ternes

Fellowship and Quilting

Our quilting group meets twice a month. Please join us at 10 a.m. on Thursdays, May 10 and 24. 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 quilts to anyone who desires one. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

Christian Chicks Bookclub

Stay tuned for more information as to when and where the next meeting will be. We will discuss the book *If I Live* which is the third book in the series *If I Run* by Terri Blackstock.

LWML News

The next LWML meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 17. There will be election of officers and discussion of summer activities.

The LWML convention is coming in June. We will be collecting items for three organizations. Boxes will be available in the Narthex for you to drop of these items. They will be gathered and delivered to convention in Minot!

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch:

- Bibles (NIV)
- Christian music
- Art supplies
- Gift cards
- Equipment for summer activities (balls, fishing, etc.)

Domestic Violence Crisis Center

(New Items Please)

- Women's undergarments
- Bath towels
- Pillow cases/twin sheets and bedding
- Personal and feminine care products

Dakota Hope Clinic Baby Boutique

(New Items Please)

- Diapers size 3, 4, 5
- Sleep sacks with zipper
- Most any baby items



Gold Club

Join us at noon Wednesday, May 16, for some wonderful food and fun fellowship. Our Gold Club was originally formed for our senior members. Now it is a 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.

Property Committee Needs You

Do you like sunshine and fresh air? The property committee is looking for individuals to help throughout the summer with the weekly mowing and yard upkeep around the church property. If you would be willing to help out with that please contact Chuck Hoge or leave a message in the church office.

The property committee is also looking for help with a spring clean-up day will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 12. We'd love to have you come help us put the beautiful back in Beautiful Savior!

Are You Being Called?

Please prayerfully consider if you could step up and be a fellowship captain. Our captains make phone calls or e-mail members to line up treats for Sundays and to set up or clean up for special services. A captain is responsible for a month at a time. There are eight captains in all. E-mail Mary Seiffert at mseiffert@marykay.com if you would like to be a captain.

Beautiful Garden Meeting

We need twelve people to join us at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12 to till the garden. Mike Schlichtmann will bring a John Deere with a tiller on it, and we'll put in a new plot, work in compost, and we will figure out the planting plan, and watch Mike a lot of the time!!!

Please bring:

Yourself and/or someone you know!
Shovel (if possible)
Wheelbarrow (if possible)
Gardening/working gloves
A big smile
Sunshine and 70 degrees!

The kick-off to our Beautiful Garden will be 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 - subject to weather conditions. For more information, e-mail Tim Deitemeyer at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com. See you at the garden!!



“Main Street Living North” TV Program News

This month we introduce Douglas Schmitz, the vice president of our MSLN Board of Directors. Douglas grew up on a farm near Red Lake Falls, MN. He graduated from UMC, Crookston and NDSU with a degree in agricultural economics and finance. Over the past 30 years, Douglas has been able to help many people answer complex financial questions. Douglas and his wife, Rebekah, have been members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead for 30 years. Thank you Douglas for your many hours of volunteer work for MSLN.

To add your much-needed 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 at: www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com. Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

May pastors and sermons are as follows:

May 6: Rev. Tim Schiller, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Alexandria, MN, presents today's message: “God Will Wipe Away Every Tear” based on Revelation 21:4.

May 13: Rev. Adam Moline, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND, and St. John's Lutheran Church, Belford, ND, presents today's message: “Exaudi” based on John 15:26-6:4

May 20: Rev. John M. Christensen, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN, presents today's message: “A Lasting Pentecost Miracle” based on Genesis 11:1-9.

May 27: Rev. Larry Harvala, Congregational Care Counselor for MN North District LCMS, presents today's message: “God So Loved You” based on John 3:16.

BSLC High School Seniors

BSLC would like to honor our high school seniors at both worship services Sunday, May 12th at both the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. church service. Please attend the service that works best for you. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you in your new endeavors. Congratulations to you!



Abby Aberle daughter of Randy and Pam Aberle, will graduate from Fargo Davies High School. She plans to attend NDSU in the fall to major in accounting.

Ashley Olson daughter of Kim Olson plans to attend UND, Grand Forks, in the fall to major in physical therapy.

Seth Bittner son of Kerry and Heather Bittner, will graduate from Fargo South High. He plans to enter the Air Force.

Alyssa Gaber daughter of Adam and Tiffany Gaber, will graduate from Davies High School. She plans to attend UND, Grand Forks, to study psychology.

Brandon Stevahn son of Terry Stevahn and Esther Opegard, will graduate from Fargo South High. He will be attending NDSCS, Wahpeton, this fall in the electrical technology program.

Harrison Wiest son of Lisa and the late Keith Wiest, will graduate from West Fargo High School. He is undecided on what he wants to do in life, so for now he will work and just enjoy no homework!

“Shipwrecked” VBS coming soon

Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday school and adult Bible study will be done on Sunday, May 20. A big thank you to all our teachers and assistants for teaching our youth this year. Our hope is for you to sign up to teach vacation Bible school. We hope you have a great summer and come back next fall to lead the youth again!

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will practice at 7 p.m. on Sundays May 6, and 13. Practice will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 19 with a Dairy Queen party following at 7 p.m. The band will play 8:15 a.m. Sunday, May 20. The band members are asked to be at the church by 7:30 a.m. that day. Questions? Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

Anchor your kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life with this year's **“Shipwrecked” Vacation Bible School**. All kids from age 4 to fifth grade are invited to participate. This year's VBS will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. from Sunday, June 3, to Thursday, June 7. This five-day experience helps kids discover that they are rescued by Jesus. This adventure is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, and touch! Bible Point crafts, team-building games and cool Bible songs are just a few of the activities that help faith come alive into everyday life. Please fill out a form and turn it into the church office.



We are asking kids in sixth grade and higher to help out with this year's VBS as assistant crew leaders, station helpers and with other tasks. We also need plenty of adults to help out with this year's adventure. Please contact Bobbi Hestdalen or Pastor Chris for more information.

Grace Lutheran School May Events:

Spring Band/Ambassador Concert, 7 p.m. May 1,
Come and hear how our students have grown in their
music abilities over the year!

Muffins for MOMs 7:30 a.m. May 9, Pastor Jahnke
will lead us in chapel this day at 8:40 a.m. This is
our day to celebrate God's gift of Moms.

LOST (but now I'm found) GLS Spring Musical
Join us as we cast off on this adventure cruise 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15 (1:30 p.m. dress rehearsal)

Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduation, 7 p.m.
May 23, Please join us for our graduation
ceremonies at GLS.

Support Grace Lutheran School each time you buy gas!

Earn an automatic gas rebate for Grace Lutheran
School of three cents for every gallon of gas
purchased at the Exxon/Red Carpet Carwash
Stations located on 13th Ave. S. in Fargo (by
Perkins and by Family Fare). Pick up your free GLS
Organizational Rebate Card from the church office –
and take additional cards for your family and friends
to use. (This is NOT a credit card.) These local
Exxon stations also donated to this year's GLS
auction.

LCMS Summer Bible Camps

Have you thought about sending your children to
a Lutheran camp this summer?

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. Their website is
www.shretreat.org.

Lutheran Island
Camp is celebrating
its 66th year of
camping this
year. They are
located approx. 90
miles from

Fargo. "By FAITH" is
this year's theme at

camp. They offer a full range of camps all
summer long. There are camps for ages
3-18, adults and even family camps. Activities
range from horseback riding, performing arts,
paintball, kayaking and fishing to name a
few. Attend just one camp - or sign up for
multiple. There are brochures with registration
forms in the narthex for those who would like to
attend a camp. For more information, go to their
website www.islandcamp.org.



May Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, May 2 – from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, May 9 – from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, May 16 – Youth Picnic 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23 – from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, May 30 – No Youth Group

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Wednesday, May 16 – Youth Picnic. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited for an outdoor activity and game night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. The event will include a barbecue dinner of hot dogs and brats. Bring a dish to share and your favorite outdoor game. Please fill out a form with Pastor Chris.

Sunday, May 20 – Day at Thunder Road. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited for some fun from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Thunder Road. We will have a short Bible study followed by the park attractions. Cost is \$15 for four tickets. Bring extra money if you would like to do more and if you would like a snack. Please fill out a form and see Pastor Chris for more details.

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Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
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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Elders are assigned families based on last name

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