

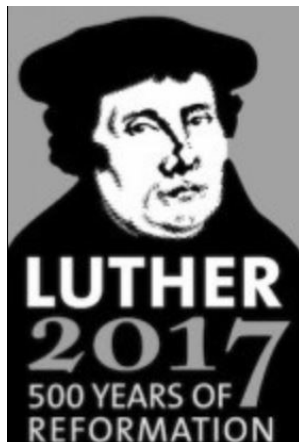
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Reformation Anniversary is Something to Celebrate

By Pastor Chris



Is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation a celebration or a commemoration?

Some have argued it can't be the former. When the church split and fractured, it disrupted Christian unity. The church no longer stood as one. Although we might say this schism and the ones that followed are nothing to celebrate in and of themselves, we also must remember the bigger picture.

In Luther's day, the church had fallen prey to doctrines that betrayed the apostolic witness and the authority of Scripture. The assurance and truth of forgiveness of sins in Christ alone had been buried and obscured by a different Gospel that had become

no Gospel at all. People resigned themselves to a false belief that they could never be right with a Holy God and could only work or buy their way to God's favor or face several thousand years in purgatory's purifying fire before God would accept them.

Once, even Luther falsely understood the Gospel as a new expectation over and above the Law of the Old Testament as he read Romans 3:21 "But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it."

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Beautiful Savior Pictorial Directory

Beautiful Savior is getting ready to create a new pictorial directory. We need your help to make it complete! Our directory will showcase our families, provide contact information and become a useful resource to keep us connected as the body of Christ. By participating, you will receive a complimentary 8 by10 portrait and a printed photo directory, along with access to the directory online.

Schedule your appointment online at www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com. Then go to the "Directory" tab. Sign up early to ensure you get the date and time you prefer.

Upcoming photography dates include:

Tuesday, Oct. 10 - from 2 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12 - from 2 to 9 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13 - from 2 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14 - from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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"I was angry with God," Luther wrote, "and said, 'As if, indeed, it is not enough, that miserable sinners, eternally lost through original sin, are crushed by every kind of calamity by the law of the Decalogue, without having God add pain to pain by the gospel and also by the gospel threatening us with His righteousness and wrath!'"

Yet, through careful reading of the scriptures, Luther discovered that the righteousness of God did not refer to how God punishes undeserving sinners by the Gospel but instead how God declares sinners righteous for the sake of Jesus by the power of the Gospel! In order to fully understand Romans 3:21, Luther needed Romans 3:22, "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe."

"There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by the gift of God, namely by faith," Luther wrote. "And this is the meaning: the righteousness of God is revealed by the gospel, namely, the passive righteousness of God with which merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written, 'He who through faith is righteous shall live.' Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.

There a totally other face of the entire Scripture once again showed itself to me."

What a relief when the true Gospel once again came! Dejected sinners with no hope now had assurance in the Gospel of Christ. Instead of looking down a long, bleak road up through the pit and suffering of purgatory, those in the church heard that Christ endured suffering, pain and death for them so that they might be spared the agony of being separated from God. That is something to celebrate!



Although we lament the split of the church, we remember that the Gospel could have been lost forever. So with joy and thankfulness, we can celebrate the Reformation and its continuing mission to proclaim the good news of the full forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ for sinners like you and me.

Pastor Chris

Sudanese Community Pastors Ordained and Installed on Sept. 17

The ordination and installation for Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak was held during a special service Sunday, Sept. 17. Congratulations to both of them and to the Sudanese community! Rev. Thomas Eckstein, first vice president of the ND District, presided over the service. Pastor David Wagner preached and Pastor Chris Waldvogel did the liturgy.



At left, Rev. Tom Eckstein ordains Samuel and Daniel. Above, pastors attending the service included, front row: Rev. Chris Waldvogel, Rev. Daniel Mapur, Rev. Samuel Majak, Rev. Dave Wagner; middle row: Rev. Clark Jahnke, Rev. Adam Harvala, Rev. Tom Eckstein; back row: Rev. Leo Deitemeyer, Rev. Charlie Johnson, Rev. Bernie Worral and Rev. Steve Schulz.

LWML News

LWML held its first meeting of the season on Sept. 21 with 13 women in attendance. Kay Osman treated the group with a taco bar. Shirley Elsner shared a devotion based on scripture and related meanings of various fall colors. There are a ton of activities coming up yet in 2017; help would be appreciated, so even if you can't attend the monthly meetings, consider teaming up on a committee to help make things happen.

LWML Sunday is Oct. 1: We'll be sharing information on the LWML mission and assisting with services (not just on LWML Sunday but on every Sunday in October). Help show your support for our ladies by wearing purple on Oct. 1!

The Mite Box will be out at both services on LWML Sunday. Please support mission grants by dropping change, cash or check into the box.

October is 31 days of Prayer and Clergy Appreciation Month!

We would like to pray for pastor every day throughout the month. Please sign up for a day in October to uphold Pastor Chris in prayer. You may send him a note or greeting card expressing your thanks to him for all he does and let him know that you are praying for him. An optional idea would be to include a small gift card for a store, coffee shop or restaurant or drop off a baked good or treat. Please contact Mary Seiffert at: mseiffert@marykay.com to sign up for your day.

Call Committee Update

Pastor Chris Waldvogel has accepted the call to be our senior pastor at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church! He will continue with his pastoral role with additional senior pastor responsibilities.

Congratulations, Pastor Chris, and congratulations to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church for the wonderfully answered prayer!

Beautiful Savior will have an installation service for Pastor Chris at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12. All members of the congregation are invited. Please plan to attend this special event.

Now that we have a senior pastor in place, the Call Committee will continue the process of determining the future needs for Beautiful Savior. Our work will be detailed around your feedback provided in the surveys. Again, thank you to all those who provided feedback.

The next LWML meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19. This will be potluck style, so bring a dish to share. We'll start with our meal, devotion and on to the agenda at hand.

LWML Fall Rally is Saturday, Oct. 28 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The speaker will be Rev. C.H. Jahnke from St. Andrew Lutheran Church. He will be presenting "Mission trip to Mexico." There will also be an ingathering for the Perry Center in West Fargo. If you wish to give to this effort, but can't attend, leave your gift at BSLC and mark it for "LWML Zone Rally Oct 28." We will make sure it gets there! Items needed are:

New baby clothes	Diapers	Blankets
Bath essentials	Wipes	Baby toys

Loose Change Sunday is Oct. 29. Bring your loose change, dollars or a check to put in the mite box. Learn more about mite donations at <http://beautifulsaviorfargo.com/lwml>.

Women's Christmas Tea and Munchies for Missions are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 3. Mark your calendar and plan to decorate/host a table or attend as a guest. If you have a wonderful gift basket or item to donate to the silent auction, please email mseiffert@marykay.com for more information.

From the Voters' Meeting

Charlotte Dotting was voted in as Beautiful Savior's lay delegate for the District Convention that will be held in January 2018 in Dickinson, ND. Mark Simonson was voted as an alternate to attend. Thank you, Charlotte and Mark, for graciously accepting this duty on behalf of Beautiful Savior.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

January through Aug 2017

<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$21,294	\$193,218
Expense	\$19,816	\$218,094
Net Income (Loss)	\$1,478	(\$24,876)

Baptisms

Sept. 24 - Nolan Kirby-Freddy Maas, son of Nolan Maas and Megan Marcks, born Aug. 7, 2017. His sponsors were Brianna Peterson, Corey Maas and Kyana Schimke.

Sunday School Help Needed

We are still looking for help on Sunday mornings for Sunday School. We are looking for teachers or team teachers for second and fifth grades, substitutes and memory work helpers. If interested, please contact Bobbi Hestdalen at 701-540-2218 or the church office.

Did You Miss a Sermon?

This summer, our church website has added some new features. You can now listen to past sermons, see upcoming events, read announcements and read youth and Sunday School announcements. Take a look at: beautifulsaviorfargo.com.

Listen to
sermons
ONLINE

Sew and Quilt at BSLC

If you like to sew and quilt, please join our ladies at 10 a.m. Thursdays, Oct. 12 and 26, at the church. They plan to make mittens and do quilting. Bring a sewing machine and any fabric if you wish.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Have you ever wondered if you could be an usher or greeter on Sunday mornings? Have you thought you might enjoy singing with the choir or playing in the praise band? Do you have a gift for prayer, sewing, gardening, working with children or teens, or planning activities? These are just some of the ways you can contribute your gifts and talents at Beautiful Savior. If you would like to learn more about any of these or want to know how you can serve our congregation, please visit with Jennifer Krause, Pastor Chris or any member of the Church Council.

New Member Corner

Brian and Caitlin Anderson are new members at BSLC. They moved here from Iowa. Caitlin is working toward her Ph.D. in zoology and STEM education at NDSU. Brian works in software engineering at John Deere Electrical Solutions. They like how friendly our pastor and the members are at BSLC. In their spare time they like to spend time together doing exercise, playing video and board games and designing projects. Their favorite Bible verses are 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 as it talks about God's love for us. Please help make Brian and Caitlin feel welcome at BSLC.

Gold Club Potluck Wednesday, Oct. 18

Are you young at heart yet retired and/or older than age 55? Do you wonder what Gold Club is? It's a time for all our older BSLC members to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and have fun. Bring a dish to share and join us at noon Wednesday, Oct. 18. After lunch, there will be a time of fun.

BSLC Coffee Club

Every Friday, BSLC members gather at 9 a.m. at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. Take time to get to know other BSLC members. This is for both men and women of any age.

Elder for October

Terry Stegman is our elder for the month of October. Terry will be around on Sunday mornings to take time to greet members and visitors, help the pastor with any needs and see that things run smoothly. If you have any concerns or ideas for our church, please talk to Terry or any of the elders.

Service Group for October

Andrea Olson is our captain for October. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters A-Bo. She will call you asking for treats or to help out with special events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Our November group will be Br-D with captain Sherrie Anderson, and our December group will be E-G with captain Diane Lee.

Stewardship Focus: “Growing In Faith Together”

1 Corinthians 12 reminds us that we are all essential parts of the Body of Christ! We are called to be stewards of all of the gifts that God has given us. We are called to this work here on earth for the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbor. We do these things joyously and generously, knowing that our salvation has already fully been won for us by Christ's death and resurrection!

Our stewardship focus in November will include:

- Sermon series all four Sundays in November
- Bible study each week that will dive deeper into the sermon topic.
- Information tables in the narthex each week between and after services that will give you the chance to learn about the many ways to participate and share your gifts with our congregation.
- Time and Talent Surveys that will give you the chance to let us know how you would like to get involved in the church.
- An opportunity to complete a 2018 pledge card and/or sign up for Simply Giving. Planning your giving makes it easier for you and easier for the congregation to plan for all of our financial needs throughout the year.

Lutherans for Life Dessert Banquet

What: Fargo Moorhead Area Lutherans for Life Annual Dessert Banquet

When: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15

Where: First Lutheran Church
619 Broadway, Fargo

Speaker: Rev Dr. James I. Lamb

Theme: “Here I Stand . . . For Life”



Dr. Lamb served as executive director of National LFL for almost 20 years and in December of 2016, accepted a part-time position as the life advocate for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa.

He also speaks nationally and internationally, focusing on the God-given value of human life. He is the author of numerous publications connecting God's Word of Life to life issues. We know you won't want to miss this event. For more information, or to register, please call Gail Waagen at 701-306-6283 or e-mail gl_wgn@msn.com.

Fall Bible Studies

“A Man Named Martin - Part 2: The Moment”

9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings

October marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Our Sunday morning Bible study will focus on the Lutheran Hour's *A Man Named Martin-Part 2: The Moment*. This study examines the errant teachings and wayward traditions of the Late Medieval Church that eventually sparked the Protestant Reformation, a theological overhaul set in motion most notably by Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg.

“Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?”

7 p.m. Tuesdays

Imitation Christs roam in and out of our spiritual conversations, lives and beliefs. Do you know these false Christs? Do you worship them? You might be surprised at the answers. Join us as we examine 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.

“Good and Evil”

Women's Bible Study

6 p.m. Mondays or 9 a.m. Thursdays

When disasters happen, we sometimes wonder if God really cares. Where does evil come from and how do we overcome its powerful drag on our lives? This study will help you trust God and his sovereign power even in the darkest days of suffering and pain. We meet at 6 p.m. Mondays or 9 a.m. Thursdays. Please join us as you are able.

Christian Chicks Bookclub

Our next Christian Chicks Bookclub will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at a place yet to be determined. The next book we will be reading is “The Second Half” by Lauraine Snelling. If you have questions or want to find out more, please e-mail ChicksBC16@gmail.com.

Grace Lutheran School News

There will be an auction kick-off meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2, at Grace school. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a fun committee and event! If you have any questions call 701-232-7747.

Grace Rally Night will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17. Join us for a free-will offering meal served by PTL as we hear all about the great things happening at Grace Lutheran School. All are welcome!

To learn more about Grace Lutheran School, just call our school principal John Hagge at 232-7747, or visit us on social media at:

Facebook: facebook.com/gracelutheranschoolfargo

Website: www.gracelutheranschool.org

Blog: <http://gracelutheranschoolfargo.blogspot.com/>

Instagram: [Gracelutheranfargo](https://www.instagram.com/gracelutheranfargo)

Project 24 Presentation

Project 24 has been an ongoing project in both the North Dakota and Minnesota North districts for a number of years.

You are invited to an evening of fellowship that celebrates our partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4. John Kissinger, the program director for Project 24, will make a presentation at Crosspointe Lutheran Church. John oversees all five of the Project 24 sites, and he will be sharing about the ministry of Project 24, the dynamics that create the need for the ministry, and the impact Project 24 has for Kenyan youth, families, and communities.

encourageMENT[†] Presentation

Fargo's LCMS Men's Ministry "Encouragement" will be hosting a presentation based on the book "The Collapse of Parenting" from 8:45 - 11:55 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Grace Lutheran School. John Hagge, the principal at Grace Lutheran School, will be the presenter. Please RSVP to encourageMENT@gracefargo.org.

College Students' Address

Please leave your child's new college address with the church office. This will allow us to keep in contact with them as well as to notify the campus ministry so they can make contact with your child.

Baby Steps Change Lives: 2017 Fargo FirstChoice Clinic LifeWalk in October

LifeWalk is an easy two-mile walk to support and help change the lives of those facing an unplanned pregnancy. We meet at the Red River Zoo, 4255 23rd Ave. S., Fargo, at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Registration is only \$25. Ask your family, co-workers and friends to join you in not only the walk but also in promoting the mission and ministry of FirstChoice Clinic. If you would like to be the liaison for BSLC, please call Mona at 237-6530.

Rast Speaking about the Reformation at Immanuel Lutheran Church



At 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr. will be giving a two-hour presentation on the Reformation.

Dr. Rast's area of expertise is church history, and he will be helping celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. He will also be leading the Bible class at 9:30 a.m.

The "Beautiful Garden"

The Beautiful Garden at Beautiful Savior is in full harvest. We have had winners and losers this year.

The winners are the broccoli, tomatoes, zucchini, pumpkins, and cucumbers. The areas that struggled were beans, peas, and onions. All and all, our first annual Beautiful Garden has been largely successful! Please help yourself to produce in the Church narthex. If you feel motivated to help cover costs, please consider placing a check or cash in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Garden."



Planning for 2018 includes you!! Will you help with 2018 planting and tending to plants? If interested, please email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com and we will add you to the gardening list! 2018 plans also include planting a couple apple trees as a Bill Sharpe memorial.

Bibles for third-graders

Because God's word is such a special gift, all BSLC children entering third grade received a free Bible on Sunday, Sept. 24. If you have a third-grader and missed receiving a Bible, please talk to Pastor Chris. This year's third graders include:

Kaitlin Gannon	Sylvia Holm
Ruby Horsager	Aiden Johnson
Ava Larson	Adria Roller
Evelyn Sevald	Oliver Sevald
Noah Ternes	Jocelyn Thorsrud

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band is for students in grades 6-12 who love to sing and/or play an instrument. Practices during October will be at 7 p.m. on Sundays Oct 1, 15, 22 and 29. There will also be a special practice on 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct 7. Crossfire will lead music during the first service on Sunday, Oct. 8 (please be there at 7:30 a.m.). If you have questions or would like to join the band, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.



October Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Oct. 4 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 11 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 18 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 25 - Trunk or Treat Servant Event



Upcoming Fellowship Events

Saturday, Oct. 7: Walk For Life - All youth and their families are invited to participate in the annual LifeWalk from 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Red River Zoo. All lives matter to God, and we as Christians are called to speak up for and protect life in the womb. In addition to taking a stand, participants are asked to raise money for FirstChoice Clinic, which offers free pregnancy tests, abortion education and confidential support for those experiencing an unintended pregnancy. If interested, please see Pastor Chris.

Sunday, Oct. 8: Senior High Fall Hayride - Get a feel for the fall season with youth from other area LCMS churches at a bonfire and hayride during our Zone Fall Rally. The event will be from 5-9 p.m. and include Bible study, food and games and more. We will meet at Beautiful Savior at 4:30 p.m. and drive to Trinity Lutheran Church in Sabin. Please fill out a form and return to Pastor Chris as soon as possible. Cost is \$5.

Saturday, Oct. 14 to Sunday, Oct. 15: BSLC Stand Against Homelessness - All youth and their families are invited to participate in BSLC's Stand Against Homelessness. Participants are asked to sleep outside in a makeshift cardboard shelter, fast for 24 hours, participate in service projects and learn more about the problem of homelessness in the community and the resources available. The event lasts from noon on Saturday until noon on Sunday. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.

Thursday, Oct. 19, through Saturday, Oct. 21: District Jr. High Gathering - Join middle school students from across the state for the district junior high youth gathering in Bismarck. The Gathering is for sixth-graders and up! Those in grade nine and up are invited (and encouraged) to serve as teen counselors. Activities include Bible time and devotional talks, concerts, games, interest sessions on various topics, a variety show (Get your act ready.) and more! Friends are welcome to attend! Cost is \$175; the church will pay for half of your registration costs.

Wednesday, Oct. 25: Trunk or Treat - All kids from the congregation and their families are invited to come to church Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 6:30-8 p.m. for Beautiful Savior's Trunk or Treat. For those from preschool in fifth grade, come show off your costume and grab some treats in a fun, safe environment. For those in sixth grade through twelfth grade, we need you to sponsor a car where you will hand out candy from your trunk. There are several prizes, including gift cards for best costume (sixth grade and up), best car decoration and best treats. Join us for this fun event!

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9 a.m. - noon Fridays

Pastor Chris also is available by appointment.

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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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