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

No Life Without the Vine

By Pastor Chris

Have you noticed nature's fireworks on display? Enjoy it while you can. Brilliant patches of orange, red and yellow light up the tree lines only to eventually fall away like so many dying embers.

Why does this happen? Cooler temperatures and dwindling daylight trigger a hormone that releases a chemical message to prepare for winter. In a stunning act of self-preservation for the tree, abscission cells form a bumpy line where the leaf stem meets the branch. Slowly, but surely, the leaf is "pushed" from the tree branch. Relegated to a husk of their former glory, the leaves dry up and turn brittle. Many will be trampled underfoot, ground into mulch, gathered into bags to be thrown away, or burned.

In John Chapter 15, Jesus shares these words: "As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 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. If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned," (John 15:4b-7).

Relegated to a husk of their former glory, any branch without the true vine dries up and turns brittle. These branches have no life in them. They will be trampled underfoot, gathered in bags to be thrown away and burned in the eternal judgment. Don't think yourself above the problem.

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BSLC Stand Against Homelessness Oct. 10-11

Join our congregation's fight against homelessness in the F-M area by bringing canned goods throughout October to fill the shelves of the Dorothy Day food pantry. Items needed include boxed cereal and canned goods, especially canned fruit and canned vegetables.

All members of the congregation also are invited to experience what it is like to be homeless for a day. Participants are asked to sleep outside in a cardboard box, fast for 24 hours and learn more about the problem of homelessness in the community and the resources available to assist those in need.

The event lasts from noon on Saturday, Oct. 10, and concludes at noon on Sunday, Oct. 11. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex or on the church website.



**Fill the
Food Pantry**

No Life Without the Vine

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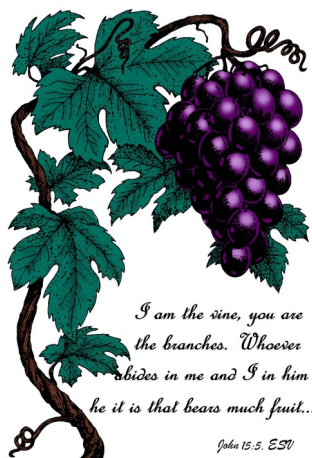
In a stunning act of self-preservation, our sinful human nature does not sit around passively for us to fall away from God, it actively seeks to push us away from Him. Our Old Adam wants to hang around, driving us from God's salvation given fully and freely in Jesus Christ.

Many leaves have orange and yellow pigments, but with warmer temperatures and more sunlight, all the chlorophyll active inside the leaves mask these colors. Jesus has covered us in His holy precious blood, which doesn't just mask our sins, it covers them completely. And although we often push away from God, He has promised to draw near to us.

In the gift of our Baptism, our Lord Jesus unites us to Himself. He unites us to His own suffering, death and resurrection. He gives us His name, His righteousness and His Kingdom. Through these life-giving waters, He gives us the Holy Spirit, so that by daily contrition and repentance, our Old Adam should be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to life.

Our Vine, the Lord Jesus, also has promised to come to us with His very body and blood in the Lord's Supper, given for us Christians to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord, the Vine, has also promised to abide with us by His word, nourishing us with the words of eternal life. Through these means, the fire of hell, along with the wages of sin and death, are pushed away from us by Christ's cross and empty tomb. Their power is extinguished.

Working through His means of grace, God graciously keeps us connected to our life in Jesus Christ.



Pastor Chris

Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study - Beautiful Savior uses a united curriculum; all grade levels, even adults, will study the same Bible lesson every Sunday in hopes that it will foster discussion between members and equip families for faith formation in the home.

7 p.m. Tuesday evening Bible study: Miracles Bible Study - The scriptures contain many miracles. They cause people to wonder how God's rule presents itself. Certainly, miracles demonstrate God's compassionate acts toward people in need. But they do more than help someone out of a difficult situation. In the New Testament, miracles work together with the words of Jesus to identify Him as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. The miracles help point to the coming of God's kingdom through Jesus.

Miracles do happen but to expect one or claim one from God is not the promise given in Scripture. Instead, Jesus's gifts of forgiveness and eternal life are the promises we claim and expect through faith.

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study via Zoom, "A Study of the Ten Commandments - Love Rules." - What do the Ten Commandments do for you? Do they send you on a guilt trip? Are they a mirror of your frailties? Or do they hold life-changing love? This Bible study addresses one commandment each week and then follows up with four devotions from different angles.

Waldvogel Family Thank You

We want to thank everyone for the show of support at the church for Kilee, Charlie and Skylure's adoption day. They loved all their wishes and gifts and so did the rest of the family. It's been a long process, and we are happy to make them an official part of the family with God's blessings.

Congratulations to the 2020 BSLC Confirmands!

Seven youth from our congregation were confirmed at a special 1 p.m. worship service on Sunday, Sept. 27.



Back: Pastor Brian, Karsen Lehfeldt, Brennan Palmer, Pastor Chris
Front: Brienna Leno, Sam Lies, Nathan Thielman, Benjamin Thielman
Not pictured: Leah Tykwinski

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. 13. If you have a third-grader and missed receiving a Bible, please talk to Pastor Brian. This year's third-graders include:

Cameron Bergseth	Emily Mohn
Kendal Knutson	Kinley Sellden
Lucas Kenney	Megan Gannon
Natalee Kubista	Otto Mann
Owen Hashbarger	Presley Roller
Scarlett Parkman	Tanner Stoneberg
Tayla Larson	Charlie Hansen



2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

LCMS Soldiers of the Cross Amplified Update

Thanks to our compassionate and generous contributors, more than \$1.5 million in aid for church workers and lay employees has been collected since March through the Soldiers of the Cross Amplified initiative. To date, nearly 600 families in 27 LCMS districts have been helped because of you. To learn more about the efforts to aid our church workers and fellow congregants, contact LCMS Mission Advancement by calling 888-930-4438 or email at mission.advancement@lcms.org. They are there to assist you in making a difference in Jesus' name!

Trunk or Treat Cancelled

Beautiful Savior will not be hosting its annual Trunk or Treat event this year due to COVID. We look forward to seeing you next year - in non-surgical masks!



Weddings

August 29 - Chanz Senger and Laura Tuinstra

September 4 - Seth Murray and Samantha Johnson



encourageMENT Men's Breakfast

Fargo's LCMS Men's Ministry encourageMENT will be hosting a breakfast presentation by Paul Finstad with UNSEEN on human trafficking beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 North Broadway, Fargo. Please RSVP by calling Corey at 701-281-0240 or email at corey.isaak@gracefargo.org. This is a Thrivent Action Team event.

Consider Joining the Altar Guild

Prayerfully consider if you could step up and be a captain or even join the altar guild. Our altar guild sets up communion on Sundays, Thursdays or holidays when Holy communion is celebrated. The captain is responsible to line up altar guild members for a month at a time. If you would like to be a captain or join the guild, talk to Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian.

	Restore His House	
	Capital Campaign	
Capital	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Campaign	\$290,100	\$330,000

BSLC Treasurer's Report		
General Operating Fund		
<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$23,112	217,998
Expense	23,185	211,470
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(73)	6,528

Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for October will not be needed this month. Our November group will be the letter O-R with captain Wanda Roesler, if needed. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume fellowship. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Elders - At least one of our elders are here every Thursday evening and Sunday morning. They 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 head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the elders.

Gold Club - We will not be meeting this month. Gold Club is a time for members and friends to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and some fellowship. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

Quilting and Fellowship - We have resumed in-person quilting while practicing social distancing! Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 and 22. If you have any questions, please 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.

Beautiful Garden - Garden activities are winding down for the 2020 season. Thank you to all the members who have taken and enjoyed the extra produce. We are grateful that they are getting used. We plan to tend to the Beautiful Garden for a another week or two. Join us at



5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays as we clean out the garden and harvest the remaining produce. If you would like to make a donation to help fund the water bill and seeds, please mark "garden" on an envelope, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

We are looking for additional gardeners who would enjoy some fellowship and a little bit of hard work for the 2021 season. To get on the communication list, email Tim Deitemeyer at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.

See you next year at the garden!

LWML - LWML will meet in-person at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15.

LWML Sunday Oct. 11 - Help celebrate LWML Sunday by wearing purple, the official color of the LWML. The theme for this year is "Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit." Learn more about LWML <http://www.lwml.org/> The mite box will be out at all three services. Please support mission grants by dropping change, cash or checks into the box.

LWML Fall Rally - The fall rally is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17 beginning at 9 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo. More details to come.

October is 31 days of prayer and Pastor Appreciation month! We would like to pray for our pastors every day throughout the month of October. Please sign up for a day to uphold our pastors in prayer using the sign up genius link on the church website or by calling the church office. You may send them a note or greeting card expressing your thanks to them for all they do and let them know that you are praying for them. An optional idea would be to include a small gift or gift card for a store, coffee shop or restaurant.

Confirmation Sponsors Needed - Sponsors are needed for the new seventh-grade confirmation class. Anyone from the congregation is welcome to sponsor a confirmand. Contact Mary Seiffert at mseiffert@midco.net or the church office for a name and the student's information. Support your student with prayer and other ways you wish to remember them, be it a card or treat, but most importantly, with the power of prayer.

New Member Corner

Rebecca and Noah Summerer have recently joined Beautiful Savior. Rebecca feels everyone is so friendly and welcoming. She enjoys knowing that her son can grow up with the same church traditions that she did. They enjoy playing games inside and outside and spending time with family. Her favorite Bible verse is "...If God is for us, who could be against us?" Romans 8:31. She apologizes in advance for any noise that may come from the back row on Sunday mornings!



Welcome
Our New
Members

Recognize Gifts from Jesus

By Pastor Brian

I wonder if I should feel guilty. I see all of the people suffering in the worldwide pandemic, and I have enough food. I hear about the increase in domestic violence when people are forced to stay at home, but my marriage seems to improve as I spend more time with my spouse.

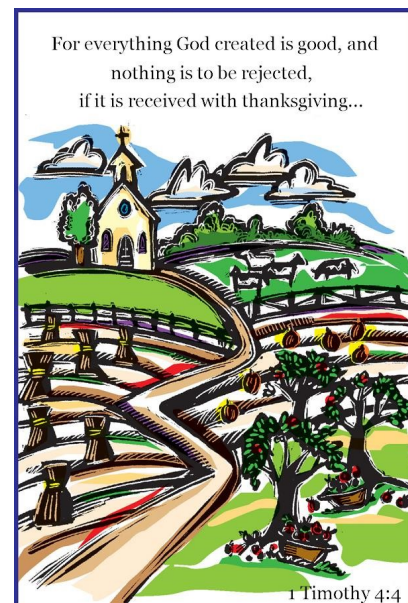
“For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is made holy by the word of God and prayer,” (1 Tim. 4:4-5).

God encourages me not to feel guilty when I have enough food. In fact, he encourages me to thank him for providing such abundance even though I don’t deserve it. When I am tempted to take my food for granted, God reminds me to pray before I eat and read His Word after I eat. God gave me this food, so I know it is good.

God encourages me not to feel guilty when I have good family relationships. Marriage and family are gifts from God, who knows that it’s not good for me to be alone. When I’m honest, I know I don’t deserve unconditional love from parents, spouse, or children, but God provides it and encourages me to be thankful for it. God gave me this family, so I know it is good.

When I have an abundance of food, I have the wherewithal to help meet the food needs of people in my community. When things in my own family life are good, I have the emotional stability to encourage other people in a loving, godly way. I act from a thankful heart, not a guilty one.

And that’s because God has taken away my guilt by giving me forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus. He is the Bread of Life, satisfying my spiritual hunger. He is my brother, and He has brought me into the Christian family. When I am clear on those facts, I recognize all of His other gifts to me, which He abundantly provides out of His love for me. He provides them for you, too.



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“Main Street Living North” TV Program News

What is the answer? Night after night there are riots in the streets of America. As I write this article, there has been looting and burning for more than 100 consecutive nights in at least one of our cities. What is the answer? Americans blaming and hating other Americans! What is the answer? While there are obviously differing views on the causes and remedies for this, we know that there is only One ultimate answer that can change hearts – and that answer is found in the person and message of Jesus! This is also the message of Main Street Living.

Please continue to share information about our LCMS “Main Street Living” media ministry with others. You can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link under the picture identified as “North (Fargo).”

Thank you for your financial support! Checks may be sent to “Main Street Living North,” 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website.

October pastors and sermons:

Oct. 4: Rev. Mike Suelzle, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, presents the message: “Made His Own,” based on Philippians 3:12. *This Is The Life: “The Missing Ingredient.”*

Oct. 11: Rev. Bruce Blocker, Immanuel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, MN, presents the message: “Rejoice in the Lord Always,” based on Philippians 4:4. *This is The Life: “The Visitation.”*

Oct. 18: Rev. Bernhard Seter, Zion English Lutheran Church, Grafton, presents the message: “Celebrating Luke,” based on Luke 1:1-4. *This Is The Life: “Happiness is Dirty Hands.”*

Oct. 25: Rev. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker, presents the message: “No Boasting, Just Belonging,” based on Romans 3:19-28. *This Is The Life* program to be determined.

Grace Lutheran School News

The students, faculty and staff would like to extend an enormous thank you to our member churches for your continuing support. This year, we are blessed to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with 80 students from 60 families. Your support of GLS is a blessing to our growing school.

Economic Resilience Grant - God has continually blessed GLS in many ways for many years. GLS is excited to announce that we are recipients of the Economic Resiliency Grant from the Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce. This summer, air sanitization units were installed on the air conditioner and the air handler in the gym. We will be adding air purifiers in every classroom and a touchless water bottle filler in the gym. This grant is an enormous blessing to Grace. We thank God for always providing in His perfect timing.

Celebration of Grace - The rescheduled Celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 at the Sanctuary Events Center. Tickets go on sale on Nov. 1. This year's program will highlight things YOU have done for Grace.

Are you a crafter or an artist? Do you do woodwork or metalwork? Do you own a business that would like to sponsor a portion of the event? The Celebration of Grace committee is looking for donations for the silent and live auctions.

Substitute Teachers - Grace is searching for substitute teachers. Please contact Susan at 701-232-7747 if you are interested in being added to our sub list.

Artists and Creative People Needed - Grace is looking for a couple of people with artistic talent to help with class projects during the months of October and November. Class projects are a big part of our Celebration of Grace. Please contact Mrs. Weidner if you are willing to volunteer at cweidner@gracels.com or 701-232-7747.

Upcoming Calendar

7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 - Band/Choir Concert (masks required, physical distancing between families enforced)
Thursday & Friday, Oct. 22-23 - No School - Teacher's Fall Conference
5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 - Celebration of Grace at the Sanctuary Events Center
Saturday, April 24 - Pasta With a Purpose spaghetti dinner fundraiser



Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will meet in-person and is in need of musicians! This is for any student in grades 6-12 who loves to sing and/or play an instrument. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403. Crossfire will lead the Worship services on Thursday, Oct. 15 and Sunday, Oct. 18. We will practice at the church from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, 11 and 25.



Praying For Others

Prayer Chain: BSLC has an email prayer chain. If you have a concern or joy and would like our prayer warriors to pray for you or others, please email the office, and your prayer will be sent out on the email chain. Also please feel free to email updates to the office so it can be emailed to our prayer warriors.

Prayers posted in bulletin: Please let the church know if you have prayer concerns and joys to put in our announcements. The petitions will continue to run weekly until you let the church know to remove them off the list. God hears all our prayers at all times on account of Jesus.

Operation Christmas Child Collections

The countdown is on! Now is a great time to gather wow items. A list of more specific items is located below or on the collection box in the narthex. Remember: No toothpaste or liquids! You may place donations in the box in the narthex.



WOW" Items

Nicer toys
Ball with pump
Outfit
Doll
Stuffed animal
Puzzle
Musical instrument
Flashlight w/batteries
Legos
Fishing kit - fish line, hook, bobber, lure
Sewing kit - 1-2 yds. Fabric, ribbon, thread, needles, pins, thimble, scissors
Tool kit - small hammer, screwdriver, wrench, pliers, NO knives or saws
Multi-tool - remove knives
Gardening kit - gloves and trowel, NO seeds

Toys and Crafts

Cars
Jump rope
Yo-yo
Finger puppets
Bracelet kit
Origami paper
Coloring book
Deck of cards
Watercolor set
Playdough
Stickers
Binoculars
Compass
Magnets
Kaleidoscope
Marbles
Rope or twine
Slinky
Etch a sketch
Frisbee or Kite
Pretend play items
Tennis ball
Plastic animals
Hacky sack
Chess or checkers

School Supplies

Crayons
Markers
Pens
Pencils w/sharpener
Rubber bands
Paper clips
Solar calculator
Notebook
Paper
Scissors
Ruler w/metric
Pencil case
Index cards
Tape
Erasers
Glue sticks
Chalkboard and chalk

Hygiene/Accessories

Toothbrushes
Bar soap
Comb or brush
Washcloth
Hair bows or clips
Ponytail holders
Socks
Hat
Sunglasses
Chapstick
Band-aids
Small blanket
Cup or water bottle
Plate or bowl
Blunt utensils
Compact mirror
Nail clipper
Emery board file
Stick deodorant
New underwear
Shoes
Flip flops
Backpack or sack
Tote bag/purse

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE:

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



October Youth Events

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

Wednesday, Oct. 7 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

Wednesday, Oct. 14 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12.

Saturday, Oct. 10 to Sunday, Oct. 11: 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. Registration forms are available in the narthex or on the church website. For more information, please see Pastor Brian.

Thursday, Oct. 22, through Saturday, Oct. 24: District Jr. High Gathering, God > me- Join middle school students from across the state for the district junior high youth gathering in Bismarck. This gathering is geared to students in grades 6-12. Guest speaker will be Brian Young, Creation Instruction Association. To learn more about his work, check out <https://www.creationinstruction.org/>. The weekend will be filled with four Bible studies, four presentations by Brian Young, morning and evening devotions, music, interest sessions including packing 10,000 Mercy Meals, variety show, recreation, closing worship service and more. Cost is \$130; the church will pay for half of your registration costs. Registration forms will be available in the narthex or on the church website. For more information, please see Pastor Brian.

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9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. in-person and via YouTube

Thursday Worship at 7 p.m. in-person

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sundays in-person

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month.

Pastors are also available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call ahead for an appointment.

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