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Grateful for the Body of Christ at Beautiful Savior

By Pastor Dan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The words that the Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3-5 do a wonderful job of capturing how I am feeling about the ministry happening at Beautiful Savior, "*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*"

As we mark Pastor Appreciation Month during the month of October, I also wanted to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for our Beautiful Savior church family. Your incredible outpouring of love, encouraging words, and faithful prayers have been a profound blessing to me, my family, and our leadership team.

As you may know, this season has looked a bit different than we expected with Pastor Chris out on short-term medical leave. While his absence has naturally put extra responsibilities on my plate, your response has been a beautiful testament to what it means to be the body of Christ. Right when it mattered most, so many of you stepped up to carry the load, helping to keep our daily ministries running smoothly, and ensuring that our mission to share God's grace never skipped a beat.

Looking ahead, we still have wonderful opportunities to serve our Fargo community together. Our annual Trunk or Treat event is coming up on Wednesday, October 28. This is the biggest outreach event we hold each year, providing a safe and fun environment for neighborhood families, while also sharing God's message of salvation. Normally, Pastor Chris would lead the charge on that, helping make it as successful as it has been.

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BSLC Congregational Stand Against Hunger

Join our congregation's fight against hunger in the F-M area by bringing canned goods until Oct. 18 to fill the shelves of the Dorothy Day food pantry. Non-perishable items needed include: canned fruits and vegetables, side dishes, macaroni and cheese, soups, pasta sauce, salt, pepper, seasonings, miscellaneous baking items (brown sugar, frosting, baking mixes, etc.) and snack items. Check expiration dates and please NO glass containers.

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However, this year will need to look a little different, and it will take extra teamwork to pull it off. This is especially true, as I will be stepping away that same week to take my wife to the Mayo Clinic for medical testing. She has an autoimmune disorder, and previous attempts at treating it with certain medications haven't been as successful as we hoped. We're hopeful that Mayo will be able to address this more effectively.

But I am certain that, just as you all have stepped up during Pastor Chris' leave, you will also make this Trunk or Treat an incredible, joyful blessing for every child who walks through our parking lot and building.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Pastor Chris and his family during his time of illness, and for prayers for my wife's upcoming tests. I am so appreciative of your love and support, and for your tireless partnership in the Gospel. It is a true honor to serve as your pastor.

In Christ's service,

+Pastor Dan

Pastor Appreciation Oct. 25

We encourage you to keep Pastor Chris and Pastor Dan in your prayers every day, but especially in October. We will be doing something different this year to acknowledge our pastors. On Sunday, Oct. 25, we will have boxes available in the narthex that you can drop off cards expressing your thanks for all they do and let them know that you are praying for them; you could include a gift card to a restaurant, grocery store or gas station as well. We will then honor our pastors and their families at 9:15 a.m. with a breakfast and treats in the fellowship hall.

Voters Meeting Update

At the Voters Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 27, Travis Olson was elected as the new Properties Director for Beautiful Savior. He was the vice-chairman and will now serve in this new roll.

The GLS School Board has proposed a change to Article 5.2 of the RRLSA bylaws that would increase the number of at-large board members from three to four. There is no change to the requirement that one be a pastor of a member congregation. The remaining three may or may not be LCMS members.

The change is requested because not all member congregations are electing two school board members. The current school board is made up of nine members elected by member churches and three at-large members. We will be voting on this change at the voters meeting in December.

Baptisms

Sept. 20: Tucker Nathan Rahn, son of Nathan and Alyssa Rahn. His sponsors are Mason and Jordal Berg and Nick and Johannah Kirchoff.

College Students' Addresses

Please leave your child's new college address with the church office. This allows us to keep in contact with them and to notify LCMS campus ministry so they can make contact with your student.

Save Your Cancelled Stamps

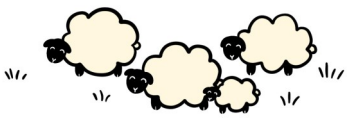
Bring in your cancelled stamps and place them in the drawer marked stamps by the LWML kiosk. The stamps need to have at least one-quarter-inch border around them.

Sunday Morning Treats

There are sheets in the narthex where members can sign-up to bring two dozen treats, help serve and clean-up on Sunday mornings. We will still have coffee if no one signs up, but there will be no treats.

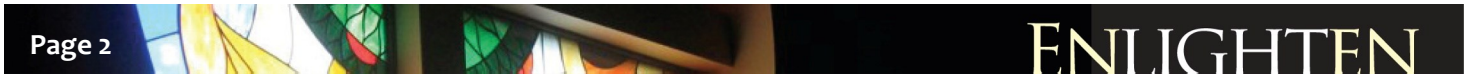
Free Flower Seeds

Feel free to harvest marigold or zinnia seeds from the flowers on the east side of the church. Spread God's beauty - and pollinators love them too!



EVERY SHEEP COUNTS!

IS YOUR INFO UP TO DATE?



LWML Fall Rally Saturday, Oct. 3 In-gathering Benefits 31:8 Project

The LWML Fall Rally begins at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 with registration, coffee and fellowship at Beautiful Savior. The program begins at 9 a.m. The Bible study "God Gives the Growth" based on 1 Corinthians 3:7 will be led by Rev. Dave Suelzle. There will be a business meeting with election of officers. A lunch will be served at noon. An in-gathering will be taken for the 31:8 Project. A list of items for the in-gathering can be found on the display board in the narthex or on our website.

LWML Sunday Oct. 4

"The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness." LWML is open to any woman regardless of age. (It's not just for mature women!) Join us! Our next meeting is 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.

Help us celebrate LWML Sunday on Oct. 4 by wearing purple! The mite box will be out at both services. Please support mission grants by dropping your loose change, cash or checks into the box. Special treats will be served in the fellowship hall between services.

BSLC Apparel for Sale

Purchase your BSLC apparel from Total Imaging through the link on the church website or if you don't have internet, contact the church office to help you place your order. They have a large assortment of styles and colors to choose from.

You can pay with a credit card thru the link on the church website or at www.totalimagingonline.com /SR/3859191. Prices include the BSLC logo embroidered on each item. Shipping will not be charged and Total Imaging will notify you when your order is ready for pick up at their store at 3051 25th St S, Fargo, in the strip mall near Family Fare on 25th Street and 32nd Ave S. Orders placed before Thanksgiving will be available for Christmas.

Trunk or Treat, Wednesday Oct. 28

Can't wait to dress up and get some candy? Beautiful Savior will be hosting its annual Trunk or Treat from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Pre-school to fifth-graders can come show off your costume, grab some treats and play games in a fun, safe environment.

Sixth- through twelfth-graders can decorate a car and hand out candy from your trunk or help inside with games, refreshments and treats.

Volunteers and Donations Needed

We also need adult volunteers to help inside with registration, games, treats and crafts.

Adults and families are also needed to decorate a trunk and pass out candy too. We need at least 20 cars to make this a success. You can sign up in the church office or contact Pastor Dan for more details!

Donations of candy are welcome too! These can be dropped off in the church office.

F-M Lutherans for Life 37th Pro-Life Dessert Banquet

The Lutherans for Life Fall Dessert Banquet will be at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25, at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church, 3745 Sheyenne St, West Fargo. Guest speaker will be Col. John Eidsmoe. He will speak on "Rebuilding the Walls to Protect Life." To register call Andrew Wollin at call 701-740-3601 or email fmlfl.dessertbanquet@gmail.com.

Clubs and Service Groups

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.

BSLC Coffee Club - BSLC members - men and women of any age - are invited to gather at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings at the Fryn' Pan.

Gold Club - It is a time to get together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next get together will be at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Bring something yellow or orange to serve, we will continue with the fall theme. Invite a friend; Gold Club is for anyone!

Quilting and Fellowship - Join us from 10:30 a.m.– 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. We will meet on Thursday, Oct. 8 and 22. The coffee is always on, and we have lunch at noon. You do not need to know how to sew; we just like to have fun. Call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464 to join in on the fun!

LWML - Our next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15. LWML is for all ages!

Saturday, Oct. 3 - Fall Rally: The LWML Fall Rally begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. The Bible study "God Gives the Growth" is based on 1 Corinthians 3:7 and will be led by Rev. Dave Suelzle. Lunch will be served at noon. An in-gathering will be taken for the 31:8 Project.

Evangelism and Stewardship - There will be an evangelism and stewardship committee meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19. We'll be discussing Trunk or Treat. Come join us and help plan some Halloween fun for the kids.

Beautiful Garden - We thank God for the incredible harvest during this dry year. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. We will meet in early 2027 to plan the garden for next summer. If you would like to be added to the communication list, please email Tim at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com. See you next year at the garden!

Operation Christmas Child -

Did you know - there are still Unreached People Groups who have not heard the Gospel!

These communities have few if any Christian believers or churches. Globally, OCC will engage more than a thousand of these communities this year and we want to cover all of them in persistent and strategic prayer.

Our RRV area has been assigned three specific communities to adopt in prayer. We invite you to join us in praying specifically for:

- The Dedougou 1 Team as they reach out to the Marka community in the country of Burkina Faso
- The SUD Ouest Team as they reach out to the Watchi community in Benin
- The Lempira Team as they reach out to an un-named religious community in Honduras

Shoebox G.O. Crew Dates:

- 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 12 and 26
- 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 2 and 9
- TBD Wednesday, Nov. 11
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

Packing Party Date:

- Sunday, Nov. 15

- **Year-Round Collecting Focus for October:**
- $10 per box donation to Samaritan's Purse.
- Amount still needed = $3,990 (covers: collection, processing, shipping, training ministry partners, and Gospel materials)

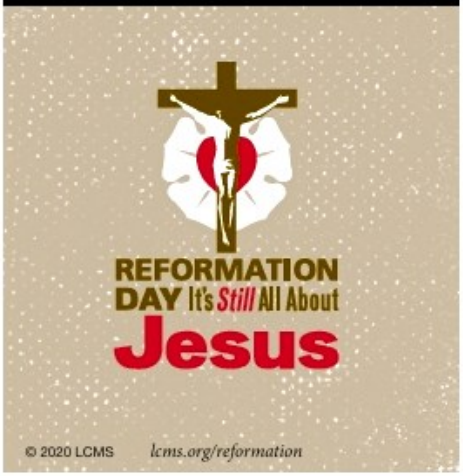
Donate online at: *https://fundraise.samaritanspurse.org/BeautifulSaviorFargo2026*

BSLC Safety Team - The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19. The team will look at safety across the church like general awareness, emergency response, and reducing risk. Those who join will receive training in areas such as recognizing suspicious behavior, de-escalation, CPR, and basic first aid. If you feel this is something you'd like to be part of, contact Seth Murray or Travis Olson.

Craft Bazaar at Beautiful Savior -

Join us for the Craft Bazaar at BSLC Beautiful Savior, from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Crafters have been busy creating decor and giftware. Food and beverages will be available to purchase from the NYG youth concession stand. Portions of the proceeds will benefit BSLC, OCC and the NYG. Please use the east entrance to the church.

Reformation Day
October 31



SOLA SCRIPTURA, SOLA GRATIA, SOLA FIDE. SOLUS CHRISTUS.

Sola Scriptura. Sola Gratia. Sola Fide. Solus Christus. Latin. Ironic, isn't it? A movement that resulted in the liturgy and the Bible in our language (not Latin) is remembered by Latin phrases. By Scripture alone, by grace alone, by faith alone. Through Christ alone. Alone. Without your help. Without human tradition. Without anyone's assistance. God acts alone through Jesus.

Scripture. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Grace. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Faith. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Through Christ alone. God gives us all these gifts because of Jesus' death and resurrection. All good gifts come from God and benefit all those who believe. Through Christ alone.

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Annual Marriage Conference:

Zion Lutheran Church
Gwinner, ND

Saturday, Nov. 21
(Conference details coming in October)

(Marriage Conference Sponsored by
Zion and Redeemer Lutheran Churches,
Gwinner and Lisbon, ND)

YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD,
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

HABAKKUK 3:18, NIV

BSLC Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study: A new Bible study will begin in October. More information coming

6 p.m. Sunday night Lutheran Young Adult Bible Study - The young adult Bible study group for those in their 20s to 30s meets weekly at 6 p.m. All studies include a Bible study, prayer and fellowship.

7 p.m. Tuesday Night Bible Study: We will be studying the Gospel of John. As you progress through this 18-session study, you will deepen your understanding of who Jesus is, and what He has done for you.

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study: "Understanding Your Blessings in Christ" - As God's children, we have everything we could ever need for daily life. Yet we often miss these riches because we don't know what they are. As you study Ephesians you'll discover the keys to becoming spiritually strong; the spiritual armor that protects you in life's battles; the incredible spiritual blessings God has given you and the ways you can make use of these riches.

8 a.m. Saturday Oct. 17 - Men's Bible Breakfast: The Men's Bible Breakfast will meet from 8-9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. Breakfast will be served for a freewill offering to help defray the costs of future breakfasts. We use the book "Thirty Virtues that Build a Man" by Vince Miller and it is not necessary to purchase the book. Save the date for next month Nov. 21.

"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

"Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, *This is the Life.* Both can be viewed at 9 a.m. on KVRR (FOX) and 10 a.m. on WDAY Xtra (ABC). Visit www.mainstreetliving.com/north/ to view current and past episodes.

To add your financial support, send checks to Main Street Living North, 821 Fifth Ave. S., Fargo, ND, 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ!

October pastors and sermons are as follows:

Oct 4: Rev. Chad Berg, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, presents the message: "The Whole Picture" based on Philippians 3:4b-14. *This Is The Life:* "The Fathering Kind."

Oct 11: Rev. Daniel Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, presents the message based on Matthew 22:1-14. *This Is the Life:* "Return Trip."

Oct 18: Rev. Doug Thompson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fischer, MN, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Euclid, MN, presents the message: "The Image Of God In Christ" based on Matthew 22:15-22. *This is the Life:* "Some People Need Help, Sergeant."

Oct 25: Rev. Jordon Andreasen, LCMS missionary serving in Brasov, Romania, presents a message titled: "The Good News: An Offense." The sermon is based on John 8:31-36. *This is the Life:* "The Sexton."

Memory Verse Challenge

Oct. 4: Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Oct. 11: 1 Timothy 1:15- The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Oct. 18: John 8:31–32 - So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Oct. 25: Ephesians 2:8–9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Sunday School News

The PreK through fourth-graders will be singing at both worship services on Sunday, Oct. 25. Please have your student at the church by 8 a.m. for a short practice. They are welcome to sing at one or both services.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Sunday School volunteers are always needed. If you only have a few Sundays that work for you, that's ok. We'll work around your schedule. Let Stacy Knudson or Pastor Dan know if you are willing to help out.

Grace Lutheran School News

Grace Lutheran School is hosting a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3. The Grillmasters competition that was scheduled for Oct. 3 has been postponed. A new date will be announced soon.

A Celebration of Grace is on Friday, Nov. 13. Silent auction donations are being taken. If you have anything to add, such as a gift basket or a gift card, please drop it off at the school. Tickets are $50 each and available at www.glsfargo.org. We've got a fun program lined up for this year's celebration and we're looking forward to seeing all of our friends for a great evening!

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, Oct. 3:

- 9 a.m.–2 p.m. PTL Rummage Sale at GLS

Friday, Nov.13:

- Celebration of Grace Dinner and Auction

October Youth Events

Lutheran Youth Fellowship: Join us each week for a devotion, games, snacks, faith and fun!

Wednesday, Oct. 7: 7:30-9 p.m. - grade 6-12 LYF
Wednesday, Oct. 14: 7:30-9 p.m. - grade 6-12 LYF
Wednesday, Oct. 21: 7:30-9 p.m. - grade 6-12 LYF
Wednesday, Oct. 28: 6:30-9 p.m. - Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 4: The Zone LYF Bonfire and Hayride - The bonfire and hayride has been scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN. The registration form is available on the church website or in the narthex.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Trunk or Treat - All kids from the congregation and their families are invited to come to church from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, for Beautiful Savior's Trunk or Treat. For those in preschool through 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. Join us for this fun event! Candy donations are welcome!

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

Pastor Chris and Pastor Dan are available by appointment.

Worship Schedule:
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday
9:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

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

Worship Services available at:
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