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Weekly Updates

Do you get the church's weekly update via e-mail? Let the office know your e-mail address so you can keep up with events. You can also get the church newsletter via e-mail.

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

A joyful campaign amid all the negative ones

By Pastor Chris

Quick. How about another campaign ad?

Many members of our congregation have expressed their desire for a speedy conclusion to the upcoming elections due to the content of political advertising. Seems like all that negativity bleeds over into American life.

Beautiful Savior has begun a campaign of a different sort. "Restore His House" is a three-year \$330,000 campaign that seeks to upgrade the facilities here and to renew the faith of our members.

Amid a capital campaign, I hope that your response will not be "all you want is our money." That is the furthest thing from the truth. Restore His House seeks to remind us that God first wants our heart not because He needs the attention or accolades but because He desires for us to receive His many blessings of forgiveness of sins, strengthening of our faith and walking together as His Church.

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Restore His House - Fall Stewardship Focus

Restore His House - 3 Year Capital Campaign has officially begun!

You've probably already noticed the new siding on our church building. That is just the first of a number of projects that will be funded over the next 3 years as we aim to raise \$300,000 for our building fund. Details of the campaign will be arriving soon in your mailbox.

We also have a goal to raise an additional \$30,000 for missions during this campaign which will be going to Grace Lutheran School. This was approved by the Voters at the Sept. 23 voters' meeting. What a blessing to be able to support our school!



Be sure to take time to prayerfully consider what you can contribute to support the Restore His House campaign. Your contributions to this campaign should be over and above your regular annual giving. You will have a separate opportunity in November to make your regular annual giving commitment.

A joyful campaign amid all the negative ones

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St. Peter writes, "As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5). As living stones, and as a house for the Holy Spirit both individually and corporately, we hope you will consider your place in serving and learning, giving and receiving as we focus on mercy, witness and life together as the body of Christ.

In addition to a renewed zeal for God's mission and our place in it, our campaign seeks to improve the overall campus here at Beautiful Savior through a new siding project, an updated parking lot, improvements to the sanctuary and mission dollars to Grace Lutheran School.

We hope that our church would reflect that we recognize this is the place where God has promised to dwell among us. God promises that he works among us through the means of grace: His holy Word and blessed Sacraments. Here, God not only has made this His house, but His home, where He lovingly cares for and nurtures His children.

As this news of a new campaign reaches you, we hope it will be a source of hope, pride and opportunity to celebrate and support God making you into living stones, building you into a spiritual house of His dwelling. On Christ, the cornerstone,

Paster Chris

BSLC Stand Against Homelessness set for Oct. 13-14

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 are also 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 re-



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sources available to assist those in need. The event lasts from noon on Saturday, Oct. 13 and concludes at noon on Sunday, Oct. 14.

Upcoming Bible Studies

9:40 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: "Restore His House" Tying into our stewardship and mission emphasis, Restore His House will explore the importance of teaching the faith, restoring generosity and service in our church. St. Peter writes, "As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." As living stones, and as a house for the Holy Spirit both individually and corporately, we hope you will consider your place in serving and learning, giving and receiving as we focus on mercy, witness and life together as the body of Christ.

7 p.m. Tuesdays: "End Times" Christians believe not only that the world had a beginning (creation) and a glorious middle (our Lord's death and resurrection), but also that it will have an end. The narratives of the Bible inspire us; the truths of our faith encourage us; but we long for the promised ending, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Without it, the Christian "story" makes no sense. This study explores what the Bible has to say about the end times and what the divine Author has prepared, which is far greater than any of us could write or imagine, for His story ends in glory—the glory of Jesus' return and the resurrection of God's faithful into that glory forever.

6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m.
Thursdays Women's Bible study:
We will be studying the book of James.
Studying James will help us grow a
steadfast faith that can carry us through life.

Trunk or Treat set for Oct. 24

Can't wait until Oct. 31 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. 24. Preschool to fifth grade, come show off your costume, grab some treats and play games in a fun, safe environment. Sixth through twelfth grade, can decorate a car and hand out candy from your trunk. Adults can help with games, crafts, treats, or decorate a car and pass out candy too. Please see Pastor Chris or Vicar Brian for more details!

Faith in Action Mercy Conference

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is excited to announce an inspiring mercy conference called "Faith in Action!" The conference features Rev. Matthew Harrison, the president of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and author of "Christ, Have Mercy: How to Put Your Faith in Action" and "Remember the Poor: How the Earliest Christians Cared for the Needy." This day event will be held 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 at the campus of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Fargo. Stay tuned for more information regarding registration and breakout sessions!

Operation Christmas Child

You may drop off donations for shoe box gifts in the Christmas wrapped box in the narthex. For ideas visit: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.



All youth grades 6-12 and adults are invited to help pack shoe boxes at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21 until finished or 1 p.m., whichever comes first. You may come and go as needed to attend 2nd service.

F-M Lutherans for Life Fall Dessert Banquet

Please mark your calendars to attend these Lutherans for Life events:



Guest speaker Kim Ketola will tell her story of an unintended pregnancy and her stand on abortion. This is designed for college students, but anyone can attend. It will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 at Concordia College - Birkeland Alumni Lounge in the Memorial Auditorium. No registration is required.

The annual fall dessert banquet will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5, at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church, 2901 20 St S, Moorhead. Guest speaker will be Kim Ketola, who will speak on "Impacting Today's Culture. . . Changing Hearts and Lives." To register, please email Gail Waagen at gl_wgn@msn.com or call 701-306-6283.

Apple of His Eye Mission Society Event

If you can witness to Jews you can witness to anyone. Steve Cohen will be presenting a workshop with a breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. and the event beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct.13, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo. He is Jewish and believes in Jesus as His Lord and Savior. His focus is witnessing to Jews, but he said, "It works on Gentiles too!" He is from the Apple of His Eye Mission Society, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. The Men's Ministry will serve breakfast before this event!

Properties Update

Siding Project is Complete. Due to the age and wear of the old siding, all siding has been replaced.

The Pews and Chairs have been Cleaned. Please help to keep these clean by not bringing beverages or food in the sanctuary. If something should happen to get spilled, please clean up after yourself. Thank you for helping to keep the

Windows have been Cleaned. The skylights and high windows in the fellowship hall have been cleaned as well.

From the Voters' Meeting

Lord's House clean and looking nice.

A total of \$330,000 was approved for the capital campaign. \$300,000 for our building fund as well as a goal to raise an additional \$30,000 for missions. This will be going to Grace Lutheran School.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

| Operating Fund | <u>Aug</u> | YTD |
|---------------------|------------|---------|
| Contributions | \$22,316 | 216,000 |
| Expense | 25,647 | 200,896 |
| Surplus (Shortfall) | (3,331) | 15,104 |
| | | |



New Member Corner

Karl and Angela Bauer, along with their children Mike, Noah, Reece and Kendra have lived in Fargo for six years. Angela opened Costco in West Fargo. They enjoy outdoor activities such as camping, hunting, fishing and sports. They try to take one big trip abroad each year as they enjoy traveling. Karl likes the verse "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16). This was his confirmation verse and it reminds him to stand up for his faith and that he will have a place in heaven through his faith in Jesus. They have lived in many different areas of the U.S. because of their jobs. The one constant in their lives has been their faith in God and the community of Christ in the churches they have been blessed to be a part of.

New Member Class Oct. 25

Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Part of the joy of joining our church is learning more regarding what we teach about the Christian faith. We invite all new members and potential members to participate in our Discovery Class, which reviews the basic, but essential, teachings of the Bible. This class normally lasts about five to six weeks. Those who have been members for some time and who also would like a brief review are also welcome to attend!

Beautiful Garden

We are nearing the end of the second Beautiful Garden at Beautiful Savior! The best part about gardening is the daily reminder of God's beautiful creation!

Anyone is welcome to come and help garden as you are able with no weekly commitments. We will continue to meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout October. If you are interested in being added to the gardening communications list, please email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com. We hope to see you at the Beautiful Garden at Beautiful Savior. Bring your gardening gloves and stop by.

Clubs *and* Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for October. consists of the letters L-N with Mary Seiffert as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help for other events. Thanks for your help. Our Nov. group will be the letters O-R with captain Wanda Roesler.

Elder - Our Elders for October are Adam Tykwinski, Terry Stegman and Paul Asche. They 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 Adam, Terry or Paul or any of the elders.

Gold Club - Join us at noon Wednesday, Oct.17. Our theme for October will be Oktoberfest - so bring your favorite German recipe. Our Gold Club is for everyone so feel free to join us for food, faith and fellowship.

Quilting and Fellowship - If you are interested in helping to create future quilts, join us at 10 a.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 11 and 25. Being a quilter is not a requirement. If you can cut a straight line, iron fabric without burns or use a sewing machine, you can be a great help. Our group enjoys good conversation and fun fellowship. We donate quilts to local organizations, silent auctions when asked and sell quilts to anyone who desires one. If you have any questions, 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.

Memorials

Carl Waldvogel:
Vicki & Larry Peihl
Dave & Kim Scheer
Matt & Beth Gustafson
Ed & Carol Herrmann
Keith Gregerson





Time for an Adjustment

By Vicar Brian

O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! Joshua 7:8

The men of Israel took their self-sufficiency into battle with Ai. But after their defeat, Joshua's prayer was, "Lord, what can I say?" Failure is never easy; however, if we humble ourselves and make strategic changes, our failures can be some of our most valuable experiences. The following is an illustration to help with this point.

For much of the nineteenth century, fish merchants' attempts to ship fresh North Atlantic cod from Boston to San Francisco failed miserably. At that time, the only way to ship the fish to the West Coast was to dress them out, pack them in ice, load them on a ship and sail them around the South American continent—a trip that took months. As you can imagine, by the time the cod reached California, they weren't fit for human consumption.

In an attempt to overcome that problem, the merchants tried placing live cod in holding tanks full of water and shipping them to California. Most of the fish survived the trip, but because they didn't get much exercise in the tanks, their flesh was pasty and relatively tasteless. Another failure.

Finally, someone suggested that they place live catfish in the tanks with the cod, then ship them. Why? Because catfish are a cod's natural enemy, and having a few catfish in their tanks with them would keep them alert and swimming around. The idea worked. By the time the cod reached San Francisco, they were in perfect condition.

Do we see our failures as ultimate defeat, or do we see them as God's way of forcing us to make adjustments? I think that verses one and three of hymn 707 in our Lutheran Service Book sums this up quite nicely.

"Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways, / To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace, / To know and do His will!
Assist my soul to apt to stray, / A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, / Restore Thy wand'ring sheep."



"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 7, MSLN is expanding to western North Dakota with broadcasts on KBMY WDAY-Xtra Bismarck/Dickinson and KMCY WDAY-Xtra Minot/Williston at 10 a.m. CT. We are planning to record pastors from our western congregations this fall! In the eastern half of the state the program will be aired on WDAY-Xtra in Fargo and Grand Forks. All MSLN programming will continue on the FOX stations at 9 a.m. Sioux City, IA and Lincoln, NE areas are also being welcomed to the MSLN Network that Sunday! The re-mastered re-runs of "This Is The Life" series of programs from LHM will also debut! These will take the place of the "Kid's Corner" programs which follow the MSLN worship services. Sunday, Oct. 14 we will celebrate our MSLN Sunday!

To help with the cost of expanding to western North Dakota, the MSLN Network will provide matching funds up to \$16,000 for any new donations! Your much needed financial support may be sent to:

"Main Street Living North", 821-5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or PayPal at: www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com. Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

October pastors and sermons are as follows:

Oct. 7: Rev. Scott Sailer, President, S.D. District of the LCMS presents the message: "Small Words Are The Big Words" based on Mark 10:2-16.

Oct. 14: Rev. Arie Bertsch, President, ND District of the LCMS presents the message: "God Knows & Sees Everything" based on Isaiah 55:1-9.

Oct. 21: Rev. Don Fondow, President, MN District of the LCMS presents the message: "Rest Only God Can Give" based on Hebrews 4:1-13

Oct. 28: (to be announced)



LWML News

LWML Sunday is Oct. 7. Help celebrate LWML Sunday and paint the congregation purple! (No brushes required - just wear purple!)

Why Purple? The official colors of the LWML are purple and gold. According to the Southern Illinois Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Supplement, Oct. 1948, the Southern Illinois district was the first to adopt the colors of purple, symbolizing royalty, and gold, symbolizing value and integrity. Learn more about LWML at: http://www.lwml.org/

The Mite Box will be out at both services on LWML Sunday. Please support mission grants by dropping change, cash or checks into the box. There will be special treats between services in the fellowship hall. Please remember that the treats don't leave the fellowship hall as we don't want frosting to get on the carpet or church pews.

October Meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. This will be potluck style, so bring a dish to share.

LWML Fall Event, 9 a.m. Nov.10, at St. John's in Hillsboro, ND. See box below for more information.

Women's Christmas/Advent Tea is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. social and program to start at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2. Table hostesses are wanted for this year's tea. If you are interested in hosting a table, or would just like to attend, call Jodi Haekenkamp at 320-282-6584 or email her at Jodi_haekenkamp@hotmail.com or Kim Scheer at 347-5861 or dkdms1@msn.com. Silent auction items are also being collected. Talk to Mary Seiffert if you have something to donate.

October is 31 days of prayer and Clergy Appreciation month!

We would like to pray for our pastor and vicar every day throughout the month. Please sign up for a day in October to uphold our pastor and vicar in prayer. 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 card for a store, coffee shop or restaurant or drop off a baked good or treat.

Thank You - Thank you to Arla Strege for continuing the postage stamp project, which is another way to support missions.



Conditioner Body Wash

Laundry Detergent Feminine Hygiene Products Cash/Gift Cards

Grace Lutheran School News

The annual spaghetti dinner is Oct. 6

We have changed our serving hours for our awesome dinner to 4-7:30 p.m. We also will have slight menu change by having bread sticks instead of garlic toast. Come and enjoy our dinner with all of your friends and relatives in a relaxing atmosphere. Cost at the door is \$10 for adults; \$5 ages 3-11, and 3 and under - free! To volunteer at our dinner please follow the signup genius links and check your preference to help out.

Sign-up Links for the spaghetti dinner are listed below!

Friday - https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0E4FAEAC2CA1F49-spaghetti3 Saturday - https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0E4FAEAC2CA1F49-spaghetti4

Email Ruth Wirtz at ruth.wirtz@ndsu.edu or Kim Ternes at kternes33@yahoo.com.

Do you like to sing Christmas songs?

We are looking for anyone interested in singing in our Christmas cantata, "The First Light." It will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Practices will be from 7:30-8 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you would like to participate or for more information, contact Ramsey Dahl 866-5403 or call the church office.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band for students in grades 6-12 will practice 7-8 p.m. on Sundays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. They will lead music at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

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

Ava Berger Brayden Bergseth Elizabeth Casteneda Taylor Fredenburg Jazelle Hager Grace Hohn Arianna Kaste Ellie Lies Davis Rieck Ryder Soper Thomas Vetter

October Youth Events

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

Wednesday, Oct. 3 - from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

Sunday, Oct. 7 - from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

Wednesday, Oct. 10 - from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

Sunday, Oct. 14 - from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

Wednesday, Oct. 17 - from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

Sunday, Oct. 21 - from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

Wednesday, Oct. 24 - No Confirmation, 6:30-8 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 28 - from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

Wednesday, Oct. 31 - No Confirmation, 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

UPCOMING EVENTS

BSLC youth working the FargoDome - National Youth Gathering fundraiser days have been scheduled for Oct. 17, and 20. For more information, please call Vicar Brian at 293-1047.

Saturday, Oct. 13 to Sunday, Oct. 14: 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 Vicar Brian.

Thursday, Oct. 18, through Saturday, Oct. 20: District Jr. High Gathering - Join middle school students from across the state for the district junior high youth gathering at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up your student each day from the event. 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. 24: Trunk or Treat - All kids from the congregation and their families are invited to come to church from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 for Beautiful Savior's Trunk or Treat. For those from preschool to 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!

Sunday, Oct. 28: Chili Feed Fundraiser: Beginning at noon Sunday, Oct. 28, the youth going to the National Youth Gathering will be hosting a chili/soup feed fundraiser in the fellowship hall. All proceeds from the event will go to pay for the youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN next summer.

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Pastor Chris and Vicar Brian are also 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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