



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Weekly Updates

Do you get the church's weekly update via e-mail? A short blurb is e-mailed out to keep members informed of upcoming events. 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.

What is the Goal?

by Pastor Dave

Something new begins with the end of summer. Schools and universities start classes. Students once again crack open their books and computers to get to work. In our congregation, we will begin having Sunday School and adult Bible study on Sunday morning as well. These events and activities have been done for years. But why? With all this activity beginning, it is good for us to ask the question, "Why are we doing this?" or "What's the goal?"

The schools, technical schools and universities of our community serve an important role in educating children, youth and adults so that they will be better able to function and contribute to society. That is their goal. We owe our teachers and all others who work in education thanks for what they do.

But what about our congregation? What goals, hopes and prayers do we have as we worship and carry on our ministry?

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Change of Worship Schedule On September 11

Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Classes begin
Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6:15 p.m.
for grades 7, 8 and 9.

Praise Band Practice
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice begins
Wednesday, Sept 14, at 7:30 p.m.



Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Meeting

All teachers and helpers are asked to attend a Sunday school preparation meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6. Make a difference in a child's life by volunteering to teach or help with Sunday School. You are needed! Call Bobbi Hestdalen (540-2218) or Pastor Chris (893-6995) to find out where you fit in.

What is the Goal?

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As St. Paul writes to the Christians in Philippi, he gives a good answer to the reason why we are involved in ministry.

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God,” (Philippians 1:9-11).

There is a goal that history is moving toward. It is the time when Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead. This is the “day of Christ” that St. Paul writes about. At that time, Jesus will usher in the new creation as the dead are raised to life again. The number one goal we have (and it is our prayer for others) is to be part of the resurrection to everlasting life with our God. This salvation is a free gift that God gives to all who believe in Jesus as their Savior. But there is more to our life in Christ than our eternal salvation. The Lord desires that we grow up mentally, emotionally and spiritually into a people who know more about Him and that we live godly lives so that other people are blessed through our words and actions. This is the fruit of righteousness that St. Paul is speaking about. It is also why we have Sunday School, Bible studies and confirmation programs.

As our fall schedule begins, I encourage you once again to participate in the various ministries and activities that we have at Beautiful Savior. There is a reason why we have them. I also encourage you to strive in your life at home, school, work or in your neighborhood to exemplify the love of God more and more. For as this is done, glory and praise go to God.

To God be the glory!

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave and His Call to Christ Lutheran Church in Boulder City, Nevada

In the middle of August, Pastor Dave received a call to be the pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Boulder City. After prayerful consideration and discussions with people here and in Nevada, he decided to return the call and remain as pastor at Beautiful Savior Lutheran in Fargo. Pastor Dave would like to thank the members for their prayers and their words of encouragement during his deliberations. At this time, we continue to remember and pray for Christ Lutheran as they seek to find a pastor for their congregation.

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:40 a.m. starting on Sept. 11

“Who Am I? What am I doing Here?”

These are the big questions that eventually confront everyone. Using what God has revealed, this study will provide honest and straightforward answers to these twin questions. God does not leave us desolate, wondering who we are. He does not condemn us to grope in the dark, seeking meaning in life. This study will explore what God has revealed about life's biggest questions and will shed light on the difference that knowing the answers makes for the way one lives in the routine of life. And it does make a difference—a profound difference. The answers are waiting. God is ready to tell you not only who you are but also what you're doing here.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m. starting on Sept. 20

“I Am the LORD”

This study will look at Ezekiel. His prophecy stands as a masterpiece of written revelation. The sense of awe and majesty in the words and visions of Ezekiel is among the most striking in Scripture. And in this book you will discover again the central themes of judgment and deliverance as God deals with humanity. These themes are the central thrust of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as God brings upon Jesus His judgment and our salvation.

“Gifts Chosen for You” Women's Bible Study

Every Christian has spiritual gifts. What are yours? “Gifts Chosen for You” will teach us about the spiritual gift of administration, faith, generosity, mercy, service, prophecy, teaching, and wisdom. Our evening Bible study will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, and our morning Bible study will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. This is open to all ladies.

LWML September Meeting

Our September LWML meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. All ladies of BSLC are invited to attend and learn more about the LWML.

Confirmation Classes

For students in grades 7-9

As a part of our education ministry, we offer confirmation classes for students in seventh through ninth grades. If you have a child in those classes, please have them join us beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7. If you have any questions, please call the church office or talk to one of the pastors.

Confirmation Parents' Meeting

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7

There will be a short meeting for parents of confirmation students at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7. A discussion of our confirmation program will take place. If you have any questions, please talk to one of the pastors.

Voters' Meeting

9:40 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25

Beautiful Savior will hold a fall congregational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 25 between worship services. There will be reports from the various boards and committees. This is your chance to find out more about the ministry of our church.

Christian Chicks Bookclub

Do you like to read Christian fiction? The next book our group will read is "Firewall" by Diann Mills. We will meet Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Fargo Holiday Inn. If you have questions or want to learn more, please e-mail ChicksBC16@gmail.com.



ND LWML FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sept. 16 - 17, 2016 at The Chieftain
Carrington, ND

"How Can They Hear?"



Guest Speaker - Cynthia Khan
Director of Community Engagement - POBLO
Bible Study - Rev. Adam Moline
Singing - Rev. David Suelzle
LWML Store, Visiting, Games, and More!

Registration opens July 1, 2016
Forms and other information on the website: www.ndlwml.org
Or contact Valerie Biberdorf at vbiberdorf@live.com
25 Main St. Carrington, ND 58421 ~ (701) 652-2008 (Home) or (701) 650-6227 (Cell)

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14

Get Excited about Missions

You are invited to come hear Gary Thies from LCMS Mission Central speak at Grace Lutheran Church, 821 Fifth Ave. S., Fargo, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Snacks will be served. This program is sponsored by the LWML.

FirstChoice Clinic LifeWalk

FirstChoice Clinic invites you to walk with them in support of life on Saturday, Oct. 1. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m. The two-mile walk will begin at the Red River Zoo in Fargo and meander up 43rd Street. Please consider being a church liaison or walker. All proceeds go to benefit the mission and ministry of FirstChoice Clinic in helping those in our communities facing an unplanned pregnancy. Please call Mona Franck, FirstChoice Clinic outreach director, at 237-5902 or register at www.teamfirstchoice.com

Walk for Autism

There will be a Walk for Autism on Saturday, Sept. 10, at Rheault Farm. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Larry and Marlene Bergseth by Sept. 8. Donations are tax-deductible. Thanks for your support.

Memorials

Judy Gregerson

Ed and Carol Herrmann

Judy's Cousins-In-Law: Orianna, Phyllis,
Richard, Curtis and their families

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.

September Service Group

Rhonda Hoge is our captain for the month of September. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters H-K. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Elder for September

Steve Thielman is our elder for the month of September. He will take time to greet members and visitors, help the pastors with any needs and see that things run smoothly. If you have any concerns or ideas for our church, talk to Steve or any of the elders.

Please Save Your Used Stamps

Please continue to bring in your used stamps, and place them in the drawer marked stamps by the LWML kiosk.

Welcome to:

We would like to welcome James and Josephine Aarfor to BSLC. The friendly atmosphere from our members and pastors, the music before worship and the size of our church is what has endeared them to our church. James likes to hunt and fish; while Josephine enjoys art and painting. Their favorite Bible verse is John 3:16, and their favorite story is the men in the fiery furnace. We are happy to have you here!

Gold Club Wednesday, Sept. 14

Our Gold Club potluck will meet at noon Wednesday, Sept. 14. If you are a BSLC member older than 55 and/or retired, join us for fellowship with other BSLC members while enjoying a delicious potluck meal. Bring a spouse, a friend or just yourself.

Praying For Others

Prayer Chain

BSLC has an e-mail prayer chain. If you have a concern or joy and would like our prayer warriors to pray for you or others, please e-mail the office, and your prayer will be sent out on the e-mail chain. Prayer updates are appreciated by our prayer warriors.

Sunday prayers posted in bulletin

You may place prayer concerns and joys in our announcements and the petitions will continue to run weekly until you let the church know to remove them off the list. This gives all our church members a chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears all our prayers at all times.

Dad has a short hook - except when it came to Jesus

by Pastor Chris

One father has earned praise around the interwebs for lovingly pulling his son out of a baseball game.

During the Little League World Series consolation game, Bend (Ore.) manager Joel Jensen came to the mound to have a talk with his son, Isaiah, who had just walked the first batter in the fifth inning. The younger Jensen had pitched four scoreless innings, allowing only two hits, to ensure a 6-0 lead for Oregon.



Turns out dad had a short hook. Whether he wanted to shield the lead in the game, shield his son from failure or a combination of the two, the elder Jensen nevertheless began to speak to his son with undeniable certainty.

"I just came out here to say I love you, as a dad and a player," Jensen told his son. "You're doing awesome out here."

Jensen then informed his son in the nicest way possible that he was going to send in a reliever after the next batter.

"Hey, cheer up," Jensen added. "Have some fun."

Oh that the world would know about our Heavenly Father and His intervention! When it came to living in a sinful, fallen broken world, God knew we could never win the victory over sin, death and the power of the devil. So to shield us from those things that had gotten the better of us, He sent His son, Jesus.

And the Father loved His Son, Jesus. He was well-pleased with Him, meaning the Father acknowledged this Son had done everything right. The Father exhorted us to listen to His Son, meaning that the Son always spoke the truth on the Father's behalf.

It is any wonder, then, that our Heavenly Father left Jesus "in the game" to endure pummeling, cruelty, rejection, torture, wrath, condemnation, execution and even death?

Seems to me that our Heavenly Father has a short hook except when it came to Jesus. In other words, the Father lifted us out of sin and death and the power of the devil, and the separation from God it brings. He did this through the cross of Christ, who felt the full weight of sin and its consequence on the cross. Turns out there is a reliever and redeemer for us! But no one let Jesus off the hook. He took it all, and emerged victorious. He is risen in victory and power. And God did it all because he loves us.

John writes in his first letter to the church: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him," (1 John 1:3).

The love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord that comes by God-given faith isn't just some feel good news story. This is salvation! Through the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ, our Heavenly Father says to us with unwavering certainty "I love you." Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He says, "You are my child." Through His word and the Lord's Supper, He says "You are forgiven."

By the power of the Gospel, people become children of God through God's mercy, grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. This never makes the news, but it remains the best news of a Father's love anyone could receive.

Spread the word!

Pastor Chris

Martin Luther Exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art

On Friday, Nov. 11, Immanuel Lutheran Church is planning a trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art to see the Luther exhibit. Here's your chance to grow in your understanding of the reformation and its impact upon the world, but more importantly to see the importance of hearing and growing in God's Word. For where the Word of the Lord is heard, there is life! There is Jesus, giving us His gifts!

We will bus down from Fargo that Friday morning and take the tour at 2:30 p.m. Plans are to do a vespers service that night in Minneapolis and then return Saturday, Nov. 12. Cost is \$12 for the tour and \$30 for the bus. We will reserve a block of rooms for overnight. Food is your responsibility. Register or ask questions by e-mailing Pastor Bernie Worral at bworral@cableone.net or call him at 866-1163. Check out this link for more information: <http://new.artsmia.org/exhibition/martin-luther-and-the-art-of-the-reformation/>

BSLC is Looking for You!

Are you wondering how to get more involved with activities at BSLC? Listed below are activities looking for people—choose which ones you can share your talents with the church.

Music

- Our Praise Band starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, and meets each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Our Adult Choir starts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, and meets each Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. Call Ramsey Dahl, our director, at 237-9009 for more information or just show up for practice!

Working with our children and young adults

- Become involved with our Sunday school by team teaching or helping out a classroom.
- Assist Pastor Chris with the various weekly youth events at BSLC.
- Assist with the Christmas programs, Palm Sunday party and other events.

Sharing our love to visitors and members

- Greeting people before each worship service only takes 15 minutes of shaking hands and smiling.
- Ushers assist people if needed and take offering.
- Praying for others—become a member of BSLC prayer chain. Prayer requests are e-mailed out on our chain.
- Give rides to church for those unable to drive.

Volunteer your time

- Be one of the money counters after worship.
- Help with assembly of newsletters each month.
- Run the PowerPoint for worship services.
- Join the LWML.
- Set up communion.

Let us know if you have a particular talent you would like to share with BSLC.



LCMS MEN'S MINISTRY – Fargo
Saturday, October 8, 2016, 8:45 A.M. – 11:55 A.M.
Breakfast & Gospel-centered fellowship for MEN.
Immanuel, 1258 Broadway St. N., Fargo, ND

Christian Men and the Defense of Religious Liberty

Presenter:

Christopher D. Olson

ND House of Representatives District 13



Men need to be given opportunities to get to know one another and to grow in their faith through a variety of conversations and activities. They need to see that there are other Christian men who are excited about and committed to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our society does little to encourage men to "be there" for one another or to support and encourage each other. That's why we need to make some intentional efforts to provide an ongoing, Gospel-centered ministry to the men of our congregations.

Sponsor: Thrivent Action Team Event

RSVP: encourageMENT@gracefargo.org

Grace School Spaghetti Dinner

It's almost time for the 41st annual Grace Lutheran School spaghetti dinner. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Buy your tickets now by calling the school at 232-7747. Ticket prices are: adults - \$9.00, children (ages 3-11) - \$5.00 and children younger than 3 are free. All proceeds benefit Grace Lutheran School!

Bibles for Third-graders Sept. 25

The scriptures entreat us to keep the Word of the Lord in front of us as a constant reminder of how much God does for us, especially salvation through Jesus Christ. God's word is also a means of grace, by which God works faith in us. Because God's word is such a special gift, all children entering third grade will receive a free Bible during the 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 25. Please join us for this special celebration!

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band is in need of you! This is for any students in grades 6-12 who enjoy singing and/or playing an instrument. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403 or come to the church at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Our group will do a Dairy Queen visit kickoff from 6-7 p.m. and practice will follow at the church from 7-8 p.m. Practice also will be held from 7-8 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 18 and 25.

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 notifying the campus ministry so they can make contact with your child.

September Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Sept. 7 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Sept. 14 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Sept. 21 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Sept. 28 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Sunday, Sept. 18: Paintball - All kids in sixth through 12th grades and their family and friends are invited for a day of paintball from 12:30-5 p.m. at Valley Paintball. We will meet at BSLC at noon. Cost is \$47 for this private event. The church will provide drinks, but you can bring your own snacks and beverages. You **MUST** fill out a waiver and permission form to attend this event. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.

Saturday, Sept. 24, to Sunday, Sept. 25: 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.

Saturday, Oct. 1: Walk for Life - All youth and their families are invited to participate in the annual LifeWalk from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 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 First Choice Clinic, which offers free pregnancy tests, abortion education and confidential support for those experiencing an unintended pregnancy. If interested, please see Pastor Chris.



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9-noon Friday.

Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

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

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