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Please send your new phone numbers, e-mails and addresses to the church office. Thanks!



BSLC Extends Call to Pastor Chris To Become Our Senior Pastor

On Sunday, Aug. 27, a special voters' meeting was held to vote on calling Pastor Chris Waldvogel to be our senior pastor at Beautiful Savior. An explanation of the process during the last three months was explained followed by a private vote. We are excited and humbled to announce Pastor Chris is now our senior pastor elect. We ask you to pray for Pastor Chris and his family as he deliberates this Call and determines his next steps.

Thank you to those in our congregation who provided feedback either through the online survey, paper surveys or verbal feedback. The Call Committee appreciated your time and willingness to provide input. We heard what members had to say and as a Call Committee whole-heartedly supported the overwhelming request to call Pastor Chris as our senior pastor.

The next steps will be determined once we have a senior pastor in place. We then 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 for your time and input.

Pastor Chris will announce his decision on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 10.



Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, Sept. 10

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

Adult Bible Study and
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Classes

Starting 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6,
for grades 7, 8 and 9.

Praise Band Practice

Starting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6

Choir Practice begins

Starting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13 p.m.

The Necessity of Helping a Neighbor

by Pastor Chris

I recently had an issue with a home service provider that took more than a month to resolve. Several calls and numerous transfers during these dark days finally connected me to someone determined to help when so many others couldn't or wouldn't.

This persistent, tenacious representative dug in like an Alabama tick. She made calls to divisions in her own company that put her on hold and hung up on her. But she kept at it. My problem would still be there if it were not for her assistance.



My case illustrates just a minor example of the necessity of helping neighbor in a sinful, fallen, broken and selfish world. For the Christian, job parameters go beyond appeasing superiors so we can draw a paycheck. Our God-given vocations call us to care about others and help meet their needs.

After all, we were all once powerless, helpless and hopeless when it came to being right with a Holy God. But God gave sinners with this deep and abiding problem an even bigger savior in Jesus Christ. Through his suffering, death and resurrection, Christ brings forgiveness of sins, life and salvation to all those who believe. (Keep in mind no one has any hope of saving him or herself. Everyone needs God's gracious and merciful rescue from sin, death and hell, a pardon only granted in Christ.)

Because of Christ, we don't need our works for salvation, but our neighbor may have need of our works. We can't save people like Jesus can. But sometimes, people get stuck in the things needed for daily life. They lack expertise in certain areas. They fall prey to bureaucracy and lack of care. They need help.

That's why Paul urged people not to be idle and to view their vocations with purpose: "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ," (Col. 3:23-24).

When it comes to human need, what you do matters. What you say matters. How you conduct yourself matters. Your vocations won't lead you to greater heavenly reward, but they are a great heavenly trust through which you can show God's love to others serve for those who get stuck.

Maybe your seventh-grader has a math problem that has her brain twisted in knots. Maybe your elderly neighbor needs help getting those heavy groceries into the fridge. Maybe the one on the other side of that phone call really needs someone to care when others can't or won't.

As someone recently in this predicament, I want to say thank you in advance for anything you can do.

Pastor Chris

District Convention Delegate Needed

The next North Dakota District Convention will be held Jan. 21-24, 2018, in Dickinson, ND. Each congregation is to send a pastoral and a lay delegate. BSLC needs a lay delegate to attend. The person must be selected by Sept. 15 so they can be voted in at our September voters' meeting. If you are interested, please talk to Denise Doeling, Pastor Chris or Vicki in the church office.

Voters' Meeting

9:40 a.m. Sunday,
Sept. 17

Beautiful Savior will hold a fall congregational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17, 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.

Appreciation Notes

A big thank you to all of you who have helped with the mowing, weeding and other outdoor maintenance around our church this summer.

Vicki and Pastor Chris are very grateful for all the assistance of those who have come in to assist, clean and do repairs in the church. It has been a very busy summer for both of them.

Two pastors for the Sudanese Community to be installed at BSLC

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church will have an installation and ordination service for Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17. All are invited to set time aside in the late afternoon and early evening to attend this service and the reception following the service.



Confirmation Classes

For students in grades 7-9

As a part of our education ministry, BSLC offers 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. 6. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Confirmation Students' Parents Meeting

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6

There will be a short meeting with confirmation parents to describe our confirmation program this year. If you have any questions before the meeting, please contact Pastor Chris.

Christian Chicks Bookclub

Our next Christian Chicks Bookclub will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at a place 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 ChicksBS16@gmail.com.

LWML Meeting and Description

All women of the church are invited to attend our LWML meeting and devotion at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the church. If you would like to learn more about LWML, please come to our meeting or check out our LWML page under the Get Involved tab of the BSLC website.

Our LWML at BSLC meets the third Thursday of every month (except December) during the school year. All women regardless of age are invited to join. LWML stands for Lutheran Women Missionary League and is a Missouri Synod based women's group that encourages each woman to use her God-given gifts as she supports the church, local community and world with various mission projects such as the loose change Sundays and mite boxes. Last year our group also supported the Linus Project by making fleece blankets and supported the Jeremiah Project with donations raised during the Women's Christmas Tea. Your participation in LWML is a great way to make new friends within the church. At the same time, you will be serving the Lord!

LWML Women's Retreat—Carrington

Women of all ages are invited to attend the annual LWML retreat in Carrington Sept. 15-17. This year's theme is "Bearing Their Burden" and will be led by Rev. Tom Eckstein of Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown. Discussion will be on same-sex marriage, and the burdens of sexual sin such as pornography and its impact on marriage.

Other events will include packing Mercy Meals for a servant event and a Saturday evening banquet followed by a "No Talent" Talent show. A worship service will be held Sunday morning.

You can register online at www.ndlwml.org. If you would like to go but need a ride or can drive others, please talk to Mary Seiffert.

BSLC Treasurer's Report Selected Financial Information

January through July 2017

<u>General Operating Fund</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Income	26,707	171,924
Expenses	24,079	198,278
Net Income (Loss)	\$2,628	(\$26,354)

Memorials

Gwen Cogdill (Brad Cogdill's mother)
Joan and Gerry Fiechtner

Sew, Craft, Quilt at BSLC

In September our quilting ladies are planning to make craft puppies and mittens instead of quilts. They will meet at 10 a.m. Thursdays, Sept. 14 and 28, at the church. The ladies could use extra help, so please feel free to come help with their projects.

Lutheran Witness Magazine

The *Lutheran Witness* magazine is a monthly publication that offers Synod news and various features. If you would like to receive the magazine, contact Vicki at the office by Sept. 12. Cost is \$22.01 for a year's subscription.

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 or any member of the Church Council.

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Cor. 12:27

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.

New Member Corner

Kerry and Heather Bittner are a newly married couple who were married in July. Their blended family has three children: Seth and Marlee Bittner; and Sylvia Holm. Kerry moved here for his job as a system administrator. The family likes to golf, fish, swim and other family events. Their favorite Bible verse is Phil. 4:13. They appreciate all the help BSLC has given them in moving and getting settled.

Gold Club Potluck Wednesday, Sept. 20

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, Sept. 20. If you have a special talent or ideas for fun to share that day, let the office know.

Check Out our Website

August brought some new changes to our website. It now offers two new pages: one page is for news, announcements and upcoming events; and another page has Lutheran Women's Missionary League information. If you haven't looked at the website lately, check it out at: beautifulsaviorfargo.com. If you have a suggestion of something you'd like to see on our website, please visit with Beth Gustafson.

Elders for September

Adam Tykwinski is our elder for the month of September. Adam 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 Adam or any of the elders.

Service Group for September

Kim Ternes is our captain for September. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters T-Z. She will call you asking for treats or to help out with special events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Our October group will be A-Bo with captain Andrea Olson and our November group will be Br-D with captain Sherrie Anderson.

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. Beginning Sept. 10, 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.

Joining forces in examining these teachings and the role Martin Luther had in debating and, ultimately, rejecting them is a cast of scholars, professional church workers and pastors. Here Dr. Paul Maier, Dr. Ken Schurb, Dr. John Nunes, Dr. Joel Lampe, Dr. Susan Mobley, Dr. Joel Biermann, and others, along with The Lutheran Hour Speaker and host Dr. Gregory Seltz, add insight and expertise to this fascinating period in the life of Martin Luther.

"Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?"

7 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 19

False Christs are portrayed, talked about and beloved within North American culture. Like imitation Elvises roaming the streets of Las Vegas, imitation Christs roam in and out of our spiritual conversations, lives and beliefs.

These counterfeits may seem like Jesus, but they couldn't be further from the real deal. There is mascot Jesus, and Jesus, the giver of bling. Maybe you have heard of Jesus, the social justice warrior, or Jesus, the teddy bear. 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

Where is God when terrorists attack or when massive tsunamis sweep away thousands of people? 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? Though we'll never have all the answers, Douglas Connelly's inductive study will help you trust God and his sovereign power even in the darkest days of pain and suffering.

Our evening Bible study begins at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11. Our morning Bible study begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14. Please sign up in the narthex so there are enough books. Cost of the book is \$7.

Creation Museum and Ark Encounter Tour

by Ed Bean

"What an amazing trip; The Ark was fantastic!; People need to see these two places!; The entire trip was very relaxing; What a great adventure; The morning devotions and Bible studies were very applicable."

Those are just some of the comments people shared from our most recent motor coach trip to Kentucky. The weather was almost perfect, the overnight accommodations in Cincinnati were five star, and the days spent at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter were almost unbelievable. It was like seeing Biblical history come to life before your very eyes.

One day was spent at each place. Those going on the trip were mostly "seniors" but very young at heart. When purchasing group tickets, both places scheduled the buses in before the general public. The Creation Museum is experiencing record crowds this year and the Ark replica is a very popular attraction. Both places are "self-guided." We paced ourselves and each attraction took around seven hours to complete, including resting and lunch breaks.

Feedback obtained from the group was that they would like to see a Branson Christmas tour, a return trip to the Ark and Creation Museum; a trip to the International Festival in Winnipeg, a trip to Door County, WI, a North Dakota tour stopping at FrostFire, the Peace Gardens and Medora, plus other adventures. People gave great feedback about this trip to support making future trips that much more enjoyable.

Grace Lutheran School News

The 2017-2018 school theme is "The Fruits of the Spirit" from Gal. 5:22-23. Each month, our school will focus on the Spirits of Joy, Peace, Self Control, Love, Goodness, Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness and Gentleness. It's going to be a fruitful year!

Every Wednesday is "*Welcome Wednesday*." From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. we will have an open house for any prospective students so they can see what a day is like at Grace Lutheran School

To learn more about Grace Lutheran School, just call our school principal John Hagge at 232-7747.

To learn more about Grace, visit us on social media:

Facebook: facebook.com/gracelutheranschoolfargo

Website: www.gracelutheranschool.org

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

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

Grace School Spaghetti Dinner

The Grace School annual spaghetti dinner will be from noon - 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

Save the Date – Dessert Banquet

What: Fargo Moorhead Area Lutherans for Life Annual Dessert Banquet

When: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, October 15

Where: First Lutheran Church, Fargo

Guest Speaker: Rev Dr. James I. Lamb

Theme: "Here I Stand . . . For Life"

You won't want to miss this event. Add the date to your calendar now. More information will come in the October newsletter.



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.

Main Street Living North

42 different North Dakota and Minnesota North LCMS pastors have been recorded leading a 30 minute worship service. This program on FOX-TV has been wonderful for those who are unable to attend a worship service. You can go to www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com to watch archived programs. We pray that God's Holy Spirit will use God's word from our programs to bring about and strengthen faith in Christ.

Your help is needed to purchase the ongoing TV broadcasting air time. Send your financial support to "Main Street Living North," 821 Fifth Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

The "Beautiful Garden"

The Beautiful Garden at BSLC is really kicking out some beautiful veggies!! Extra veggies are set near the church main doors for you to take and enjoy!! A donation in exchange for veggies would be appreciated. Mark it "garden" and place it in the offering plate to help with additional watering costs. The gardening has been relaxed, casual and has created great fellowship. Stop by at 5:30 p.m. any Wednesday.

If you are interested in joining our garden group in 2018, email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com. We would like to expand and maybe do a large plot of something special like sweet corn if there are enough people interested in helping.



Bibles for third-graders

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 service on Sunday, Sept. 24. Please join us for this special celebration!

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Meeting

There will be a Sunday school meeting in September to prepare for Sunday school classes. Watch your Sunday announcements and the weekly e-mail blast for the time and date.

Make a difference in a child's life by volunteering to teach or help with Sunday School. You are needed! Talk to Bobbi Hestdalen or Pastor Chris to find out where you fit in.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band is in need of you! This is for any students in grades 6-12 who love to sing and/or play an instrument. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403 or come to the church at 6 p.m. Sunday Sept. 10. Our group will do a Dairy Queen visit kick-off 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. on Sundays, Sept. 17 and 24.

Sunday School Registration

Please fill out a Sunday school registration form for your child as soon as possible so the church has enough supplies on hand. Thank you.

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.

September Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Sept. 13 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Sept. 20 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Sept. 27 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Saturday, Oct. 7: Walk for Life – All youth and their families are invited to participate in the annual Life Walk 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.

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.

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 pre-school 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!



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Pastor Chris also is available by appointment.

Fall Worship Schedule

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

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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