

September 2018

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Fall Office Hours

Mon-Thurs

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

Pastor Chris and
Vicar Brian available by
appointment.

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

Why so much singing in church service?

By Pastor Chris

One of my friends from a different church background once attended services at the church in which I grew up. When I asked him what he thought about the service, he responded: "You Lutherans sure like to sing."

Although we have long had a rich music ministry here at Beautiful Savior, you may have noticed even more singing and chanting in our traditional service. Perhaps you wonder why. Although many have expressed a longing for this change, some have described the practice as "too Catholic." Maybe others view it as antiquated and out of date.

But singing has long been a part of worshipping the one true God. David Baker and Timothy Saleska wrote in their Bible study on the Psalms: "A little more than 3,000 years ago, King David appointed 4,000 Levites - about a tenth of all the Levites - for choir and musical service at the tabernacle. David appeared to regard the role of music and song as so important to the worship of God's people that he himself composed numerous psalms for worship. It is likely that under his leadership, the psalm became the background music for the worship, offerings, sacrifices and festivals for God's people."

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Rally Sunday, Sept. 9

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and

Adult Bible Study

Noon Rally Sunday Potluck

5-7 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship grades 9-12

Wednesday, Sept. 5

6:15 p.m. Confirmation grades 7-9

7:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting

6:30 p.m. Praise Band

Wednesday, Sept. 12

7:30 p.m. Choir

7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship grades 6-8



Rally Sunday Potluck Sept. 9

Come to celebrate rally Sunday! Following the service, there will be an opportunity for fellowship and fun with a church potluck beginning at noon on Sept. 9 at the church in the fellowship hall. Chicken will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and enjoy a potluck lunch and fellowship with your church family!

Why so much singing in church service?

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The continued use of the psalms and development of Christian hymnody shaped the worship life of the early church. St Paul urged the church in Colossae: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God," (Col. 3:16).

During the Reformation, Luther did not abandon the role of music within the worship life of the church. Instead, he embraced it, writing several hymns and chants still used in our services today. In fact, Luther insisted that "next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

Think about the role music plays in celebrations. We hear special hymns and songs played throughout the church seasons. Special songs ring out during holidays such as Christmas, Easter, Fourth of July and New Year's. From sporting events to birthdays, songs help us to celebrate.

The worship service is a place where God comes to us with His gifts of Word and sacrament, descending with His presence to commune with His people. The liturgy celebrates God's gracious activity with prayers, praise and giving thanks. What greater celebration could there be this side of heaven?

There are other reasons as well. Songs help us to learn and retain information. (The alphabet song provides just one example.) Singing the liturgy also helps to articulate words more clearly. For all these reasons, I hope you will see the benefits of the additional traditional elements in our worship as something to celebrate!

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please feel free to call me at 293-1047 or 893-6995. You may also e-mail me at pastorchrisbslc@gmail.com.

Pastor Chris

Restore His House - Fall Stewardship Focus

What to look forward to starting Sept. 30 through Oct. 21:

- Sermon and Bible study series
- Capital Campaign Official Kick-Off
- Fall Work Day
- Opportunities to visit with elders
- Servant Event - Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on Oct. 21
- Mid/Late Nov. make your regular annual giving commitment



Upcoming Bible Studies

9:40 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: "In the Beginning" - Could God have used the process of evolution as a mechanism to create all the life forms we find today? Is evolution even true scientific fact or a gross misunderstanding? In this video-based Bible study, Dr. Terry Mortensen from Answers in Genesis challenges the validity of evolution not only through the lens of the Bible, but also through the lens of observable science.

7 p.m. Tuesdays: "John's first love letter to the Church." John's wonderful letter challenges us to expand our view on what love is and why it is needed, especially within the church.

6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays Women's Bible study: Resumes Sept. 6. We will be studying the book of James.

Women's Bible Study

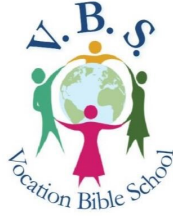
We all want a faith that won't let us down in times of trouble or loss, uncertainty or fear, a faith that can pull us through the worst and best times. This is the kind of faith that James writes about. Studying James will help us grow a steadfast faith that can carry us through life. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The cost is \$7. Contact Chayla Berger at 412-7502 for the evening study or Shirley Elsner at 388-9521 for the morning study.

Voters' Meeting

Beautiful Savior will hold a fall congregational meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23, 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.

LWML Fall Retreat

The women of the LWML ND District will be hosting their annual retreat Sept. 14-16 at the Chieftain Motel and Conference Center in Carrington. The theme of the retreat is "V. B. S. 'Vocation Bible School.'" The presenter for the retreat is Deaconess Amy Rast, who serves as the associate director of deaconess studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Amy will address "our shared vocations as Women, Christians, Lutherans, and servants in our various vocations (mother, teacher, accountant, church worker, etc.)."



Events begin on Friday evening with social time, snacks, coffee and a devotion. Saturday events include presentations by Deaconess Rast, Bible study, and a servant event – packing Mercy Meals. A financial ingathering will be given to Mercy Meals. Events conclude on Sunday morning with breakfast and a closing worship service.

Registration forms are available in the narthex. You are encouraged to register and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Bring a friend or two. You won't want to miss this exciting weekend!

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

If you are interested in subscribing to The Lutheran Witness magazine, please let the church office know. The annual rate is \$22.01 for 11 issues. The deadline is Sept. 1. Thank you.

Thank you from Pastor Chris

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, e-mails and condolences for my Father's death on Aug. 13. Your support during this difficult time is very much appreciated! Although Carl will be missed, we rejoice that those who depart in faith are with the Lord, which is better by far. May this assurance and faith be yours in Christ Jesus that we too may come to our eternal dwelling place with Him.

Pastor Chris, Jamie, Jacob and Alaysha

Interested in becoming a pastor or deaconess?

Rev. Jaime Nava from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, would like to meet with you between 3:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 Broadway, Fargo. Rev. Nava is interested in meeting prospective students of all ages - elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal. Family and friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please call Rev. Nava at 314-505-7224 or e-mail navaj@csl.edu.

F-M Lutherans for Life Fall Dessert Banquet

Please mark your calendars to attend the Lutherans for Life annual fall dessert banquet at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church, 2901 20th 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.

Operation Christmas Child

Are you shopping for last minute school supplies or buying new shoes? Consider picking up a few extra supplies for Operation Christmas Child and saving your empty shoe boxes. Look for collection boxes in the narthex soon to drop off your donations. We will pack boxes on Sunday, Oct. 21. For more ideas visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>



BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

| <u>Operating Fund</u> | <u>July</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
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| Contributions | \$22,661 | 193,684 |
| Expense | 20,458 | 175,249 |
| Surplus (Shortfall) | 2,203 | 18,435 |

Beautiful Garden

The Beautiful Garden is producing veggies like crazy! If you see veggies in the church narthex help yourself! If you have any interest in coming 2-4 times per month to “pitch in” with whatever the garden needs, please email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com to get added to the communications list. There are no requirements to participate other than 2-4 hours per month of playing in the dirt! 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.

There has been more than 30 members involved with the gardening efforts, as well as people in the apartments next to the church walking over to inquire about the garden and Lord-willing a chance to open some hearts to visiting Beautiful Savior!

Thank you for your support and prayers as we near the end of the second season. It has been enjoyable watching God’s work in turning a tiny little seed into a big plant that produces such tasty veggies!

Construction Underway

The replacing of siding for the church building is almost complete. We appreciate your patience with this project. In the meantime, please stay away from the “work zone” and off of the trailers and materials that are stockpiled on the west and east sides of the building. Thank you.



Clubs *and* Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for September consists of the letters H-K with Jodi Haekenkamp as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help for other events. Thanks for your help. Our October group will be the letters L-N with captain Mary Seiffert.

Elder - Our Elders for September are Nate Gannon, 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 Nate, Terry or Paul or any of the elders.

Gold Club - Join us at noon Wednesday, Sept. 19, for some wonderful food, fun and fellowship. Remember to bring a dish that starts with the first letter of your last name! Our Gold Club is no longer just for seniors; it is fellowship for anyone. If you are free during the day, please come join us.

Quilting and Fellowship - If you are interested in helping to create future quilts, join us at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 and 27. 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, donate to silent auctions when asked and sell quilts to anyone who desires one. If you have any questions, please 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

Memorials for Gary Hasse:
Aunt Lucille Scramstad
Cousin Joyce and Kelly Samuelson
Cousin Diane Lindstrom and brothers

Inseparable

By Vicar Brian

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is truly and fully God. So, who is going to get in his way? Who or what can stand in the way of the Almighty? The answer seems obvious: nothing.

It seemed obvious in the movie "Forrest Gump" that little Forrest and Jenny were inseparable. Maybe you can recall one of his famous quotes, "Me and Jenny goes together like peas and carrots." Forrest and Jenny seemed to do everything together, until one day life got in the way. Is that the way you feel sometimes about Christ's love for you? It just seemed like one day life got in the way and his love for you had vanished.

In our sinful weakness, we can be convinced at times that this is the case. God's Word tells us plainly that believers in Jesus are given no guarantees of an easy life. Jesus told his disciples, "In this world you will have trouble..." (John 16:33). We face hardship. Burdens weigh heavily on us. We live through times of want. When those troubles press down on us, we are tempted to wonder, "Does God really love me? Is he truly there for me?"

Into the darkness of those doubts, the apostle Paul shines the brilliant light of God's assuring Word. The answer to those questions of doubt is a resounding "YES!" God does care for you. Yes, he is there for you. Nothing can separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Son of God gave his life on a cross for you. He rose again to give you eternal life. Those are accomplished facts which cannot be undone or nullified. No trouble, no force, no period of time, no space, nothing in all of creation can stand in the way of God's love for you.

Someone once said, "When you doubt God's love for you, read the end of Romans chapter 8. When you get done, read it again. And when you get done again, read it yet again." ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, (Romans 8:35-39).



"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 7, we will be premiering the re-mastered re-runs of the well-known "*This Is The Life*" series of programs from Lutheran Hour Ministries! These will take the place of the current "Kid's Corner" half-hour programs. We are pleased to welcome the broadcasting areas of both Lincoln, NE and Sioux City, IA to the Main Street Living Network! Sunday, Oct. 14, we will be celebrating our annual Main Street Living North! (Watch for a special bulletin insert!)

Continue to help spread the word to your family and friends! Let them know that they can watch all of the Fargo-based archived programs at any time on line at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

To add your much needed 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 at: www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com. Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

September pastors and sermons are as follows:

Sept. 2: Rev. Jared Nies, St. John's Lutheran Church, Perham, MN, presents the message: "Dressed For Battle" based on Ephesians 6:10-20.

Sept. 9: Rev. Alan Eppen, Zion Lutheran Church, Edgeley, ND and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Forbs, ND, presents the message: "Be Strong and Fear Not!" based on Isaiah 35: 4-71.

Sept. 16: Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, presents the message: "He Hung Around" based on Mark 9:14-29.

Sept. 23: Rev. Paul Preus, Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale, ND, presents the message: "Friend, Go Up Higher" based on Luke 14:1-11.

Sept. 30: Rev. David Walsh, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Menahga, MN, presents the message: "Acting in the Name of Christ" based on Mark 9:38-41.

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 Rally Sunday, Sept. 9. 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 love to sing and/or play an instrument. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403 or come to the church at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. Our group will do a Dairy Queen visit kick-off from 7-8 p.m. and practice will follow at the church from 8-8:30 p.m. Practice also will be held from 7-8 p.m. on Sundays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30.

Sunday School and Other Volunteers Needed

Sunday school wouldn't be a success without our volunteers! As the school year is quickly approaching, we are looking for people to teach, team-teach, assist in a classroom, help with memory work, take attendance, and looking not too far into the future... assist with the Christmas program. Let Bobbi Hestdalen, Pastor Chris, Vicar Brian or the office know if you would be willing to help our Sunday School program in any way.

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.

Grace Lutheran School News

This year's theme is from Matthew 5:14-16 "**You are the Light of the World**".... Jesus tells us that we are shining our light (Jesus in us) to everyone around. It's not a suggestion but a command! Don't hide the information - share it! Be the Light, to give praise to the Father! Come join us, and shine for Him!

Big Heart! Grace Lutheran School has encountered a number of different challenges over the last few years and we have now become a smaller school in enrollment. GLS is a small school with a big heart. We have a heart for children to see that they receive a Christian education, a heart to serve those who are in need through our chapel offerings and outreach projects this year, a heart to help one another when things are tough or in times of praise and the heart and the courage to share the Gospel to this community! Won't you join our family and become a vital part of this ministry and mission of the six association churches. As we look to the future our goal is to develop our curriculum and technology equipment, work on deferred building maintenance projects, strengthen our teacher and staff salaries.

Volunteers needed this year! Volunteer duties include assisting students in completing their work, helping teachers with tasks and breaks, and supervising morning care and recesses. We could also use help in the kitchen when our regular cook is sick or taking time off. Year-round there are always little projects to do around the school. Feel free to contact principal John Hagge for a service project at (701) 232-7747 or email jhagge@gracels.com for further information.

Upcoming events - Oct. 6 - Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Grace Lutheran School

In Gratitude

BSLC members are very grateful to our volunteers who keep the outside of the building looking so nice throughout the summer.

Thank you to all who help out.

Extra hands are always appreciated for little jobs so let the church office know if you would like to get involved in projects for the church.



2018-2019 Pre-K-6th Grade Christian Education Registration Form

Please fill out this form and return it to the church office.

You may also email your information to the church at office@bslcfargo.org.

Name of parent(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell: # _____ Parent name: _____ E-mail _____

Cell: # _____ Parent name: _____ E-mail _____

| <u>Names of Children</u> | <u>Birthdate</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Grade (2018-19)</u> |
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I am interested in helping in the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Teacher/Sub | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Christmas Program | Please indicate a preferred grade _____ | |

Sunday School begins **Sept. 9, 2018**

Sunday School Classes available for children ages 3 thru Grade 12

September Youth Events

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

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

Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

Sunday, Sept. 16, from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

Sunday, Sept. 23, from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

Sunday, Sept. 30, from 4-9 p.m. – Zone Hayride for grades 9-12

UPCOMING EVENTS

BSLC youth working the Dome - National Youth Gathering fundraiser days have been scheduled for Sept. 15, 22 and 29. For more information, please call Vicar Brian at 293-1047.

Confirmation Classes - 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 grades, please have them join us beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5. There will also be a short meeting following confirmation at 7:30 p.m. with parents to review our confirmation program this year. If you have any questions, please call the church office or talk with Pastor Chris or Vicar Brian.

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Office Hours

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

Pastor Chris and Vicar Brian are also available by appointment.

Worship Schedule

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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Board of Elders

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| O-R | Adam Tykwinski | 793-8170 |
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| T-Z | Vacant | |

Elders are assigned families based on last name

Other Volunteers

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| LWML President: | Mary Seiffert | 241-9032 |
| Sunday School: | Bobbi Hestdalen | 540-2218 |
| Choir Director: | Ramsey Dahl | 237-9009 |
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