

September 2019

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Fall Office Hours 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian available by appointment.

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

Our Congregation Seeks Volunteers to Join 'The After People'

By Pastor Chris

Most of us experience difficult times in life, but few of us ever go through those difficult times with someone equipped to walk with us.

That's why Beautiful Savior seeks people within the congregation to become Stephen Ministers. Who are these people, and what do they do? They are highly trained lay leaders who help hurting people. They are not counselors. They are not pastors.

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Change of Worship Schedule Begins Rally Sunday, Sept. 8

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship Bibles for Third Graders - either service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Rally Sunday Potluck 4-6 p.m. at the church

Confirmation Classes

Begins 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, grades 7-9 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting

Praise Band Practice

Begins 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4

Choir Practice

Begins 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11

Lutheran Youth Fellowship

Begins 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 Grades 6-8 Begins 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15 Grades 9-12

Rally Sunday Potluck 4-6 p.m. Sept. 8

Come to celebrate rally Sunday! There will be an opportunity for fellowship and fun with a church potluck beginning at 4 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the church in the fellowship hall. Burgers, dogs and buns will be provided. We also will have games and activities for kids and adults. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, and enjoy food and fellowship with your church family!

Our Congregation Seeks Volunteers to Join 'The After People'

Stephen Ministers are there:

- + after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- + after the funeral, when everyone has left, and emotions come crashing in.
- + after someone settles into a new living space, but it does not feel like home.
- + after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and a loved one is led away.
- + after a baby arrives, and new emotions and demands start to mount.
- + after a pink slip comes with that final paycheck.
- + after family and friends have heard a story one too many times.

Stephen Ministers are "the After People." They come alongside hurting people to listen and provide comfort and support for as long as needed.

God is calling some of you to be Stephen Ministers in our congregation. Will you answer? Beautiful Savior plans to begin training Stephen Ministers soon. If you would like to know more, please contact Pastor Chris, Loretta Swanson, or Kathy Johnson.

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Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study - Beautiful Savior plans to move to a united curriculum; all grade levels, even adults, will study the same Bible lesson every Sunday in hopes that it will foster discussion between members and equip families for faith formation in the home.

7 p.m. Tuesday Bible study -"Who am I? What does God want me to do? A study on Christian vocation." Our Tuesday Bible study will resume Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Sept. 3.

9 a.m. Thursdays Women's Bible study: "Jonah, Joel & Amos" begins Sept. 12. Our busy schedules and the quest for success often mean that time with God gets neglected. These twelve studies in Jonah, Joel and Amos will help you focus on your number one priority - to seek the Lord and live! Everyone is welcome to spend time in the scriptures.

If you would be interested in leading a women's Bible study, please contact one of the pastors for more information.

LWML Fall Retreat

The women of the LWML ND District will be hosting their annual retreat Sept. 20-22, at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads in St. John. The theme of the retreat is "Perseverance: Praying Through Life's Challenges." Hear guest speaker Donna Pyle as she speaks on her new Bible study "Perseverance" based on the book of Nehemiah.

Activities include: Bible study, campfire and fireside devotions; fellowship luncheon talk with

Lutheran Bible Translator Becky Grossmann; Emmaus Prayer Sister Walk; personal reflection time and many outdoor activities all while being in God's Word and enjoying His beautiful creation and a closing worship service.

Registration at www.ndlwml.org/retreat or forms are available in the narthex. You are encouraged to register and camp with us or make hotel reservations in Rugby or Bottineau as soon as possible. Bring a friend or two. You won't want to miss this exciting weekend!

EncourageMENt -LCMS Men's Ministry Breakfast

Beautiful Savior men, mark your calendars for the encourageMENt -LCMS Men's Ministry breakfast event. This will be held from 8:45 - 11:55 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Rev. William Knaack will be presenting "And How Are They to Believe in Him of Whom They Have Never Heard?" Join us for a discussion about the challenges of bringing God's word to the deaf and translating God's Word into American sign language.



Don't Underestimate Your Role in Shaping Faith

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 8, Beautiful Savior will offer a Sunday morning adult Bible class to equip parents, grandparents, faith leaders and congregation members to discuss, teach and live their faith.

Beautiful Savior plans to move to a united curriculum; all grade levels, even adults, will study the same Bible lesson every Sunday in hopes that it will foster discussion between members and equip families for faith formation in the home.

Faith formation long has been understood as the primary responsibility

of the church; however, Scripture and sociological studies both agree that parents strongly influence faith formation. This truth may seem overwhelming, but the power of salvation is found not in our efforts but in sharing the Gospel with others (Romans 1:16).

A 2016 survey shows that when neither parent attends Sunday morning Bible class, only 6 percent of children attend when grown. However, when both parents attend Bible study in addition to the Sunday service, 72 percent of children attend Bible study when grown.

Parents, and especially fathers, have a tremendous impact on faith formation. When fathers attend church regularly, 44 percent of children become regular church goers. With additional faith time in the home, children will be even further influenced by God's word in a conducive family environment. The Scriptures reinforce this. Moses writes in Deut. 6:6-7: "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise."

The apostle Paul exhorts fathers to bring up children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, (Eph. 6:4) while the book of Proverbs gives the assuring direction to "train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will nor depart from it," (Prov. 22:6).

Please take time to consider attending this new Bible study on Sunday morning. Even if your children are grown, you can still be a light to them and those around you as we together mark, read and learn God's life- and faith-giving Word.

Holy Communion to be Celebrated Sunday, Sept. 29

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third

and now the fifth Sunday of the month when there are five Sundays in a month. Jesus has invited us to come to His table as often as He brings us the gifts of forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in the supper He instituted and commanded His church to gather around.



Loose Change Sunday Sept. 29

Bring your loose change or bills to drop in the LWML mite buckets on Sunday, Sept. 29

Voters' Meeting

Beautiful Savior will hold a fall congregational meeting at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22, 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.

| BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund | | | | | | | |
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| Operating Fund | June* | <u>YTD</u> | | | | | |
| Contributions | \$34,899 | \$173,879 | | | | | |
| Expense | 20,630 | 203,908 | | | | | |
| Surplus/(Shortfall) | 14,269 | (30,029) | | | | | |
| July figures not available. | | | | | | | |
| | e His House Campaign <u>YTD</u> \$274,000 | <u>Goal</u> \$330,000 | | | | | |

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Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for September consists of the letter T-Z with Kim Ternes as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help with other events. Thanks for your help. Our October group will be the letters A-Bo with captain Andrea Olson.

Elders - Our elders will be assigned Sunday mornings. They will 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 head elder, Adam Tykwinski, or any of the elders.

Gold Club - It is a time to get together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next get together will be at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Bring your "colorful food" to put on our table of many colors. Invite a friend, Gold Club is for anyone!

Quilting and Fellowship - Join us at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12 and 26. We meet twice a month for five or six hours. The coffee is always on - come join this fun group! You do not need to know how to sew. We donate quilts to local organizations, silent auctions or will sell quilts to members. If you have questions, please call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

BSLC Coffee Club - BSLC members, men and women of any age, are invited to gather at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. **Missional Community** - We are a small group who are joining Jesus on His mission by living each day as if it were a mission trip into our own community. We are meeting once a month to share experiences and support each other. Please talk with Pastor Brian if you are interested and join us at our next meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17.

LWML News - LWML will return to monthly meetings at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19. All women are invited to join. Your participation in LWML is a great way to make new friends and serve the Lord.

LWML ND District Fall Retreat - Sept. 20-22, at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND. The theme of the retreat is "Perseverance: Praying Through Life's Challenges."

LWML women's brunch - 9:30 a.m. October 5. Plan to decorate and host a table or attend as a guest. If you are interested in hosting a table, sign up in the narthex or contact Kim in the church office. If you have a gift basket or item to donate to the silent auction, please email Mary Seiffert at mseiffert@midco.net.

Beautiful Garden - The Beautiful Garden has been producing veggies, so if you see any veggies in the narthex help yourself! You can join us for weeding, harvesting and fellowship on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Saturdays at 10 a.m. or whenever you can get there. You do not need to be a member of Beautiful Savior to participate. 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. If you would like to get on the communication list, call Tim Deitemeyer at 793-2220 or email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.

See you at the garden!

In Gratitude

BSLC members are grateful for our volunteers.

- Thank you to the volunteers who mow, weed and keep the outside of the building and grounds looking so nice throughout the summer.
- Thank you to the individuals who have stepped up and helped out with property issues during the vacancy.
- Thank you to the individuals who painted and cleaned the classrooms and hallways.

Extra hands are always appreciated for little jobs around the church, so let the church office know if you would like to help with projects at the church.



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Planted in Christ

If you're a gardener in the northern tier of the United States, it is getting close to harvest time. The tomatoes are starting to turn as the proper number of days has passed since planting. The zucchini, cucumber and squash are probably surpassing your ability to use them. As the days get a little cooler, your flowers are in full bloom. A non-gardening neighbor stops by and says, "My, you have a beautiful garden!" But most non-gardening neighbors don't have a clue what it takes to create such a garden.

A garden is a year-round process. Composting, mulching, hoeing, watering, fall cleanup, plowing or tilling, fertilizing lightly, compost spreading, fertilizing again, spring tilling, waiting until the soil warms for planting, summer care, also called weeding and watering and harvest make for much more work than meets the eye of a casual observer. The results can be seen, but the process is hidden.

Do we take for granted the spiritual gardening God has done in our souls? If we have had true confidence in Christ for some time, we may take that relationship for granted. The Apostle Paul reminds us to continue to live in Christ, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as we were taught.



Like garden plants that are rooted in the soil we must ground ourselves in the Word of God. As plants draw from the soil vital nutrients and moisture, God's Word gives all that we need for life with God now and forever. When we continue to learn more about God's love in Jesus, especially from those whom God sends to teach us, we grow in our faith and knowledge of our salvation. God works in us the ability to live in thankfulness for all the blessings that we have in Jesus.

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:6-7).

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"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

How do you watch the weekly Main Street Living worship services and "*This Is The Life*" programs? On cable, satellite, antenna and the internet? This of course varies depending on what TV services you have and where you live. The eastern half of North Dakota and the western half of our Minnesota North Districts receive the MSLN broadcasts over the FOX stations between 9-10 a.m. each Sunday. The entire state of North Dakota and the eastern half of Minnesota north also receive these broadcasts over the WDAY <u>XTRA</u> stations between 10-11 a.m.

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

September pastors and sermons are as follows:

September 1: Rev. Terry Finnern, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Miltona, MN, & St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Parker's Prairie, MN, presents the message: "Our Host for Eternity" based on Luke 14:7-11. This Is The Life: "Run Away." **September 8:** Rev. Paul Preus, Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale, presents the message: "Healed Through the Word" based on Mark 7:31- 37. This Is The Life: "The Sin of Sue Bradley."

September 15: Rev. Daryl Rothchild, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Upham; Faith Lutheran Church, Towner & Zion Lutheran Church, Kramer, presents the message: "Abundant Grace" based on 1Timothy 1:12-17. This Is The Life: "Old Smiley."

September 22: Rev. Jonathan Walla, Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: "The Debt is Cancelled" based on Luke 16: 1-15. This Is The Life: "To Take a Life."

September 29: Rev. Dennis Voss, vacancy pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, New Salem, and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hannover, presents the message: "The Job of Angels" based on Matthew 18:10. This Is The Life: "Sharing the Gospel."



Sunday School and Other Volunteers Needed

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

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 classes, please have them join us beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4. There will also be a short parent meeting following confirmation at 7:30 p.m. to review our confirmation program this year. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian.

Operation Christmas Child Collections

Remember Operation Christmas Child during this month's school supply sales by donating pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, crayons, markers, rubber bands, solar calculators, notebooks, paper, scissors, rulers w/metric, pencil cases, index cards, tape, erasers, glue sticks, sticky notes, small chalkboard w/chalk, paper clips, etc. Place donations in the box in the narthex.

Your Time is Needed Sundays

Help is needed with running the PowerPoint, ushering and counting the offering each week. Please consider taking time on Sunday to help. To sign up, go to our website:

www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com, then go to the "Get Involved/On Sunday Mornings" tab and click on the appropriate link. If you have not done the task before, we will gladly find someone to train you.

Grace Lutheran School News

GLS Pasta with a Purpose (formerly known as the annual Spaghetti Dinner) 4:30 - 8 p.m. Sept. 28: Come gather with us, and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner! Tickets available that day at the door or in advance from Kim Ternes or Pam Grothman. Kids ages 2-11 are \$5 and adults ages 12 and up are \$10. To-go orders will be available that day, and limited sauce sales will be available at the door!

Bibles for third-graders

The scriptures implore 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 Bible during the 8:15 or 10:45 service on Rally Sunday, Sept. 8. 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 Sunday, Sept. 8. Our group will do a pizza party at 6:30 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. 15 and 22.

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.



| Please 1 | fill out this form a | nd return it to | the church offi | ce. |
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September Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Join us for food, fun and fellowship! Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8 Sunday, Sept. 15, from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12 Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8 Sunday, Sept. 22, from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12 Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8 Sunday, Sept. 25, from 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8 Sunday, Sept. 29, from 5-7 p.m. – Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

BSLC youth working the Dome - All Beautiful Savior youth, age 13 and older, can help work various events at the Fargo Dome to earn money for youth activities at BSLC. Fundraiser days are scheduled for Sept. 7 and 21. Call Pastor Brian at 293-1047 for more information.

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Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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

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