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Hard Habit to Break

By Pastor Chris

My scale recently confirmed my suspicions: COVID-15 had claimed another victim. The first symptoms arrived weeks ago when I had some mild discomfort in my abdomen and trouble breathing because my belt had become too tight. Soon after, many of my pants and shirts followed suit.

How did this happen? An added 15 pounds appeared out of nowhere! Well, maybe not. In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, I went out less; cooked a lot of brisket, pork, and other assorted meats on the grill; and developed unhealthy snacking habits. If I know what's good for me, I will have to correct course and change those unhealthy habits that have become so comfortable.

The pandemic also has affected our worship habits. Some of you are not worshipping at all. Many of you may have become accustomed to watching services online. With this option, everyone can choose their time for service, watch it in pajamas, relax in a comfy recliner, and fast forward over the portions of the service they don't want to hear. After a while, the thought of going to church in person seems far less appealing.

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Change of Worship Schedule Confirmation Classes

6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, grades 7-9 in-person
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting for seventh graders

Praise Band Practice

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9

Thursday Night Worship Service

7 p.m. Worship in-person beginning Thursday, Sept. 10

Rally Sunday, Sept. 13

8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship in-person and via YouTube

Bibles for Third Graders - either service

Installation of Sunday School teachers - either service

9:30-10:10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study in-person

Lutheran Youth Fellowship

7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 grades 6-12 in-person

Hard Habit to Break

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I don't mean to make light of the dangers of the pandemic or a responsible response to it, but we easily develop harmful habits and lose helpful spiritual discipline. We can use the pandemic as an excuse to indulge the sinful nature, which does not want God's Word to convict us, bring us to repentance and change us through the power of the Gospel.

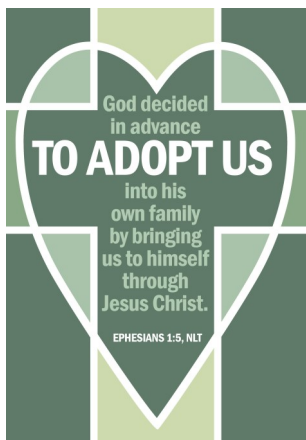
God's Word always works through any medium, but when we withdraw from in-person worship, we leave God's gifts unopened as we refrain from receiving the Lord's body and blood, given for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. We miss out on our vocation as part of the body of Christ to support, walk with and serve one another.

As the fall draws near, prayerfully consider your worship habits and discern what changes would be healthy for you. The Word itself creates a hunger and dependence on being regularly fed by that Word. And unlike the COVID-15 fallout, feasting on what the Lord provides is good for us! It gives us true sustenance and strength.

As David declares: "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!" (Psalm 34:8-9).



Pastor Chris



Celebrate With Us

Pastor Chris and Jamie will be adding three more kids to their family, adopting Kilee, 12; Charlie, 8; and Skylure, 7. The congregation is invited to participate for the court declaration via Zoom at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for all your prayers during this process.

Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study - Beautiful Savior uses 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 evening Bible study: Miracles Bible Study - These contain many miracles. They cause people to wonder how God's rule presents itself. Certainly, miracles demonstrate God's compassionate acts toward people in need. But they do more than help someone out of a difficult situation. In the New Testament, miracles work together with the words of Jesus to identify Him as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. The miracles help point to the coming of God's kingdom through Jesus.

Perhaps you've seen one of those religious shows that claim to perform miraculous healings. Maybe you've heard the message that if you have enough faith, you will be cured, or someone won't die. Like a sales pitch, the phrase "claim a miracle" tells us to expect it, and it will happen.

The Bible's message is much different. Yes, miracles happen – even today. But to expect one or claim one from God is not the promise given in Scripture. Instead, Jesus's gifts of forgiveness and eternal life are the promises we claim and expect through faith.

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study via Zoom, "A Study of the Ten Commandments - Love Rules." - What do the Ten Commandments do for you? Do they send you on a guilt trip? Are they a mirror of your frailties? Or do they hold life-changing love? This Bible study addresses one commandment each week and then follows up with four devotions from different angles.

Fall Schedule Begins Sept. 9 at Beautiful Savior

SERVICES

Beginning Sept. 10, Beautiful Savior will move to its full fall schedule, offering services at 7 p.m. on Thursday as well as 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Although we will continue to post our services online, we hope that you will return to in-person worship to receive both Word and Sacrament, gladly receiving God's gifts and walking in our your forgiven, resurrected life as a member of the body of Christ.

SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR

Beautiful Savior will offer an education hour from 9:30-10:10 a.m. The shortened time is intended to promote responsible social distancing. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study. Preschoolers to fourth-graders will meet in the Sanctuary and may use classrooms depending on the number of students on any given Sunday. Fifth grade, as well as Junior and senior high will meet in their classrooms.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation instruction for those in seventh through ninth grades will begin at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the church. Classes run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. There will be an informational meeting for seventh-grade families from 7:45-8:15 p.m. on Sept. 9. Families of eighth- and ninth-graders will receive their information in the mail.


SAFETY PROTOCOLS

To ensure your safety and to follow the fifth commandment to "not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need," Beautiful Savior will continue to observe its safety protocols, including promoting social distancing in the Sanctuary, classrooms and common areas; strongly encouraging wearing facemasks; sanitizing surfaces; and reduce singing in all church activities, including worship.



Voters' Meeting

Beautiful Savior will hold a fall congregational meeting in-person at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20, between worship services. Our voters' meeting will involve making decisions on two different options proposed regarding the use or purchase of some of our land. This is your time to ask questions and help decide the direction BSLC should take regarding these options and opportunities.

 Restore His House Capital Campaign			
Capital	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>	
Campaign	\$290,100	\$330,000	
BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund			
<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Contributions	\$44,676	194,886	
Expense	24,016	188,285	
Surplus	20,660	6,601	

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 10:30 a.m. service on Rally Sunday, Sept. 13. Please join us for this special celebration! This year's third graders include:



Bibles
for
third-graders

Cameron Bergseth
Kendal Knutson
Lucas Kenney
Natalee Kubista
Owen Hashbarger
Scarlett Parkman
Tayla Larson

Emily Mohn
Kinley Sellden
Megan Gannon
Otto Mann
Presley Roller
Tanner Stoneberg
Charlie Hansen

Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for September will not be needed this month. Our October group will be the letter L-N with captain Mary Seiffert, if needed. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume fellowship. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Elders - At least one of our elders are here every Sunday morning. They 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 - We will not be meeting this month.

Gold Club is a time for members and friends to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and some fellowship. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

Quilting and Fellowship - We have resumed in-person quilting while practicing social distancing! Join us at 10 a.m. on Sept. 10 and 24. If you have any questions, please call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

BSLC Coffee Club - Join us if you feel comfortable. 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.

LWML - LWML will return to monthly meetings at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17. Stay tuned as to whether we will meet in-person or via Zoom. Your participation in LWML is a great way to make new friends and serve the Lord.

The fall rally is scheduled for Oct. 17 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo. More details to come.

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. We are practicing social distancing and ask that you keep a 6-foot distance and don't come if you are sick. 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 or mail it to the church. If you would like to get on the communication list email Tim Deitemeyer at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.

See you at the garden!

Weddings

July 25 - Kayla Schlichtmann and Michael Tufte

August 15 - Lily Welder and Patrik Tostenson



New Member Corner

Marlys Gregory recently moved to Fargo from Ohio. Marlys is the sister of Maxine Rust and Morris Yagow. She enjoys sewing and genealogy. Her favorite Bible verse is "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life," (John 3:16). It is the Gospel in a nutshell!

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More than 40 million people are caught in human trafficking today.

"We believe in a world without human trafficking, partnering with 36 of the best anti-trafficking organizations in 35 countries to stop human trafficking everywhere."

Saturday
October 10
@ 9 AM

Sponsor: Thrivent Action Team Event



Immanuel Lutheran - 1258 Broadway N. Fargo
corey.isaak@gracefargo.org or 701-281-0240



Life That is Truly Life

By Pastor Brian

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life, (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

What makes you rich? The money you earn? The things you have? A good job? Plenty of friends and family? A full stock portfolio? That is what the world calls rich. But what happens when a virus comes and pops those balloons one by one?

You learn in whom to really put your hope. If you think wealth in this present world makes you truly rich, give it time, it will disappoint you. Why? Because it is what the Bible calls uncertain—it cannot be depended on. Just look at how a few months of disease and isolation have evaporated so much. A life built on the uncertain will ultimately fail you.

So, life that is truly life has to be built on something other than earthly riches. It has to be built on the God who provides everything. You are so important to God that he richly provided his perfect Son who poured out his precious blood to free you from sin. Then God raised him to life again to leave no doubt in your mind that you will live forever with him in the coming age. Because of Jesus, you have “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade...kept in heaven for you,” (1 Peter 1:4). That’s certain!

That certainly frees you to do good, to be rich in good deeds, to be generous and willing to share. In other words, you get to be a shining light to God’s goodness in this world. And you do it with the certainty that your eternal riches are completely secure. What a life!



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bh" or "Brian", written on a light-colored background.

“Main Street Living North” TV Program News

What an important thing it is that we may sometimes take for granted! I am referring to the study, prayer, effort and time that our pastors put in week after week (and several times a week during certain times of the church year) to craft a sermon message for us. As I prepare these monthly newsletter articles, I see the various sermon titles listed by the pastors. This causes me to anticipate what the message will be; but should also cause us all to remember to continually lift our pastors up in prayer, with thanksgiving!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS “Main Street Living” media ministry with others. You can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link under the picture identified as “North (Fargo).”

Thank you for 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 on the website.

September pastors and sermons:

Sept. 6: Rev. Dan Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, presents the message: “You Think of Sin But Lightly?” based on Matthew 18:1-20. *This Is The Life program* “The Sin of Sue Bradley.”

Sept. 13: Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls and Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message: “Matthew 18:21-35” based on Matthew 18:21-35. *This is The Life program* “Old Smiley.”

Sept. 20: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, presents the message: “Shocking Good News!” based on Matthew 20:1-16. *This Is The Life program* “To Take a Life.”

Sept. 27: Rev. Chris Rosebrough, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message “By Whose Authority?” based on Matthew 21:23-27. *This Is The Life program* “Sharing the Gospel.”

Sunday School Information

Dear Sunday School Families,

Rally Sunday is right around the corner, and we wanted to give you an overview of Sunday School this year. There have been a few changes, and we want to let you know the steps we have put in place to try and help keep you safe:



- Rally Sunday is Sept. 13: this will be the first day of Sunday school.
- The time will be **9:30-10:10 a.m.** *Please note this is 20 minutes shorter than last year!
- The location will be a little different we will meet in the sanctuary the whole time – we will start with singing and move right into our lesson as a whole group (PreK to fourth grade)!
 - This could change pending how many children attend, but right now we feel it is best to keep everyone in the sanctuary so we can be physically distanced during Sunday School.
 - Older grades will meet in their classrooms and will be assisting with the younger children's lessons as they are interested.
- Masks are highly encouraged due to the singing that will occur.
- You will need to come into the Sanctuary to pick up your child at 10:10 a.m.
 - Please keep your child with you and refrain from wandering around the church between Sunday School and the next church service (10:30 a.m.).
- We will be sanitizing the Sanctuary between Sunday School and both services.

We are changing up the lessons a little bit as well. We have decided to use the VBS program, Rocky Railway, as our first five Sunday School lessons to kick off this great year! Instead of sending everything home in a box for you to try and complete on your own, we will focus on one lesson each week during Sunday School. Activities, crafts, and/or experiments will be provided to the children at the end of the lesson so they can take it home and share the main lesson idea with their family. We will walk through the instructions during Sunday school so they can see what they will be doing at home.

Please register your child for Sunday school. The forms are available on the church website under the "Resources/Links" tab.

God's blessings,
Stacy Knudson, education director

Grace Lutheran School News

Greetings from Grace Lutheran School! School started Aug. 26 and we welcomed nearly 80 students! In these unique times, we ask that you pray for our students' health and safety as they enter the classroom, for our new and returning teachers to guide our children in God's love, for our board, staff and principal as they make the decisions that are best for our school and for all students and staff as they witness to the new families in our school.



Please note that all visitors and parents will be required to wear masks at our school until further notice.

This year's theme is God's People, God's Purpose based on 1 Peter 2:9.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

We have free access to God, and as His people, we are called to live according to His purpose and to lead others to His enduring love.

Upcoming Calendar

Monday, Sept. 7 – No School (Labor Day)

Thursday, Oct. 15 – Band/Choir concert 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20 – Celebration of Grace at Sanctuary Events Center 5:30 p.m.

September Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Join us for fun and fellowship in-person!

Wednesday, Sept. 2 - from 8-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

Wednesday, Sept. 16 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 in-person.

Wednesday, Sept. 23 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 in-person.

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

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

We plan to have in-person Sunday school this fall. 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 Stacy Knudson, Pastor 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.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will meet in-person and is in need of musicians! This is for any student 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 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Practice will follow at the church from 7-8 p.m. Practice also will be held from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20 and 27.

Operation Christmas Child

Hygiene Items Needed For Operation Christmas Child

Pick up a few extras when shopping for your family. The top needs are wash cloths, soap, toothbrushes, floss, lip balm, and hair brushes. Other great extras are deodorant, bandages, nail clippers, emery boards, compact mirror, or a soap dish. Other small items are also welcome. No liquids. We have the potential to pack well over 200 boxes if we get enough of those basic hygiene items! Below is a link to our gift ideas List and do not Include List. Email Jennifer at: rjnkrause@yahoo.com with any questions.



Want to Support Operation Christmas Child without going out shopping?

Option 1: Purchase items for shoe box gifts from our Amazon Wishlist. Items will be delivered directly to church. The link is: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PAMPUJDWMOS9?ref_=wl_share

Option 2: Make a donation to church designated for the purchase of items for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Let someone else find the great deals to make the most out of your donation!

Option 3: Make a donation towards shipping. The cost is \$9 per box, and we hope to pack 200 boxes. Use this link to our Beautiful Savior Lutheran Fargo Fundraising Team page to make your donation directly to Samaritan's Purse. Operation Christmas Child 2020

Facebook Group for local Shoebox Packers

Fargo Moorhead Shoebox Packers is for anyone in the area and their friends and family wanting to be involved in Operation Christmas Child. Share and see local information about things such as great deals and sales on items for boxes, how and where to donate, local events of interest such as collection week or packing parties, and encouragement for shoebox packers. Click this link: [Log into Facebook | Facebook](#) or search Facebook for "Fargo Moorhead Shoebox Packers."

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Office Hours

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

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. in-person and via YouTube

Thursday Worship at 7 p.m. in-person

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sundays in-person

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

Pastors are also available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call ahead for an appointment.

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