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Fall Office Hours
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
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.

Good Help Hard to Find Until We Look to the Cross

by Pastor Chris

I recently tried stopping at the gas station next to the church to fetch an item for a sermon illustration. Much to my surprise, the high-profile convenience store had closed. In the middle of the day! You probably noticed stores and restaurants shortening their hours. Trying to find something convenient and quick after 8:30 p.m. has become increasingly difficult near our house. Signs across the country limply apologize "sorry, we're closed; no one wants to work anymore." The old saying "good help is hard to find" has descended into the desperate lament "help of any kind is hard to find."

Why the labor shortage? People cite concerns about COVID, lack of sufficient compensation and a deeper commitment to family as reasons. But when it comes to church, many people simply feel unqualified to take on roles of responsibility. Our congregation is having difficulty finding volunteers for stewardship chairperson, altar guild and we still need teachers and helpers for Sunday school.

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Rally Sunday Potluck Sept. 12

Come to celebrate rally Sunday! Following the 10:45 a.m. service, there will be an opportunity for fun, fellowship and youth games with a church potluck beginning at noon on Sept. 12 at the church in the fellowship hall. Burgers, hot dogs and buns will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and enjoy a potluck lunch and fellowship with your church family!

Fall Schedule

Wednesday, Sept. 8

6:15 p.m. Confirmation grades 7-9
6:30 p.m. Praise Band Practice
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting

Rally Sunday, Sept. 12

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship
Bibles for Third-Graders - either service
Installation of Sunday School Teachers - either service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
Noon Rally Sunday Potluck in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 15

7:30 p.m. Choir

Wednesday, Sept. 22

7:30-9 p.m. LYF grades 6-12

Good Help Hard to Find Until We Look to the Cross

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Our Lord now rules and reigns in victory and glory. He has been given the name above all names that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow. But His wages as Savior included taking all our scorn, our shame, our sin and our death upon Himself. In return, He freely gives us His love, holiness, righteousness and life. Without Jesus, good works are impossible. In Christ, our work is pleasing before God. When done in accordance with faith and the 10 commandments, your work in the church is sanctified through our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition, our leadership is here to help you grow in knowledge, skill and exercise of your service.

I give thanks for all those who have served in the past and now serve in volunteer positions. I want to encourage all who have not served and who might consider serving. God has given gifts to all our members and has made our members a gift to Beautiful Savior.

With this in mind, "let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10).

... as we have opportunity,
let us do good to everyone...



Galatians 6:10, ESV

Pastor Chris

Pastor Leo Deitemeyer to Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Ordination

The family of Rev. Leo Deitemeyer is planning a celebration of thanksgiving to God for his ministry by acknowledging the 50th anniversary of his ordination as pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

You are invited to come and enjoy a short program, coffee, juice and snacks at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at Beautiful Savior. If you are unable to attend, please send a card to: The Family of Pastor Deitemeyer, 1525 31st Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 or email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.



Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: "The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt" - Join us for this Sunday morning Bible study that will explore "The Bible On Trial: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt." This study makes the case that the Scriptures are authentic, dependable, God inspired and worthy of our full attention and complete faith. This video-based series from Lutheran Hour Ministries addresses critical views of the Bible, examines evidence from the ancient world, surveys archaeology corroborating the Biblical record and considers the word of eyewitnesses who heard, saw and experienced the events of Christ's remarkable life.

7 p.m. Tuesday evening Bible study: "Genesis: A Book of Beginnings" - Genesis is a book of beginnings and promises. It explains the beginning of the universe, the beginning of humankind, the beginning of sin, the beginning of God's people, the beginning of God's covenant promises with Abraham and his descendants and the beginning of sacrifice as the substitution of death for life. The rest of the Bible - particularly the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ - only makes sense when we understand these important beginnings.

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study via Zoom: "Heaven - Finding Our True Home" - Heaven is hard for us to picture. We think of floating on clouds, singing praises and playing harps or walking on streets of gold. Although we know we want to go to heaven, we are a little nervous about what it will be like. This eight-session Bible Study will provide a biblical perspective on heaven--something richer and more exciting than we can imagine. On Sept. 30, a new lesson "Growing Older and Wiser" will begin. Contact Shirley Elsner at 388-9521 to sign up.



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 a.m. service on Rally Sunday, Sept. 12. Please join us for this special celebration! This year's third graders include:

Vincent Andring	A.J. Burck
Lauralei Carl	Aria Hansen
Skylure Waldvogel	Hazel Horsager
Jordyn Knudson	Christian Larson
Ethan Larson	Shane Lehfeldt
Mya Mathiason	Eli Meyer
Benett Rieck	Gavin Sweeney
Lucille Wirtz	

October Bible Study Aim Critical Evaluation of Evolution, Old Earth

An upcoming Bible study during the education hour on Sunday morning will explore questions of evolution using observable science. We will be watching two videos "Was Darwin Right?" and "Noah's Flood: Washing Away Millions of Years." These videos are an excellent resource to help families to look at the evidence and discover that it actually supports the Biblical account of a six-day creation and young earth. The Bible study will begin on Sunday, Oct. 3, and run for four weeks. Those families with students in confirmation should plan to attend as a requirement for confirmation instruction.

Help Stock our Little Library with Christian Books

Beautiful Savior needs your help to stock a new community library. Throughout September, we will be collecting new and gently used Christian books for all ages. Beautiful Savior also will accept monetary donations for the project. Little Library promotes neighborhood book exchanges, usually in a public bookcase. This project will allow us to provide free books about God's salvation in Christ Jesus.

Capital Campaign Nearing End with only \$20,000 to Reach Goal

With only four months remaining in our three-year *Restore His House* capital campaign, our pledges/commitments sit at \$310,200 of our \$330,000 goal. Thanks to the Lord's blessing and your faithful and generous stewardship, we have added new siding for the whole building, new shingles on the sanctuary and paved the parking lot. We would like to finish other projects on the list, including re-carpeting the sanctuary, replacing the furnace/air conditioner in the sanctuary and new roofing material for the narthex. We also have pledged to donate 10 percent of our campaign goal to Grace Lutheran School. For a complete list, see the campaign update posted near the office entrance, or request a copy from the office.

If you have not made a commitment or donated to the campaign, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you already have donated and would like to make an additional donation, that would be wonderful too. If you made a commitment and are unsure how much you still have remaining on your pledge, call Financial Secretary Beth Gustafson at 239-9090. Beautiful Savior thanks you for your support of our three-year capital campaign!

Restore His House Capital Campaign		
	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>
	\$310,200	\$330,000
General Operating Fund		
	<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>June</u> <u>YTD</u>
Contributions	36,014	202,911
Expense	21,661	183,645
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	14,353	19,266

Voters' Meeting

Beautiful Savior will hold a fall voters' meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19, 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.

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

If you are interested in subscribing to The Lutheran Witness magazine, please let the church office know. The annual rate is \$21.96 for 11 issues. The deadline is Sept. 10.

Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for September consists of the letters E-G with captain Diane Lee as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help with events. Thanks for your help. Our October group will be the letters H-K with captain Jodi Haekenkamp.

Elders - Our elders are here every Sunday morning. They greet members and visitors, help the pastors 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.

Quilting and Fellowship - In September, the quilters and anyone interested in helping are going to make small blankets and capes for Operation Christmas Child. Bring your machines to sew. We will need help pressing or turning blankets. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Join us at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9 and 23. If you have any questions, 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.

Gold Club - 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. 15. Bring a dish that begins with the first letter of your last name. Invite a friend, Gold Club is for anyone!

Beautiful Garden - We have plenty of veggies to pick. Come on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. or Saturdays at 10 a.m. 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. Call the church office or e-mail Tim Deitemeyer at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com to be added to the communication list. See you at the garden!



LWML - LWML will resume meeting in person at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16. If you have any questions about LWML, contact Mary Seiffert or the church office.

LWML Fall Retreat: The women of the LWML ND District will be hosting their annual retreat Sept. 17-18 at Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown. The theme of the retreat is "God of All Comfort, (2 Cor. 3:7)."

Events begin on Friday evening with social time, snacks, coffee and a devotion. Saturday events include Bible study by Pastor Chris and a servant event packing Mercy Meals. An ingathering of baby kits, hygiene kits, school kits and cash gift cards will be given to Orphan Grain Train. Events conclude on Saturday with a banquet at the Gladstone.

Registration forms are available in the narthex. Cost is \$70 for Friday and Saturday, or \$65 for Saturday only. You are encouraged to make your hotel reservations before Sept. 10 for a discount. You won't want to miss this exciting weekend!

Evangelism - The Beautiful Savior Evangelism committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Ruby Tuesday. Any member of Beautiful Savior is invited to attend. We will be finalizing plans for New Member Sunday on Sept. 26. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, Sept. 10. You may also email Tim at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.

Baptisms

Aug. 8: Jaxxon Jospeh Lehfeltd, son of Zachary and McKenzie Lehfeltd, born June 30, 2021. His sponsors were Elizabeth Bertel and Haleigh Lehfeltd.

Aug. 29: Harlow Diné Deitemeyer, daughter of Tyler and Kara Deitemeyer, born May 27, 2021. Her sponsors were Tina Deitemeyer and Laura Haukedahl.



Memorials

Reinhold Schmidt (Delan Schmidt's dad)

- Loretta Swanson
- Matt and Beth Gustafson



Attitude

By Pastor Brian

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," (James 4:7).

Evangelist Barry McGee shares the story of a woman by the name of Lexy Fowler. Lexy was a sheep rancher in Montana, and she had a problem. Her problem was coyotes. Coyotes were killing her sheep, and not just one here and there. She was losing scores of sheep every year.

She had tried all kinds of things to stop them. She'd tried odor sprays, electric fences and battery-operated radios. She'd corralled them at night and herded them by day. Nothing seemed to work. But then, Lexy Fowler discovered what other sheep ranchers in the West have discovered. She discovered the llama. As it turns out, the llama has a real attitude whenever it sees a coyote. It recognizes the coyote for the deadly threat that it is. At the sight of a coyote, the llama gets aggressive. It assumes a certain posture. It makes a certain sound. It stares the coyote down and even spits. And if the coyote hasn't gotten the message by then, the llama will walk straight toward it. "Coyotes won't have anything to do with that," said Lexy Fowler. "Coyotes are opportunists, and llamas take that opportunity away." The attitude of the llama changed everything for Lexy Fowler. Whenever the coyotes encountered one of her llamas, the coyotes fled.

The attitude of the llama is a vivid reminder for you and me. The devil is real, and his mission is clear. When the devil approaches us with sinful temptations, he is not playing some half-hearted game for his own amusement. He is playing for keeps. It is always the devil's ultimate goal to separate us from our Savior Jesus.

"Resist the devil," God tells us in His word. Do not tolerate him. Do not make peace with him. Do not pretend you can share the same space. Resist him. Recognize him for who he is. Stand firm in the full forgiveness and new life Jesus has purchased for you at the cross. When you do, the devil will flee. But remember-he will not flee because of your attitude in and of itself. He will flee because of what God has done for you through His Son. He will flee because of Jesus.



"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

As I write this article, the COVID Delta Variant has emerged as a serious threat to the health of our nation and the world. It competes for the news headlines with forest fires, flooding, almost daily mass shootings and a long list of other evil that has invaded God's original good creation as a result of sin. I've heard of people who have even stopped watching the nightly news because it is just so depressing to be reminded of it all. And, if we were reminded only of the evil in our world, there would be no hope. But, there is hope-and that hope is in Jesus. Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). Jesus backed up this claim with His resurrection, after taking on Himself the punishment for the sins of the world, including mine and yours!

Thank you for your 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:

Sep 5: Rev. Jim Meyer, member at St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message "Super, Over-The-Top, Amazing!" based on Mark 7:31-37. *This Is The Life:* "The Sound of Doors Closing."

Sep 12: Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cavalier, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Langdon and St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Thomas, presents the message: "Consider the Lilies," based on Matthew 6:24-34. *This Is The Life:* "Tina."

Sep 19: Worship service information to be announced. *This Is The Life:* "Look to the Mountain."

Sep 26: Rev. Robin Fish, Sr., Immanuel of Barlett Township, MN, presents the message "God Is Serious, and Hell Is Real," based on Mark 9:38-50. *This Is The Life:* "Home Free."



Register for Sunday School

It's time to register your child for Sunday school class. This helps us in setting up classrooms and ordering supplies. Registration forms are in the narthex or on the church website. Please turn the forms into the church office as soon as possible. Prayerfully consider teaching or assisting with a class this year.

Sunday School and Other Volunteers Needed

Sunday school wouldn't be a success without our volunteers! As the school year approaches, 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.



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. 12. 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. 19 and 26.



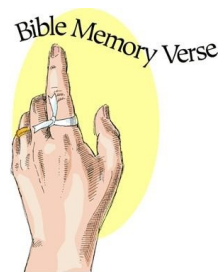
Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

Sept. 5: Acts 16:31 - And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Sept. 12: Psalm 145:18 - The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Sept. 19: Luke 9:23 - And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Sept. 26: Psalm 56:3 - When I am afraid, I put my trust in 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: Join us for fun and fellowship!

Wednesday, Sept. 22 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12.

Wednesday, Sept. 29 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12.

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. 4, Sept. 11 and 25. Call Pastor Brian at 293-1047 for more information.

Zone LYF Bonfire and Hayride - All youth grades 6-12 and friends are invited from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN. There is no cost for this event. Please bring your own camping chair and a snack to share. S'mores and beverages will be provided. The registration form is available on the church website or in the narthex.



Grace Lutheran School News

We are again praising God for providing Grace Lutheran School amply and in His good timing. As of this writing, we have 88 students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, which means we grew again! After a one-year hiatus, we have reopened our pre-kindergarten classroom and it is full!

It takes a large number of volunteers to make Grace Lutheran School a place where children thrive. Together with our volunteers, we are able to share the Word of God with our children and our community in a building that functions well. We would like to thank the multitude of volunteers who helped throughout the summer. The love people have for this school is indescribable, and we are humbled by this.

A Celebration of Grace dinner and auction will take place Friday, Nov. 12, at the Sanctuary Events Center. Those who attend the event in person will see the program in real time and have access to the live auction, a delicious meal and other fun events. Those not able to attend the live event can still bid on silent auction items online. Tickets for the dinner and auction are \$40, and only 200 are available. Tickets will be available on our website at a date to be announced. Online bidding is free and open to everyone.

In preparation for the silent and live auction portions of A Celebration of Grace, we are now accepting donations of time, talent, or treasure. If you are a maker or crafter, consider donating a piece of your work. If you possess a special skill, consider donating a learning experience. We are always looking for new and unique ideas to put on the auction. Donations can be dropped off at the school or call 701-232-7747 to arrange a pick up.

In All Things - NATIONAL21

NATIONAL21, the Synod National Lutheran Youth Workers conference for high school students, professional and volunteer youth ministry practitioners was held July 11-14 in Houston, TX.

Eleven attendees from North Dakota congregations participated in Bible studies, their choice of breakout sessions and spent free time exploring the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering city.

Adult attendees included DCE Susie Danner, Immanuel, Fargo; Pastor Adam Harvala, St. Andrew, West Fargo; Kristin Nistler, Zion, Bismarck; and Sara Schuh and Pat Sebastian, Bethel, Bismarck.

Youth attendees participated in YouthLead A Walk Made Worthy, which focused on developing a resilient identity in Christ through times of struggle, joy and temptation. Aidan Quirk, Bethel, Bismarck, facilitated the YouthLead training as a member of the leadership team. Students attending the YouthLead training included Joshua Harvala and Cecilia Lindquist, St. Andrew, West Fargo; Leah Tykwinski, Beautiful Savior, Fargo; Caylee Nelson and Jessica Schuh; Bethel; Bismarck.

Operation Christmas Child Information

Save the Date for Operation Christmas Child Packing Party:

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20.

Did you buy shoes for back to school?

Bring us your empty shoeboxes. Our goal is to pack 200 boxes again this year!

Hygiene Items Needed For Operation Christmas Child

Items to focus on this month: Every box needs a washcloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, a hair brush or comb, a cup or water bottle, and a bag (canvas bag, small backpack, cinch sac). Other great hygiene items are nail clippers, emery boards, dental floss, lip balm (non-medicated only), compact mirror or fun bandages. A list of gift ideas and "Do Not Include" list is available on the church website or on the donation box in the lobby.

Want to Support Operation Christmas Child without going out shopping?

Want to shop from home? We have an Amazon Wish List! Visit amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PAMPUJDWMOS9?ref_=wl_share. A variety of items in a wide range of prices are given as suggestions for your convenience. You do not need to buy these exact items or the whole quantity.



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

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 am in-person & via YouTube

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

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Pastors are also available by appointment Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Worship Services available at:

www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com

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