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

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

Restore to Me the Joy of Your Salvation

By Pastor Chris

When God sends good things our way, we can feel like we have it coming. Believing our hard work or piety to be the cause, we begin living a life of entitlement. We feel God owes us, and we lose our joy in the LORD, from whom all blessings flow.

It's hard to imagine a more blessed life than what David had received from the LORD. The king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies (2 Samuel 7:1). Moved to return the favor, David desires to build a house for the LORD, only to discover from the prophet Nathan that the LORD will instead build a house for David: "When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever," (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

Somewhere along the line, David lost the joy of receiving the Lord's generous favor and mistakenly believed His sinful nature could capture and seize a greater joy that did not exist. The king dawdled in Jerusalem while "all Israel"

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Rally Sunday Potluck 11:45 a.m. Sept. 10

Come celebrate rally Sunday with a potluck following second service at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 in the fellowship hall with food, fun and fellowship with your church family. Burgers, hot dogs and buns will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Cheer on the Vikings with your fellow BSLC fans as the game will be televised!

BSLC Fall Schedule

Wednesday, Sept. 6

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. 10

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship
Installation of Sunday School Teachers and
Bibles for Third-Graders - either service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
11:45 a.m. Rally Sunday Potluck in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 13

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



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went to war. There, David's laziness gave way to covetousness, which became adultery, which eventually led to murder - all of which the king covered up. David did not acknowledge how far he had fallen into darkness and sin until Nathan the prophet confronted him.

Nathan reminded David of the LORD's incredible generosity, which David had despised through His grievous sin. "I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight?" (2 Samuel 12:8-9).

David's struggle remains our struggle. Despite the Lord's numerous blessings, our sinful nature seeks to capture and seize a greater joy that does not exist. Like David, this can lead us down dark paths that seem to go from bad to worse. What David (and us) sinfully chase after pales in comparison to the everlasting kingdom that the Lord gives. For it is in Jesus that God fulfills His kingdom promises.

If you lack joy in your life in the Lord, remember God's has prepared your place in His everlasting kingdom through Christ! For the sake of Jesus, God will not cast you away despite your many faults and failures. Christ has removed the guilt, punishment and shame for your sins. We have a place in this kingdom not because of anything that we have done, but because of all that God has done for us. What joy! Our standing and salvation are certain and secure. How many things in life can we say that about?

Lutherans have come to know and love David's beautiful words of repentance not only from the Scriptures but also from their use as the offertory for what is now Divine Service III in the *Lutheran Service Book*. David's request for joy is not something that he will manufacture, it comes from the LORD. So the king prays: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit," (Psalm 51:10-12).

Luther once wrote: "I do not know how strong in the Spirit others are, but I cannot become as holy as some imagine themselves to be, however learned and full of the Spirit I might be. I still constantly find that when I am without the Word, Christ is gone, yes, and so are joy and the Spirit, but as soon as I look at a psalm or a passage of Scripture, it so shines and burns into my heart that I gain a different spirit and mind. Moreover, I know that everybody may daily experience this in his own life."

Our joy flows from the love and mercy that the LORD won for us through Jesus Christ. Our joy flows from God's gifts of Word and Sacrament through which He creates a new heart in us, renews a right spirit with us, restores the joy of His salvation and upholds us by His Holy Spirit. That's why the LORD invites us to receive His gifts regularly, for He alone can give us true and abiding joy.

*Create in me a
clean heart,*



Psalm 51:10, ESV

Pastor Chris

Where Will the Youth be Going Wednesdays?

Join us and find out! Every Wednesday after confirmation class, youth in grades 6-12 can participate in a youth group adventure from 7:30-9 p.m. Each week, we will travel to a different surprise destination where we will have an activity and short devotion. We will return to church for games, snacks and faith sharing. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.

Music Ministry Leaders Needed



Beautiful Savior is in need of music ministry leaders for adult choir, Crossfire, children's Sunday School and Christmas Program. Prayerfully consider if you could share your gifts, talents and step up in any of these positions. If you want more information on any of these positions, visit with Pastor Chris or leave your name in the church office.

Memorial Committee Members Wanted

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping us select items to purchase with the memorial donations. Please prayerfully consider if you can help with this task. If you are interested, please contact Mike Schlichtmann, Pastor Chris or the church office.

Evangelism Director Needed

We are looking for a volunteer who would be interested in serving as Evangelism director. Please prayerfully consider if you can help with this task. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Chris or the church office.

Sunday School Begins Sept. 10, With a "VBS" Style Format

Join us for Sunday school beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10, with a new format.

PreK-fourth grade:

9:30 a.m. - meet in sanctuary for singing and Bible Buddies

9:45 a.m. - listen to our Bible story for the week

10 a.m. - break into groups for games and activities

10:20 a.m. - return to sanctuary for closing

Fifth-eighth grade:

Will meet in classrooms at 9:30 a.m. and dive right into their LIVE! Lessons. LIVE! offers amazing insight into both the old and new testaments and will help youth live Jesus centered lives as they discover what the Bible is all about.

Volunteers are needed to lead, co-lead, assist in games, activities, memory work, attendance and assist with the Christmas program. Let Stacy Knudson or Pastor Chris know if you are willing to help our Sunday School program in any way.

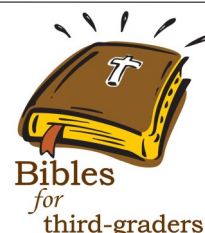
Bibles for Third-graders

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. 10. Please join us for this special celebration! This year's third-graders include:

Claire Andring
Jaelyn Bakke
Matthew Burck
Camden Larson

Jayce Marcks
Meryl Perleberg
Ellie Rieck
Hunter Vonasek



LWML Celebration of the Seasons Fall Brunch

The Beautiful Savior LWML will host a fall brunch at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. It will start with a silent auction, entertainment and a short presentation by Kirk Rosin on the Orphan Grain Train Ukrainian Relief. This will be followed by a brunch and a special donation to Orphan Grain Train. If you are interested in hosting a table you can sign up in the fellowship hall. If you are able to donate a silent auction item contact Kim in the church office.



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 one of those classes, please have them join us in-person beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6. 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 talk with Pastor Chris.

Voters' Meeting, Sunday Sept. 17

Beautiful Savior will hold a voters' meeting at 9:30 a.m. between worship services on Sunday, Sept. 17. We will be deciding which direction we will be taking in calling another worker - pastor, deaconess or director of Christian education. Please attend this important meeting. This is your chance to have a say in the future of BSLC.



BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	23,975	207,032
Expense	<u>27,593</u>	<u>226,246</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(3,618)	(19,214)

Restore His House Update

Thank you to everyone who made a commitment to the Restore His House capital campaign. The sanctuary carpet replacement and the bell tower projects have been completed! We are certain you will agree that they were much needed improvements. The HVAC system in the sanctuary and the flat part of the roof over the narthex still need to be completed.



BSLC Clubs and Service Groups

Elders - Our elders greet members and visitors, helps the pastor with any needs and see that all goes well at worship service. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the other elders.

Gold Club - Gather together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next lunch will be at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Bring a dish to share. Gold Club is for anyone!

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 Dr. S., Fargo.

Beautiful Garden - Harvesting has begun. We have plenty of work to do. Some plants have done very well and others have not due to the hail storm in July. Our weekly gardening sessions are at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 9 a.m. on Saturdays or whenever it works best for you.

If you wish to be added to the communication list, email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com



Quilting and Fellowship - We will meet this month from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 and 28. You do not need to know how to quilt. Come for awhile, or stay the whole time. Call Donna Ceroll at 701-232-2464 with questions.

LWML - We will return to monthly meetings at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21. All women are invited to join. Your participation in LWML is a great way to make new friends and serve the Lord.

ND District Fall Retreat "Angels...Truth & Myth": Friday - Sunday, Sept. 15-17 in Devils Lake. Orphan Grain Train will have a collection trailer at the LWML ND District Fall Retreat in Devil's Lake. The following supplies are requested for the in-gathering:

- Baby Blankets. We will be tying these please bring fleece material size 34 x 46 inches.
- Diapers size newborn, 5 & 6
- Diaper Wipes
- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Newborn onesies
- Newborn socks

Any other items on the OGT list as well as monetary donations to cover shipping costs are also being accepted. Mail checks to: Orphan GrainTrain, PO Box 1546, Jamestown, ND 58402.

Memorials

Harlan LeMier
Loretta Swanson
Sherman and Gail Waagen



Baptisms

August 2: Nathan Jon Lehfeltdt, son of Lance Edwards and Haleigh Lehfeltdt, born June, 22, 2023. His sponsors are Zachary Lehfeltdt and Atlanta Lehfeltdt.



F-M Lutherans for Life Fall Dessert Banquet

The Lutherans for Life Fall Dessert Banquet will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 Broadway, Fargo. Guest speaker will be Kim Laube, who will speak on "Satan is a Liar! Death is NOT the Answer." To register you may sign up in the narthex or contact Gail Waagen at 701-306-6283.



Congregational Memory Verse Challenge

Sept. 3: 2 John 6 - This is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

Sept. 10: 2 Samuel 7:22 - You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Sept. 17: 1 Samuel 12:24 - Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.



Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: “Jesus said What” Beginning Sept. 10 - Jesus doesn’t always tell you what you want to hear, but He always tells you what you need to hear. Our Lord has the words of eternal life, and even the hard words of Jesus are given in love. In our culture of sound bites, it’s easy for our Lord’s words to be taken out of context and misunderstood. Come explore 15 of Christ’s most difficult teaching on topics such as money, family relationships and consequences for sin. Each lesson will explore one teaching of Jesus by exploring His full treatment of the topic, along with parallel passages through the Bible and its context. “Jesus Said What?” Will help you to understand the hard words of Christ and come to know the love of Jesus behind them.

7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: “Life in Christ: Rooted, Woven and Grafted into God’s Story” Begins Sept. 19 - Reading and understanding the Bible can be difficult, even for lifelong Christians. Perhaps you even have trouble connecting your personal life to the family lineages, narratives, and parables from Christ’s teaching.

Rev. Dr. Adam T. Filipek, pastor of Holy Cross and Immanuel Lutheran Churches, in Lidgerwood, ND, help us to understand how your life story—yes, your story today—is interwoven with the life of Christ in the Bible. Piece together each of the narratives in the Old and New Testaments to see how God has grafted your life onto the beautiful saving life of Christ.

Life in Christ will take you through the Bible chronologically, giving you an important overview of the historical retellings so that you can understand the timeline of His Word. See how God is working in your day-to-day through each of the Gospel books. As you piece together how these narrative threads are woven into one big picture, you will also see that the faith and Church are not about the individuals, but rather, it’s forever pointing back to the story of God’s Son and His sacrifice for humanity.

9 a.m. Thursday Women’s Bible study: “Experiencing Contagious Joy” - Beginning Sept. 14 we will explore what Scripture has to say about our true source of joy, giving thanks in all circumstances and having a joy that is actually radiant. We will examine what the Bible says about joy being our strength and how we enter into joy each day. In the end, we will discover how joy is infectious, transmittable, spreadable and catching - in a word, contagious! Call Donna Ceroll at 701-232-2464 if interested.

“Main Street Living North” TV Program News

September brings with it the return to school for another year. Though the fallen world has always brought its dangers to our children, it seems that these are increasing more and more with unbiblical ideologies being allowed and even taught in many of our nation’s schools. This calls for not only fervent prayer for our children, and their teachers, but also for vigilance and boldness in speaking up for God’s created design and will. “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2).

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



September pastors and sermons are as follows:

Sept. 3: Rev. Scott Brown, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN, and St. James Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, MN, presents the message: “God’s Way”, based on Matthew 16:21-28. *This Is the Life:* “The Sound of Doors Closing.”

Sept. 10: Rev. Sam Pitsch, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: “A Hard Pill to Swallow” based on Romans 13:1-7. *This Is the Life:* “Tina.”

Sept. 17: Rev. William Aufdenkamp, Christ Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hoffman, MN, presents the message: “Who Do You Think You Are?” based on Romans 14:8. *This Is the Life:* “Look to the Mountain.”

Sept. 24: Rev. Guy Roberts, Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN, presents the message: “Our Life in Song” based on Psalm 27:109. *This Is the Life:* “Home Free.”

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

If you are interested in subscribing to *The Lutheran Witness* magazine, please let the church office know. The annual rate is \$25.80 for 11 issues. The deadline is Sept. 15.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Information



Operation Christmas Child 2023 has a new goal of 300 boxes! School supplies are at the best prices they will be all year right now. The top school supply needs are notebooks, colored pencils, pencils, pens, scissors, pencil pouches, and pencil sharpeners. Other school supplies are also welcome (no glue or other liquids).

Other requested items are: washcloths, toothbrushes, combs or hairbrushes, any size children's socks, boys 2T-5 and 10-14 underwear, size 2T-5 children's shirts or outfits, water bottles or sturdy plastic cups, cinch sacs or canvas bags, hair ties or bows, boys' sunglasses, stuffed animals, soccer balls with pumps, any other toys or fun items for girls and boys ages 2-14. All items must be new.

We can also use empty shoeboxes.

A complete list of gift ideas and the Do Not Include list can be found on the donation box in the narthex or on the church website. Email Jennifer at: rjnkrause@yahoo.com with any questions.

Please place all donations in the box at church.

For more ideas, see the Amazon Wish List.

These can be shipped directly to the church:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PAMPUJDWMOS9?ref=wl_share .



For more ideas, see the Walmart Registry:

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/ER/6cbc0d8a-84a1-443a-9a6c-ce782661c2d0>



If you would like to contribute items for shoeboxes but do not want to do the shopping, sponsor a bulk purchase of soccer balls and pumps, order pre-printed OCC shoeboxes, or donate storage totes and shelving contact with Jennifer Krause.

Visit the official OCC website for more information and shoebox gift ideas or to make a donation for the cost of shipping:

<https://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



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

As GLS enters its 76th school year with 101 students, we graciously ask for your prayers that the mission and ministry of the school would be a blessing.

Our theme this year is based on John 15:5. "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." We are connected to Christ, and He alone is the source of our spiritual fruitfulness and growth.

Every GLS employee is now migrated to the new email system using the format firstname.lastname@glsfargo.org. (Secretary and principal emails do not follow this format) The @gracels.com format has been discontinued and any emails sent on Aug. 24 or later will not be delivered.

Save the date for A Celebration of Grace dinner and auction on Friday, Nov. 10. Tickets will go on sale in October. If you would like to support the event through a sponsorship or an item/experience donation, please contact Amy Hirsch at amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org. Silent auction items will again be online for all to access, near and far.

Growing Together in Grace Update

The Growing Together in Grace campaign is moving along, and we are amazed with all that God has provided for the benefit of the project thus far.

Dan Krause, consultant at GraceWorks, has been working with the fundraising committee. He has been a blessing for this campaign with his knowledge of school growth, fundraising and similar campaigns.

As of Aug. 16, \$759,000 of \$1.25 million is committed to GTIG. Construction (ordering) will begin when the campaign reaches \$833,000.

Beautiful Savior GTIG Pledge Sheets

Beautiful Savior has committed \$50,000 to the GTIG campaign. We haven't reached our matching pledge yet. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Growing Together in Grace capital campaign. GTIG pledge sheets can be turned in anytime to the church office. Contact the Randy Johnson, Kim Ternes or Joan Fiechtner with questions.



2023-2024 Pre-K-6th Grade Christian Education Registration Form

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

You may also email the completed form 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 _____

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: _____

May we use pictures of your child on BSLC social media, website and publications?

Yes ☐ No ☐ _____

guardian/parent signature

<u>Names of Children</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade (2023-24)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

I am interested in helping in the following areas:

☐ Teacher ☐ Attendance ☐ Memory Work

☐ Team Teacher/Sub ☐ Classroom Helper ☐ Crafts

☐ Help with Christmas Program Please indicate a preferred grade _____

Sunday School begins **Sept. 10, 2023**

Sunday School Classes available for children ages 3 thru Grade 12

September Youth Events

DESTINATION UNKNOWN: Join us for an adventure, devotions, games, food and faith sharing!

Wednesday, Sept. 13 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, Sept. 20 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, Sept. 27 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12



Zone LYF Bonfire and Hayride - 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN.
The registration form is available on the church website or in the narthex.

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

Pastor Chris is available by appointment.

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. 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. Pastor Chris is available by appointment Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Worship Services available at:

www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com

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