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Time to Pay Attention

PASTOR DAVID WAGNER

I was reading an article the other day that stated: We live in a CPA society—which meant **Continuous Partial Attention** for the author of this particular article. Think about it. Have you encountered folks who are texting, listening, talking, studying, watching TV, eating . . . all at the same time? I have! While it bothers me when I am wanting other's undivided attention, I must admit that many times I only give partial attention to the people I am with. My mind drifts to other things.

I don't believe this is unusual or that it only happens to people today. There is evidence of this throughout history. It is also addressed in the Bible. For example, chaos is present in the life of God's people in Psalm 46. Many things, maybe even life-threatening events, are begging for attention. But in the midst of all this, the LORD puts forth a thunderous statement, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth," (Ps 46:10).

You might think that directing one's attention to God would be the first thing people do when life is chaotic. But I don't think that is normally the case. However, I believe that paying attention to God in our lives is something that can be developed. In fact, this is something that we should want to nurture whether we experience continuous partial attention due to major events or just because of the normal routine of our lives.

We are in the church season of Epiphany. As we read the Gospel lessons for each Sunday, we see Jesus capturing the attention of people and astounding them. Through his teaching and miracles, many people are drawn to Jesus and their lives are never the same.

Christ continues to desire our attention today. But he doesn't seek to do this in the way that the things of the world clamors for our attention. God in Christ attends us with his love and forgiveness. He not only paid full attention to us but acted so that we might have new life. From this life, we are empowered to turn our attention back to him and to our neighbors.



"Be still, and know that I am God." In light of what the Lord has done for us, I pray that our attention towards God would not be partial but full and undivided, that our praise of the Lord with other Christians would be seen every Sunday, and that our gratitude of Him would be expressed every day. I also pray that this would then move all of us to give better attention to all our neighbors.

Peace,

Pastor Dave

OUR MISSION

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

New Congregational Policy Regarding Grace Lutheran School Tuition Support

At our December voters' meeting, our congregation passed a new policy relating to tuition support at Grace School.

The old policy helped members by paying 55 percent of the cost of tuition for each student. With the increase in families who send children to Grace Lutheran School, our congregation faced challenges. While we were delighted to have so many students attend Grace School, we were put to the test on how our congregation could still provide assistance and still have a reasonable budget to place before the voters. After considerable discussion and prayer, the church council proposed a new policy. It was passed at the December meeting.



The new policy sets aside a certain percentage of our budget each year to go to tuition support. Families who send their children to Grace School are asked to sign a covenant agreement with their request for tuition subsidy each year. The congregation then divides the money set aside for tuition among those who have applied. Those who want tuition assistance for the fall (the 2011-2012 School Year) are to turn in their application by March 1.

Because there might not be as much tuition assistance as in past years and because our congregation still wants families to send their children to Grace Lutheran School, our congregations has set up a Scholarship Fund to provide additional assistance to those who need help. See the adjacent article for more information on this.

A copy of the new policy is available from the church office. It will be mailed out to all those who currently send their children to Grace Lutheran School. If you would like a copy of this policy sent to you, talk to Vicki in the church office.

With the adoption of this new policy, Grace parents and those considering sending their children to Grace School may have concerns or questions about this. If you have any questions about the policy, please contact one of the pastors, Don Andersen (chairman), Chuck Hoge (treasurer) or one of the elders (their names and phone numbers are found on the back page of every newsletter).

Grace Lutheran School Enrollment & Re-enrollment for 2011-2012 has begun

Registration has already begun for the next school year. We encourage families to prayerfully consider sending their children to Grace Lutheran School. Help with tuition assistance is available for members. To receive a break with the early registration fee, applications for enrollment need to be in by April 1. Also, to receive congregational assistance, you need to submit an application for tuition assistance to the church office by March 1.

Feel free to visit the school on the web at: gracelutheranschool.org



Grace School Scholarship Fund for Additional Tuition Assistance

In addition to the money set aside in the budget for tuition assistance, we have begun a scholarship fund to provide additional help for parents who send their children to Grace Lutheran School. We encourage members to regularly give to the ministry of Beautiful Savior. In addition to that, as you have been blessed, we encourage you to financially support other funds such as this one.

If you are a parent who is sending a child to Grace School next year, we remind you to complete your regular application for assistance by March 1. More information about this new scholarship fund will be coming out later. By April, we hope to have in place application forms for additional assistance. Talk to the church office or one of the pastors for more information on this new scholarship.



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is proud to present
our 9th Annual Cabaret

“Salute to Broadway”

Enjoy a night of your favorite Broadway musical selections
(with a few praise songs thrown in, too.)



Sunday, February 27th
7:00PM

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
2601 23rd Ave. SW, Fargo, ND

We hope to see you there!!!

Coffee and dessert will be provided after the performance. A freewill offering will be gathered, with all proceeds benefiting the music ministry at Beautiful Savior.

Three Sunday Morning Worship Services Beginning in March

If all goes well, we are planning to move to three worship services beginning the first Sunday in March. We are hoping that this brings about the opportunity for more people to worship with us. There are still some things which we are working out, such as: how Sunday School is done, who will lead the youth study, when will the choir sing, and what will happen with the music for the children. However, we believe that answers to these and other questions can be worked out.

Over the past few weeks, the elders and pastors have discussed this topic with many people. The elders will have a thorough discussion on this at their next meeting. Please feel free to contact one of the elders or pastors to give your comments and suggestions.

Keep our congregation in your prayers as we seek to proclaim the Good News found in Jesus to more and more people.

Honoring our Service Members

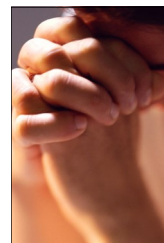
If you have family members who are in the military, please bring or e-mail information and a picture about them to the church. There will be a bulletin board set up to display all our military families. Our church wants to honor your loved ones and keep them in our prayers.



LWML News

Our next meeting will be at noon on Sunday, Feb. 13. A lunch will be served before the meeting. Please bring your ideas for mission and human care service projects.

The LWML prayer service (open to all) will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN. Coffee and treats will be served during a fellowship time after the conclusion of the service.



Baptisms

Jan. 16 - Violet Marie, born Sept. 16, 2010, daughter of Adam and Lisa Drechsel. Sponsors are Brent and Amy Masterman and Nicola and Dwayne Haskins.



Jan. 23 - Mira Michelle, born Nov. 14, 2010, daughter of Darrin and Dawn Stoneberg. Sponsors are Sara Healy, Jesse Stoneberg, Staci and Kevin Kinsley.

Jan. 23 - Grady Ryan, born Aug. 24, 2010, son of Todd and Amber Szczepanski. Sponsors are Troy & Kim Drees.

Quilting moved back to Thursdays

'Sew' if you have either Thursday, Feb. 10 or 24

open, stop by the church and check out the fun. Bring any fabric and other sewing materials you can and a sewing machine if possible. Don't like to sew?

You can cut, tie, give advice on matching materials and visit. The quilters start about 9 a.m. and quit by 3 p.m. You are welcome to come for an hour or stay all day!



Recycle Postage Stamps

Bring in all the postage stamps from your mail. Don't cut them—just bring in the whole envelope and put in the box outside the office. The money we receive for stamps goes to missions.



Kitchen Circle meets Feb. 3

The ladies will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, to spruce up the kitchen. If you have an hour to spare that day, stop by and help out. The coffee pot will be full and there will be goodies to be shared after the kitchen work is done!

New Member Corner

BSLC welcomes Ann Kelley as a new member. She has enjoyed hearing Pastor Wagner at her old church in Hillsboro in past years.

She is a very involved bowler which keeps her busy on many weekends and likes going to the lakes in the summertime. Her favorite verse is John 3:16. Ann has already filled in as organist here at BSLC so we hope to keep her involved in music, too. God bless you!



BSLC Coffee Club

BSLC members are starting up a Coffee Club to meet at 9 a.m. every Friday. It's a time for fellowship and for getting to know other Beautiful Savior members. This is for both men and women of any age. If you are free any Friday—join us at 9 a.m. at the Village Inn, 3140 25 St. S., Fargo.



Gold Club Lunch Noon on Wednesday, Feb. 16

What a long winter it has been! Mark your calendar today for our Gold Club lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 16. Then cook or bake your favorite dish to share and come to the church at noon. You can enjoy good company, good food, and forget about all the snow outside for awhile!



Harlan & Esther Wallum Scholarship Fund

Are you thinking about where you or your children may go for college? Consider one of our LCMS universities. Grants are available to assist youth and adults who wish to begin, continue or advance their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available from the church office.

Opportunities to get into God's Word and enjoy Christian Fellowship

Sunday Morning Bible Study "Come and See"

9:50 -10:45 a.m.



The Gospel according to John is one of the most fascinating books of the Bible. It invites us to look at Jesus from

different perspectives and challenges us on how that is to change our lives now. This study meets between worship services right after our Sunday morning fellowship time. Bring your own Bible and join us in the fellowship hall as we rediscover God and ourselves.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study "Living Wisely"

7 - 8 p.m.

For our Tuesday evening Bible Study at the church, we are exploring various topics in the book of Proverbs. We invite you to join us for this study. The book of Proverbs and this study is arranged in such a way that you can benefit from it even if you are unable to attend every class. We encourage you to bring your own Bible to this study.

Business Builders Lunch

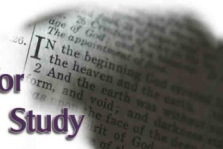
Noon on Friday, Feb. 18

Basie's at the Ramada

Come share your ideas and thoughts at our business builder luncheon and Bible study.

Our group will meet from noon -1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, at Basie's at the Ramada in Fargo. Invite your co-workers and friends to join us. We all benefit from the interaction and perspectives of others. If this is your first time coming - that's great! Even if you can only come occasionally, (like most of us) it will still be worth your time.

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Place for
Bible Study



Tuesday Evening Women's Home Bible Study "Battlefield of the Mind"

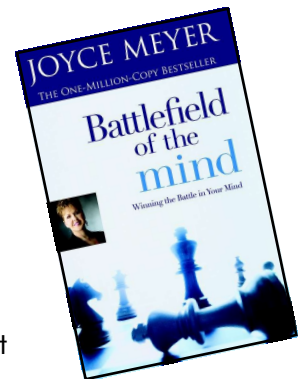
Begins Tuesday, Feb. 8

At 7 p.m.

If you're one of the millions who suffer from worry, doubt, confusion, depression, condemnation, or anger, you are experiencing an attack in your mind. Overcoming negative thoughts that come against your mind brings freedom and peace. Find out how to recognize damaging thought patterns and stop them from influencing your life in this study by Joyce Meyer.

In this powerful study, Joyce will lead us through an honest self-appraisal by sharing the trials tragedies and ultimate victories of her own marriage, family and ministry.

Cost is \$20 and each participant will receive a book and study guide. We will once again meet at the Wagner home (3720 15th St. South in Fargo).



Sign up at the church or talk to Kim to join or if you have any questions. You may reach her:

- by phone at 232-1215 or
- by email at wagner@cablone.net

New Member/Discovery Class Thursdays

7 - 8 p.m.

It is not too late to join this study. This class reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. Although we encourage those desiring to join our congregation to attend this class, we also invite members to come. It is a great study for everyone and provides an opportunity to grow in understanding our God, what He does for us, and how we are to live in light of God's grace.

Who's the boss? Hint: It's not you!

I've worked for some terrible bosses. Once I had a boss who told me he didn't want to be bothered with the details of a certain project; he just wanted it done. But as the work progressed, he became infuriated that I did not consult him on certain decisions(!) While I admit I could have done things differently and better, I also know that this man did not make a good boss because of his selfish tendencies.

Yet if I had the same power he did, I can't say that selfishness would not guide my decisions from time to time. We are all like that. Although we acquiesce to compromise and sacrifice, that is not our usual inclination. As fallen, sinful and broken people, we want to be the boss, and we want it to be all about us. But because we have a sinful will, being our own boss has dangerous consequences.

When we are the boss, it's much easier to watch TV or tend to a hobby than to nurture relationships with our spouse and family. When we are the boss, it's easy to gossip about someone with whom we disagree or different than us. When we are the boss, it's easy to skip church and Bible study so that we can sleep in and goof off. When we are the boss, it's easy to gratify our sexual appetites in any way we please – even outside of marriage. When we are the boss, it's easy for us to insist on being served instead of serving others. The list goes on and on.

The world tells us we should take control of our lives and live as we see fit. However, that is problem. When you think you're the boss, over and above and

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against God, you live in sin. Sin leads to death and separation from God, the source of all blessing and life.

Therefore, it's to our benefit to know the reality right here and now as baptized children of God: We are not the boss. We answer to someone else. Paul wrote about this when he said, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body," (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Did you catch that? We were bought at a price. The perfect Son of God gave his life for us, suffering and dying on the cross. There, he paid the total and complete price for sin, purchasing us not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood. He rose to life again, bringing us back into a living relationship with God. We belong to Christ now. He is our Master. He is our boss, our head, our leader, and this is a good thing!

Instead of falling prey to our own selfish whims and ways of doing things, we now have Christ as our perfect leader, one who leads by serving totally and completely. He won salvation for us. He forgives us when we miss the mark and fall short. He gives us His Spirit – who dwells within us so that we may walk in the ways he has set before us. We don't work FOR this boss. He works FOR and IN us. Who's the boss? Hint: It's not you; it's Christ. And we're so much better for it.

Pastor Chris

Grace School News

Open Houses at GLS

- **Preschool - 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.** Preschool is a half-day morning class for three and four year olds. **New**—childcare available through 5:30 p.m. Child must be three years old by Aug. 1, 2011.
- **Pre-Kindergarten - 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, at Grace School.** Five-day, full-day program for four and five year olds. Child must be four years old by Aug. 1, 2011. This program fills quickly!
- **Kindergarten - 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, at Grace School.** Child must be 5 years old by Aug. 1, 2011.



GLS Auction News

Items are needed for our auction. If you know a great business owner or have a craft project that you love to do, please e-mail Kym Gilman (kymgilman@cablone.net) to let her know you can help! If you have an item for the auction, please bring it to the office after Feb. 1.



February Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Feb. 2 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Destination Unknown
 Wednesday, Feb. 12 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Games and Growing in God
 Wednesday, Feb. 19 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Destination Unknown
 Wednesday, Feb. 26 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Games and Growing in God

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Saturday, Feb. 5 – Family Ski Day at Andes Tower Hills: All families are invited to hit the slopes for a family ski day in Alexandria, MN. We will be leaving Beautiful Savior at 8:15 a.m. Meals are on your own. There is a restaurant at the chalet, or bring a sack lunch. Remember to save some money for supper on the way home. Cost is \$20 for a lift ticket if bringing your own equipment; Cost is \$36 for renting skis or \$46 if renting a snowboard. Please fill out a form before Jan. 30 and turn into the church office.



Saturday, Feb. 19 – Outdoor Day at Edgewood: All junior and high school students should join us for a day of outdoor fun (skiing, sledding, snowshoeing and sleigh rides) at Edgewood Golf Course in Fargo. We will meet at Edgewood at noon. Lunch is on your own. There is a snack bar at the chalet, or bring a sack lunch. Cross Country Ski rentals are \$10. Snowshoe rentals are \$4.25. For more information, call Pastor Chris or Kayla Schlichtmann.

Friday, Feb. 25 – Nerf War: All junior and senior high are invited to gear up for an-all out Nerf War from 7-9 p.m. Friday Feb. 25. Bring your favorite Nerf gun and come along for a night of mayhem. Games include "Storm the Castle" and "Behind Enemy Lines." If you do not have a Nerf gun, we will have some available. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.

Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events



Ongoing – Meals/Snacks at Gladys Ray Shelter: All junior and senior high youth and their families can help battle homelessness and its effects in the F-M area. We need volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for residents at the Gladys Ray Shelter, 1519 First Ave. N in Fargo. On the third Sunday of the month, a few families should coordinate to make a meal for the residents. On the other Sundays, we would like two families to make two dozen bars for the residents. All food should be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or see Pastor Chris for more information.

Children's Christian Website

JCPlayZone has all of the ingredients of a typical children's Web site — games, crafts, coloring pages, and much more —but with a Christian perspective. This perspective is integrated throughout the site, making it a truly interactive Web site designed to engage children in a safe online environment. Visit www.jcplayzone.com



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9:00 a.m. - Noon Friday

Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment

Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

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