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Like My Father



PASTOR DAVE

I hear it from my wife, Kim, at times, "You look like your father." There is no denying that I resemble my father. I love my dad, so having someone say that I look like him doesn't bother me. However, you might be surprised when Kim is most prone to say those words. It comes when I get off the floor or after I am been sitting for a while and it is taking me a while to get my bones and muscles limbered up. In other words, she says I look like my dad when I move slowly—more like an older person. So, I don't know if it is really a compliment when my wife says I look like my dad.

There are other ways I am like my father—I use certain expressions, employ similar mannerism, and have a comparable work ethic. Recently, as I was thinking about my earthly father, my thoughts turned to my heavenly Father. My prayer was that I would be like Him. But what is God like?

Our heavenly Father gives. He is generous. He is lavishly generous.



That is what God is like. Look what He did it with his own Son, Jesus. He gave him away. He gave him to the world. He did not keep him locked up in the heavenly throne room. He did not keep him safe behind the heavenly palace gates. No, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life," (John 3:16).

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Voters' Meeting Results

BSLC had their voters meeting on Sunday, Sept. 25. Gordon Swanson was elected to be the lay delegate to the ND District convention in January and Pastor Dave was chosen to be the pastoral delegate.

Fall Worship Service Times

- ◆ 8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- ◆ 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- ◆ 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
- ◆ Sunday School and Bible Study is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Pastor Dave's Article—Continued

God generously gave. Because of the gift of His Son and our trust in Jesus, you and I receive the gift of being true children of God.

The LORD not only gives us spiritual blessings. In every other way, He also gives. James writes in his letter: "Every good present and every perfect gift comes from above, from the Father who made the sun, moon and stars," (James 1:17a).

We are about two months away from our national day of Thanksgiving. However, I believe that every day we should be thankful for all that God gives to us. Martin Luther says the same thing as he gives insight into the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

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At the beginning of my article, I shared how I at times am like my earthly father. But my hope is that I become more like my heavenly Father.

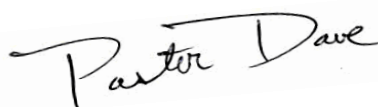
There are numerous ways for me to imitate and with the power of the Holy Spirit strive to reflect what God is like. But one major way for me to be like my heavenly father is to also be a generous giver.

What about you? In what ways do you reflect the character and goodness of our heavenly Father?

I pray that you would think about how you are living your life now and consider how you may in even a greater way reflect God's kindness. May I also share some ways for you to express being a generous giver by:

- ◆ Your praise to God with other Christians in worship.
- ◆ Your time and abilities to your neighbors who are in need.
- ◆ Your offering to the congregation so that the work of God's kingdom among us may continue and expand.
- ◆ Your prayers for others, our country and people around the world.

May we all become more like our generous giving heavenly Father.



Sunday Bible Study

"First Peter"

From 9:30—10:20 a.m.

We continue to explore the letter of First Peter on Sundays. Join us as we learn how to live in a world where Christianity is often ridiculed and persecuted.

Discovery Class

Mondays at 7 p.m.

We will be concluding our Discovery Class in October.

Second Corinthians Bible Study

"Strength in Weakness"

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Life is relational. We hope and hurt the most about relationships with people who matter to us. Should we tell the truth even if it hurts? Should we avoid confrontation? Should we share what is going on inside us even if it shows we are weak and struggling?

Second Corinthians is all about relationships—not perfect ones, but real ones. We invite you to attend this study and grow in your faith as we explore how - through Christ - our relationship with God and others can be strengthened.

Homeless and Hungry

Your support of our youth is needed as our youth take part in Homeless and Hungry this month. Ways you can help are listed below.



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Thursday Morning Women's Study "Beauty of Mentoring - Growing Through Change"



The women's morning bible study will begin Thursday, Oct. 6. "The Beauty of Mentoring - Growing Through Change" will be the basis for the six-week study. We will meet every other Thursday at 9 a.m.

Change. It's the one changeless element of human life. Year-to-year, month-to-month, hour-to-hour--change is our constant companion. But so is the changeless Christ. In Him, we receive power to use the change in positive ways and to use our experiences with change as we mentor other Christian women who face changes we've already encountered. This study is designed to do both. Come for a time of fellowship and study of God's word. Cost of the material is \$4. Any questions, call or talk to Loretta Swanson (236-1891).

LWML News

The LWML has two human care projects that we request help with at this time—we need prayer sponsors for confirmation students. Please talk to Mardi Schlichtmann if you would be able to pray for one student who is in confirmation and perhaps occasionally send them a card of encouragement or small gift, like candy or jewelry or a gift card. Our other project is "31 Days of Prayer" and is only in October since it is Clergy Appreciation Month. Please talk to Rhonda Hoge if you would be willing to pray for our pastors one day in October and let them know that and how much you are thankful for them by sending them a card and/or small gift. The dates of October 9-30 are available. Thanks!



Our next meeting is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 13 at the church. We would still love to have more women join us in Bible fellowship and service. We will be planning the food drive and our fund-raiser dinner, "Potato Bar & Jello Fest" along with a Book and Bake Sale from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, November 18.



Fall Rally for our Eastern Zone will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 pm. on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in north Fargo with the theme

"Delighted to Share." A luncheon will be served, and Ken Bunge will speak about his work with Lutheran Bible Translators. Men and women are encouraged to attend.

Quilting

There will be quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 13 and 27. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and your sewing machine, if possible. Haven't tried quilting? Here's your chance to see what it all entails! You are welcome to come for an hour or stay all day!



Baptisms

Sept. 11 - Owen Craig Hashbarger, son of Craig and Sherri Hashbarger, who was born Aug. 3, 2011. His sponsors are Richard and Kay Ames.



Sept. 24 - Kinsley Grace Hoesel, daughter of Jeremy and Nicole Hoesel, who was born July 26, 2011. Her sponsors are Chad and Shelby Finch and Cody Petersen

Sept. 25 - Parker Riley Matthews, son of Chad Matthews and Leslie Thompson, who was born Nov. 2, 2010. His sponsors are Jason Thompson and Ashley Bruggaman.

Sept. 25 - Presley Payton Roller, daughter of Peter and Dawn Roller, who was born Aug. 21, 2011. Her sponsors were Jill Schinkle and Carter Schinkle.

Gold Club Luncheon

Noon on Wednesday, Oct. 19

Our Gold Club potluck will be at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 19. If you are 55 or older and/or retired, please join us for a fun lunch. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share with others and maybe the recipe too; you never know who might want to make it next time!



BSLC Coffee Club

BSLC members continue to meet at 9 a.m. every Friday. It's a time for fellowship and getting to know other Beautiful Savior members. This is for both men and women of any age. If you are free any Friday, please join us at Village Inn on the corner of 32nd Ave. South and 25th Street.



New Member Corner

Welcome to our newest members!

- ◆ Aaron Moerke moved here to attend college and settled in Fargo. Our church is very much like his former church, St. John's of Oakes, where his mother is still a member. He enjoys playing games, watching movies, sports, music and family. Psalm 121 is his favorite Bible verse and it also was his dad's favorite. He is engaged to
- ◆ Tabitha Daschle. Tabitha has enjoyed attending church with Aaron and feels a sense of belonging at the LCMS churches and the welcoming atmosphere. She enjoys spending time with her sisters and loves to read. She likes the hope that John 14:3 gives her and is looking forward to getting married to Aaron here at BSCL next September.
- ◆ Aaron and Kim Steinke and their children Arianna, Caleb and Samuel who moved here from Missouri for Aaron's job with Verizon Wireless. They enjoy the warmth and welcoming people they experienced on their first visit and how similar BSCL is in worship style to their previous church and how it felt like they were meeting another group of family members. In their spare time, they like to canoe, camp, play games and help with church activities. Their favorite Bible verses are Num. 6:24-26 and Ecc. 12:13.
- ◆ Peter and Dawn Roller Jr. and their children Adria and newly baptized Presley moved here from Helena, MT. Dawn's job and her family brought them to Fargo. They liked how welcome BSCL made them feel and the location of our church. They enjoy camping, cooking and going to new places. Their favorite Bible verse is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

Be sure to introduce yourselves to all our new members and show them ways to get involved at our church.



Help battle hunger by supporting local shelter

Jesus calls us to have mercy on those suffering around us, and Beautiful Savior is sponsoring a unique opportunity for acts of mercy in our community. All families can help battle homelessness and its effects in the F-M area. On Sunday, many community resources are closed, and hunger becomes an issue. We need volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for residents at the Gladys Ray Shelter, 1519 First Ave. N in Fargo. Every week, we would like to provide – at minimum – one snack for the 36 residents of the shelter. If you would like to provide more in terms of a full meal, that also is encouraged. All food should be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. at the shelter or can be dropped off Sunday morning at the church. Sign up on the bulletin board located by the nursery or see Pastor Chris for more information.



Join Our Adult Choir

Practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.



Through music, we are able to glorify God in a variety of styles. Through Christian hymns and songs, we are also able to encourage one another. In September, the adult choir of

Beautiful Savior will begin rehearsals. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. Contact Ramsey Dahl, our director, at 237-9009 for more information. You may also just come to rehearsals.

District & Circuit Forum

Saturday, Oct. 15 beginning at 1 p.m.

The District is sponsoring a special forum to discuss proposed changes to the District bylaws. All who are interested are invited to come. After that meeting, there will be a circuit forum.

Grace Lutheran School News

Thank you for your support of the Jog-A-Thon (held on Sept. 16) and the Spaghetti Dinner (held on Sept. 24)! We're so blessed to call you partners in Christian Education here in Fargo-Moorhead. Our school is continuing to grow and make an impact on so many students, and the outstanding Christian education curriculum and dedicated teachers are creating the church leaders of tomorrow. We encourage you to check us out, even if you don't have students in our school – we have great things going on and would love to show everyone what we are doing!



We have a busy October as we finish the first quarter of the school year with Teachers' Conferences Oct. 20 – 21 and the Fall Carnival on Oct. 29. The PTL works hard to put on a wonderful event that is open to the public; we encourage you to plan on attending for games, prizes and fellowship! Mark your calendars to join us!



Have you visited with Mr. Krupski lately? He looks great, and is able to get more often now. While Mrs. Syverson is busy doing an awesome job leading the school for the 2011-2012 school year we'd love to keep Mr. Krupski busy with visitors and a chance to get "out and about" with friends. He is still very committed to the mission of Grace Lutheran School and will continue to attend events as he is able during his recovery! Please call the school (232-7747) to get his contact information.

Have you seen our new website? We've redesigned it to make finding information easier. Check us on at www.gracelutheralschool.org. We'd love to hear your opinion regarding the site and welcome compliments and concerns! Email to marketing@gracels.com for suggestions.

Are you a GLS fan on Facebook yet? This is a great way to find out what is happening and check out pictures of current activities! We have many GLS alumni on the site, and they are sharing their stories of their time at GLS as well! Find us at www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranSchoolFargo

We've got great things going at Grace and we'd love to share them with you!

Reformation still a cause for celebrating the Gospel



Pastor Chris

Today, it's easy to make the general assumption that all theology is the same as long as Jesus is mentioned somehow. Our choice for a church home then can become all about externals, such as programs offered, fellowship, involvement, friend and family allegiance and other factors. That's not to say those things are bad. But the main criteria when seeking a church home must be faithfulness to the truth claims of God.

But so much theology these days is not centered on Christ's Gospel but on self-help, self-actualization, self-improvement with little or no mention of God working through the forgiveness of sins in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit in the means of grace.

So much theology throws grace out the window and makes demands -- things that you must do so that God's salvation applies to you.

So much theology today seeks to reformulate what Scripture says. We have individuals, ruling bodies, books and ideas that have claimed the same authority as the Holy Scriptures, despite contradicting its message. Even worse, some churches have abandoned a Biblical worldview in favor of "scientific" reason and current concepts of what constitutes fairness and goodness.

We, like Luther, must see salvation as God's truth given to us, not a truth that we invent, improve, add on to or subtract from. Like the Bereans in Acts and many Christians before us, as we examine the Scriptures, we experience God's truth in Grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone -- all of which points to Christ alone. Church is not about what the church can do for you, it's about what God has done for you in Jesus Christ. Ultimately, it's not about you, it's about Him!

As we celebrate the reformation this month, our joy does not rest on Luther, but on the proclamation God did through Luther. The true Gospel cannot be snuffed out. It cannot be obliterated. It breaks through the darkness, offering us the hope and joy we truly need each and every day. Now that's something to celebrate!

Pastor Chris



When Luther disseminated his 95 thesis to stir debate in the church nearly 500 years ago, it forever changed the landscape of theology. You might be tempted to think that event belongs relegated to the pages of history, but

Luther's bold act has never been more relevant. Luther saw problems in the theology of the day, problems that ultimately compromised the gospel message. Today, error and falsehood run rampant as well.

The main themes of the reformation still must drive our theology today. Those themes were grace alone, faith alone and Scripture alone -- all of which pointed to Christ alone. God grants salvation to his people as a free gift through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God works and forms faith in you through the Holy Scriptures, through baptism and through the Lord's Supper. These means speak God's living and active election to you, calling and keep you in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We might appreciate all the friends we have in a certain church, its closeness to our home, the learning opportunities it provides our kids, the enrichment and activities and community church provides, but if the church does not preach Christ crucified, all those things are only temporal blessings that have blinded us to the one thing needful, and that is the pure and true Gospel.

Are You Being Called to Help BSLC?

Nursery Volunteers
Beautiful Savior seeks to offer a staffed nursery for the 8:30 and 10:45 services. However, we need **10** more volunteers to make that happen. Please talk to Pastor Chris if you can help.

Choir Piano Player
BSLC choir is looking for one or two people to assist with playing piano during their rehearsals and when they sing on Sundays. If you want to help out, talk to Ramsey Dahl, Pastor Dave or Pastor Chris.

Organist for Worship
BSLC is in need of extra people to play piano or organ during worship services if our regular people need to be gone. Talk to Pastor Dave or Pastor Chris for details.

October Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 7:45-9 p.m. – Destination Unknown for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 7:45-9 p.m. – Youth Bible study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 7:45-9 p.m. – Destination Unknown for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 7:45-9 p.m. – Youth Bible study for grades 7-12



Upcoming Fellowship Events

Thursday, Oct. 20, through Saturday, Oct. 22 – District Jr. High Gathering:

Join middle school students from across the state as we go "Into the Wild" for the district junior high youth gathering at the Doublewood in Bismarck. Activities include Bible time and devotional talks, concerts from Lost and Found and Tangled Blue, an evening at the YMCA, and much more. Registration forms are available from Pastor Chris or at www.ndyouthonfire.org. Those in high school may attend as teen counselors. Cost is \$140, but the church will pay half of your registration costs. Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 7.

Friday, Oct. 28 – Haunted Corn Maze: All students from six through twelfth grade are invited for cider, treats and Bible study, along with venturing to the Haunted Corn Maze, located 10 miles south of Moorhead on Highway 75. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. We will return around 9:30. Cost is \$15. Please fill out a form and see Pastor Chris for more information.

Saturday, Oct. 29 – Fall Bonfire and Party: All senior high are invited for treats, games and a roaring "bonfire" from 7-9:45 p.m. at the Schlichtmann home, 3912 21st St. S. Bring a snack to share for a night of fellowship.

Monday, Oct. 31 – Trunk or Treat: All kids from the congregation and their families are invited to come to church Halloween night from 6-8 p.m. for beautiful Savior's second annual Trunk or Treat. For those from preschool in fifth grade, come show off your costume and grab some treats in a fun, safe environment. For those in sixth grade through twelfth grade, we need you to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy. There are several prizes, including gift cards for best costume (sixth grade and up), best car decoration and best treats. Join us for this event!



Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16 – Homeless and Hungry: All youth and their families can take a stand against homelessness in the area by participating in Homeless and Hungry. Participants are asked to fast, raise money, sleep outside on the church lot in a cardboard box and do service events in the community. The event starts at noon on Saturday, Oct. 15, and ends around 6:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. Get registration packets outside Room 101 and sign up at homelessandhungry.org to participate

There are other ways to get involved in Homeless and Hungry, too.

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third Sundays of each month.

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