



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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A fishing trip is being planned for men of BSLC from June 1-3. Talk to Dave Eggers or Gordie Swanson for more information

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

Love on Display

By Pastor Dave



This month, we will honor our mothers as well as the other special women in our lives. Setting aside a particular day for them is appropriate. But I also believe our appreciation for what they have done for us should be something that we acknowledge every day.



Let's look at motherhood. It is not for the faint of heart. Pregnancy and childbirth bring medical risks. Lack of sleep and caring for children take a toll emotionally, mentally and physically. Being a good parent demands the sacrifice of time, finances and energy.

And even when children leave the house, most mothers (and fathers) continue to have concerns about their children. Yet, mothers willingly continue to seek to care for their children and make sacrifices for them. Why? The answer is simple: mothers love their children.

I am very grateful for the love of my mother. I hope that you feel the same about your mother. But as we think about our mothers, we realize that they not only have strengths but also have flaws. No matter how strong a mother's love is, it is still not perfect and it has limitations. I can also say that the same thing is true of a child's love for his or her mother. However, that is not the case with the love that Jesus has towards us. His love is perfect. He is never too tired to love. Jesus is always able to care for us because he is not limited by space and time as we are.

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BSLC Cabaret

7 p.m. Saturday, May 5

Our BSLC Cabaret will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Join us as we celebrate 10 years of our Beautiful Savior cabaret. The praise team will journey back in time to perform some of their favorite selections from cabarets past and roll out some new selections. Plan to have a fun time and enjoy some treats after the cabaret.

Jim Krupski

Farewell – May 10

You are invited to attend an open house farewell gathering for Jim Krupski from 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 10 in the fellowship hall of Beautiful Savior. Come wish Jim the best as he moves forward with his life.

Installation of New Officers May 6

Our new officers for BSLC will be installed during worship services May 6. Our church relies on appointed and elected officers to help guide and direct our mission and ministry. We'd like to thank those who have completed their terms: Muff Brandt and Terry Stevahn as Elders, Maxine Rust as Financial Secretary and Carrie Berglind as RRLSA school board member. We appreciate your service to Beautiful Savior.

The love of Christ moved Him to come to earth. Jesus' purpose in coming was to give life now and forever. He accomplished this through His life, death and resurrection. In the tenth chapter of John's Gospel we have these words of Jesus:

I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:10, 15)

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus offers forgiveness for all our sins, including our shortcoming as parents and children. Through His Word and the Sacraments, Christ gives us the power to live new lives in Him. This new life displays itself as we love one another just as Jesus has loved us. (See John 13:34)



As Mothers' Day approaches, many people will wonder how they can display their love to their mothers as well as the other special women in their lives. Looking back at past Mothers' Days, I don't know if I have adequately been able to express my appreciation for what my dear mother and my lovely wife have done for me. I am not the best at picking out presents. Yet, appreciation and responding back with love is something that should be done more than just once a year. The love we have for others is to be on display throughout our lives.

I pray that every woman has a beautiful and blessed Mothers' Day. I also ask that God would help all of us to grow in loving others and demonstrating a Christ-like love every day of our lives. As children who receive God's love on a daily basis, may we reflect that love in all that we say and do.

Peace,

Pastor Dave

Jesus in His Stories 7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Study

While traveling from Galilee to Jerusalem, Jesus takes time to prepare his followers for life in the kingdom of God. The disciples' lives are going to be changed from the inside out. But at the same time they are going to be dealing with the same people, the same routines, the same temptations, the same children and the same parents. Everything will have changed and yet nothing will have changed. Jesus is preparing them and us to live a crucifixion and resurrection life. During this time that Jesus is heading to the cross, he tells stories. We will be looking at these stories from the Gospel of Luke and how they apply to our life. Join us as we look at the invisible man, the widow and the sinner.

Lutherans for Life Sunday, May 6 at 7 p.m.

You are invited to join our local LFL chapter at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Moorhead (1000 14th St. South) for fellowship, dessert and a video presentation. There will also be a short re-organizational meeting at the end.

Plan Now to Attend Summer Camps



It's not too late to sign up for summer camp at Lutheran Island Camp and Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. There are brochures at the church or you can go on their websites. Camp scholarships are available through the church.

Visit Island Camp at:
www.islandcamp.org

Visit Shepherd's Hill:
www.shretreat.org

Sunday Morning Bible Study "Maturing in our Faith" A look at the book of James 9:30 a.m.



The letter of James to the first Christians is a plea for practical Christian living. It is similar to the wisdom literature of the Old Testament (such as the books of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes). But even though it is not a treatise on Christian teaching, the grace of God forms the background to this letter. We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings as we explore portions of this book and as we learn to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives.

FirstChoice Clinic Golf Marathon

Pastor Dave, Tim and Tina Deitemeyer will be golfing 100 holes in one day at FirstChoice Clinic's 18th annual Golf 'fore' Life Marathon that will be held at Fargo's Rose Creek Golf Course, Tuesday, June 5. If you would like to pledge, please talk to Pastor Dave at the church or call Tim at 793-2220 or e-mail tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.



Visit with Rev. Dreyer May 10 Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne

Me, a pastor? Me, a deaconess? If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to discuss your future. Rev. Dreyer of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, is going to be at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church from 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 10. Come and explore the possibilities. Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, fiancées and parents. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not required; however you can e-mail Rev. Dreyer at John.Dreyer@ctsfw.edu or text him at 260-452-7512 to notify him you are coming.

Come Fly with Us at VBS

The "Sky" might be the limit, but how do we keep our faith grounded in God's love in Jesus Christ? This year's Vacation Bible School helps us to see how high and wide God's love is for us. VBS will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. from Sunday, June 10, to Thursday, June 14. We will be serving supper before VBS for your convenience at a small fee. VBS will include Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear and touch! Bible point crafts and experiments, team-building games and Bible songs are just a few of the activities for this year's adventure. All those from age 4 to sixth grade may attend. Please pre-register your children and encourage them to bring friends! In addition, we are always in need of volunteers. If you would like to help, please see Denise Doeling, Dawn Thompson or Pastor Chris.



Senior Recognition

All high school seniors are invited to attend the 8:30 or 10 a.m. service on Sunday, May 20, as our congregation recognizes your hard work during the past four years. God's blessing on your future endeavors. Congratulations!



Youth Praise Band

The Youth Praise Band will practice at 6:30 p.m. on May 6 and 13 and will be playing in church on Sunday, May 20. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.

Gold Club Luncheon Noon on Wednesday, May 16

Wondering what Gold Club is? It's a chance for our over 55 and/or retired people to gather together to visit and enjoy good food. Bring your favorite dish to share and please join us at noon, Wednesday May 16.

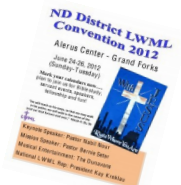
LWML Meeting

The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.



ND District LWML Convention

It's time to register for the 2012 Convention that will be held from June 24-26 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. The theme is "With Jesus - Right Where You Are" based on Micah 4:2b, 5b. Ladies are asked to bring quilts, blankets or lap blankets for the procession and dedication. Paulette Huber will be our choir director, and Pastor Dave Suelzle will lead the group in singing. Registration forms are available in the LWML Messenger or at www.ndlwml.org.



Baptisms



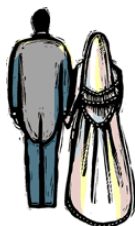
April 1 - Cameron James Bergseth, son of Scott and Jamie Bergseth, born Jan. 12, 2012. His sponsors were Kyle Huerd and Maddie Lodge.

April 15 - Ivy Elaine Zilmer, daughter of Keith Zilmer and Kari Meyer, born March 7, 2012. Her sponsors were Wes and Tara Zilmer.

April 22 - Lucas James Kenney, son of Patrick and Kelly Kenney, born March 24, 2012. His sponsors were Isaac and Sarah Olson and Rachel Kenney.

April 29 - Dawson Henry Nichols, son of Patrick and Melanie Nichols, born March 21, 2012. His sponsors were Nathan and Chrissy Hahn.

Weddings



April 14 - Isaac David Wagner and Melissa Ann Renae Heider in Lincoln, NE. Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner are the proud parents.

Cradle Roll

Parents, remember to check our Cradle Roll Wall hanging in the narthex for up-to-date informational newsletters.

Rent a Youth



Need some extra hands around the house? Rent a youth! The youth at Beautiful Savior are available to help out with various tasks, including yard work, cleaning and moving assistance, among other jobs. Suggested rate is \$10 an hour per youth. All proceeds will go toward activities such as mission trips and the 2013 LCMS National Youth Gathering. To rent a youth please call Pastor Chris at 293-1047 or 893-6995.

Update on Pastor Chris' Mom

Thank you all for the cards, prayers and support during my mom's bout with pancreatic cancer. After the last rounds of tests, the doctors have declared mom cancer-free at this time. Please offer your prayers of thanks to the Lord as well as ask for His continued care for Suzie.



Congratulations to our Confirmands

Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they move forward in their Christian faith. Blessings to you all!

Anna Leigh Aberle	Koltyn Elizabeth Klose
Tiffany Anna Barth	Jacob Charles Miller
Tyler James Deitemeyer	Brandon Michael Noffze
Megan Elizabeth Foulkes	Seth Wallace Nordstrom
Damien Dayton Larry Gehler	Kyra Ann Palmer
James Michael Girdner	Carter Wayne Schimke
Daniele Leslie Haekenkamp	Seth Anthony Wolf

Harlan and 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 in the church office.

Save Coupons and Postage Stamps

Bring in coupons that you won't use—even expired ones. All can be used by members of our military. Also bring in used postage stamps—the money received for these goes to various missions. Place the coupons and postage stamps in the boxes by the LWML kiosk near the water fountain. Thank you!

BSLC Coffee Club

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



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 Avenue South and 25th Street, Fargo.

Horror of the Hunger Games already here in HHS Mandate

Pastor Chris Waldvogel



Kids forced to kill other kids by an oppressive government. That's the condensed premise of the "The Hunger Games," the first book in a trilogy and now a successful major motion picture.

The other night, I asked our youth if they thought that our own government could or would go this far by forcing its citizens to kill children. To my surprise, they acknowledged the possibility. Before you think this stems from some off-beat paranoia fueled by fiction, I would ask you to check the political landscape. We are on the cusp of a government mandate that would force the church to take part in killing kids. Let me explain.

This is from Synod's Website: "The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services enacted a rule in January 2012 under the 'Affordable Care Act' requiring employers to provide access to health insurance that covers most forms of birth control, even those that cause the death of an unborn child. The rule, or mandate, exempts churches but applies to other religious employers. On Feb. 10, President Barack Obama announced an "adaption" for religious employers, saying they would not have to cover birth control, but that insurance companies would provide free birth control, including "morning after" pills. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

objects to the use of drugs and procedures that are used to take the lives of unborn children, who are persons in the sight of God from the time of conception."

LCMS President Matthew Harrison appeared before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Feb. 16 to discuss the recent U.S. Health and Human Services Ruling regarding contraceptives. On behalf of the LCMS, Harrison spoke to the issue violating citizens' freedom of religion and freedom of conscience.

Harrison's statements include the following: "In response to President Obama's announcement concerning an 'adaption' to a previous mandate that health plans must cover all forms of birth control (even those that can kill the unborn), The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) remains deeply concerned. We strongly object to the use of drugs and procedures that are used to take the lives of unborn children, who are persons in the sight of God from the time of conception. Drugs such as 'Plan B' and 'Ella,' which are still included in the mandate, can work post-conception to cause the death of the developing child, so don't be fooled by statements to the contrary.."

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Graduation Plans BSLC High School Seniors

- ◆ Kayla Adam will graduate from Fargo South and plans to go into early childhood development and education at MSUM. She will be starting with generals at MSCTC this fall.
- ◆ Meghan Cogdill will graduate from Oak Grove High School and plans to attend Concordia College in Moorhead to study nutrition and dietetics.
- ◆ Shayla Gustafson will graduate from Davies High School and plans to attend the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD, next fall with a major in business and accounting.
- ◆ Elli Hoge will graduate from Davies High School and plans to attend John V. Roach honors College at TCU in Ft. Worth, TX, to study psychology/pre-med or neuroscience.
- ◆ Terra Jeral will graduate from Fargo South and plans to attend UND for its nursing program.
- ◆ Emma Ness will graduate from Fargo South and plans to head north to UND to study fine arts and elementary education and hopes to become an art teacher or teach grade school.
- ◆ Cyrina Paul will graduate from Shanley High school and plans to attend NDSCS in Fargo for early childhood education.
- ◆ Samantha Paul will graduate from Shanley High school and plans to attend Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, for elementary education.
- ◆ Brittany Lingbeck will graduate from Fargo North and plans to attend U of M for business or education.



Congratulations to our high school seniors. If your graduating high school student is not listed, please let the church office know their name and their future plans and we will include it in the June newsletter. Thank you!

HHS Mandate ... (Continued from page 5).

"We see President Obama's action (of adaption) as significant, in that it appears to have been prompted by the many voices united in concern over an infringement of our religious liberties. But the 'accommodation' did not expand the exemption for religious employers, nor did it restrict the mandate in any way. It simply described a **temporary** enforcement delay and a **possible** future change—a change that, unfortunately, would not adequately protect religious freedom or unborn lives."

Although I don't want to get into the business of endorsing a particular political party, I would encourage you to engage our political leaders to stand up against the HHS mandate. We have a God who values all life and deplores humans murdering humans. When Cain killed Abel, God said: "Listen! Your brother's blood cries out me from the ground," (Gen. 4:10b). Cain's action caused God to inflict temporal punishment for so great a crime.

Consider also that God's reasoning for the flood stemmed from the fact that violence had overtaken the earth. Even after God promised not to send another global flood, His hard stance on murder remained: "From each man, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man," (Gen. 9:5b-6).

We know from texts such as Exodus 21:22 that murder applies to the killing of the unborn. The same Hebrew word 'yeled' is applied to children, both inside the womb and out. We also see God at work from the beginning in human life, forming us in the womb, seeing us a person even *before* conception: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you," (Jer. 1:5).

Of course, God comes to earth in the person of Jesus Christ so that all may have life and have it to the full, (John 10:10). Christ gives life. Our Savior has enabled us to receive eternal life. But He is also the author of life we have in this world. After all, through the second person of the Trinity, all things were made (John 1:3a).

Life is God's gift to us. God's creative act – and his re-creative act in Christ by which He brings all people eternal life – forms the basis of our own respect for life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sadly, this respect is eroding. It's not hyperbole to suggest that the Horror of the Hunger Games is here already. As Christ fought and died for us so that we may have life, let us ensure those gifts God wants all to have may continue to be protected. For more information, please visit www.lcms.org.

All may have life and have it to the full.

Pastor Chris

Grace Lutheran School News

Camp Grace - There is still room to enroll your child (ages 4-12). Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year continues.

Scholarships for K-8 are available through Grace Lutheran School. Get your enrollment packet now. Call 232-7747 if you have questions.

Spring Musical- "Three Trees"- a Traditional Folktale -

Our Kindergarten-third grade musical is at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17. Our students act out the story of how three trees dream about what they will become one day. One wants to be a priceless treasure chest, one wants to travel mighty waters and carry powerful kings and one wants to grow so tall that when people look at it, they'll raise their eyes to heaven and think of God. The three trees did not get what they wanted or did they? The next time you feel down because you didn't get what you wanted, wait because God is thinking of something better to give you.

RRLSA April Board Minutes

- ◆ the school is on track with budget.
- ◆ received additional gift from Immanuel Lutheran Church of \$5,000.
- ◆ Auction results-\$52,272 profit, up \$7,000 from last year - \$15,000 is set aside for technology.
- ◆ 2012-2013 school enrollment is looking good - 103 currently enrolled.
- ◆ Janet Asche will provide her graphic design services for print and promo pieces from the school.
- ◆ \$3,232 in Thrivent Choice dollars was received by supporters of GLS who designated their funds to the school. Steve Asche will be at the May board meeting to share information.
- ◆ Two at-large positions are open on the school board. Let Jean Syverson know if you are interested by e-mailing jsyverson@gracels.com
- ◆ New church board reps will begin terms in July.



May Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities



- Wednesday, May 2 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12
- Wednesday, May 9 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12
- Wednesday, May 16 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12
- Wednesday, May 23 – No Youth Group
- Wednesday, May 30 – No Youth Group

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Sunday, May 20: Youth Group Paintball. All kids in sixth through 12th grades are invited for a day of paintball from 1-6 p.m. at Valley Paintball. We will meet at BSLC at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 if you have equipment and \$40 without equipment. Bring your own snacks and beverages. You **MUST** fill out a waiver and permission form to attend this event. For more information, please see Pastor Chris



Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Friday, May 18 to Saturday, May 19: Spring clean-up weekend at Shepherd's Hill. Save the date for this weekend near the Turtle Mountains. All youth and their families are invited for a free weekend at our district camp to help with spring cleaning projects, such as picking up trash, removing dead branches and trees, and other tasks. We will be leaving at 4 p.m. on Friday and returning late Saturday evening.



Ongoing snack service at Homeless 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.



Save the Date for Upcoming Summer Events

Thursday, June 21: Tubing Trip on the Ottetail River. All youth from grades six through 12 are invited to attend this day of tubing on the Ottetail River. Look in future newsletters and bulletins for more details.

Wednesday, July 11: Outdoor Game and Activity Night. All junior and senior high are invited to a potluck, along with devotions, outdoor games and other activities from 6-9 p.m.

Sunday, July, 15, to Sunday, July 18: Servant Event to Minot. Save the date for this trip to help rebuild from last year's flood. Look in future newsletters and bulletins for more details.

Tuesday, Aug. 7: Senior High Lakes Day: Soak up some rays with fellow senior high students as we explore God's word in Bible study before hitting the lake. Jet-skiing, wake-boarding swimming and sunning will be part of the day. Look in future newsletters and bulletins for more details.

Friday, Aug. 10, through Thursday, Aug. 16: Servant Event to Caldwell, Ohio, along with trip to Creation Museum and Cedar Point (Roller Coaster Capital of the World). All those in eighth grade and above are invited to attend. Those in younger grades can attend, along with a parent. Cost for the trip is \$175 plus the cost of food.

**Youth
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9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - noon Friday

Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment.

Sunday Schedule

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.

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

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