



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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There is Hope

Pastor Dave



There is hope. That is the message of God to the world. This message is needed because there are many things that happen in the world which can cause us to become dismayed. It may be because of the tragic and senseless death of young children or students. It may be because the future doesn't look bright when it comes to our relationships with other people, our health or to our security. We are at the beginning of a new year, and we may wonder if anything will be different than this past year. Living in a world impacted by sin and living with bodies corrupted by sin, we may wonder where we should turn for hope. The Bible gives us the answer. We turn to the only One Who is greater than any problem or concern that may come our way. The psalmists puts it in this way.

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." (Psalm 42:11 ESV).

Often, there are good reasons why we may be discouraged. However, a greater reason for hope comes from the acknowledgement that we have a God who keeps His promises, who is loving and who is strong enough to bring us through any trial that may come our way.

Because of God, there will always be hope. As Christians, we have a sure hope because it is based firmly on the promises of God in the Bible and on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our God is not distant or disconnected from us or His creation. He is working things out according to His plan. St. Paul reminded us of this when he wrote,



"But when the appropriate time had come, God sent out his Son, born of a woman, born under the law." (Galatians 4:4 NET)

New Year Start Up Schedule



- Jan. 2 6:15 p.m. Confirmation starts
- 6:30 p.m. Praise band practice starts
- 7:30 p.m. Choir
- Jan. 5 9 a.m. Take down Christmas decorations
- Jan. 6 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible study starts
- 8:15 a.m. Praise Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Praise Worship
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Take Down Decorations

You are needed to help take down our Christmas decorations at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5. Thanks for volunteering!



## There is Hope (continued from page 1)

In a mighty way, God acted in the person of His Son. We just celebrated God's special intervention on earth with the birth of His Son at Christmas. But our celebration of God's concern and care for us is not to be confined to holidays. Throughout the year and throughout our lives, God is with us, and He is mighty to save.

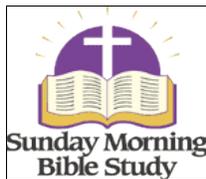
I pray that the hope we have because of God will fill your life with peace and joy throughout this new year.

Happy new year!

## "Practice Resurrection" Sunday Morning Bible Study

From 9:40-10:30 a.m.

Using some insights from Pastor Eugene Peterson, we will be looking at Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Practice resurrection is a term that Peterson uses to describe our Christian life. Resurrection is not what we do; it's what God has done in Jesus. Jesus is powerfully alive and present with us as we go about growing up in Christ. To practice resurrection is to keep company with the resurrected Jesus as he leads us into maturity and ultimately to Himself in heaven.



## "Immanuel in Our Place" (Seeing Christ in Israel's Worship) Tuesday Evening Bible Study

At 7 p.m. starting Jan. 22

Christians struggle with understanding the relevance of large parts of the Old Testament, particularly concerning the worship of ancient Israel. In this study we will look at sacred space, sacred acts, sacred people and sacred time in the Old Testament and see how it points to Christ and relates to us.

## Voters' Meeting 11:45 a.m. Jan. 13



Our voters' meeting will be at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13. We hope you will attend this important meeting to hear reports and budget news about BSLC.

## Nominating Committee



Election of officers will occur at the March voter's meeting, and the nominating committee will be appointed in January.

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, please contact either of the pastors or the congregation chairman, Brad Cogdill.

## Electronic Giving



We thank everyone who has supported Beautiful Savior this past year with their time, talent and financial contribution and we look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Call the church office for more information.

## Women's Bible Study - "Your Strong Suit"

Our women's Bible study - "Your Strong Suit"- will resume again in January. Our schedule will be as follows:

| 8:30 a.m.      | 5 p.m.           | Lesson Title                        |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Mondays</u> | <u>Thursdays</u> |                                     |
| Jan. 7         | Jan. 10          | The Feet of God's Peace-Pt 1        |
| Jan. 14        | Jan. 17          | The Feet of God's Peace-Pt 2        |
| Jan. 21        | Jan. 24          | The Shield of God's Protection-Pt 1 |
| Jan. 28        | Jan. 31          | The Shield of God's Protection-Pt 2 |

If you haven't come before, please feel welcome to join us and learn about God's protection for His children.

## LWML Meeting in January

The next LWML meeting is at noon Sunday, Jan 13. Please bring a small dish for the potluck. Husbands and families are welcome for the meal. There will be a short meeting to talk about upcoming projects, especially college/military gift boxes. We really would like more women of the church to become involved in missions. Start the new year out doing something new-using your talents for the Lord and His kingdom. Or join the women's Bible study on Monday evenings or Thursday mornings. You are blessed to be a blessing and God will give you enough time to get it all done when you begin with God.



## "Munchies for Missions" Results

The LWML would like to thank the members of the congregation who participated in "Munchies for Missions." Thank you, everyone who donated baked goods or silent auction items, all those who purchased items and everyone who worked the event. We are happy to announce that we collected \$1,632 for the silent auction, coffee time and baked goods. We were able to send \$163 to our state and National LWML mission projects, \$750 to Ross Eggers for his Campus Crusade for Christ work at Harvard University and \$750 for Lutheran Disaster Response for Hurricane Sandy victims.

We were also blessed to serve coffee and rolls on Sunday morning, Dec. 9, and sell more of the goodies. This gave members an opportunity to purchase items if they were unable to be there on Saturday, Dec. 8. This helped increase the amount of money that we will give for mission projects. You can be very proud of your efforts to give to those who have missions work to do and also people in need. We are all part of the Beautiful Savior family and it shows when we do a project and it is successful. So, again, thank you, thank you, thank you.



## Quilting

Quilting will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 10 and 24. If you have a sewing machine or extra material, bring it if you can. This is open for all ages so if you have an interest in quilting, stop in to see how much fun it is!



## Lutherans for Life Dessert Banquet



The Fargo Moorhead Area Chapter of Lutherans for Life would like to invite you to join us for our annual dessert banquet on Sunday, Jan. 20. Event time will be from 2 -4 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 N. Broadway, Fargo. As part of our planned program, we are very pleased to present a panel of speakers from our community who have formed a group called PALS or Post-Abortive Ladies. These courageous Christian women have been brought together through a common experience of abortion and will share their journey of hurt, pain and grief to healing and hope. They have a moving and powerful message, sharing the truth in love in hopes that those who hear will be better equipped to reach out to others who are struggling with a current choice or a past decision concerning the issue of life. For more information, to register, or to volunteer to be a table host for this event, please contact Gail Waagen at 701-306-6283 or by email at [gl\\_wgn@msn.com](mailto:gl_wgn@msn.com).

## FirstChoice Clinic "Largest Baby Shower"



Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life during January. Be part of the "Largest Baby Shower." New baby items are needed for FirstChoice Clinic's 'Earn while you Learn' parenting programs.

Items needed are diaper bags, diapers, wipes, baby shampoos and lotions, bottles and sippy cups, baby spoons, bibs, pacifiers, onesies, sleepers, infant socks, teething toys, baby towels and washcloths, nursing items, burp cloths, crib and bassinet sheets and Hornbacher gift cards. Drop off items at any Hornbachers. This is sponsored by KFNW Life 97.9, Faith 100 and Hornbacher Foods. If you have questions, call FirstChoice Clinic at 237-5902 or go to [teamfirstchoiceclinic.com](http://teamfirstchoiceclinic.com).

## Baptisms

Dec. 23-Emma Rose Segovia, daughter of Paul and Julia Segovia, born July 18, 2012. Her sponsors were Tom Bowman, Whitney Davidson, Amy Ogaard and Mark Segovia.



## Thank You to Jeanne Barchinger



Have you noticed the banner in the front of the church when there are baptisms? Jeanne Barchinger has been making them for our little ones being baptized. She just reached her goal of making her 100th banner. She plans to pass this project on now so here's a big thank you and appreciation hug for all she has done for BSLC!

## BSLC Coffee Club



Coffee Fellowship

BSLC members meet at 9 a.m. every Friday at Village Inn on the corner of 32nd Avenue South and 25th Street, Fargo. This time of fellowship is to get to know other Beautiful Savior members and is for both men and women of any age.

## Save Unused Coupons

Please continue to bring in cut-out coupons that you aren't going to use so we can send them overseas to our military personnel. Thank you!

## Save Your Used Stamps

Thank you to all who have been saving used postage stamps. \$70 was sent to Mites this year from the stamps. Please continue to save them and place in box marked STAMPS by the LWML kiosk. If you have questions, please call Jeanne at 232-6835 This is a mission project we can all be a part of.

## Rent a Youth



Need some extra hands around the house or yard? Rent a youth! The youth at Beautiful Savior are available to help out with various tasks, including snow removal, 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.

## Thank you for your prayers, thoughts and gifts



We, along with our families, would like to extend word of thanks to members of BSLC for all the kindness shown to us during the Christmas season. We truly appreciate all your prayers, cards, cookies, gifts and expressions of love. We feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. We wish you all a blessed 2013!

Pastor Dave      Pastor Chris      Vicki Peihl

## Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Jan. 16



Brrr.... It's cold outside-but take an hour to come to our Gold Club potluck and visit with other BSLC friends. It meets at the church at noon Wednesday, Jan. 16. This is for anyone who is 55 or older or retired. Bring a dish to share.

## Pledges for BSLC Stewardship

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card to help BSLC plan its 2013 budget. Please pray about what God's work is for you in our congregation and show your support by sending in your pledge. Thank you to all who already turned in their cards. Need a pledge card? Call the church office or pick one up in the narthex.

## Hugs Project Thank you



American Heritage Girls Troop ND0316 would like to thank Beautiful Savior, parishioners and area businesses for their generous support of our HUGS Duffle Bag Project. The girls reached their goal of filling 75 duffle bags with needed items for homeless children and FirstChoice Clinic. We stuffed and delivered the bags on Dec. 15 to the agencies. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to growing the project in 2013.

## What's truly new remains constant: God's Care for You in Christ Jesus

Pastor Chris



Never mind spring; new is now: Many of us have new clothes, new toys or gadgets and new things to do – all thanks to Christmas. We also have a new year, a chance to start fresh.

Problem is, it never seems to last very long. Last year's New Year had already gone. Anybody out there have kids with Christmas toys that already are forgotten – or even broken? One of the first gifts I ever received was a stuffed dog from my grandfather. When I was old enough, I named him "floppy pup," because of his Basset Hound ears – nearly comical accoutrements much too big for the rest of the animal and thus, prone to flop around with the canine's daily adventure.

Now floppy pup resides in my basement with the dog toys. His expressionless face literally lacks any features. Eyes, nose, mouth have all disappeared under the weathering heavy hands of time. No, nothing stays new forever. My car, my house, myself – everything eventually shows its age and despite any and all efforts, breaks down.

We do a lot to hide the fact that we are completely broken already. Come on, admit it. We don't work as we should. God didn't create us to lie or hate or be self-centered. God didn't create us to find ultimate worth and meaning in everything but Him. No, when God created mankind originally, everything worked properly. They were no breakdowns or malfunctions. And I'm not just meaning physical breakdowns here; I'm talking emotional and spiritual malfunctions as well.

But when Adam and Eve ignored God's warning, His perfect, beloved creation became shattered and fractured as sin entered. Now, we are surrounded by sin. We are conceived and born in it. We are slaves to it.

Until Jesus.



Paul tells us in his second letter to the church in Corinth: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come."

That's because God doesn't just throw old, useless things away. His love is too great. As broken depraved, useless sinners, we continually collapse and malfunction. But God sent Jesus to deal with our brokenness. Jesus came to make our fractured mess his own. He came to be broken and battered on the cross, taking the rejection reserved for things that are completely broken down.

Now, because of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, not only do we have God's favor, we also have an active, living God constantly at work in us. In Jesus, and only in Him, are we made new. Even in death, Jesus works against our brokenness. And when He comes again, He will culminate his repair, raising us to life, casting off sin and death forever and completely doing away with any and all malfunctions in His people.

But new is now, too. We walk in newness of life every day thanks to the clean slate Jesus provides for us in the forgiveness of sins and the promise and pledge of our baptism. Through His powerful word and sacraments, and the Spirit working through those means, God renews us and leads us.

Although still broken and malfunctioning, God's people are a new creation in the scarred hands of the risen Jesus. What's truly new remains constant: God's care for you in Christ Jesus.

Happy new year!

*Pastor Chris*

## Keep the Church Informed

Please let the church know if you change your phone number, mailing address or if you will be gone this winter. The church also sends out a weekly update via e-mail that includes schedule changes or last

minute events. If you aren't receiving our weekly update or would like the e-mail version of the newsletter instead of regular mail, please let the church know your e-mail address. Thank you!



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## Christmas Poinsettias 2012

### Poinsettia Placed by:

Sonja Amundson, Todd and Erin Blotsky  
Holly Meyer, Keith and Kari Zilmer  
Roland and Jeanne Barchinger  
Diane Berggren  
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Dan and Carrie Berglind  
Muff and Linda Brandt  
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Grothman's and Patty Denchfield  
Gerry and Joan Fiechtner  
Tim Flakoll  
Ed and Carol Herrmann  
Mike and LeAnn Herrmann  
Lloyd Jemtrud  
Ann Kelley  
Karen Mart-Taverna  
Diane and Don McCabe  
Leland Niemann  
Jerry Nordstrom family  
Joe and Lori Pytlik, Ian, Evan and Cooper  
Dave and Kim Scheer  
Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann  
Doug Smith  
Jesse and Connie Soper  
Chloe and Lizzie Thompson  
Nita Tewksbury  
Adam and Nancy Tykwinski, Abby, Leah  
Darby, Glen and Seth Wolf  
Harrison and Brooklyn Wiest

### Poinsettia Placed by:

Muff and Linda Brandt  
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Lucas and Lexi Doeling  
Gerry and Joan Fiechtner  
Dennis and Penney Kroshus  
Danny and Diane Lee  
Karen Mart-Taverna  
Diane and Don McCabe

Ian, Evan and Cooper Pytlik  
Dave and Kim Scheer  
Gary Stende Family  
Chloe and Lizzie Thompson  
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### Poinsettia Placed by:

Matt, Jenna and Ian Deardoff  
Jim and Donna Stewart  
John and Dee Stuber

### In Loving Memory of:

Tom and Pearl Rud, Rick Amundson, Janice Amundson  
Our spouses-Donald Kragt and Dorteia Barchinger  
Chloe and Lizzie's Grandma Audie  
Dawn's Grandpa and Grandma Sloan  
Bud Berglind  
Muff's dad-Ken  
Linda's nephew-Kurt  
Ray Denchfield  
Our parents and brothers  
Brother Paul Flakoll  
LeAnn's dad-Marvin Warns  
Marvin Warns  
Donna Jemtrud  
John Spletstaszer  
Larry Mart  
Alfred Kuska, Diane's father and Dennis Kuska, Diane's brother  
Joanne Niemann  
Grandma Freeshour, Shirley's mother  
Loren Thalmann  
David Jr.  
Eugene Paulsrud  
Carol Smith  
Kenneth Cartier  
Grandma Audie  
Dick Tewksbury  
Grandma Esther Bohn  
Jerome "Bud" Wolf, Glen's father  
Dad and Grandma Wiest

### In Honor of:

Muff's mom-Doris  
Linda's mom and dad  
Our Grandparents  
Our children, grandchildren and great-grandchild  
Grandchildren-Ace and AJ  
Our children and granddaughter  
Spec. Alan Mart—US Cav.  
Grandchildren Cameron and Cristian McCabe; Kaitlyn Kelli  
Alyssa and Allison Graber  
Grandparents  
Dustin's 21st birthday  
Marie Hagen  
Great Grandma Mickie and Great Grandpa Donnie  
Grandpa Roger  
Grandma Di

### In Thanksgiving:

To all friends and family  
Our family  
Of all our blessings



## Youth Praise Band

Hey sixth- to twelfth-graders! Do you play an instrument or love to sing? The Youth Praise Band would love to have you join us. Practices will be at 6:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.

## New E-mail Address for BSLC

Please update your e-mail address for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Beautiful Savior's new e-mail is:

[office@bslcfargo.org](mailto:office@bslcfargo.org).

## January Youth Events



### Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

- Wednesday, Jan. 2 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – **No youth group!**
- Wednesday, Jan. 9 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Youth Bible study and fellowship
- Wednesday, Jan. 16 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Destination Unknown
- Wednesday, Jan. 23 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – **No youth group!**
- Wednesday, Jan. 30 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. – Youth Bible study and fellowship

### Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

**Friday, Jan. 25 – Junior High Lock-In:** All sixth-, seventh, and eighth-graders are invited for a lock-in from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. There is no cost to attend. The night will include Bible study, games, fellowship and food. Please see Pastor Chris for more information.



**Saturday, Jan. 26, to Sunday, Jan. 27 – Senior High Ski Trip to Buena Vista.** All senior high students are invited to a ski getaway. We will be leaving our church at 1 p.m. Saturday and returning at 8:30 p.m.



Sunday. We will ski both Saturday evening and Sunday all day. The trip also includes Bible study and worship. Registration includes lift tickets, lodging, late night pizza party on Saturday and breakfast Sunday morning. Cost is \$68 for those with gear, \$78 for those needing to rent skis and \$98 for those renting snowboards. Remember to also bring money for Saturday dinner, Sunday lunch and Sunday dinner. Please bring warm clothing, sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries and a Bible.

**Saturday, Feb. 2 – 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 \$21 for a lift ticket if bringing your own equipment; Cost is \$36 for renting skis or \$46 if renting a snowboard. We also ask that you chip in \$6 for gas if not riding with your parents. Please fill out a form before Jan. 27 and turn into the church office



### Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

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.



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## Office Hours

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

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

## Worship Schedule on Sunday

8:15 and 9:30 a.m. Praise Worship  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

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

## CHURCH STAFF

### Pastor

David Wagner  
701-293-1047

### Associate Pastor

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Vicki Peihl  
701-293-1047

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## Other Volunteers

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