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Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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"Game Day for Christ and Us" by Pastor Dave



In the middle of September, a nationally viewed college football show was broadcast from Fargo. The hype and excitement of having "GameDay" come to Fargo was something extra special for NDSU and our community. The show was aired downtown on a beautiful fall day. Everything went smoothly. To top off, the football team won their game later on that afternoon.



For many universities, there is a lot of excitement building up to their football games. The show that came to Fargo capitalizes on that enthusiasm. Yet, all the hype and all the talk beforehand is not what is the main or most important thing. It is only a prelude to the game. The sports fans are hoping for their team to win. And to win in a big or dramatic fashion makes it all the more enjoyable.

While it can be very entertaining to play or watch sports events, we all realize that there are more important things in life. We are reminded about this as we look at the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was involved in the greatest
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Please let the office know if you will be out of town this winter. Newsletters are unable to be forwarded and get returned to the church. You can also receive BSLC newsletter by e-mail instead of mail.

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

Voters' Meeting

9:40 a.m. Oct. 6

Our fall congregational meeting will be held at 9:40 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 6. There will be reports from the various committees and boards. This is your chance to find out more about the ministry of our church. If you have comments or concerns, please talk to Brad Cogdill, our congregational president. His phone number is 237-3821.

Dennis Hase Benefit

5-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11

A benefit, including a free-will offering meal and a silent auction, will be held from 5-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at BSLC, to help Dennis and Sarah (Lee) Hase with medical bills and lost income. Dennis and Sarah currently live near Anamoose, ND. Dennis was in a near head-on collision in April while on his way to work. He has had several surgeries for injuries to his right knee, ankle and heel. Dennis has not been able to work, and more surgery and physical therapy is still needed. To donate items for the silent auction or offer your help in any other way, please call Diane Lee at 280-1434 or Carrie Thorsrud at 235-3551. Thank you for your support and prayers.

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contest of all, but it was no mere game. What was at stake was life, salvation and the restoration of creation. One of the Easter hymns describes Christ's battle with evil in this way:

It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death contended;
The victory remained with life, the reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly says that death is swallowed up by death,
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia! (LW #123 v.2)

Even though Easter Sunday was observed six months ago, we continue to celebrate and receive the blessings Christ has accomplished for us. Even though the victory is won, there is still some unfinished work for us who follow Jesus. We have been given the privilege, honor and mission to share God's love in Christ to those who do not yet know our Lord. We also have the ministry of growing in our faith and living out our faith through words and deeds of love to others.

Here is one way we can summarize our lives as Christians. The ultimate game was won for us by Christ over sin, death and the devil. Yet, as long as we are on earth, it is game day for us. God's foes seek to disrupt us and have us forget about our victory. But through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can stand firm. And there is more. We have the opportunity to play our part as members on God's team as we serve others in love in our families, at work or school, in our community and at Beautiful Savior.

The ultimate game has been won by Christ. May God use us to bring His victory and salvation to others.

Pastor Dave

Elder of the Month

David Anderson

Dave Anderson is married to Sherrie. They have been members of our church since 2010 and live in West Fargo.



David and
Sherrie
Anderson

The Board of Elders has decided to designate an elder of the month to help out Sunday mornings. They will assist the pastors if there are any needs, greet members and visitors and help see that things run smoothly. The elder of the month will not be present at all the worship services for a given month. But he will seek to be available or have another person designated for each service. While the elders are always available for you to visit with, we hope that having a designated elder will help our members become more acquainted with each of them.

Sunday Bible Study "Prodigal God"

We will finish up this month our "Prodigal God"



Bible study held at 9:40 a.m. Sundays. Please join us for this study as Jesus shows us the God of great expenditure, who is nothing if not prodigal toward us, His children.

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study "Standing Firm in Chaotic Times"

We will use the book of Daniel to discuss the issues of having faith during trials and persecution because of faith and the work of God. Daniel lived in exile. He lived when the people of God were suffering. If you read the book of Daniel and only see a den of lions and strange visions, you have missed the main character in the book . . . God! Daniel wrote this book not to glorify himself but to exalt the Lord. In every circumstance, in every crisis, Daniel points us to a God who is at work in human history. Daniel's God is not a weak, frustrated deity who sits in heaven, wringing his hands, hoping everything will turn out right. He is a God who orders all events according to his own will. Come and see how this message can encourage us today.

Women's Bible Study "The God of our Comfort"

Life can be really hard. But when we view our sufferings from the balcony of faith, we rest in the assurance that God never leaves us unloved or uncared for. His hope is a beacon of comfort. This Bible study will take us through a section of Scripture in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. Sign up in the narthex. Books are \$11. The evening class will start at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 and the morning class 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 10.

Fall Fun Night Coming Oct. 4



All kids in kindergarten through grade two are invited to a fall fun night from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4. This will be held at BSLC in the fellowship hall. There will be pumpkin bowling and other games, a time to grow in God's word and pizza to eat. If you have any questions please call Jamie Waldvogel at 893-6996.

Youth Thank You Lunch Set For Oct. 27



The Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church youth group will be hosting a thank you lunch for the congregation for its support in sending nine youth and two adult supervisors to the National Youth Gathering in July. There is no cost to attend, and everyone is invited. The lunch will be after second service on Sunday, Oct. 27. Youth will share their experiences and pictures from the event.

Family Photo Dates

Calling all our newer members or members who were unable to get their picture taken for our last directory. On Oct. 13 and Nov. 24, we will have our "Smile and Shoot Team" available to take your picture to be displayed at church. Just meet them in the fellowship hall, after the first or second service, to get your picture taken. This will be a great way to get to know all our BSLC members! If you have any questions, please call the church office at 293-1047. Thank you.

Cradle Roll

This is a reminder to all parents who have children under the age of three. Each month, the cradle roll hanging in the narthex is updated with special cards and newsletters for you to take home for your baptized child.

F-M Lutherans for Life Fall Dessert Banquet Oct. 13



The Fall Dessert Banquet will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1005 1st St. East, West Fargo. Guest speaker will be Laura Davis from the national level of Lutherans for Life. Come enjoy a great speaker, a short program and fellowship with other pro-life Christians. Attendance is free, there will be delicious slices of pies to eat and a free will offering taken to support mission projects of our local LFL chapter. Child care will be available upon request. For further information, please contact Gail Waagen at 306-6283.

LWML News

The next LWML meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10. LWML Sunday will be Oct 20. Please bring in your mite offerings or loose change on this day.

The LWML will no longer be collecting coupons to send to military families. Thank you to those who participated in this service.

LWML Zone Fall Rally



There's Room for YOU!

The LWML Zone Fall Rally with the theme "Are You Expecting?" will be held at Beautiful Savior from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Everyone is invited for the Bible study led by Pastor Chris and the luncheon and speaker. If you would like to bring soup, sandwiches or dessert bars, please let Rhonda Hoge know by e-mailing her at rhoge@cableone.net. Thanks for your help. Items for the Gladys Ray Shelter in Fargo will be collected at the rally. Anyone can donate items so please put it in the box by the LWML kiosk across from the office by Oct. 12. Items needed are listed below. Thank you!

Sugar	Hot chocolate	Deodorant
Creamer	Toothbrushes	Mat bus passes
Coffee	Shaving cream	Disposable razors
Tea	Cough drops	Kleenex
Tylenol	Gatorade	PowerAde
Aleve	Hand sanitizer	Hand warmers
Advil	Winter hats	Winter gloves
Foot care products such as socks, powders, sprays		

Baptisms

Sept. 1—Chloe Ann Marie Olson, daughter of Bobbi Elhard and John Olson, born July 8, 2013. Her sponsors were Julie Morehouse, Zach Mithun, Pete and Stacy Olson.



Sept. 4—Anthony Joseph Drechsel, son of Adam and Lisa Drechsel, born July 14, 2013. His sponsors were Angie and Chris Julsrud and Michelle and Jesse Skarnagel.

Sept. 8—Mya Louise Mathiason, daughter of Kurt and Samantha Mathiason, born July 8, 2013. Her sponsors were Josh and Lindsay Staiger.

Sudanese Ministry Update

Remember to keep Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak in your prayers as they continue to work with Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris in their online education program **Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology**, the theological education and formation for effective pastoral leadership within immigrant-based churches.

Also we share in the joy of six young Sudanese children that were baptized on Sept. 22.

Amou Ajak Akech, born 1/14/13, daughter of Ajak Akech Ayual and Apajak Ayil Anyar Jongkuch.

Olivia Chuti Angau, born 10/16/07, daughter of Jacob Angau Kuol and Victoria Ayuen Kuol.

Susane Angeth Angau, born 3/20/11, daughter of Jacob Angau Kuol and Victoria Ayuen Kuol.

Lilly Nyaluak Angau, born 5/16/09, daughter of Jacob Angau Kuol and Victoria Ayuen Kuol.

Kuai Deng Mapur, born 1/26/12, son of Daniel Deng Mapur and Elizabeth Ayak Makuei.

Nyamuon Deng Mapur, born 7/7/13, baptized Sept. 22, daughter of Daniel Deng Mapur and Elizabeth Ayak Makuei.



Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, Oct. 16

If you are age 55 and older and/or retired, please join other BSLC members at a noon potluck on Wednesday, Oct. 16. It's a great time to try a new recipe or use some of your garden produce for the potluck lunch and to enjoy some fellowship with other BSLC members.

BSLC Coffee Club



Our BSLC members meet at 9 a.m. on Fridays at Village Inn on the corner of 32nd Avenue South and 25th Street, Fargo. This time of fellowship is to get to know other BSLC members and is for both men and women of any age. Stop in when you can.

Quilting

Quilting will be from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 10 and 24. This is for all ages and beginners are welcome. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and even your sewing machine, if possible. It's a fun social event for everyone.

"Proclaiming God's Word: To Your Neighbor and To You"

A Bold Witness Conference for pastors and laity will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Messiah Lutheran, 1020 Boundary Rd. NW in Mandan. Rev. Dr. Carl Fickenscher II will be speaking on God's word: Law and Gospel; Proclaiming God's Word in Your Daily Life and Listening to Your Pastor's Sermon. Registration forms are in the narthex or call 293-9001 if you have questions. Cost is \$35 which includes lunch.

Please Save Your Used Stamps

Please bring in your used stamps; don't cut them off but bring in the envelopes and place in drawer marked STAMPS by the LWML kiosk. Monies received for these goes to missions. Thank you!

"What Do We Learn? We Need Jesus"

by Pastor Chris



Many of us remember the melodramatic commercial in which a shocked parent discovers his son using drugs. Outraged and confused by this turn of events, the parent pushes the issue, asking how and where the child learned this disturbing behavior. The parent's self-righteous act comes crashing to the ground as the child delivers a line for the ages: "I learned it by watching you!"

This is the fallout from mixed messages.

As saints and sinners, the people of faith often live a life of mixed messages. When we tell our kids that God is important then skip church, it sends a mixed message. And excuses abound. Yes, we are busy people. Yet somehow, we find time to sleep every day. We find time to eat every day. We find time for what is needed; our Old Adam simply glosses over the fact that God is what we need most of all.



You may have faith that moves mountains. You may love the Lord and trust in him for salvation alone, and well you should. But others cannot see into your heart. They cannot see your faith. That is why

James writes: "But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works," (James 2:18.)

If we live our lives walking in unrepentant sin, if we spend all our time living away from God and the forgiveness he wants to extend to us, we tell ourselves

and others that God is not important. The Christian knows it's never about what we do; it's about what Jesus has done for us. But staying away from church sends a mixed message that we can be Christian all on our own or without Jesus or God.

So how do we resolve the issue?

We do what all God-fearing sinners do: we fall on God's forgiveness, mercy and strength through His means of grace. And we do so as often as possible. Church is not a place we go to remove our sins through our works; it's a place we go where God releases us from our sins through His works. It's where God connects us to Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. It's where He creates new and living people in His name through His holy word and sacrament. God sets the table for us as the Holy Spirit works through these means.

The Holy Spirit then speaks that we live a life dependent on God's mercy. We need to hear the absolution spoken each Sunday. As vines who wither and die without Jesus, we must be fed by God's life-giving Words and Christ's own body and blood – all which nourish the withered and weary sinner.

So what can our kids learn by watching us come to church? Simply that we all need Jesus, today and always, so we go where He has promised to be present.

Pastor Chris

Quotes from Martin Luther

At the end of October we will celebrate the Reformation. Here are two quotes from Luther that encourage and challenge us.



"Faith is a divine work in us that transforms us and begets us anew from God, kills the Old Adam, makes us entirely different people in heart, spirit, mind, and all our powers, and brings the Holy Spirit with it. Oh, faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, so that it is impossible for it not to be constantly doing what is good. Likewise faith does not ask if good works are to be done, but before one can ask, faith has already

done them and is constantly active... Faith is a vital, deliberate trust in God's grace, so certain that it would die a thousand times for it. And such confidence and knowledge of divine grace makes us joyous, mettlesome, and merry toward God and all creatures."

"A Christian man lives not in himself, but in Christ and his neighbor. Otherwise he is not a Christian. He lives in Christ through faith, in his neighbor through love; by faith he is caught up beyond himself into God, by love he sinks down beneath himself into his neighbor; yet he always remains in God and in His love."

Witness, Mercy, Life Together

2013 Fall Mission and Stewardship Program

Our Synod has adopted the theme of **Witness, Mercy and Life Together** to describe what we do as individuals and as a church. This year, Beautiful Savior will also use these emphases to help us carry out our fall mission and stewardship campaign.

Although there are many ways we can speak of the work of the Church, these three things succinctly remind us first of what God has done for us as well as how we can respond.

God's Word and the sacraments bear witness to Jesus. Having come to believe in this merciful Savior, we gladly share with others what Christ has accomplished through His life, death and resurrection.



Throughout the Gospels, Jesus showed compassion on people in need. He came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. Having received mercy from God, we extend compassion and mercy to others through our works and words.

Because of what Christ has done, we have been brought into fellowship with God the Father. Through faith, we are part of God's family. We have been brought together. As people who have fellowship with one another, we strive to strengthen our brothers and sisters in faith. We also live together in love.

Witness, Mercy and Life Together convey in a beautiful way what we have received from God and what our life as followers of Jesus entails. As we conduct our fall mission and stewardship program at the end of October and the beginning of November, you will hear and learn more about these things.

Grace Lutheran School News



128 children are experiencing daily exposure to God's word through the Christian education provided at Grace Lutheran School this year. After a three day delay because of excessive heat, the school year has kicked off and is running smoothly. New teachers at Grace are Miss Amanda Pesek; Mr.

Justin Wanzek and Mrs. Sara Palmer. New staff members are Kirsten Bubach, kitchen helper, Kayla Huwe and Alicia Koval, Pre-K Aides; Caroline Blumenshine, kindergarten aide; and Ryan Justak, after-care helper.

Turn Your "Trash Into Cash!" Grace Lutheran School's Parent-Teacher-League is collecting numerous labels, receipts and barcodes to raise funds to help purchase items for the students and the teachers at the school. We are accepting Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, CashWise receipt points, Our Family brand UPC codes, My Coke Rewards points and SunMart receipts. There are specially marked black bins available at the church for you to place your donations. The items in the collection bins will be picked up monthly. If you have questions about this, please contact Kim Ternes at kternes33@yahoo.com. Thank you!

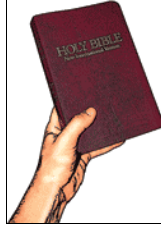
2013-2014 Faculty

Pre-kindergarten 1-Jenica Boelter
Pre-kindergarten 2-Amanda Pesek
Kindergarten-Carolyn Worral
First Grade-Janet Koppinger
Second Grade-Sara Palmer
Third Grade-Hailey Antonson
Fourth Grade-Beth Scholten

Fifth Grade – Lisa Sande
Sixth-Eighth Grades-Lizz Peterson-language arts
Susan Jahnke-science, social studies, religion and art
Pat Link-math, religion, Spanish & art
P.E. and Health-Justin Wanzek
Music and Computers-Jay Schaefer
Principal-Jean Syverson

Bibles to Third Graders

Our third graders received Bibles during worship on Sept. 15. Students in third grade are Cameron Brandenburg, Alison Hoerer, Brooke Kraft, Brienna Leno, Sam Lies, Lydia McArthur, Brennan Palmer, Nathan Thielman, Benjamin Thielman and Leah Tykwinski.



Youth Praise Band

Hey sixth- to 12th-graders! The Youth Praise Band would love to have you join us. Praise band practices will be held from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday evenings. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403.



Sunday School Teachers Still Needed



Sunday school has started off with just enough teachers. We would like help from others in our church family who may not have had the opportunity in the past. You do not have to create lesson plans as all curriculum is written out for the teachers. If just a few more people volunteer, we have the ability to set up team teaching, which would limit the number of Sundays to which one person is committed. Thank you for helping out!

October Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Oct. 2– from 7:45-9 p.m.-Destination Unknown for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 9– from 7:45-9 p.m.-Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 16–from 7:45-9 p.m.-Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 23– from 7:45-9 p.m.-Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12
Wednesday, Oct. 30–from 7:45-9 p.m.-**Special Youth Group**

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Thursday, Oct. 17, through Saturday, Oct. 19-District Junior High Gathering

Join middle school students from across the state for the district junior high youth gathering in Bismarck. Activities include Bible time and devotional talks, concerts from Tangled Blue, games, fellowship, a night 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 \$150, but the church will pay half of your registration costs.



Sunday, Oct. 20-Senior High Movie Night

All high school youth are invited to come to movie night at the church from 5-7:30 p.m. Dinner, snacks, pop will be served. We will discuss how the film can be applied to the life of faith.



Ongoing Servant Events



Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13 – 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. 12, and ends around 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. Get registration packets outside Room 101.

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

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

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