



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Change Your Clock



Sunday, Nov. 1

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

Angry?

By Pastor Dave



There is a game called "Angry Birds" that I have downloaded onto my tablet. In this game, you use a sling-shot to launch various birds at different structures to destroy, free or release other objects or animals. If you have never seen or played the game, I don't know if you have missed much. There are a lot of other games available to download that may be more exciting. But one of the things that fascinates me about this game is its name. I usually do not consider birds to be angry. I have seen birds chase squirrels away. I have seen them fight for food on the ground. But I don't think of birds as ever being angry. I suppose they could be. I think of anger not as an emotion of our feathered-friends but of people.

We all know what anger is because we have experienced it. We may have become angry and upset if things don't go our way, if others have harmed us or something that we love, if our children have disobeyed us, or if we see some great injustice being done. Anger is one of those emotions that can erupt quickly. Unfortunately, for some people their anger causes them to lose control of what they say and do. The result of this may be that verbal or physical harm is done, which may stir up even more anger.

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Firstchoice "LifeWalk" Oct. 3

Walk or sponsor a walker at "LifeWalk" on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Red River Zoo, Fargo. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m., and the walk starts at 9 a.m. "LifeWalk" is a fun, inspiring community fundraiser that supports women and families facing unplanned pregnancy by providing them with free life-affirming free medical services and support. Call 237-5902 or Register online at www.teamfirstchoice.com for more details .

25th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, Oct. 18 for Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner

Join us as we honor Pastor Dave on reaching the mark of 25 years at BSLC.



(From 1990)

Doughnuts and other treats will be served between worship services in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Oct 18. A table will be set up for cards and other well-wishes. If you can't attend, be sure to send a card to the office in honor of this special time for Pastor Dave and Kim.

As we look at anger, I would like you to think about God and anger. The Bible points out that there are times when God was very angry. He even has a right to be angry. But this does not give us the full picture of God or describe the main thing about God. At the heart of God is not anger but love.

On the last Sunday of October, we will celebrate the Reformation begun by Luther. Martin Luther originally had the view that Christ was an angry judge who at any moment was ready to lash out at you for any sin you may have committed. He then reasoned that, if the heart of God's Son is



anger, you needed to work hard to try and earn his favor. But that all changed as Luther rediscovered the Gospel. The Bible reminds us that God is angry with sin. However, the Gospel declares that His anger and wrath was directed at Jesus. That is why he went to the cross. On that tree, Jesus paid the consequences of our sins that caused God's wrath. And now, trusting in Jesus, we can rest assured that God is no longer angry with us. Rather, through faith in Jesus we receive mercy, grace and love. As our great High Priest, Jesus Christ reconciled us to God the Father.

When you think of anger, what comes to your mind? Is it angry birds? Is it others who are mad at you? Do you think of yourself? Do you think of how God looks upon you? There is anger in this world. But praise be to the love of God that sent His only Son so that you and I would never have to consider the LORD as an angry God.

Peace in Christ,

"Gospel in Life" (Grace Changes Everything) 9:40 a.m. Sunday Mornings

We are going through a thought-provoking study by pastor Timothy Keller on Sunday mornings. We are exploring just how radical the gospel is and how it changes our hearts, our homes, our community and changes how we live in the world. We meet in the fellowship hall.



"Ruth: Your God Will be My God" Women's Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Mondays or 9 a.m. Thursdays.

We invite women to join our study on Ruth that meets Monday evenings or Thursday mornings. If you have questions, call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891.



"Jesus' Sermon on the Mount" 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct 6.

We will conclude our look on at Matthew 5-7 on Oct. 6. Join us as we see how Jesus calls us to a life of discipleship.



A Man Named Martin - Part 1: 7 p.m. on Tuesdays starting Oct. 13

In this video based Bible study put out by **The Lutheran Hour**, Luther's life and times are examined through the lens of history, religion and theology.



The influence and impact of Luther's life is the stuff of serious study. As a forlorn sinner feeling lost and desperate before a stern Judge, Luther desponded of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel. Join us as we look at the Gospel and see how it not only changed the life of Luther but also how it changes us.

LWML News

Fall Rally - All ladies are invited to our LWML fall rally that will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, on Saturday, Oct. 3. Coffee and registration will begin at 9 a.m. Our Sudanese vicars will be doing a short talk at the rally, along with a lunch and a Bible study led by Pastor Chris. Donations of canned food items and Walmart gift cards will be collected.

LWML Sunday, Oct. 11 - During our worship on this Sunday, we will honor our ties with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Between worships, there will be cake served in the fellowship hall in honor of LWML mission. We also will talk about our upcoming events: Munchies for Missions and Women's Advent Tea, that will take place on Sunday, Dec. 6. The LWML Mite box will be out to receive your spare change to help in reaching mission grant goals. Visit LWML.org for more information.

October meeting - Our October LWML meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. This is open to all ladies of BSLC. Please come and get involved in LWML.

Elder of the Month

Craig Hashbarger is our elder for October. He will assist the pastors if there are any needs, greet members and visitors and help see that things run smoothly. Please take time to get to know our elders and let them know if you have any ideas or concerns for our church.



New Organ to be Installed

At the September voters' meeting, the congregation gave approval with the purchase of a new organ. We hope to have the organ installed some time in October, and plan to have organ dedicated at a special service in November.

It is still not too late to contribute to this new organ. If you feel so moved, you may give a special gift to the organ fund. Please designate this on your check or church envelope. You may also contact the church office or one of the pastors if you have questions.

October Service Group

Donna Ceroll is our captain for the month of October. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters A-Bo. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with a funeral or other events. Thanks for your support.

There's a slight change in our upcoming groups and when they serve. Listed below are the next three months leaders so you know when your group will serve.

November group	H-K	Rhonda Hoge
December group	E-G	Diane Knutson-Lee
January group	Br-D	Wanda Roesler.

“This Act of Grace” Fall Stewardship Emphasis

“This Act of Grace” will be this year's fall mission and stewardship emphasis. We will begin on October 25. For each week of this emphasis, we will hear stories of God's abundant grace toward us, focusing on the different ways in which we respond to his grace. The themes for each week are:

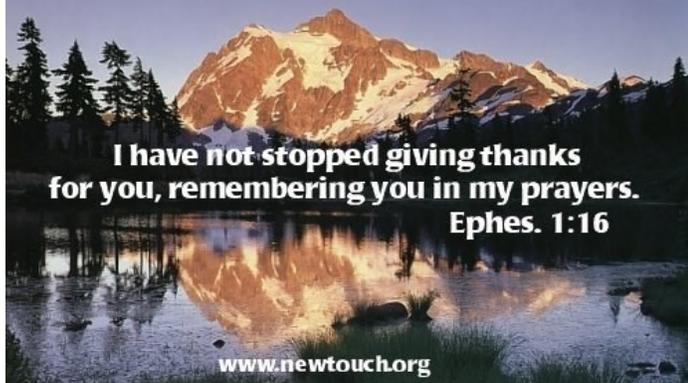
- ◆ “By His Grace” (based on Rom. 3:24)
- ◆ “God's Varied Grace” (1 Peter 4:10)
- ◆ “My Grace is Sufficient” (2 Cor. 12:9)
- ◆ “This Act of Grace” (2 Cor. 8:9).

More information will be shared about this at the end of October and in November. Plan to grace us with your presence, as God will grace us with His.

Praying for Others in Bulletin

Please remember to update the office on your prayer petition in our announcements. Our announcements of prayer requests gives all our church members a chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears all our prayers at all times.

YOU are appreciated, Pastor



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Who is “on call” 24 hours a day, seven days a week? Well, there’s the obvious - parents. Then there’s the not-so-obvious - your pastor. His office hours may be printed in the bulletin as Monday through Thursday, but he doesn’t clock out after that.

Your pastor’s calendar is filled with shut-in visits, board meetings, counseling, teaching, community-relationship building, and late-night phone calls. And his mind and heart hold the God-given weight of spiritual care for His people.

thank God for your pastor and here are some other ideas to thank him with.

- ◆ Pray for your pastor and his family.
- ◆ Pray for good health for your pastor.
- ◆ Bring him a cup of his favorite beverage.
- ◆ Invite your pastor over for a meal.
- ◆ Invite friends and family to church and introduce them to your pastor.
- ◆ Ask your pastor if there’s something he needs help with.
- ◆ Send him a small gift card for coffee, lunch or to a bookstore.

BSLC Coffee Club

Every Friday, BSLC members gather at 9 a.m. at Randy’s, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. This time of fellowship is to get to know other BSLC members and is for both men and women of any age. Join us when you can.

Gold Club Potluck Noon, Wednesday, Oct. 21

Have you come to one of the church’s Gold Club potluck lunches? This is for anyone age 55 and/or older. We will meet at the church at noon Wednesday, Oct. 21. Try out a new recipe and invite others to come too. We spend an hour in fellowship while enjoying good food.

Quilting

Quilting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 8 and 22. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you would like to share and your sewing machine, if possible. This is open to all ages, and even non-sewers can be kept busy.

College Students’ Address

Please leave your child’s new college address with the church office. This will allow us to keep in contact with them as well as notifying the campus ministry so they can make contact with your child.

Invite others to Come

Christ has commissioned all of us to reach out to others with the Gospel. We are to share with others through our words and actions that we have a marvelous Savior. There are people who we come into contact with who have no church home. In your conversation with them (these neighbors and friends), we encourage you to share with them about the things that are happening at Beautiful Savior and invite them to come with you. Through our ministry, we seek to bring God’s blessings, forgiveness and wisdom into our own lives as well as others.



What if....?

by Pastor Chris

What if I told you that your child could attend one of the most prestigious universities in the country – practically for free?

Enter Stanford. The university recently adopted a policy that waives tuition for families making up to \$125,000 while also throwing in room and board for those families with incomes below \$65,000. Of course, overall finances come into play for the financial aid packages, and students are expected to pitch in through work programs and other means.

There is one complication: It's REALLY hard to get into Stanford. Out of more than 42,000 applicants, the Stanford Class of 2019 stands at 2,144 students, an acceptance rate of just more than five percent. Now, I'm not knocking Stanford. I really do admire their commitment to offer quality education to deserving students regardless of financial standing.

However, the sad tragedy is that our eyes light up when earthly offers and advancement present themselves, but do we have the same reaction to God's salvation given freely to us in and through Jesus?

We parents often push our kids to improve their education, their standing in life, their job qualifications, their hobbies and interests, their pursuits and dreams. But do we encourage, even insist, that they regularly come to God's means of grace, where God has promised to create and feed their faith? Do we talk about the benefit and need for regular worship, Bible study and devotion? If not, it's time to change our priorities. With today's cultural climate, more and more people are lapsing into apostasy, abandoning their religious beliefs because the world and their own sinful self leads them down that path. In this sinful age, it is essential to be dutiful and disciplined by placing ourselves where God has promised to be present and working: Word and sacrament.

Changes in Your Life?

Moving? New phone? Drop your landline? New e-mail address? Traveling this winter? Please let the church office know of any changes or if you will be gone. Our newsletters are not forwardable but instead are returned to the church at a cost to us. Thanks for keeping the office updated!

What if I told you that your child could spend eternity with God himself, sins forgiven and relationship restored, all for free?

Enter Jesus. He paid the heavy price for all our sins by taking them to the cross – a cross of scorn, shame and even damnation, taking our place so that we might be accepted before God. Because of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, those in faith are God's children, future citizens of a new heavens and new earth, a standing much more valuable and important than any earthly offer or achievement.



Placing focus on earthly pursuits certainly can be rewarding and commended, but not at the cost of neglecting, and even forgetting, faith. Nothing on this

earth is more valuable than our God's love in Jesus and the faith He imparts. After all, Jesus wisely asked, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels," (Mark 8:36-38).

God's word affirms that for those with faith in Jesus Christ, the brightest future has been secured as we look forward to a perfect eternity with God, the source of all goodness and life. And for those in faith, the acceptance rate is 100 percent through Jesus Christ our Lord! May the Lord who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor Chris

Grace Lutheran School News

October is pastor appreciation month, and we are so very thankful and grateful to all of our RRLSA Pastors and DCEs for their continued prayers, support and Christian guidance. We are also appreciative of the administrative staff at each of the RRLSA churches who help to ensure that the news and announcements about Grace Lutheran School reach you! In celebration of these wonderful workers in Christ, we will be having two events to say thank you.

Oct. 14: Pastor appreciation lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Grace School. Pastors and DCE's are invited to join us for lunch with the students.

Oct. 20: LCMS administration appreciation lunch at the Radisson from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. GLS celebrates those who help support our RRLSA churches and school.

Spaghetti Dinner Thank you!

To all who helped us plan, prepare, clean and attend our 40th annual Grace Lutheran School spaghetti dinner, we salute you! It takes many hands and many hours of service to make this dinner happen each year, and we couldn't do it without all of you. Your constant support and selfless service to Grace Lutheran School is a true blessing.

Grace Lutheran Alumni

Did you or someone you know attend Grace Lutheran School? Please e-mail your information to Kari at marketing@gracels.com. We look forward to our first alumni dinner this coming spring and want to include you!

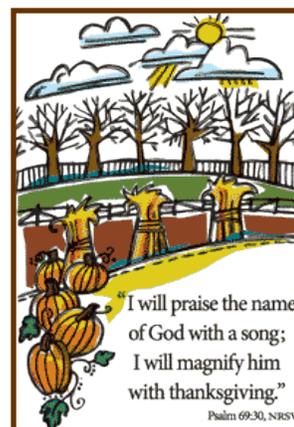
Check it Out on the Web

Do you spend time surfing the internet? Most people do for a variety of things. Consider looking up the websites related to our church and denomination. There is much useful and inspirational information connected to them.

For our synod's site go to: lcms.org.

For Lutheran Laymen's League or the Lutheran Hour, go to: lhm.org.

For the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, see: lwml.org.



Grace School "Trash to Cash" Program



Grace Lutheran School PTL relies on your "trash" so we can earn "cash!" Our school's "Trash to Cash" program provides the Parent Teacher League with the necessary funds to

host events for the families at GLS such as Doughnuts for Dads, VIP Breakfast, Muffins for Moms, Last Day of School Celebration and much, much more!! Following is a list of what we are currently collecting. These codes, receipts and UPC labels can be brought into the church and placed in the collection bin located near the water fountain. If you have questions on any of the programs, please contact Kim Ternes at kternes33@yahoo.com. Thank you so much for your support of our school!!

- Box Tops for Education (10 cent codes on many cereals, cake mixes, crackers, and much more!)
- Labels for Education (Campbells and Pepperidge Farm UPC codes.)
- Coke Rewards (codes from your bottles of Coca-Cola products or the code on the inside of 12 and 24 packs.)
- Entire receipts from Family Fare grocery store
Our Family bar codes (Our Family brand is purchased at Family fare grocery stores.)
- Cash Wise points from the bottom of the receipt.
- AmazonSmile.org (instead of ordering from Amazon.com, use the AmazonSmile.org and select your charity as Red River Lutheran School Association, Fargo ND). Grace School will receive 0.5% of every purchase you make!

Bibles for Third-graders Given Out Sept. 27

All children entering third grade receive a free Bible from BSLC. This years third graders include:



Hudson Asche	Andrew Grothman	Evan Nichols
Hannah Berge	Pierce Fiechtner	Owen Sevald
Aidric Gietzen	Faith Hanson-Buethner	Lillian Wirtz
James Johnson	Lydia Hestdalen	Samuel Olson
	Annalise Steege	

If we missed anyone or if you were unable to attend, please let the office know so that you can get a Bible.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band is in need of you! This is for any students in grades 6-12 who love to sing and/or play an instrument. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403 There will be practice on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. Oct. 4, 11 and 18. No practice Oct. 25.



Grace School Offering Flu Shots

Grace Lutheran School is hosting a Flu Shot Clinic on Monday, October 19. To preregister a time slot, please visit <http://www.7dayclinic.info/home/stamp-out-fluenza/grace-lutheran/>

October Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Oct. 7 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Oct. 14 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Oct. 21 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - Trunk or treat servant event

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Sunday, Oct. 18 – Movie and a Meal: All members of the congregation, especially youth, are invited to attend a movie and a meal from 4-6:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the church. We will be having pizza and watching the movie “Exodus: Gods and Kings,” which is rated PG-13.

Thursday, Oct. 22, through Saturday, Oct. 24 – District Junior High Gathering: Join middle school students from across the state for the district junior high youth gathering at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Mandan. “Marked” is the theme for the Gathering for sixth-graders and up! Those in grade nine and up are invited (and encouraged) to serve as teen counselors. Activities include Bible time and devotional talks, concerts, games, interest sessions on various topics, a variety show (Get your act ready.) and more! Friends are welcome to attend! Registration forms are available from Pastor Chris or at www.ndyouthonfire.org. Cost is \$160, but the church will pay half of your registration costs. Travel details will be available soon.

Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Trunk or Treat: All kids from the congregation and their families are invited to come to church Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 6:30-8 p.m. for Beautiful Savior’s 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 sponsor a car where you will hand out candy from your trunk. There are several prizes, including gift cards for best costume (sixth grade and up), best car decoration and best treats. Join us for this fun event!



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9 a.m. - noon Friday

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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

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