



Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Altar Flowers

Honor or remember a loved one with altar flowers on a Sunday of your choice in 2016. The sign up chart is on the bulletin board by the office. Cost is \$20.



Uplifted through Music

By Pastor Dave

What do you listen to when it comes to music? I have to say that I am comfortable listening to a variety of types and styles of music. I enjoy classical and modern, instrumental and choral. I am not one that constantly listens to music. But when I do, I appreciate it.

It should come as no surprise that one of the joys I experience in worship is found in the music. The words combined with the melody of a song can have a powerful, uplifting impact on my heart and mind. Music is a gift from the Lord. Like all of God's gifts, it can be misused. But that does not need to distract us from the blessings that come through music. Through music we are able to express our praise and thanks to God. In the songs, we are able to be encouraged during difficult times as well as be instructed in our Christian faith.



With the season of Christmas over, we are now in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a time in the church year where Jesus reveals himself as the Savior for all people. It is a time when we see the miracles of Jesus and ponder what they mean for us. As we read the Bible, it is vital to see that

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Sola Fide! The Act of Believing

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30
Immanuel Lutheran, 1258 N. Broadway

2016 begins the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and one of the great cries of the Reformation was *sola fide*, by faith alone! Pastor Charles Blanco will be our guest to speak on the act of believing as we see it portrayed in the Scriptures. He will lead us in an examination of how the New Testament authors depicted trust and belief in the Triune God. We will investigate the "ins and outs" of believing and how believing is at the same time so very simple. "*For the Gospel is the power of salvation to all who believe,*" Rom. 1:16 Also how believing is very much in need of divine aid every step of the way. "*Lord, I believe-help my unbelief!*" Mark 9:24.

Charles Blanco is associate professor of Theology at Concordia University, NE, where he also directs the pre-seminary program. Prior to teaching at Concordia, he served in the Rocky Mountain District as pastor of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Ft. Lupton, Colorado (1984-2002). He is a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1983) and Concordia Teachers College, River Forest (1979).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. A free-will offering will be taken to defray expenses. E-mail immanuel.fargo@gmail.com or call 293-7979 to register.

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everything Jesus did was for our salvation. In order to accomplish this, he not only had to suffer God's wrath, but he also had to defeat our enemies. As we contemplate the miracles of Jesus, we see how the devil and the consequences of sin, such as sickness and disease, are overcome by Him. These acts of Jesus give us a foreshadowing of our future when he will destroy those things which stop us from experiencing life to the full.

There is a beautiful Epiphany hymn entitled "Jesus Has Come" that reminds us of Christ's work of destroying sin, death and the power of the devil. This strong and majestic hymn declares:

Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He the might Redeemer! (LSB #533 verse 3)

As we begin a new year, we will experience ups and downs. We are blessed because God is able to uplift and sustain us in the difficult times as well as help us rejoice in the good times. And Christian music is one of the ways, along with God's Word, that the Lord accomplishes this.

May God give you strength and peace in this new year!

Pastor Dave

Thank You From...

Thank you to my wonderful church family for the cards and memorial given in memory of my dad Gene Hall. It was all very much appreciated.

Loretta Swanson



Thanks to everyone for their holiday greetings and treats. You are all a blessing to us!

Pastor Dave Pastor Chris Vicki Peihl

Thanks to all the members who do so many little things for our church: cleaning, repairing, music, ordering supplies, teaching, decorating, helping with coffee and meals, greeting, being confirmation prayer partners and many other tasks that are quietly done. The church appreciates all those who see the needs and takes care of them.

Weekly Bible Studies

"Counterfeit Gods: The empty promises found in the things of this world and the only Hope that matters"

9:40 a.m. Sunday mornings

In this insight study, we will see that anything can become an idol. What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, or anything you seek to give you what only God can give. Though we think we live in a secular world, idols and counterfeit gods are all around us. But there is hope. The living God, who revealed Himself on the Cross, is the only Lord who can truly fulfill you and, if you fail him, can truly forgive you.

"Ruth: Your God Will Be My God"

Women's Bible Study
9 a.m. Thursdays
Resuming Jan. 14

We invite women to join our study on Ruth that meets Thursday mornings. Questions? Call Loretta Swanson at 236-1891.

God's Will Revealed (study of the 10 commandments)

7 p.m. on Tuesdays

We invite you to join us on Tuesday nights starting January 19 as we take a close look at the 10 Commandments. Using Scripture and Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, we will explore what God's will is for us and everyone else.

LWML News

Our January LWML meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. This is open to all ladies of BSLC. Please come and get involved in LWML.

January Service Group

Wanda Roesler is our captain for the month of January. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters Br-D. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with a funeral or other events. Thanks for your support.

Our February group is L-N with Mary Seiffert.

Elder of the Month

Our elder for the month of January is Steve Thielman. 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.



Become a Greeter at Church

Please consider becoming a greeter at BSLC. Sign-up sheets for January and February are in the narthex or let the office or Jean Berard (532-0245) know you will help. It's a great way to get involved with the church and learn to know other members.

Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty - Friday and Saturday, Feb.19-20

A Conference for Laity and Church-Workers of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts
Ramada Plaza, 1635 42nd Street South, Fargo, ND

Friday, February 19, 2016

5 p.m. Reception

6 p.m. Banquet Mr. Timothy Goeglein (LCMS), Former Special Assistant to George W. Bush and Deputy Director to the White House, vice-president of external relations for *Focus on the Family*

Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:30 a.m. Matins Rev. Donald Fondow, district president, Minnesota North District LCMS, preacher

9:00 a.m. Two Kingdoms Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck, district president, North Dakota District LCMS

9:30 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. Religious Freedom in America Joseph Infranco, esq, Senior Counsel, vice president of Alliance Coordination with Alliance Defending Freedom, Washington D.C.

10:45 a.m. Public Policy Advocacy Public Policy Advocates, MN Rep. Kurt Daudt and ND Sen. Dick Dever

11:45 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Religious Freedom in America Joseph Infranco, esq.

2:00 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Panel Discussion (Infranco, Goeglein, Daudt, Dever)

3:15 p.m. Itinerarium Rev. Donald Fondow

Registration Information

Please register online at <https://www.regonline.com/lifemarriageandreligiousliberty>

Registration fee before Jan. 15 is \$75

Registration fee between Jan. 16-Feb. 4 is \$85

Registration after Feb. 5 is \$100

If you prefer to mail a check to "North Dakota District," please send it to:

Mr. Bill Sharpe, PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106-902

World's Largest Baby Shower



Help new moms and dads in our area by donating this month to the World's Largest Baby Shower!

FirstChoice Clinic is the largest pregnancy help clinic in North Dakota and western Minnesota and helps women who are feeling uncertain about their pregnancy make life affirming choices for their baby.

Throughout January, drop off new baby items at any Fargo-Moorhead area Hornbachers location. Your new baby item donations provide what's needed for the Family Boutique at First Choice Clinic.

Needed items include infant clothing (socks, onesies, sleepers), bottles, bibs, nursing covers, diapers, baby wipes, baby towels/wash cloths and grocery/store gift cards.

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.



BSLC Coffee Club

Every Friday, BSLC members gather at 9 a.m. at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. Take time to get to know other BSLC members and is for both men and women of any age.

Join Our Christian Book Club

Ever read a good book and want to talk with someone who has read the same book? Are you looking for good Christian fiction? Would you like to get together and socialize? Please join our new group to socialize and discuss books. Our first book will be "Someday Home" by Lauraine Snelling.

Diane Berggren will be host at her home for the first meeting on Monday, Jan. 18. Please come between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Her address is 414 4th Ave. S. #9, Moorhead. Her phone # is 236-6405. Parking is on the street.

Come even if you haven't read all the book. At the first meeting, we will set a time and date for future meetings and pick out the next book. The book is available by eBook or regular softcover through Amazon or at Melbergs in Moorhead.

Please RSVP by Friday, Jan. 15, so we can prepare for seats and food.

Gold Club Wednesday, Jan. 20

Please join us in the fellowship hall at noon Wednesday, Jan. 20, for a potluck lunch. Bring your favorite dish to share. This is for anyone age 55 and/or older.

Quilting

Quilting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 14 and 28. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you would like to share and your sewing machine, if possible. This is open to all ages. Even non-sewers can be kept busy. Come for an hour or stay all day!

Please Save Your Used Stamps

Please continue to bring in your used stamps and place them in the drawer marked stamps by the LWML kiosk.

Faithful Christians DO Attend Church

by Pastor Chris

The other day, I heard a comment that one does not have to go to church to be a faithful Christian. In fact, the argument went, some of “the most faithful” Christians do not attend church.

Wait. What? Insisting that your ways are better than God’s ways is being most faithful? Hardly.

Of course, faith trusts in Christ alone for our salvation. But in the gathering of God’s people in worship, God gives us exactly that: faith in Christ. “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the Word of Christ, (Rom. 10:17). We do well to remember that although our salvation does not depend on church attendance, our church attendance brings us to the place where God has promised to tend to our salvation. It’s where God continues to connect us to Jesus.

Because the Holy Spirit guides us in the ways of the Lord, the Spirit would guide us faithfully to receive God’s word as the truth and norm of life. God’s Word calls us to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. Specifically, the command calls God’s people to gather together to hear the preaching and teaching of His Word. Both the Old and New Testaments testify to the importance of corporate worship and coming together as an assembly of God’s people.

So let’s call a spade a spade. Neglecting to set aside time to worship, learn and receive God’s gifts is not being faithful. In fact, it’s being sinful; it goes against God’s design. It is living according to the flesh, not in the Spirit. For this, we must not continue in this practice so that grace may abound but instead repent! As Paul reminds us, “How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life,” (Rom. 6:2b-4).

Of course, some people spend their time in church fulfilling the letter of the law, but not the spirit of the law. In other words, they go through the motions but fail in drawing close to God and receive His Word and Sacraments with joy and thanksgiving. But where

we fail God, He does not fail us. The most important part of worship is that our Lord has promised to meet us so that he might bless us with His gifts. It is where He has promised to be Immanuel, God with us. God on our heads in the waters of holy Baptism. God in our ears in preaching and teaching. God with us on our mouths in the body and blood of Christ in and through the bread and wine. And through these, God in our hearts and minds through faith.

We spend most of our week inundated by the world’s claim of truth. And our fallen sinful natures buy right into it. God commands us to worship (and invites us to do this) because through preaching and teaching, God gives us His truth, which is THE truth.

We spend a lot of our week sinning against God in thought, word and deed. Coming to church allows us to confess before God and each other our sinful thoughts, words and deeds; it is an act of repentance followed by the assurance and proclamation of sins forgiven for Christ’s sake.

Jesus commanded us to baptize and teach. Implicit in this is not only the giving of these gifts but the receiving of them. Through His Sacrament and Word, God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of our faith. The Holy Spirit even produces the fruits of faith, namely, the impulses to follow God’s wills and ways – even in our great weakness.

It seems to me a faithful Christian would not stay away from God’s blessings but instead be eager to receive the Lord’s gifts — and even the Lord himself – as often as possible in public worship.

As we enter into a new year and the season of Epiphany, “Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, present in Thy holy Word; grace to imitate Thee now and be pure as pure art Thou. That we may become like Thee at Thy great epiphany. And may praise Thee ever blest. God in man made manifest,” (LSB 394, verse five).

Pastor Chris



Memorial money given in memory of Gene Hall

Ed and Carol Herrmann

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Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann

Rhonda Hoge

Donna Larson

Janet Koppinger

Christmas Poinsettias 2015



Poinsettia Placed by:

Diane Berggren
Steve & Sue Buth
Jeanne Kragt-Barchinger
Muff & Linda Brandt
Lucas & Alexis Doeling
Gerry & Joan Fiechtner
Mike & LeAnn Herrmann
Dennis & Penny Kroshus
Danny & Diane Lee
Chloe & Lizzie Thompson
Pastor Dave & Kim Wagner

In Honor of:

Chloe & Lizzie
Our children & grandchildren
My dear family
Charlie & Dottie Krogen
Our cousins Maddie, Brook, Harrison, Molly, Ethan & Leah
Our children & grandchildren
Our children Tara, Dustin & Leah Herrmann
Our Grandchildren Ace & Arrie
Arline Knutson, our children & grandchild
Diane Berggren, Great Grandma Mickey, Great Grandpa Donnie
Grandsons Leo, Roman & Milo

Poinsettia Placed by:

Dave & Sherrie Anderson
Dan & Carrie Berglund
Diane Berggren
Muff & Linda Brandt
Your Girls-Sandy, Sylvia, Sally
Gerry & Joan Fiechtner
Aidric, Natalya, Elli, Atticus & Elysia Gietzen
Mike & Pam Grothman & Patty Denchfield
Matt & Beth Gustafson
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In Loving Memory of:

Oscar Hangsleben & Gordy Hangsleben, Lester & Viola Anderson
Bud Berglund
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Doris & Ken Brandt
Evan & Lorina Freitag
Our parents & brothers
Odessa May
Pam & Patti's Dad Ray Denchfield
Beth's Dad Bruce Elsner
Sharon's Father Matt Winkels
Larry's parents Peder & Loretta Haarstad
Edwin Haekenkamp
Brian Hartwig & Kevin Hartwig
Our parents Alfred & Roiene Kuska, our brother Dennis Kuska
David McDonald
My husband Steve Morse
David Jr.
Eugene Paulsrud
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Our parents: Herb & Signe Stewart, Herb & Myrtel Schrank
Duane Matzke
Parents Jack & Audrey Thielman
Kim's parents Randy & Audrey Christianson
Our son & brother Jacob Weible
Keith Wiest



Jody Haekenkamp
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Donna Larson & Diane McCabe
Sean & Tina McDonald, Olivea & Elle
Monna Rae Morse
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Mark & Kim Ternes, Jack & Noah
Steve & Jane Thielman, Ben & Nathan
Pastor Dave & Kim Wagner
Kelly & Traci Weible, Alex & Macy
Lisa Wiest, Harrison & Brooklyn



Grace Lutheran School News

Grace auction committee will have meetings at 7 p.m. on Jan. 4 and 25. All are welcome to come and give their input.

The Grace Ambassadors and band will have a concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14. All are welcome to attend.

National Lutheran Schools Week will be Jan 25-29. Grace school will be celebrating with special fun activities all week.

Munchies for Missions and Christmas Tea

A beautiful evening was shared by 120 women at the Christmas Tea on Sunday, Dec. 6. Each festive table was decorated and hosted by a BSLC member. Many many thanks to the following: Kim Wagner (chair), Kym Gilman (pictures), Karen Mart Taverna (food), Mary Seiffert, Theresa Erdmann and Kim Wagner (entertainment). Under the direction of Dennis Kroshus, 25 men helped serve the crowd, and they did a professional, marvelous job. 80 percent of the offering proceeds will go to the Sudanese ministry and 20 percent to LWML mites. We are hoping to make this an annual December event.



January Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, Jan. 6 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Jan. 13 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, Jan. 20 - No Youth Group

Wednesday, Jan. 27 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Friday, Jan. 29 – Youth movie and game night. All our seventh through twelfth-graders are invited to attend a special night from 7 p.m. to midnight. Our time together will include pizza, snacks, movies and games at the church that your mother won't let you play in your living room. Cost is \$5.

Saturday, Feb. 6 – Detroit Mountain Skiing and Snowboarding Trip.

All families should save the date for some time on the slopes at the new ski complex in Detroit Lakes. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. sharp at our church parking lot and return around 6 p.m. or so. Check-in will be at 9 a.m. We will attempt to carpool but will need drivers as well. More information will be available soon.



Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Our youth praise band will practice on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10, 24 and 31. There also will be practice at 6 p.m. Sat., Jan. 16.

On Sunday, Jan. 17, our band will play for the 8:45 a.m. worship.

If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

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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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