



ENLIGHTEN

Newsletter from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo North Dakota

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Sudanese Ministry at Beautiful Savior by Pastor Dave

Mission work and ministry to people of different cultures and languages does not only happen in other places around the world. It has been happening at Beautiful Savior for some time. Seven years ago, some Sudanese Christians were drawn to our church denomination because of our doctrine and practice. They approached Pastor Dave and asked if they could use our building to conduct worship services in their native language. After approval by the Church Council and the voters, they began to worship on Sunday afternoons in September 2010. Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris worked with these new Americans. As a result of that, Daniel and Samuel enrolled in our Synodical program in 2013 to become pastors of specialized ministries in the LCMS. They were called by our congregation to serve as vicars to the Sudanese community in 2014.

Daniel and Samuel will complete their studies in August. After they have completed their classes and an interview process, they can be ordained if they have a call from a congregation. At our voters' meeting on March 5,

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“Lies of Lent” Marks Midweek Series

Our 7 p.m. Midweek Lenten services will begin on March 1 on Ash Wednesday and runs through April 5. We invite you to join us for worship as well as fellowship and food during our Soup and Sandwich suppers from 6-6:45 p.m.

This year's midweek series, "The Lies of Lent," highlights the ongoing struggle between Satan, the father of lies, and Yahweh, the God of truth. Follow this clash in the lives of people from the passion story, including Judas, Peter, the priests, Herod and the thief on the cross.

The struggle between lies and truth remain relevant for God's people today. On one hand, the words of the father of lies seek to deceive and lead astray. On the other hand, the truth of the Gospel brings people to Jesus, who is The Truth, The Way and The Life.

The Lies of Lent schedule is:

- March 1 (Ash Wednesday)** – You Know Best
- March 8** – You are a Rock
- March 15** – Sit Back and Wait
- March 22** – A Little is All Right
- March 29** – Leaders are Always Right
- April 5** – Entertainment is Always Entertaining




Sunday, March 12.
Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour!



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

Sudanese Ministry (continued from page 1).

the Board of Elders and the Church Council will recommend that we call vicars Daniel Mapur and Samuel Majak as pastors to the Sudanese congregation at Beautiful Savior.

If our congregation calls Daniel and Samuel, they would be pastors of specialized ministries to new Americans from Africa. This means that their situation would be different from the that of Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris. They will continue to have full-time jobs that provide them with salary and health insurance. Their calls will be to serve the Sudanese by:

- Leading the Sudanese worship services
- Providing pastoral care for the Sudanese
- Providing Christian education to the Sudanese community and
- Doing outreach among the new Americans in our community from Africa

Some other things to keep in mind are:

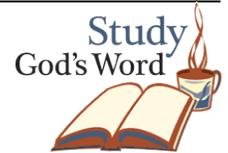
- They will not take over any pastoral duties from Pastor Dave or Pastor Chris. They may help with the liturgy at our regular worship services, but they will not preach.
- If our congregation calls them and they successfully complete their studies, they will be ordained in September.
- Visiting with the Sudanese, it is beneficial to recognize that Daniel is seen now as the senior vicar, and that would continue to be the case. Daniel would have the senior pastor position in the Sudanese community and Samuel the associate pastor position.

Through the support of our congregation and its pastors, ministry to people of a different culture and language has been happening at Beautiful Savior. At the voters' meeting in March, we will be looking at taking another step in this mission work by calling pastors.

Please visit Pastor Dave or Pastor Chris if you would like to have more information about the Sudanese before the voters' meeting that will be held at 9:35 a.m. Sunday, March 5, in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Dave

Bible Studies



Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:40 a.m. "The Way of Jesus"

Jesus called his disciples to "follow me." Yet even before the promised Savior was born, there were centuries of men and women who lived by faith and walked in the way of righteousness. For our next Sunday morning Bible study, we will explore how several Old Testament people anticipated Christ's coming. To begin with, we will look at Abraham, Moses and David. We invite you to join us in the fellowship hall between worship services.



Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m. "Interpreting the Prophecy"

To someone sitting in the quiet of their home, the book of Revelation often presents difficulties and brings perplexities. Some people dismiss the book of Revelation as nonsense. Others in the church have used this book to feed their fevered dreams. But it did not originate as a book to be dismissed, coolly pondered or as food to feed the dreams of idle people. It is the cry of victory raised for the cause of Christ when the cause of Christ seemed doomed. Revelation is a letter addressed to Christians experiencing trials and difficulties because of their faith. It is written so that God's people can live each moment in joy and confidence no matter what happens in this world because we know that Jesus Christ rules all things now and forever. Its message is still relevant for us today. Join us on Tuesday, March 7, as we explore this important book of the Bible.



Women's Bible Study "Esther: Character Under Pressure" 6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays

"Who are you when no one's looking?" When her people were threatened, Esther had to ask herself that question. She could risk her life to try to save her fellow Israelites, or she could "keep her head down" to wait out the threat in obscurity and safety. You'll discover how godly character often develops under pressure. And you'll discover ideas for living a godly life in the midst of contemporary pressures. This study meets Monday evenings or Thursday mornings, so come when you are able.



Ash Wednesday Worship

7 p.m. March 1

Please join us for the start of our Lenten worship.

Voters' Meeting and Election March 5

There will be a voters' meeting on Sunday, March 5, between worship services. Election of officers will be held and other discussion of various issues in the church. If you have any business for the church, please call Brad Cogdill at 237-3821 or talk to either of the pastors.

LWML News

Our next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the church. All women of BSLC are invited to attend and learn more about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

"Love Stitches"

LWML Easter Zone Spring Event

Beautiful Savior will be hosting the LWML Spring Zone Event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 22. Their servant event will be making baby blankets. The blankets will be made by hand, sharing our love and given to babies in need through the Linus Project. You can read more about the Linus Project through their website projectlinus.org.



If you would like to donate some money for purchasing the fleece fabric that will be used for our service event, please write a check to the LWML and put "Love Stitches" in the memo line. Thank you for your donations.

Please Consider Becoming a Captain

Are you being called? We did get a volunteer to take our H-K group, but we still need one or two people to lead our A-Bo service group. This group will next serve the month of October. Please talk to Mary Seiffert (241-9032) or call the office. Thanks.

Confirmation Sponsors Needed

A few more sponsors are needed for our confirmands. Show your support by keeping your confirmation student in prayer. You may also remember them with cards and treats. To sponsor a student, please talk to Mary Seiffert (mseiffert@marykay.com) or call the office.

Easter Flowers For Loved Ones

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for people to order flowers in memory or in honor of their loved ones. Flowers and prices will be listed on the sign-up sheets. Watch the announcements for more information. Checks for the flowers are to be made out to the LWML.

Potluck Suppers During Lent

BSLC offers soup and sandwich suppers before our Lenten worship each Wednesday from 6-6:45 p.m. You are invited to bring soups, sandwiches or desserts as you are able. Our groups will do the set-up and clean-up. Listed below are the dates for each group. Thanks for your help.

March 1	Br-D	Sherry Anderson
March 8	E-G	Diane Knutson-Lee
March 15	H-K	Jodi Haeckenkamp
March 22	L-N	Mary Seiffert
March 29	O-R	Barb Moser
April 5	S	Maggie Stende

Gold Club Wednesday, March 8 With Lenten Worship

Our Gold Club potluck will meet at noon Wednesday, March 8. Our pastors will present a short Lenten worship after our meal. Gold Club is for all BSLC members older than 55 and/or retired. Bring a dish to share and a friend.

Quilting

Quilting will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 2 and 16. Please bring any materials you want and a sewing machine if you can. This is open to all women of the church. Bring a friend or two if you want!

Memorials to BSLC

In memory of Verna Eide
John, Lina, David & Thomas Eide



March Service Group

Sherry Anderson is our captain for March. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters Br-D. She will call you asking for treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Our April group will be E-G with captain Diane Lee. We are still in need of someone to be our group captain for A-Bo.

Elder for March

Nathan Gannon is our elder for March. He will take time to greet members and visitors, help the pastors with any needs and see that things run smoothly. If you have any concerns for our church, talk to Nathan or any of the elders.

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. This is for both men and women of any age.

New Member Corner

BSLC would like to welcome new members John and Betty Hagge. They moved here from Tennessee when John accepted the call to be principal at Grace Lutheran School. John enjoys our praise worship, and he has joined the praise band. They both appreciate our friendly congregation. In their spare time, they enjoy watching football, relaxing outside and spending time with their three grown-up children. Their favorite Bible stories are well-known: Creation, Noah and the flood and the Resurrection of Jesus. Acts 2:42-47 is a favorite verse of theirs.



BSLC also welcomes Gladys Hauck to our church. She has lived in the area since 1990. She enjoys our friendly members. In her spare time, she likes to read, quilt and play board games. Her favorite verse is John 3:16 as it does sum up God's love for mankind.

Your Time is Needed Sundays

Help is needed with running the PowerPoint, ushering and counting the offering each week. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Please consider taking time on a Sunday to help out.

Praying For Others

Prayer Chain: BSLC has an e-mail prayer chain. If you have a concern or joy and would like our prayer warriors to pray for you or others, please e-mail the office, and your prayer will be sent out on the e-mail chain. Also please e-mail updates to the office so it can be e-mailed to our prayer warriors.

Sunday prayers posted in bulletin: Please let the church know if you have prayer concerns and joys to put in our announcements. The petitions will continue to run weekly until you let the church know to remove them off the list. Our church members appreciate the chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears all our prayers at all times.

Show Me? God Did Just That in Christ Jesus

by Pastor Chris

If you had to pick a U.S. vacation destination based on state mottos, it's safe to assume people would give my home state a wide berth. Why? The Missouri motto doesn't highlight any majestic state attraction. It doesn't beam with civic pride over any local product. It doesn't scream "come and visit; you'll be glad you did." Nope. The "Show Me State" warns that they're ready to disbelieve you.



When it comes to the truth of the Scriptures, however, Missourians are not the only skeptics. The world has increasingly abandoned the idea of God by adopting a "show me" attitude. Comedians like Woody Allen point to the fallen, sinful broken nature of the world as proof that God does not exist. Allen says if he has to accept the idea of God, he has to admit: "He's an underachiever."

"Scientific" minded individuals, meanwhile, like to remove God from the equation when finding answers to the origins of both the universe and species on this planet. They too say "show me" when it comes to God. Never mind that science cannot truly explain the idea of something coming from nothing, nor has science observed natural selection and adaptation producing new creatures. (Darwin's finches are still finches.)

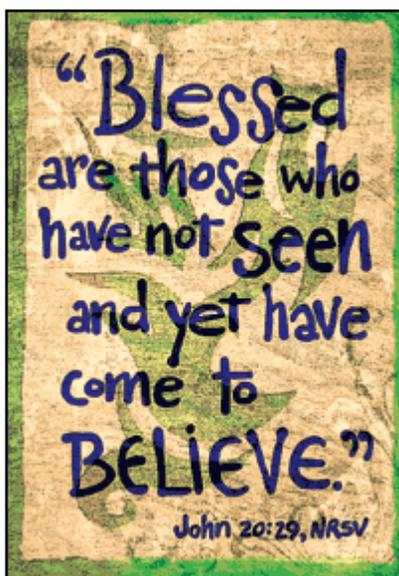
For Christians, it's important to remember that when it comes to God, the "show me" crowd has forgotten or ignored history. It would take a very long time to chart all the ways God has acted within the confines of human history in the Scriptures, so I have chosen just a few.

In the Gospel of John alone, Jesus performs signs as an overwhelming demonstration of His divinity and as a proof of truth concerning His testimony as the one whom the true God has sent as savior.

Jesus miraculously feeds 5,000 with just two fish and five loaves of bread before making the claim "I am the bread of life," a bread that goes way beyond physical sustenance. When Jesus cures a man who had been blind from birth, it gives miraculous credence to Christ's claim that he is "the light of the world," a statement that has deeper ramifications than meets the eye. Jesus comes to restore the spiritually blind by showing people their sin and, more importantly, showing people their savior.

Most remarkably, the resurrected Jesus appears to doubting disciples, fearing family and weeping women, backing up his claim that he would suffer, die and rise again so that repentance and forgiveness of sins would be preached in His name.

Jesus is at his "show me" best after Thomas the disciple has been told Jesus is alive. Thomas responds with the ultimatum "unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails and place my hand into his side, I will never believe," (John 20:25b). Eight days later, Jesus appears to Thomas, who hears, sees and touches the risen Christ.



The point is that we do not have a blind faith. I like to tell the confirmation kids that not believing in Jesus is like not believing in George Washington. Our hope is built on apostolic witness and testimony that faithfully recorded the words and deeds of Jesus in history. And those things were recorded and written so that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in His name.

So the next time you might be tempted to ask God to "show you" that He loves you or that he even exists at all, remember the healing words of Luke, the good doctor and evangelist who records what happened before Jesus ascended into heaven: "(Jesus) presented himself alive to (the disciples) after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God," (Acts 1:3).

Pastor Chris

Grace Lutheran School News

Theme: Trust in the Lord - Prov. 3:5

Grace will have their science and art projects on display from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7. All are invited to stop by and see their amazing works.

Rally Night (re-enrollment) will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 9. Register and pay your \$125 before the April 1 deadline. Receive a chance to win 50 percent off the parent tuition obligation. Receive more chances by bringing along your spouse or grandparents of your student's family. You must be present to win. There will be a meal at 5:30 p.m. along with tour of the school, viewing of the art and science projects and a chance to see the videos produced by the staff and students of Grace.

Donations are still being taken for the school auction. Drop off your new donation at the school before March 20. Thanks!

Giving Hearts Day was a big success as we were gifted with \$33,000! Thank you to all who donated.

Congratulations to all our middle school students for being on the honor roll for the second quarter!

Camp Grace will open in May. Betty Hagge, Cindy Noenning and Kari Lugo will lead camp. If you are a college student and would like to help out, please call John Hagge at 615-479-1438.

Want to learn more about Grace Lutheran School? Call Mr. Hagge, our principal, at 232-4474 or check out our website or Facebook.

[Facebook.com/gracelutheranschoolfargo](https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranschoolfargo).

www.gracelutheranschool.org.



“Simply Giving”

Automatic Withdrawal for Offerings

Members can choose to have their offerings to the church automatically deducted from their checking or savings account. It is simple to sign up for or to change. Contact the church office for the forms to set up these types of donations.

“Main Street Living North” TV Program

Have you watched this locally produced TV ministry program yet? Each Sunday morning a North Dakota or Minnesota North LCMS pastor leads a 30-minute worship service called “Main Street Living North,” which is broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on KVRR Fargo-Moorhead channel 15.1 and on cable stations. All programs can be seen anytime at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

A 30-minute children's program called “Kid's Crossing” is shown at 10 a.m. preceding the worship service.

Please prayerfully consider donating to support this program. Checks may be sent to “Main Street Living North,” 307 10 1/2 Ave. E., West Fargo, ND 58078 or donate at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com by using PayPal or a credit card. (Designate for the new “North” broadcast area.)

We still need about \$4,000 to reach the generous matching gift from the South Dakota MSL ministry! Thank you for sharing the word of this wonderful outreach opportunity.

Summer Bible Camps

It's not too early to think about registering for summer camps for your children. Most camps offer an early registration discount. There are brochures in the narthex or go to the camp websites for more information. Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads website is shretreat.org. It is located by the Peace Gardens. Lutheran Island Camp website is www.islandcamp.org. It is located on East Battle Lake, MN.

Crossfire Youth Band

Our youth praise band for students in grades 6-12 will meet at 7 p.m. Sundays, March 5, 12 and 19. They also will practice at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 25 and play at the 8:45 a.m. worship Sunday, March 26. If you have questions, please call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

Palm Sunday Party set for April 9

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, people celebrated the coming of the Messiah. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church will host its own celebration for kids age four through grade five from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

This year's party will include crafts, Easter egg dyeing, snacks, an Easter Egg hunt with prizes and the story about Palm Sunday. Cost is \$3 per child. Please pre-register if you plan to attend.

Tuition Assistance for Children Attending Grace Lutheran School

Beautiful Savior has tuition funds to help parents send their children to Grace Lutheran School. The assistance forms are available in the church office. If you are requesting assistance, you are asked to sign a covenant agreement. Talk to either pastor if you have any questions. The deadline for submitting the application is the end of March.

March Youth Events

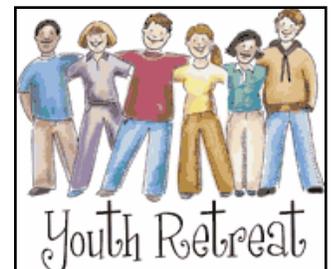
Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, March 1 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12
Wednesday, March 8 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12
Wednesday, March 15 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12
Wednesday, March 22 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12
Wednesday, March 29 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4: Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat.

All students in grades eight through 12 can get refreshed in their faith during the ND District Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat in Carrington. We will leave on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. and return around 5 p.m. on Saturday. Activities include teen-led growth sessions, devotions, concerts, a junk food buffet and some meals. Cost is \$75. Please also bring enough money for dinner on Friday. Please fill out a form and give to Pastor Chris.



Friday, March 24 – “Lock In” for Junior High. All junior high students are invited for a night of fun from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 N. Broadway. The evening will include Bible study, games, music and snacks. The cost is \$5 per person. Fill out a form and return to Pastor Chris.

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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.

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

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