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Synod Sets the Table for Intentional Family Conversations

By Pastor Chris

How well do you know your spouse? Your kids? Are you aware of the developments and changes in the lives of your family members? Have you kept up with their interests, challenges, joys, plans and perspectives?

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has developed a set of conversation cards aimed at enlivening and deepening conversations at the dinner table. The cards are free and can be downloaded from the lcms.org website under the resources tab.

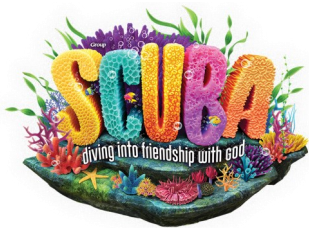
Research supports what families have intuitively believed for centuries: sharing a meal around the dinner table is vital to communal family life. Kids who sit down to regular family meals are more likely to be healthier physically, mentally and spiritually, with lasting impact into adulthood. In addition, families who regularly talk to each other about their day — even sharing trivial details — feel a deeper sense of connection and belonging within the home and within their greater community.

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A Scuba VBS Worship Service

8 p.m. Thursday, June 6

There will be a scuba worship service from 8 - 8:25 p.m. Thursday, June 6. Our VBS kids will be singing the songs they have learned at this year's vacation Bible school. Come hear some fun music and support the kids.



Summer Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday beginning May 28
Pastor Chris available by appointment.

Summer Worship Schedule

7 p.m. Wednesday Worship beginning May 22
The sermon corresponds with the following Sunday. We will not have a service Wednesday, June 5 during VBS.

9 a.m. Sunday Worship beginning May 26

10:15 a.m. Sunday Adult Bible Study



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

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Martin Luther and his family understood well the importance of welcoming others into their home for lively conversation around a shared meal at the table. Some of these conversations were even recorded by hand and compiled into a collection of writings that are now known as Luther's Table Talk. LCMS Family Ministry hopes these resources will help your family continue this tradition of good, lively conversation at the dinner table. The idea is quite simple: share a meal, pick up a card, and go!

Just finding time to sit down together can be complicated. Everyone is pulled in different directions. Each child has their own schedule of extracurriculars. Parents have a list of to-dos that pile up well after all the homework is completed. We're tempted to rush through meals and make mealtimes as expeditious and efficient as possible. Start by choosing one meal a week that you sit down as a family around the same table at the same time. No phones or other electronic devices at the table. Just food and a pack of cards. Have the youngest member pull a card from the stack, and take turns going around the table, giving each person a turn to answer.



Hopefully, this one meal per week challenge will grow into something that your family can manage multiple times per week. Perhaps it will even become a daily habit. At whatever frequency and in whatever way you choose to incorporate these cards into mealtime, we pray that it will lead to fun conversation and memories shared. Maybe both the questions and the answers will surprise you. You may find yourself asking a question you've never thought to ask or learning something new about a family member you've known all their life!

Most importantly, we hope that your family will be served and that the joy of life together in Christ will be yours in abundance!

National Youth Gathering Fundraisers

Save the date for the **NYG Pizza Ranch** fundraiser night from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, June 10 at Pizza Ranch, 4480 23 Ave S, Fargo. Please come and support our youth. Mention Beautiful Savior when paying, and part of the receipt goes to our youth as well as the tips. The BSLC youth will also be there clearing tables and refilling drinks. Come join us!



The NYG youth will also be doing a **Tastefully Simple** online fundraiser from June 1 - 15. The youth will receive 25 percent of all orders placed through this fundraiser. Order forms will be available in the narthex as well as an online link. All money raised will support the youth attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



Beautiful Savior Potluck Call Meeting

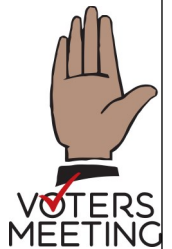
Beautiful Savior will have a potluck lunch and a call meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 9. District President Arie Bertsch will present Beautiful Savior with a list of names to consider for calling a second pastor.



Please bring a main dish, side or dessert to share. If you have any questions, visit with Pastor Chris or a member of the call committee.

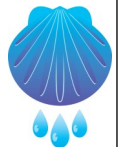
Voters' Meeting Sunday, June 30

Plan to attend the voter's meeting at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 30, and hear an update on the call process and reports from various boards and committees. This is your chance to find out more about the ministry of our church.



Baptisms

May 12: Rhett Wyldé Thompson, son of Collin and Danielle Thompson, born April 10, 2024. His sponsors are Kirk and Amy Dietrich.



Please Update Your Address

Do we have your current phone number and address? Do you go to the lakes for the summer? Newsletters are not forwarded, and the church is charged \$1.69 each time one comes back. By letting the office know, a newsletter can be e-mailed to you each month until you return home.

Supper will be Offered Before VBS

Supper will be offered from 5-5:45 p.m. every night before VBS for a free will offering. The menu for each night will be:

Sunday – hot dogs and hamburgers

Monday – BBQs

Tuesday – macaroni and cheese and pulled pork

Wednesday – pizza

Thursday – pasta bar (red and white sauce)



Summer Potluck Meals

This summer we will host potluck meals in the fellowship hall at the church to get to know our BSLC family. The meals will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, and Wednesday, Aug. 14, and at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 21. Brats and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share and enjoy a meal and fellowship with your church family!



Scuba Vacation Bible School: Diving into Friendship with God

6-8 p.m. Sunday, June 2-Thursday, June 6

We'll be diving into an amazing undersea adventure where kids from age 4 to those in sixth grade will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. They'll be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about through Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and much more!

To sign up, fill out the form in the narthex or on the church website, and return to the church office.

Don't forget to invite your friends!

We can use volunteers in the following areas:

Crew Leaders - move your group of children from station to station. No teaching is involved. Just make sure you have everyone, assist in the stations and make sure children are behaving.

Station Leaders - are in charge of a designated activity each night. Stations include: crafts, outside games, Sticky Scripture and music. Scripts and materials are prepped and ready for you. All you have to do is follow the directions!

Kitchen Helpers - help assist the kitchen staff with mealtime prep, serving and clean-up.

Decoration Crew - Prior to VBS you would need to help decorate. Talk to Stacy Knudson for more information.

Registration - check in kids each night and point them in the right direction.

Don't forget to invite your friends!



ND District Requests Feedback on Lutheran Family Service Partnership

As our year in partnership with Lutheran Family Service comes to a close, the LCMS North Dakota District wants to know what you think about the partnership. Your insight will help provide data for the Board of Directors to evaluate the partnership as the 2025 LCMS ND District convention considers pursuing a longer term partnership with LFS. Surveys can be found in the narthex, or click on the link on the church website.

Grace and Immanuel to Install New Pastors

You are cordially invited to attend the Service of Installation for:

- Rev. Michael Suelzle as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, followed by a meal.
- Rev. Scott Johnson as associate pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 16, followed by a potluck.

Spring Cleaning at Beautiful Savior

Volunteers are needed to spring clean the church above and beyond what the custodian cleans weekly. This includes classrooms, fellowship hall and the church yard. Stop in for a half an hour or half a day. Task sheets will be posted in each room beginning the week of June 10. Return sheets to the office when all the tasks have been completed. Thank you for volunteering to clean God's house.



BSLC Clubs and Service Groups

Elders - Our elders greet members and visitors, helps the pastor with any needs and see that all goes well at worship service. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the other elders.

Quilting and Fellowship - We will meet this month from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 and 27. You do not need to know how to quilt. Come for awhile, or stay the whole time. Call Donna Ceroll at 701-232-2464 with questions.

Gold Club - Gather together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next lunch will be at noon on Wednesday, June 19. Gold Club is for anyone!

BSLC Coffee Club - BSLC members, men and women of any age, are invited to gather at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings at Randy's, 2130 University Dr. S., Fargo.

Beautiful Garden - As you are reading this, the garden should be planted and God willing, showing signs of growth. Camp Grace kids will be helping out on Tuesdays. We plan to have gardening sessions at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:15 a.m. on Sundays after Bible study or any time that works good for you.

All ages are invited to help with gardening activities and enjoy some fellowship. If you would like to be added to the communication list, please email Tim at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com. A special thanks to Adam Kubista for tilling our garden plots.



LWML - Our next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19. All women are invited.


LWML Loose Change Sunday, June 30 - Bring your coins, bills or checks and place them in the mite bucket.

Please continue to save stamps - we received \$40 for our last shipment and a \$100 donation from our collector.

Save the date for the LWML Fall Luncheon - 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 26. Donations will support the Women's Care Center this year. Let the church office know if you are interested in sponsoring a table.

LWML State Convention, June 14-16 - Join fellow LWML women at the 2024 state convention "Lord of All Creation" based on Colossians 1:16, Friday, June 14, through Sunday, June 16, at the Ramada in Bismarck. Registration forms are available in the *Messenger* on page five and six, accessed through the church website.



LFL Encourages You to "Step Up 4 Life!"  Lutherans For Life

Register to participate in our annual "Step Up 4 Life" campaign, and help LFL in proclaiming that every life is indispensable and has intrinsic value given by God. Participate in our walking campaign from May 12 - June 24 as an individual, team or congregation and earn steps while raising money for the Gospel-motivated and life-affirming ministry of Lutherans For Life. Register at stepup4life.org/2024 or email stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org.

Memory Verse Challenge

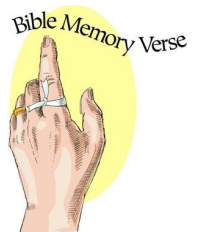
June 2: 1 John 4:10 - In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

June 9: Ephesians 5:1-2 - Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

June 16: Colossians 3:23-24 - Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

June 23: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

June 30: Matt. 6:33-34 - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.



Upcoming Bible Studies

10:15 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study:

“Defending the Faith” - Are you be ready to defend your faith? If someone asked you why you were Christian, what would you say? Would you say you're a Christian because you were raised that way, or would you say you're a Christian because you just believe it? Do you have a good defense for why you believe what you do?

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter writes: “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” (1 Peter 3:15).

We believe, teach and confess that no one can come to or remain in the faith without the power of the Holy Spirit, so we give all glory to God, who works faith through the means of Word and Sacrament. But there is another part to why you are a Christian. You are a Christian because Christianity is true. How can you defend that statement?

7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: “Life in Christ: Rooted, Woven and Grafted into God’s Story” - Reading and understanding the Bible can be difficult, even for lifelong Christians. Perhaps you even have trouble connecting your personal life to the family lineages, narratives, and parables from Christ’s teaching.

Rev. Dr. Adam T. Filipek, helps us to understand how our life story is interwoven with the life of Christ in the Bible. Piece together each of the narratives in the Old and New Testaments to see how God has grafted your life onto the beautiful saving life of Christ.

9 a.m. Thursday Women’s Bible study:

“Pursuing Contentment” - All too often life falls short of our expectations and happiness seems just out of reach. We face disappointments, disarray, delays, and drawbacks. We want to be the kind of women who exude serene calmness, cheerfulness, and acceptance even in the midst of trials and difficult situations, but that is hard to do!

In Pursuing Contentment, you will explore what the Bible says about true contentment how it is a skill to be learned. You can break old habits and patterns of thinking and choose to be grateful in all circumstances. You can say, like the apostle Paul, “I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content” (Philippians 4:11). You can cultivate contentment in your heart.

“Main Street Living North” TV Program News

Summer traveling often takes us out of town on Sundays or other times when our congregation’s worship services are normally being held. Our need for the spiritual nourishment of God’s Word and Sacrament, as well as the blessing of gathering together with fellow believers in Jesus, remains as much as ever. Please find a sister LCMS congregation wherever you find yourself. Remember our LCMS “Main Street Living” media ministry broadcast each week.

To add your financial support, send checks to Main Street Living North, 821 Fifth Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website. God’s blessing in Christ!

June pastors and sermons are as follows:

June 2: Rev. Chad Berg, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: “Why Do You Pray?” based on Luke 11:1-13. *This is the Life:* “Some People Need Help.”

June 9: Rev. Edwin Borchardt, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Frazee, MN, presents the message: “I was Naked and Afraid, But not Any-more” based on Genesis 3:8-15. *This is the Life:* “Jeremy.”

June 16: Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, presents the message: “The Secret of the Slacker Sower & the Sickled Seed” based on Mark 4:26-34. *This is the Life:* “Flight Plan.”

June 23: Rev. Brett Hartwig, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN, presents the message: “Why are You so Afraid?”, based on Mark 4:35-41. *This is the Life:* “Amazing Grace.”

June 30: Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School, Perham, MN, presents the message: “Joy in Giving” based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15. *This is the Life:* “The Selling Price.”

God is a friend who's real.



BSLC High School Seniors

These seniors graduate this weekend. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you in your new endeavors. Congratulations!

Dylan Barth, son of Brent and Dawn, will graduate from South High School in Fargo. He plans on taking a year off and then will attend Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead, for construction in the fall of 2025.

Clay Fell, son of Becky Wilson and Bruce Fell, will graduate from Sheyenne High School in West Fargo. He plans to take a year off and continue to heal from his heart transplant. He plans to attend North Dakota State University in the fall of 2025.

Maia Gilman, daughter of Drew and Kym, will graduate from Davies High School in Fargo. She plans to attend NDSU or Concordia. She plans to major in psychology and minor in theater.

Rylee Hans, daughter of Michelle and the late Christopher Hans, will graduate from Davies High School, Fargo. She plans to attend North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton and major in architectural modeling/design and unmanned aircraft systems.

McKenzie Kainz, daughter of Troy and Kim, will graduate from Moorhead High School. She plans to attend Winona State University, Winona, MN. She is undecided on a major.

Morgan Mielke, daughter of David and Amy, will graduate from Davies High School, Fargo. She plans to attend University of North Dakota and major in elementary and special education.

Alex Paul, son of Joe and Sandy, will graduate from Shanley High School in Fargo. He plans to attend Lake Region State College in Devils Lake and pursue a degree in criminal justice.

Josie Paul, daughter of Joe and Sandy, will graduate from Shanley High School in Fargo. She plans to attend Augustana University, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and major in psychology and music.

Zak Paul, son of Joe and Sandy, will graduate from Shanley High School in Fargo. His plans are undecided.

Jacob Waldvogel, son of Pastor Chris and Jamie, will graduate from Sheyenne High School in West Fargo. He plans to attend Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead. He plans to become an electrician.

Emanuel Weber, daughter of Nate and Nikki, will graduate from Kindred High School. She plans to attend Dakota College in Bottineau and major in horticulture.



Youth Group News

June Youth Events

DESTINATION UNKNOWN: Where will the youth go this week?

Join us and find out! Every Wednesday after confirmation class, youth in grades 6-12 can participate in a youth group adventure from 8-9 p.m. Each week, we will travel to a different surprise destination where we will have an activity and short devotion. We will return to church for games, snacks and faith sharing. For more information, see Pastor Chris.

Wednesday, June 12 - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, June 19 - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

Wednesday, June 26 - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12



Thank You ...

- to Stacy Knudson and all our Sunday school teachers and helpers for the 2023-2024 school year.
- to all the volunteers for leading the music for Sunday school, the Christmas programs and kids choir.
- to the parents for sending your children to Sunday school and confirmation each week.

LCMS Summer Bible Camps

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is now taking registrations for summer camp. Check out their website at www.shretreat.org or call Rev. Jon Bonine at 701-244-5225.



Lutheran Island Camp is now taking registrations for summer camps. For a full list and description of all their summer camp programs and registration, visit their website at <http://www.islandcamp.org/registration>.

GLS Tuition Assistance Available

If you would like to apply for GLS tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year, please fill out an application form, and return it to the church as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the application form or about our policy, please call Pastor Chris.



We will let the families know how much tuition assistance they will be receiving from the church in early summer.

Wallum Scholarship Fund

Are you thinking about where you or your children may go for college? Consider one of our LCMS universities. Grants are available to assist youth and adults who wish to begin or continue their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available in the church office.

GLS News

It's official, school's out for the summer! We've replaced the noises of children with construction noise. Meineke Johnson, Dakota Electric, and SA Mechanical are on site and getting started! May 21 was the last day of school and the groundbreaking for Growing Together in Grace.

Summer office hours are 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Camp Grace is being held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church this summer. It is running at capacity with a full staff, directed by Ms. Jessica Stephens and co-directed by Mrs. Katie Jensen. Ms. Stephens and Mrs. Jensen are both current faculty at GLS.

GLS has the following job openings: part-time music and part-time physical education. We are also looking to hire before- and after-school childcare workers to start in September. Call the school at 701-232-7747 for an application for any position.



Growing Together in Grace Update



On May 21, The Forum photographed the Grace Lutheran School groundbreaking, and we did an interview with Robin Huebner for a front page news story.

It is important to note that while we are nearly fully funded, we still need to raise about \$200,000 to reach our goal of \$2.2 million. As of today, pledges and donations stand at almost exactly \$2 million. The construction window is from May 28 - Aug. 31. Please pray for the safety of all construction workers, speed and efficiency and minimal surprises in their work.

If you wish to support the Growing Together in Grace campaign, gifts may be sent to PACE at 1025 14th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 or through the online giving link at www.glsfargo.org. Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org with questions.

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Office Hours:

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Pastor Chris is available by appointment.

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9 a.m. - in-person & via YouTube

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Sunday

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Pastor Chris is available by appointment Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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