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Please Pray for Peace

By Pastor Chris

God has established government to fight just wars, overcome oppression, and maintain peace. These days, I'm praying especially for the latter.

When it comes to the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, I'm not taking sides or playing politics. I just pray for an end to war. I pray for an end to killing. I pray for an end to civilian casualties. I pray for an end to human cruelty.

I pray for both sides. How many will die without knowing and believing that God's Anointed One, Jesus Christ, has delivered humanity from sin, death and the power of the devil?

How many will continue to rage and spite, unaware that in Christ, "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross," (Colossians 1:19-20)?

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Beautiful Savior Call Update

Pastor Jonathon Rusche has returned the divine call to Beautiful Savior. The call committee will be asking for another list from District President Arie Bertsch to call an associate pastor. If you would like to nominate someone for the call list, please get a form from the office.

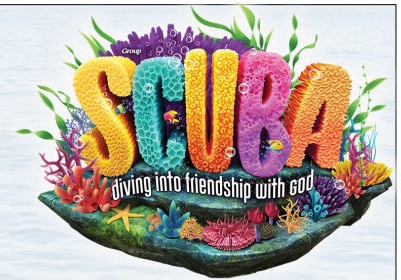
Scuba Vacation Bible School:
Diving into Friendship with God
6-8 p.m. Sunday, June 2-Thursday, June 6

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! Can't volunteer your time, but would still like to help out? Contact Stacy Knudson or Pastor Chris. Watch for a donation list coming soon!

The whole family is invited to join us for our program at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 6. We will sing, recite and review what we learned. We look forward to seeing you!

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!

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Please Pray for Peace

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How many are so focused on a tract of land that they lack the comfort that Christ will usher in a new heavens and new earth with more than enough room for all the faithful to live under Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness?

Pray that the Good News may ring out in this land parched and lacking in the one true God's peace and what our heavenly Father has done through His Son. Pray that God's Word of sins forgiven and eternal life in Christ may reach ears and lives with little or no hope. Pray that God's peace may not leave us content with a temporary lack of conflict, but rather remind us that Jesus comes to bring a wholly, holy restored relationship with God and one another.

Please pray for peace.
Don't leave anyone out.

"Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus," (Philippians 4:5-7).



Pastor Chris

May 19 Education Hour to Highlight Lutheran Family Service

On Sunday, May 19, Rev. Les Wolfgram, pastor of Shepherd of the Valley in Bismarck, will be presenting information on Lutheran Family Service (LFS). Hope-filled marriage counseling, compassionate mental health care, Christian adoption services, life-affirming pregnancy support and legislative advocacy for life issues are just a few of the services that LFS offers to pastors, church workers and individual members of our congregations and communities. LFS is a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, so you can be assured that they are Christ-centered and cross-focused.

In keeping with the convention resolution passed at our 2022 District Convention, the North District continues to explore the possibility of bringing the resources of Lutheran Family Service here. Currently, LSF offers professional consultations by phone for Christ-centered, personal, family and marriage counseling to our pastors, church workers, and congregation members.

You can reach LFS by phone at (515)573-3138 or by email at info@lutheranfamilyservice.org



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 6, during VBS.)

9 a.m. Sunday Worship

beginning May 26

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Summer Office Hours

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

Monday-Thursday

Pastor Chris available by appointment.



Join the Mowing Team

If you are interested in volunteering to trim or mow the church grounds this summer, call Matt Gustafson at 701-205-2263 to get added to the schedule. Come for an hour or all day and as many times as you are able throughout the summer. Anyone can help!



BSLC Adopt-a-Seminararian

Andrew Frerichs, BSLC's adopt-a-seminarian, has been assigned to Grace Lutheran Church, Huntsville, AL, as associate pastor. Please keep him in your prayers.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, gifts and beautiful flowers I received for Administrative Assistant Day. I am blessed to be serving such a wonderful congregation! - Kim

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	42,220	86,106
Expense	29,569	53,514
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	12,651	32,592

Sundaes on Sunday Ice Cream Social

The elders are hosting a special event scooping up sundaes from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, in the fellowship hall.

This event will provide an opportunity for fellowship with members and friends of Beautiful Savior.



Installation of New Church Officers

Installation of our newly elected and re-elected officers will be held during both worship services Sunday, May 5. We thank Kim Ternes, Dale Olson, Rich Beaver and Don Schroeder for their service and all they have done for Beautiful Savior. Please keep our officers in your prayers.

Elders: Gene Doeling, Caley Perleberg and Seth Murray

Secretary: Deb Schimek

Financial Secretary: Beth Gustafson

Treasurer: Craig Hashbarger

Education: Stacy Knudson

Properties: Scott Persoon

RR Lutheran School Board: Tim Deitemeyer



ND District Pastor's Conference to be Held at BSLC May 6-8

The ND District spring pastor's conference will be held May 6-8 at BSLC. There will be an opening worship service at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 6, followed by fellowship. Anyone is invited to attend.

Congratulations 2024 Confirmands



Back from left: Jocelyn Thorsrud, Pastor Chris, Jason Lehfeldt. Front: Noah Ternes, Aiden Johnson.

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)



Scuba Vacation Bible School: Diving into Friendship with God

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

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We need many hands to make VBS a success! We are looking for volunteers to help 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 - help make decorations at the church from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, May 1 and May 8. Don't worry if you can't stay the whole time, there are many projects big and small. Anyone is welcome to come and help. Materials and treats will be provided!

Donations - Keep your eyes open for donations that will be needed to help make VBS a success.

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

Don't forget to invite your friends!



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, May 9 and 23. 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, May 15. 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 - If you are interested in doing some gardening this summer in the Beautiful Garden in Beautiful Savior's backyard, come at 11:45 on Sunday, May 5. Bring a dish to share (there will be pizza too) as we finalize the planning for the garden. We are looking for more gardeners this year. We will have new work hours coming this spring. There is always plenty of work to do. 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.



LWML - We will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 16. All women are invited.

“Lord of All Creation” 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.



Won't You Walk with the LWML of the ND District?

Join the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) of the North Dakota District in a virtual mite walk. For just one dollar a day for the month of May you will be contributing towards the LWML ND mission grant goals.

Simply place \$31 in an envelope marked LWML Virtual Mite Walk in an envelope available in the narthex and place in the offering plate. Thank you for generously supporting our mission grants.



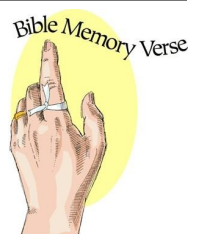
Memory Verse Challenge

May 5: Matthew 6:9–13 - Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

May 12: Mark 10:45 - For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

May 19: Acts 2:38–39 - “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

May 26: Numbers 6:24–26 - The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 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:

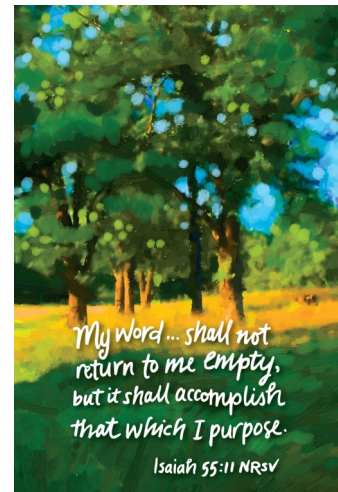
“Pursuing Contentment” - Beginning May 2, All too often life falls short of our expectations and happiness seems just out of reach. We face disappointments, disarray, delays, and drawbacks. We want to be the kind of women who exude serene calmness, cheerfulness, and acceptance even in the midst of trials 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

“So shall My word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it,” (Isaiah 55:11). These are exceedingly reassuring words, and all the more as the world seems to increasingly crumble around us. May God continue to bless the words sent out through our MSLN TV broadcasts and internet pathways!

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!



May pastors and sermons are as follows:

May 5: Vicar Jonathan Chapa, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, presents the message: “What A Friend That We Have...” based on John 15:9-17. *This Is the Life:* “How come a nice girl like you?”

May 12: Rev. Jim Neubauer, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: “More Than Meets the Eye” based on Acts 1:1-11. *This Is the Life:* “A Will to Live.”

May 19: Rev. Steve Schulz, Mission Central in Mapleton, IA, presents a message titled: “The Spirit of Truth” based on Acts 2:1-21. *This Is the Life:* “Man in the Middle.”

May 26: Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, director of ministry to the Armed Forces in St. Louis, MO, presents a memorial weekend message. *This Is the Life:* “Return Trip.”

MSLN Hymn Recording

Join Immanuel Lutheran Church's choir in recording hymns for MSLN from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 at Immanuel, 1258 Broadway N. Dress is white top and black bottom. RSVP to Katie Rolf with your voice part at: kathryn.rolf@gmail.com.

Growing Together in Grace



The GTIG capital improvement campaign is in the homestretch. Our current goal is to raise the next \$300,000 by May 15. Financing is in the works, and construction begins May 28.

In almost one year, \$1.93 million has been raised. Please continue to pray that we would bring people to the project and that full funding will be provided in His timing.

If you wish to support the GTIG 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 with questions at 701-232-7747 or amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org.

GLS News

May is a busy time at GLS with field trips, packing Mercy Meals, signing yearbooks, cleaning out desks and lockers and enjoying the nice weather. This year is bittersweet as our students will return to a fully remodeled building in the fall. One thing will not be changing is our mission: Christ, Character, Community.

You are invited to Graduation ceremonies at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, at the school. We have 14 kindergarteners and seven eighth grade students graduating this year. Cake and beverages will be served after the ceremony.

Come over to the school at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, for the GTIG construction groundbreaking ceremony. All are invited to this momentous event!

Pasta With a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. Thank you all for joining us to raise funds for new furnishings around the building. A complete wrap-up will be in next month's newsletter.



LFL Encourages You to "Step Up 4 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 for "Step Up 4 Life" at stepup4life.org/2024 or email stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org.

Lutheran Family Service

Lutheran Family Service offers free Christian-based counseling for members of all LCMS congregations.

For more information, call (515) 573-3139 or

www.LutheranFamilyService.org



2024 Easter Flower Dedications

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In Loving Memory of:

JP Wiest, Father, Father-in-law & Grandfather
My Loved Ones
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Our Grandparents
Rev. Charlie Johnson
Eric Kaeding, Son
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Irene LeMier, Mother
Harlan LeMier, Father
Patty Teele, Sister
David Jr.
Eugene Paulsrud, Dad
Raymond Schlichtmann, Dad
Parents, Brothers & Maxine,
Glen Haekenkamp's Mother

In Honor of:

All LWML Ladies
Our Grandchildren, Andy & Liam
Mac Vossler, Godfather
Dustin & Mitchell
Kim Wagner
Our Parents
All Beautiful Savior Members



Last Day of Sunday School May 19

Sunday school will conclude on Sunday, May 19. A huge thank you to all our teachers and assistants for teaching our youth this year. We hope you have a great summer and come back next fall refreshed and ready to lead our youth again!

Save the Date: June 10 NYG Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Save the date for the National Youth Gathering fundraiser night on 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.



Beautiful Savior High School Seniors

BSLC would like to honor our high school seniors at the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services on Sunday, May 12. Please attend the service that works best for you. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you in your new endeavors. Congratulations!



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.

May 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, May 1** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12
- Wednesday, May 8** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12
- Wednesday, May 15** - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12
- Wednesday, May 22** - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12
- Wednesday, May 29** - from 8-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12



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Office Hours:

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Pastor Chris is available by appointment.

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. in-person & via YouTube

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 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.

Worship Services available at:

www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com

www.youtube.com

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