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9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday Pastor Chris by appointment.

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

Reaffirming the Importance of Our Place in God's Story

By Pastor Chris

Learning the Christian faith seems to be a hit and run endeavor these days. Sunday school has become an afterthought. Confirmation has become a task to be completed, not an affirmation of the faith into which one is baptized. Too often the approach to confirmation comes down to three things. Cooperate. Graduate. Move on. Studying, growing and living the faith has given way to subjective application, something without any tangible direction. But how can you apply something you don't know?

Today's drive-though mentality has put the cart before the horse. It seems like learning in any capacity has become something you merely tolerate. This is a product of the culture, in general, and the education system in particular. A recent article in the *Lutheran Witness* written by Kate Deddens gives quite a scathing review of secular education: "Mainstream education no longer perceives human beings as intentional agents in God's creation, under His harmonizing authority, created with meaningful goals intimately connected to our physical, mental and spiritual nature," Deddens writes. "Instead, it reflects the secular culture which offers a scattered and incoherent vision of what it means to be human.

"This secular vision offers an intensely individualized portrait of humanity, compartmentalized into many disparate components. Separated by everything from purely physical characteristics to indistinct metaphysical beliefs, people are now often seen to be entirely self-determining. This gives a new twist to the ancient aphorism of Protagoras that 'man is the measure of all things.' Contemporary humanity tends to be secularly understood as self-creating, self-identifying and self-fulfilling, without a need for anything that transcends it, let alone a God who governs over it."

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BSLC Fall Schedule Wednesday, Sept. 4

6:15 p.m. Confirmation grades 7-96:30 p.m. Praise Band Practice7:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting

Rally Sunday, Sept. 8

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship Installation of Sunday School Teachers Bibles for Third-Graders - either service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Noon Rally Sunday Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, Sept. 11

7:30-9 p.m. LYF grades 6-12

Rally Sunday Picnic at Rheault Farm Sunday, Sept. 8

Come celebrate rally Sunday!
There will be an opportunity
For food, fellowship and fun
with a church picnic beginning at
noon on Sunday, Sept. 8,
at Rheault Farm,
2902 25th St S, Fargo.
Brats and hamburgers will be
provided. Bring a side dish
or dessert to share!

Reaffirming the Importance of Our Place in God's Story (Continued from Page 1.)

Sunday school, adult Bible studies and confirmation provide opportunities to help Christians become more familiar with God's Word and gladly hear and learn it. The Spirit-laden Word is the power of salvation for all who believe (Romans 1:16) so it is of great benefit to hear, read, mark and inwardly digest the Scriptures that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life.

As Christians, we must look at learning differently than the world. We must look beyond mere expectation and hoop jumping and see God working through the means of His holy Word. God's Word helps put things in perspective and serves to enlighten and strengthen our faith. God's Word helps us to see our place within the confines of God's salvation and activity in the lives of His people. Deddens writes that this forms the tenants of Lutheran teaching, which does not follow the patterns of secular education but rather:

Focus on God-centered, rather than self-centered, content and learning methodologies.

Acknowledging our status as both saint and sinner, we should ground Lutheran education in the understanding that all knowledge begins with the fear of God (Prov. 1:7), humbly confessing our human condition of fallenness. We can then confess that truth, goodness and beauty are not found within or produced by man-made constructs, but are objective, incarnated by God, and revealed by Him. Thus, for Lutheran educators, the purpose of education ought to be the facilitation of students' capacities to come to know God and His truth, rather than internal, subjective dictums.



- Foster vocational service in love of neighbor rather than love of, and service to, the self. Asserting that we are saved by grace through faith and not by personal power or authenticity, Lutheran pedagogy emphasizes that in Baptism all come before God as equals, all sinful yet all saved by His work and not our own. Instead of competition and self-interest, Lutheran education forms students for vocation and service.
- Nurture faith and love of God above all else. Again, because we are saved by God's work and not our own, the primary purpose of education must be to engender faith in our students — above worldly success or ability.
- Set students' eyes on the coming of the new heavens and the new earth, rejecting the illusory idea that any utopia might ever be built by man here in this life.

Romans 8:7-9 tells us: "For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 2:14: "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."

Humanity does not accept the things of God without the Holy Spirit's working, and the Spirit works through the Sacraments and God's Word. Cooperate. Graduate. Move on serves no purpose or lasting benefit. Limited exposure to God's Word leaves little room for God's gifts to encounter us. "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ," (Romans 5:17).

Truth, meaning, joy and life are found in God, not apart from Him. Instead of looking to ourselves for all good things, we come to learn and believe these things are impossible without God. The Word of God is not just something to be learned. It remains essential in forming who we are in Christ. Paster Chris

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to help lead and/or assist in classrooms. If you only have a few Sundays that work for you, that's ok. We'll work around your schedule. All projects and activities are set up, and tell you what to say. You don't have to prep or plan anything - just show up and follow the instructions! Let Stacv Knudson, Pastor Chris or the office know if you are willing to help in any way.

Music Ministry Leaders Needed

Beautiful Savior needs music ministry leaders for

- adult choir director or piano accompaniment see Mary Seiffert
- youth praise band director
- Sunday School opening and Christmas program director/ co-directors see Stacy Knudson Prayerfully consider if you could share

your gifts and talents and step up and volunteer in any of our vacant positions. If you want

more information on any of these positions, visit with Pastor Chris or leave your name in the church office.



Sunday School Begins Sept. 8,

The first day of Sunday school is Sunday, Sept. 8. Please register your child for class as soon as possible. The registration form can be found on page seven of the newsletter, in the narthex or on the church website.

Confirmation Begins Sept. 4

As a part of our education ministry, BSLC offers confirmation classes for students in seventh through ninth grades. If you have a child in one of those classes, please have



them join us beginning at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4. There will also be a short meeting following confirmation at 7:30 p.m. with parents to review our confirmation program this year. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Chris. If you are new to Beautiful Savior, please fill out an information form prior to the parent meeting.

New Member Sunday Sept. 22

BSLC will welcome the newer members of our congregation during both worship services on Sept. 22. There will be a reception with fellowship and cupcakes between services. Please



introduce yourself and welcome our new members. If you would like to join Beautiful Savior, please call the office to find out what steps to take. We would love to have you as a part of our family.

Voters Meeting

Beautiful Savior will hold a voters meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29. Rev. Mark Resner has returned the call to Beautiful Savior. We will hear an update on the next step in the call process. Plan to attend this important meeting.

	SLC Treasurer's Report eneral Operating Fund				
Oper. Fund	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>			
Contributions	39,212	223,704			
Expense	20,851	<u>172,403</u>			
Surplus/ (Shortfall)	18,361	51,301			

Bibles for Third-graders

The scriptures implore us to keep the Word of the Lord in front of us as a constant reminder of how much God does for us, especially salvation through Jesus Christ.
God's word is also a means of grace, by which God works faith in us.



Because God's word is such a special gift. All new and returning children entering third grade will receive a Bible during the 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. service on Rally Sunday, Sept. 8. Please join us for this special celebration! This year's third-graders include:

Donna Carl Harper Clasen Abigail Lehfeldt Anabel Henn Brayden Johnson Kinsley Mathiason Lena Vonasek

NYG Parent and Student Meeting



There will be a NYG parent and student meeting at noon on Sunday, Sept. 15. We will discuss important upcoming dates and future fundraising. Pizza will be available for all.

Lutherans for Life Fall Dessert Banquet

The Lutherans for Life Fall Dessert Banquet will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church, 2901 20th St. South, Moorhead. More information is available in the narthex. Contact Gail Waagen at 701-306-6283 to register.

"Heaven and Nature Sing" LWML Fall Salad Luncheon



The Beautiful Savior LWML will host a fall salad luncheon starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. The theme will be "Heaven and Nature Sing." The event will feature entertainment, a presentation from the Women's Care Center followed by a salad luncheon. There will be a shop and drop auction, table preview and a special donation will be taken for The Women's Care Center.

We are asking for donations of six kinds of salads - three 9 by13 pans of each. Three or four people can team up to make the same salad recipe, as some of the salads will be more costly to make. This way the salads will be uniform.

If you are interested in attending as a guest, hosting a table or making a salad for the luncheon, sign up in the fellowship hall or contact Kim in the church office.

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 - Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12 and 26. We meet twice a month for five or six hours. The coffee is always on and we have lunch at noon. Come join this fun group! You do not need to know how to sew. We donate quilts to local organizations, silent auctions or will sell quilts to anyone. If you have questions, please call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

Gold Club - It is a time to get together and enjoy some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next get together will be at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Bring your "colorful food" to put on our table of many colors. Invite a friend, 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. Beginning Sept. 6 we will meet at the Fryn' Pan, 310 Main, Fargo.

Beautiful Garden - The Beautiful Garden has been producing veggies, so if you see any veggies in the narthex help yourself! Join us for weeding, harvesting and fellowship on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m., or whenever you can get there. You do not need to be a member of Beautiful Savior to participate. If you would like to make a donation to help fund the water bill and seeds, please mark "garden" on an envelope, and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to get on the communication list, call Tim Deitemeyer at 793-2220 or email tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com. See you at the garden!

Evangelism and Stewardship - There will be an evangelism and stewardship committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, in the fellowship hall. Anyone is invited to attend.

LWML - We will return to monthly meetings at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19. All women are invited to join. Your participation in LWML is a great way to make new friends and serve the Lord!

Save the date for the following events: LWML Fall Retreat Sept. 13-15 - "Christ's Creation: Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ," Sept. 13-15, in Grand Forks. Registration forms are in the narthex.

Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat Sept. 27-29 - at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John. Registration forms are in the narthex.

LWML Fall Rally - 10 a.m. Oct. 12 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Bismarck, Dedicates New 'Hope Chapel' Addition

A dedication service was held Aug. 16 in the new Chapel of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Bismarck. LWML mission grants and numerous donations helped make the needed addition a reality.

Rev. Rick Jones, DBGR chaplain and director of spiritual life delivered a sermon with the theme of "hope." The altar and pulpit/lectern used paraments from the recently closed North Dakota District congrega-



tion, First English in Fairmount. Artist Stacy Askivig donated countless hours in the design and creation of the stained glass window titled "Heaven's Steps."

Memory Verse Challenge

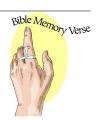
<u>Sept. 1</u>: Psalm 73:25-26 - Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

<u>Sept. 8</u>: Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

<u>Sept. 15</u>: 2 Corinthians 12:9 - But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

<u>Sept. 22</u>: 2 Corinthians 13:14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Sept. 29: **Hebrews 11:1 -** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.



Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study will provide critical evaluation of evolution, old earth - Beginning Sunday, Sept. 8, with a twoweek viewing of "Noah's Flood: Washing Away Millions of Years," followed by a two-week exploration of evolution in "Dismantled," beginning Oct. 6. We will have a two-week break as we celebrate New Member Sunday on Sept. 22 and have a voters meeting Sunday, Sept. 29. We will explore questions of evolution using observable science. We will be watching two videos: "Noah's Flood: Washing Away Millions of Years" and "Dismantled." These videos are excellent resources to help families discover that science supports the Biblical account of a six-day creation and young earth. Students in seventh through twelfth grades are welcome and encouraged to join the study.

5:45 p.m. Sunday night Family Bible Study: "The Chosen - Season 4" begins Sept. 22 - See the Bible come to life through "The Chosen" video series. We will watch one episode each week followed by a brief discussion.

Bring a dish to share and at 5:45 p.m. we will have a potluck meal in the fellowship hall, watch the nightly episode at 6 p.m., have a discussion



at 7 p.m. and end our study by 7:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends for a night of fellowship and faith.

7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: "God's **Encouraging Word: True Comforts When** Worldly Advice Fails" - "Just be positive!" "God only gives you what you can handle." "Others have it harder." People mean well when they say these phrases. They intend to offer comfort and help during difficult times. Yet do these self-help phrases actually offer comfort to you? Do they make things feel worse? Do they align with God's Word? Author Faith Doerr has heard her fair share of these phrases during struggles in her life. And she knows first-hand how they feel like 'nails on a chalkboard' from the receiving end. If these phrases don't offer comfort, then is there something that can? Scripture. God's Word is full of true comfort that can help you in times of trouble and distress.

Learn how to offer real comfort and hope to those in your life through Scripture in God's Encouraging Word. Copies of the book are available for \$11.

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study "Finding Rest in a Busy World" begins Sept. 12 - In Finding Rest in a Busy World, you will explore what the Bible has to say about the importance and value of rest. You will learn ways to recognize if your schedule has gotten out of control and how you can apply the brakes to restore healthy boundaries in your life. Even more, you will discover how God promises you can rest in who He is, what He's done for you, and what He will do for you.

Copies of the book will be available for \$7 at the first meeting and can be paid for then.

"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

The war between Iran and Israel and the war in the Ukraine competes for the news headlines with forest fires, flooding, shootings and a long list of other evil that has invaded God's original good creation as a result of sin. Some people have said they've even stopped watching the nightly news because it is so depressing. If we were told only of the evil in our world, there would be no hope, but there is hope and that hope is in Jesus. Jesus said: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). Jesus backed up this claim with His resurrection, after taking on Himself the punishment for the sins of the world, including mine and yours!

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!

September pastors and sermons are as follows:

Sept. 1: Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck, presents the message: "Create In Me A New Heart" based on Mark 7:13-23. *This Is the Life*: "Like Father Like Son."

Sept. 8: Rev. Kevin Zellers, Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, presents the message based on Mark 7:37. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information. *This Is the Life*: "Families Come First."

<u>Sept. 15</u>: Rev. Matt Thompson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bismarck, and St. John's Lutheran Church, McClusky, presents the message: "Words for Good" based on James 3:1-12. *This is the Life*: "Conspiracy of Silence."

<u>Sept. 22</u>: Rev. Kirk Peters, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hazen, presents the message: "Jesus is THE Greatest!" based on Mark 9:30-37. *This is the Life*: "Big Account."

<u>Sept. 29</u>: Rev. Dennis Voss, Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, presents the message: "Guarding Your Ways" based on Matthew 18:10-11. *This is the Life*: "The Deadly Pen."



GLS News

Endure. It's been a long summer of construction and



setbacks due to weather. We are enduring because the end of construction marks a new beginning in a place for growing and sharing faith. Hebrews 12:1-2 reminds us that Christ endured the cross to ensure that we receive a new beginning in eternal life with Him. We cling to the cross as we endure our trials on earth, construction included. This project is in Gods hands and His perfect timing.

Beginnings. School starts on Sept. 4 and will meet at St. Andrew Lutheran Church through Sept. 20. We will start at the school building on Sept. 23. The school will meet at Immanuel on Sept. 9 and 16.

Volunteers. The week of Sept. 16-20 we will prepare the classrooms and building for occupancy. There is a volunteer sign up link located at www.glsfargo.org with all of our current volunteer opportunities.

Save the date. A Celebration of Grace dinner and auction will be Friday, Nov. 8, at the Sanctuary Events Center. If you have an item to donate, please contact Amy Hirsch at amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org.

Hiring. We are hiring after school childcare workers for the school year. Aftercare runs from 3-6:15 p.m. and has flexible days/hours. This is a great opportunity for high school or college students. Contact Amy Hirsch for an application.

Parking. Please refrain from parking in the Olivet Lutheran Church parking lot. They have requested that we no longer use their parking lot for any reason. Parking instructions will be communicated for all of our community events.

Enrollment. It's never too late to enroll! We have space in our K-8 classrooms. We'd love to share the importance of Christian education and the difference it will make in your family's life.

Growing Together in Grace



Construction is near completion at GLS. As of this writing, the roof is on, windows are in, sheetrock is done, cabinets are here, HVAC and door frames are installed. Contractors are also removing and replacing water-damaged items in two classrooms, the library, bathrooms, locker rooms and main office.

We are still actively fundraising to avoid taking on debt. The next phase of fundraising includes recruiting "Legacy Leaders" to help us gather contact information for our alumni to present them with several ways to reconnect with Grace and support the project. We would love to be part of your planned giving or required minimum distribution this year.

If you would like information about GTIG, would like to make a donation toward the project, interested in becoming a "Legacy Leader" or have old directories or yearbooks from the 1950s-1970s, please contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747.

College Student Fall Retreat



College students and young adults, join us Sept. 20-22 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, as we focus on the vocation of student. We will discuss the unique challenges and joys of navigating university life as those who are baptized into Christ. Cost is \$125 and covers meals and lodging. To register or for more information contact Pastor Dan Suelzle at wittenbergchapel@gmail.com or 701-215-2592.

OCC News

Now is the best time to buy school supplies. Our team has been counting what we already have. Our most needed items are: crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, pencil end erasers, pencil sharpeners, scissors (kids or adult), girls or boys size large socks, combs or brushes and toys. Any other items for shoeboxes are also welcome. Place all donations in the box In the narthex.

School supplies should be dropped off by Sept. 30. All other items should be dropped off by Nov. 10. Save the date for the OCC Packing Party - Sunday, Nov. 24 between and after services.

For more ideas visit the following registries. These can be shipped directly to the church.

Amazon registry:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PAMPUJDWMOS9?ref =wl share.

Walmart Registry:

https://www.walmart.com/registry/ER/6cbc0d8a-84a1-443a-9a6c-ce782661c2d0

Visit the official OCC website for more information and shoebox gift ideas or to make a donation for the cost of shipping:

https://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/











Sunday School News

Welcome back to Sunday School! Please make sure to register your child so we have enough materials and volunteers for a successful year.

Sept. 8 is Rally Sunday, the kick off to a new Sunday School year. We will celebrate by having an arts and craft party. Our first unit this year will focus on how God helps us. We will jump into this topic by reading and discussing David in the book of 1 Samuel. We will go on this adventure with a new mysterious Bible Buddy named Klymer.

September Youth Events

Destination Unknown: Where will the youth go this week?
Join us each week for a surprise destination, devotions, games,



snacks, faith and fun! For more information, talk to Pastor Chris.

Wednesday, Sept. 11 - 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12 Wednesday, Sept. 18 - 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12 Wednesday, Sept. 25 - 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12

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Christ	ian Education	Registrat	ion Fo	rm	
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You may also email t	he completed form	to the church	at office	@bslcf	argo.org.
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9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday Pastor Chris is available by appointment.

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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 www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo Sermon podcasts on our website & iTunes app

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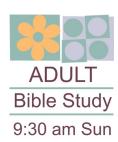
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