What Is Truth?

The media recently generated quite a buzz about a 4th century papyrus fragment that mentioned Jesus was married. The New York Times and even David Letterman gave attention to this claim. But first things first, does this fragment prove that Jesus was married? The answer is an emphatic “No.” At most, it can only tell us what one group of ‘Christians’ in the middle of the second century thought. But it says nothing about true history – about the Biblical Jesus of Nazareth. Not surprisingly, most experts believe that this fragment is actually a fake.

While sensational headlines like these can create doubt and confusion for people, they can also create timely opportunities for us as Christians. They reinforce the importance of understanding why we believe what we believe as Christians. The “churchy” word for this is apologetics.

Here are four things Christians need to understand when it comes to apologetics...

Defending the faith is not optional. The Bible makes this clear: “In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer [apologia] to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15). Apologetics involves responding to objections, making a case, and giving hope that is Christ-centered. It is part of what it means to be a thoughtful follower of Jesus who seeks to love God with all of your mind (Matthew 22:37).

Apologetics is extremely practical. Apologetics isn’t only for academics and intellectuals. Everyone has questions – we do, our kids do, our friends and neighbors do, and our culture certainly does. We will either think carefully or poorly about these questions, but the questions themselves cannot be avoided. Since Christianity is true, it speaks to all of life. It doesn’t get more practical than that. The most important question we need to help people ask isn’t, “Will Christianity work for them or help them feel better?” Rather it’s, “Is Christianity true?”

People are entitled to their own beliefs, but not their own truth. Belief is not what ultimately matters – truth is. Our believing something is true doesn’t make it true. The Bible isn’t true simply because I have faith. Truth is what corresponds to reality – telling it like it is. In the case of Jesus’ alleged wife, we need to look at what the earliest and most reliable biographies of Jesus of Nazareth tell us. Upon
Upcoming Messages

Life, Money, Hope: Biblical Advice in Difficult Times

Are you trying to make sense of the economy? God’s Word has timeless advice on money matters that influence what happens right under our own roof. We will focus on these the first two weeks of November. Please read the assigned Bible passages to prepare for each week’s service.

November 4/5 “The Basics of Biblical Finance”
Proverbs 11:24 & 21:20

November 11/12 “Breaking out of the Debt Trap”
Proverbs 22:7

Please Stand By

While many people are fascinated with the end of the world, there hasn’t been much emphasis on the second coming of Jesus. The disciples didn’t doubt if Jesus was coming back – they just didn’t know when it would happen. The following two sermons will highlight the anticipation, patience and perseverance that the Holy Spirit desires to create within us until Jesus’ victorious return.

November 18/19 “Zombie Apocalypse Now”
Matthew 24:3-14 & James 5:7-11

November 25/26 “Beyond the Mayan Calendar”
1 Corinthians 2:9 & Revelation 21:1-14
Christ the King Sunday

New Horizons

This is an eventful month. New Horizons meets Thursday, November 1. Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day. Christians throughout the United States are praying, “Lord, keep this nation under your gracious care.” Thursday, November 22 is Thanksgiving Day, the beginning of the Holiday Season. Christians sing, “Now Thank We All Our God.” Yes, regardless of the outcome of the election, God will continue to be in control and those faithful followers of Jesus Christ are confident, “the best is yet to come.”

New Horizons will gather in the Lower Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. for a catered complete Thanksgiving meal. The cost of the meal is $8.50. The “Q Street Quartet” will sing old favorites for the program.

The catering company prepares food for the number of reservations made and New Horizons is obligated to pay for all reservations. Therefore, it is essential to call your hostess. Please call Carolyn Schrader, 402-331-3833 if your last name begins A through Mc; call Alice Downey, 402-493-3944 if your last name begins Me through Z. Anyone making a reservation will be responsible for the cost of the meal.

God calls on us to be faithful in 2 kingdoms, earthly and heavenly. Please take advantage of your opportunity and responsibility to vote on November 6. Beautiful Savior’s La Vista and Grover Sites serve our community by being polling places.
High School Ministry

Wednesday Night “Energized” is the 1st Wednesday every month for students in grades 9-12. We meet on November 7 from 6-8 p.m. at the La Vista Site.

This event provides the opportunity for all students to meet on a regular basis outside of our Student Worship on Sunday mornings and the Student Life Groups which meet each week. The atmosphere is fun, relaxed, social and gives an opportunity for students to get to know others.

Speaking of Voting . . .

The annual Beautiful Savior Voters’ Assembly will take place in the worship center at the La Vista Site on Sunday, November 11, at 12:15 p.m. Items that will be voted on are:

1) selecting members for Mission Leadership Council and the BSLC Foundation Board
2) the 2013 congregational budget
3) approving called worker housing allowances
4) calling a fourth Pastor in 2013

In addition, a discussion of the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) program and an update of the new facility addition will be given.

To discuss these issues and prepare for the Voters’ Meeting, Information Meetings are scheduled for Sunday, November 4, at the La Vista Site at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.; the Grover Site at 9:30 a.m., and at the West Maple Site at 9:15 a.m.

Young Adults

Music Note is a series for Young Adults that takes an interesting look at the influence of music, not only in life but in correlation with current relationships. Guest speaker Scott Carlson will equip participants for healthy relationships and pursuing Christ in the midst of profound culture change.

Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. will be the final segment in this 3-part series and the topic will be sex. You’re kidding me! We are going to talk about this in church - with church people? Wow, what will that be like?! Come and laugh at our humanity and take a look at this beautiful God-created part of romantic love.

Thanksgiving Eve

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Celebration at the La Vista Site on Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. Two other La Vista Churches (Harrison Street Baptist and Faith Presbyterian) will be celebrating with us on that evening.

Women’s Ministry

Beautiful Savior’s Women’s ministry is leading a women ONLY Urban Plunge from November 30 - December 2, 2012. What is the Urban Plunge? We leave the comfort of the suburbs and the safety of the small town and experience ministry in the inner-city.

Our group will get a hands-on experience with nine different faith-based social service agencies in one weekend. Dive into service and take the Urban Plunge!! Cost is $95 per person. We are looking for a group of at least 10 women. If you would like more information please visit the church website: www.bslcomaha.org or contact Carey Oswald at 402-250-8669.

Ladies In Fellowship Together

Once again, by popular request, we will go to A/Art Glass Studio for our November activity. You may make stained glass ornaments of your choice. The cost depends on which ornament you choose to make. Most average less than $10 per ornament. The cost includes ALL supplies and final firing.

We will meet at the studio, 7332 Harrison Street on Monday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. The class will last 2 hours. Even if you do not want to make something, it’s a great place to shop for holiday glass gifts. You can visit their website: www.aartglass.com to get some ideas.
Preschool News

Dear Friends in Christ,

Wow, can you believe it is already November!! Time is just flying by here at Preschool. This is a special month that we set aside to gather with family and friends to share and show our thankfulness to God for our abundant blessings. We in the preschool have so very much to be thankful for. We are first and foremost thankful for all of the precious little ones God has led to us. What an awesome responsibility (and blessing) it is to share His word and His love with them. We are also so blessed and thankful for the wonderful preschool families we have. Thank you, thank you, thank you for the donations, classroom volunteer help, field trip help, words of encouragement and kindnesses showered on us daily! In addition there is the wonderful preschool staff to be thankful for. I believe they are the greatest bunch of loving, caring, nurturing teachers you could find. We are also extremely thankful for the congregation here at Beautiful Savior. Again, the many donations, time and talents, and kind expressions you offer us are greatly appreciated.

Our preschoolers participated in a food drive for our Grover site food pantry. In just two short week’s time, our students were able to raise 883 items! An awesome preschool parent is continuing on with the service, by hosting a food drive in her place of business, The Hair Place. We are all just paying it forward here and thankful they we are able to give and support.

During this month, the preschoolers will have many opportunities to indeed share and show OUR thankfulness. We will begin a pajama drive, to help out those children less fortunate. We will also have Thanksgiving Feasts for all classes, where the entire family is invited to share in wonderful food and fellowship. Our preschoolers will be attending field trips at Kid’s Body Shop, thankful that we are healthy and active.

During this special month of thanksgiving as we reflect on all that God has provided and continues to provide in our lives, we will continue to teach this message each and every day to our little ones. Watching them grow to know Jesus and even share this message at home has been a privilege and an honor. Now that’s something to be thankful for!

In His Service,
The Preschool Staff
West Maple Notes . . .

This past month Beautiful Savior West Maple celebrated its one year anniversary. Some days it is hard to believe it has already been one year. Some days it is hard to believe it has ONLY been one year! Here are some of the latest happenings and future happenings:

Financial Peace University classes started this fall on Sunday mornings.

October 13, the 50th Anniversary Committee and West Maple partnered for a Tailgate & Movie event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of BSLC and the 1st Anniversary of West Maple at the 20 Grand Theater. Many people are to thank for a wonderful event!

We are now using the theater’s sound system and projector for our worship. This is a big step in our AV/Sound quality and greatly reduces our set-up time.

This Christmas, West Maple will be partnering with OPS’s Integrated Learning Program as an Adopt-A-School partner. We are working with the Principal, Sandra Bender, who is a member and worships at West Maple.

Starting in January 2013, Concordia Schools Omaha has graciously allowed the use of office and meeting room space in their new offices located at 142nd & Maple (right next to the theater) for free. This is a HUGE blessing! Pastor Ryan will be using the space a couple of times each week for office hours and West Maple will be able to utilize the meeting room for leadership meetings.

Please stop by if you are ever up North-West on a Sunday morning!

Pastor Ryan

Grover Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who helped with, donated to or came to eat at the Pancake Breakfast on October 20. You all helped to make it a great success!

A special thank you to the Preschool children who donated 853 items to the pantry last month. Wow! That really helped to fill the shelves! And thanks to all those who faithfully donate non-perishable food items on a regular basis. Every item counts.

Please continue to keep the pantry in your prayers. Last month we served 147 families on the first Saturday and 111 families on the second Saturday. Families are not required to bring a lot of paperwork with them when they come and they can come as often as they need. Many pantries allow them to come only once a month or less. They are greeted by friendly, caring volunteers eager to show them Jesus’ love. Volunteers carry the food out to their vehicles and on occasion have even transported it to their home or helped them get it to the bus stop.

Watch the screens on Sundays or visit Beautiful Savior’s Facebook page to find out what specials are on at local grocery stores to help you purchase items for the pantry. You can help in the following ways:

✔ Bring food to the Melissa site and put it in the boxes downstairs across from the kitchen.
✔ Make a financial donation, place it in an envelope and mark it “Grover Pantry” and place it in the offering plate.
✔ Volunteer on the first or second Saturday of the month at the pantry.

Please contact Mark or Cheryl Roth at 402-339-0308 or email m.roth@computer.org if you have questions about the pantry or to volunteer.

Grover Site Notes . . .

The Grover Site was Beautiful Savior’s first multi-site, established in 2010 at 44th and Grover. Our purpose is to present a Lutheran witness through worship and service in that area of Omaha. Currently we are averaging 75 people in worship. We offer warm and caring fellowship which begins at 10:00 a.m., prior to worship which begins at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Our praise band is greater than awesome and leads us in engaging worship. We have time for children from 10:45-11:40 a.m. Pastor Tim does the majority of the “live” preaching but occasionally Pastor Keith or a guest preacher shares God’s Word with us.

If you have not been with us on a Sunday morning, it’s time you showed up! You are ALWAYS welcome!

Pastor Tim
Adult Bible Classes

**Sunday**

**The Intersection of Church and State**  Final lesson in this course meets November 4.  8:00 a.m. – Room 216 – Led by Jim Haack (Another course of study will begin November 11).

**Financial Peace University**  The life-changing, 9-week Dave Ramsey course on achieving financial freedom wraps up this month.  8:00 a.m. - West Maple Site - Led by Matt & Julie Korte;  9:00 a.m. – Preschool Room 1 – Led by David & Janel Schmidt

**Crossways!**  A comprehensive, 2-year course on the whole Bible. The first 30 units are being covered in 2012-13, and the second 30 units in 2013-14. Homework assignments strongly recommended.  9:15-10:45 a.m. – Room 215 – Led by Terry Taege and Erle Carter.

**Discovery Class**  An 8-week course on the Biblical basis for Lutheran doctrine, wraps up on November 11.  9:30-10:30 a.m. – Room 216 – Led by Jim Haack. (Another Discovery Class will be offered in January).

**A Christian Response to Islam**  Learn the history and current beliefs of this religion with over one billion adherents.  (Class will not meet on November 4th due to Voters’ Information meeting).  9:30 a.m. – Upper Fellowship Hall – Led by Brian Swanigan

**Life Lessons from Hebrews**  This women’s class explores the application of this New Testament letter to our daily lives.  9:30 a.m. – Room 229 [Library] – Led by Rachel Grimm

**Weekdays**

**Monday**

**Men’s Bible Breakfast**  6:30 a.m. – Summer Kitchen Café (120th & Giles). Led by Jim Haack

**Discerning the Voice of God**  7:00 p.m. – Women’s class in the Lower Fellowship Hall – Led by Lisa Draper and Penny Freyer

**First Place 4 Health**  . . . 6:30 p.m. in Room 215 - Led by Melissa Bergoch

**Tuesday**

**Ladies’ Bible Study**  9:00-10:30 a.m. – Upper Fellowship Hall – Led by Jim Haack.

**Revelation**  6:30 p.m. Pastor Tim leads a study of the Book of Revelation at the Grover Site.

**Wednesday**

**The Oxygen Mask**  6:15 p.m.  A class for parents whose kids attend the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade Discipleship programs at church, discussing the same topics the kids are learning. This class will not meet on Thanksgiving Eve or during the Advent/Christmas season, but will resume January 2.

**Discovery Class**  6:30 p.m.  An 8-week course on the Biblical basis for Lutheran doctrine, wraps up on November 14. (Another Discovery Class will be offered in January).

**Thursday**

**Early Riser Bible Study**  6:15 a.m.  Pastor Tim leads a study of the Book of Acts at the Farmhouse Café on 84th Street next to Mangelsen’s.

**Ladies’ Bible Study**  9:00 a.m. Currently studying Priscilla Shirer’s course on the book of Jonah.– Room 216 – Led by Rachel Grimm

**Saturdays**

**Men’s Bible Study**  8:00 a.m. – Junior High Room – Led by Ron Acers
High School Life Groups are in full swing. If your high school student is not involved and would like to be we have a group for you. HSM Life Groups are made up of 6-8 gender and age specific students who meet weekly in homes with an adult leader. Life Groups are a chance to connect with new people or old friends and share life together. It is a way to stay connected to Christ and your friends. Please contact Josh Keithley for all the details.

Want to get involved in High School Ministry as a Life Group Leader? There are a bunch of eager students but we are in need of adult leaders. If you have a passion for Christ and young people, you could be our next leader!! Please pray about this and give Josh Keithley a call, 402-331-7376 or email at josh@bslcomaha.org.

Student Worship is a time of worship, praise and life-changing teaching each Sunday morning at 9:30. We meet in the Student Center, downstairs. Topics connect students to God’s Word and relate to what they deal with in their daily lives. Students will love the band, the message and the interactive small group discussions. This IS Student Worship.

Missions are a vital part of HSM. Missions allow us to put our faith into action and serve others as Christ served us. We have opportunities in local, domestic and international venues. Thanksgiving is a time when we reflect on all our blessings. Those who have a relationship with Christ have the knowledge to trust in Him even in the worst of times. He gives us hope. He provides a shoulder to lean on.

Beautiful Savior’s HSM and Student Life Groups have an opportunity to share that hope and love on Saturday, November 17 as they work with Open Door Mission in their “Drumsticks on Wheels” program. They will deliver turkeys and all the fixings to families in need. We will meet at Beautiful Savior La Vista Site at 10:00 a.m. and carpool. The deliveries will take about 2 hours. When we are finished with the deliveries we will have lunch back at the La Vista Site and share our experiences with one another. We should be done by 1:30 p.m.

High School Ministry - Mission Hong Kong 2013 is just around the corner and preparations have begun! If you are a student who will be entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2013 you are eligible to go. All $150 deposits are due on November 18. Contact Josh Keithley for more information on how to sign up.

If you want to stay connected to High School Ministry you can visit us at www.bslcstudents.org; Beautiful Savior Students Facebook page; or follow on Twitter @bslcstudents. You can also sign up for texting on the student website under the HSM connect tab. Parents or anyone who wants to stay connected can sign-up too, or get connected to our email service. Contact Josh Keithley for more information.

Concordia Schools - Omaha

“Interested Student Day” at Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School is set for November 2. Open House at Concordia Academy will be Thursday, November 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Kindergarten Roundup will be on Friday, January 25.

Concordia is looking for a Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, High School Freshman/Reserve Girls Basketball Coach, and a High School Freshman/Reserve Boys Basketball Coach. If you are interested and want more information, please contact Athletic Director Steve Zehnder at (402) 445-4000.

The building project at Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School is on schedule. Masons have laid cement block walls for much of the first floor locker room/offices/training room area of the new addition. Footings have been poured for the gym and for the metal storage building. The project, which also includes an expanded commons and six new classrooms, is on schedule to be completed in July 2013 (in time for the opening of the 2013-14 school year).

Building Construction Update

Construction has been progressing on schedule this early fall with the focus the end of October and into the first part of November on the enclosure of the building before winter appears. Exterior work has been masonry work, siding and asphalt shingles. On the interior, electrical and plumbing rough-ins have been ongoing, to be followed by wall insulation and ultimately drywall installation. On the east front entry, the majority of the canopy/portico is in place. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation during the construction in this area.

An important item I want to focus on is that the
Building Fund for the “Not Without You” Campaign is currently 12% ahead of projected giving. As a result, Beautiful Savior - through mid October - has not yet had to take out a loan or a line of credit for any of the payments to the architect or to the contractor. This is great news and looks to save us about $20,000!

As always, if there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at svoswald@cox.net or at 402-980-0403.

Scott Oswald
Building Committee Chairman

Christmas Craft Fair

The Asia 2013 Mission Trip is sponsoring this event, so please come enjoy over 80 tables of gifts, decorations, etc. on Saturday, November 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is $2 for 12 and older. There will be refreshments available for purchase as well. Plan to come check out the latest craft ideas and get some of your Christmas shopping done!

If you would like to support this event with baked goods that we can sell as refreshments that would be greatly appreciated as well.

Contact Tammy Latimer (402-547-3553) if you have any questions.

Adult Life Groups Notes

A Life Group is where you meet people, learn the Bible, experience care, deepen friendships, and find avenues for meaningful service. Currently there are more than 30 adult Life Groups meeting regularly! One group has 13 participants, 7 of whom have not been in a Life Group before! Some meet weekly, others meet every other week, and some meet monthly. Some always meet in the same place while others rotate locations. If getting out at night is hard for you, there are daytime Life Groups. If you join one and find that it’s not the right fit, try another one.

There are two ways to find a Life Group that fits your preferences and schedule:

✓ Contact Jim Haack at 402-331-7376 or jim@bslcomaha.org, describe what you’re looking for, and he’ll put you in touch with one or more of our Life Group Hosts.
✓ Search for a group at any time from the comfort of your home! Beautiful Savior’s web site has a link that will connect you directly with all of our Life Groups. Go to www.bslcomaha.org and click on “Get Connected.” From there you will be able to find every Life Group that submits information.

We urge you to visit our BSLC web site and the Life Groups link, and to e-mail or call one or more of the Hosts (leaders) to find out about their groups.

LIFE GROUP HOST TRAINING will take place this month at two different times for your convenience. Both sessions will be identical, so just choose one or the other to attend:

♦ Sunday, November 18, 12:15-2:00 pm (includes lunch);
♦ Tuesday, November 20, 6:30-8:00 pm.

The main training topic is “Bible Study Tools.” Life Group Hosts will get hands-on experience in learning how to use Bible concordances, dictionaries, atlases, commentaries, and other helpful resources, both in “hard copy” and online.

Here are five reasons why I’m a raving fanatic for “Life Groups” at Beautiful Savior...

Life Groups are the primary relational fabric of the entire congregation. We want the church to be a place where everyone is known by someone. They create a sense of belonging. So Life Groups help close the back door of the church.

Life Groups are the primary source of care and compassion in a large church.

The Bible studies and prayer in Life Groups deepen and develop discipleship.

Life Groups are flat-out fun.

When Life Groups are a core of church life, have an aim, and the chemistry is good they are truly transformational.

Pastor Keith
**Why Is Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church so into Multi-site Ministry?**

The purpose of becoming a multisite church is to make more and better disciples by bringing the church closer to where people are. The motivation is to do a better job of loving people, including different types of people, with an outcome of making significant advances in obeying Jesus’ Great Commandment (Matt. 22:37-40) and Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20). Churches report that conversion growth is greater on their extension sites than at the main site.

**What are the advantages of a multi-site church?**

- Assists in reaching friends and family unwilling to travel a great distance to church.
- Brings together the best aspects of larger churches and smaller churches.
- Increases the total number of available seats during optimal worship times.
- Overcomes geographic barriers when a church facility is landlocked or tightly zoned.
- Enables untapped talent to emerge each time a new site is opened.
- Mobilizes volunteers through an added variety of ministry opportunities.
- Improves a church’s stewardship of funds and resources.
- Enables a church to extend itself into smaller niches.
- Models and trains people for church planting elsewhere.
- Provides a pipeline for the development of emerging leaders and future staff.

**Odds & ends**

**The following people have been chosen to serve on a Task Force which is determining the best option for the Grover Site facility (purchase, relocate, etc.) before July 2013: Jim McKain, Tom Pflug, Mark Schmidt, Clara Schaeder, Tom Selig, and Steve Weber. This group will also determine metrics for evaluating future multi-sites.**

**The following six people are going through the 50 hour Stephen Ministry training over the next five months: Melissa Bergoch, Anna Cole, Leanna Fritz, Kris Laeding, Steve Weber, and Peg Williams. Please pray for them as they prepare for future one-on-one confidential Christian caregiving.**

**Beautiful Savior member Craig Fischer was recently chosen (at the Omaha South Circuit Forum) as the Lay Delegate to represent the South Circuit at the 2013 LCMS Synod Convention in St. Louis, July 20-25. Rev. Karl Ziegler, Pastor of First Lutheran Church in Papillion, was chosen as the Pastoral delegate.**

**The unprecedented findings by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life show that 20 percent of adults -- about 46 million -- have no religious affiliation, up from about 15 percent just five years ago. The “nones” include more than 13 million atheists and agnostics and some 33 million adults who say they have no religious affiliation. About a third of U.S. adults under age 30 are unaffiliated. Many believe in God and say they’re “spiritual,” but not “religious.” May the Holy Spirit increase our wisdom and winsomeness in reaching the “nones” in the immediate future. (Check out Pastor Ken Klaus’ devotion from October 22 at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) on this subject.)**

**When persecuted Christians in hostile and restricted nations are asked how we can help and bless them, their first response is, “Pray for us!” The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is on Sunday, November 11. Please join us in regularly praying for the members of worldwide Body of Christ who suffer for their faith.**

**THE REAL MESSAGE OF UNMARRIED SEX -- If you are sleeping with the person you are dating, you’re telling each other three things. First, you are telling each other that your relationship with God is not your primary commitment. Second, you are telling each other that you are the kind of person that will sleep with someone you aren’t married to. Finally, you are telling each other that neither one of you are worth the commitment.**

**Vern Nemitz will be speaking on behalf of the Gideons International at the end of the worship services at the La Vista Site on Sunday, November 18. The door offering that is gathered will be used to purchase Bibles for distribution in the United States and around the world. In the last twelve months more than 73 million Scriptures were distributed in the world beyond the United States and 10.8 million copies were distributed in America. There are currently 191,580 Gideons serving throughout the world.**

**Are you a “Baby Boomer” (born between 1946 and 1964) or even someone who enjoys the pop culture of the 1950s, ‘60s, and ‘70s? Watch for...**
information about a “Boomer Bash” next spring in our new building addition!

** Also next spring, there will be a big “Life Groups Celebration” event involving everyone who is in a Life Group. Watch for upcoming details.

** BS Bowl outcome. The adults beat the youth by one touchdown, in overtime! The youth are currently appealing the outcome to Roger Goodell. The most valuable player MVP award for the adults went to Nate Dartmann.

** Offerings for 2012 must be given by December 31, 2012 to be credited to your 2012 year end statement. Anything given after that date will be credited to your 2013 giving statement.

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** Reformation Rally**

The Lutheran Laymen’s League is excited to sponsor this Lutheran Hour Reformation Rally on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at the Walz Arena on the campus of Concordia University, Seward, NE. The rally begins at 3:00 p.m. and a pre-service hymn sing will begin at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour will be the keynote speaker. Special music will be provided by Concordia’s A Capella Choir and Brass Ensemble.

The events for the Reformation Rally weekend begin on Saturday, November 3 with a reception honoring Rev. Seltz from 5-7 p.m., in the Harvent Hall at the Seward County Fairgrounds. The reception menu will include brats, hot dogs, baked beans and chips. Admission is free but there will be a free-will offering to defray food costs.

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** Handel’s MESSIAH**

The Voices of Omaha, under the artistic direction of Mr. Ed Hurd (Beautiful Savior’s Director of Traditional Worship) will present their 44th Annual performance of the MESSIAH at the Holland Performing Arts Center on Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 p.m. as a pre-Christmas gift to the community. Admission is FREE.

Come early to get your favorite seat! An offering will be taken to help defray the costs of the concert.

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You are cordially invited to attend this presentation which includes a large chorus, professional orchestra and soloists. The Voices of Omaha would be pleased to see you at the performance. If you have need of any other information, you may access the website: [www.voicesofomaha.org](http://www.voicesofomaha.org) or Beautiful Savior member, Sharon Struve at godisgr8@q.com.

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** Building - Serving - Loving - Caring**

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.”

Acts 2:42 (NLT)

The members of Beautiful Savior care for one another in many ways. We pray for one another, for extended family members, for friends and co-workers. We provide times for study of God’s Word - individually and in small and large groups - times of fun and fellowship and times for worship and praise of our God, and sharing in His meal.

One of the times for sharing meals and fellowship is at the time of a death. The ladies of our Martha Circle have for many, many years served others by serving at funeral luncheons. Other members serve and share by donating salads or desserts for these funeral luncheons. Some bring homemade items and some “stop at the deli” and bring store bought items.

When you are called about providing a salad or dessert for a funeral you can say:

♦ “Yes, I would be happy to.”
♦ “I would like to, but right now is not a good time for me - but please call me again.”
♦ “I’m sorry, this just isn’t my gift. Please take my name off the calling list.”
♦ “I’m sorry, this just isn’t my gift, but please let the church office know I would be willing to help with ______________.”

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in this ministry of caring for one another. May God continue to bless you as you share His love with others.
Advent & Christmas Service Schedule

**Advent**
Wednesday, December 5, 12 & 19
12 Noon - Grover 6:30 p.m. La Vista

**Christmas Eve**
Monday, December 24
2:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 11:00 p.m. La Vista
4:00 p.m. West Maple
6:00 p.m. Grover

**Christmas Day**
Tuesday, December 25
10:00 a.m. La Vista only

**New Year’s Eve**
Monday, December 31
6:30 p.m. La Vista only

One Act Program

Please join the concordia High School One Act Program for an exciting evening of drama! We will be presenting our competition comedy, “The Message,” by Drew Davis based on a play by Thornton Wilder. In addition to this romantic comedy, Mr. Peter Klemp will be presenting his mini musical, “Built Together,” featuring students from Concordia Academy and Jr/Sr High. The performance is Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westside Middle School Auditorium. For tickets: call 402-445-4000 or stop by the Concordia Jr/Sr High office.

Roommate Wanted

Female roommate wanted, near 96th & Q, $425/mo includes garage, all utilities, cable & internet. Contact Lynne or Melissa in the church office, 402-331-7376.

Breakthrough Principle . . .

Have you ever had a situation in your life where you wondered why God didn’t deal with it? I mean, if He is all-powerful and loving, why has He allowed this to happen? Why does it seem like He is turning His back and ignoring my situation? When I think God is delaying, I normally get angry. Or maybe I’m on the other side. I’ve been doing things that I know are wrong and saying, “Whatever, it will all work out. Since God isn’t doing anything about it, He must indirectly approve.” But here is the principle. Whatever we plant, we will harvest. It might be harvested immediately, or it may be harvested 10 or 20 years from now. But whatever we plant, it will be harvested.

God’s timing is different than ours. His delay is love and patience, not weakness or approval. He clearly reveals this in 2 Peter 3:9 – "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." Every day that our Lord lets evil go on is a day that some of His enemies become friends and family. The fact that He didn’t return before we were brought to faith in Him should be a good reason why we’re not begging for Jesus to quickly return. He is patient, not wanting anyone to perish.

Great and loving God, the One beyond time and space, we thank You for teaching us to know You through Your written and Living Word. Empower us to look beyond the things that surround us to the wonders of the heavens above and to the miracle that is each of us. We thank You for providing us with our daily needs. Empower us to look beyond our own needs to the needs of all who live on planet Earth -- and to care and share in the spirit of Your Son, our forgiving Savior and Servant Lord. We give You thanks that You have prepared an eternal home for us, and pray that You will keep us in faith so that we might live with meaning and eventually bid farewell to life in this world with peace, joy, and sure hope. In the name of Jesus, in Whom we have seen You and through Whom we belong to You. Amen  (written by Dr. Harry Wendt)
November 2012
Beautiful Savior Prayer Calendar

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November Wedding Anniversaries

