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Detours



PASTOR DAVID

It has been happening right behind our house in June. The "it" happens to be road construction. Along with road construction comes detours. Detours happen when we travel on roads. We accept it as part of life. But detours are not confined to the roads we travel. It also happens as we journey through life. There has been a major turn of events within my family. At the beginning of June, my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer. Kim will have surgery in the beginning of July. After that, she will undergo chemotherapy.

There were several things we were planning to do later on this summer for vacation. That has all changed. We are forced to go down a road that we had not planned to travel. Our lives have been detoured because of this news. We prefer to be surprised by good news in life: couples becoming engaged, announcement of a child to be born, promotion at work etc. To have our lives rerouted for those things is wonderful. However, to be confronted with bad news is a fact of life on this side of eternity.

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Forums on Fall Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 10, at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 12, at 7 p.m.

This past spring (March through May) we offered three worship services on Sunday mornings instead of just two. The elders are looking for more input as we determine whether to stay with three services or move back to two services. We invite you to attend one of the forums and share your thoughts with others. You may also visit with an elder or a pastor at any time to share your insights and concerns.



Church Picnic at Rheault Farm

5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 12

You are invited to join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun at Rheault Farm, 2902 25th St. S., Fargo. Supper will be served about 6 p.m. The church will grill the meat and have the necessary paper products. Bring your favorite dish to share. There will be games and activities for the children. Take time to come relax with other BSLC members.



OUR MISSION

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

Detours

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Unpleasant things happen to us. We lose what we think we cannot live without. Pain comes to those we love. We wonder why life is not fair. Anxiety can seep into our hearts.

Now as we read the Bible, it is very realistic. Scripture acknowledges that there is sickness and death, despair and persecution. There are disasters caused by people like wars. There are also natural disasters such as tornados, earthquakes and floods. We are surrounded by evil things that can and do happen to us at times.

Now if all we had to look forward in life to was the next bad thing to happen to us, we would only be in despair. However, danger, trials and oppression are never too much for the one who has faith in God. They were not too much for Job, they were not too much for Jeremiah and they were not too much for Jesus. Evil is always temporary. The worst does not last for God's people. Nothing counter to God's justice has any eternity to it. Paul's witness was:

"There isn't any temptation that you have experienced which is unusual for humans. God, who faithfully keeps his promises, will not allow you to be tempted beyond your power to resist. But when you are tempted, he will also give you the ability to endure the temptation as your way of escape."

(1 Cor. 10:13 NET)

Detours, trials and sorrow come in life. However, because of the powerful and compassionate God we have, the detours in life need not crush our spirits. For the Lord is with us and is guiding us along the way. He is an ever present help in time of need. I pray that this assurance of God's care would comfort you in times of trial as it is comforting Kim and me.

Also for your information, Suzanne Waldvogel, the mother of Pastor Chris, was diagnosed with cancer about the same time as Kim. There are many other people who are also facing challenges and detours in life. I encourage you to befriend those in difficult times and pray for them.

God bless you all.

Pastor Dave



Bible Study on First Samuel 7-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings

The Tuesday evening Bible study explores portions of First Samuel. This book of the Bible narrates a major transition in the life of Israel—the shift from government under judges to a monarchy. Samuel, the last judge, anoints Saul as Israel's first king. He later anoints David as the king who will take Saul's place. This book has tremendous applications for us today as we learn from the past, receive guidance for our future and observe how the LORD God is with His people, working all the time. This study is set up so that you can join in at any time.

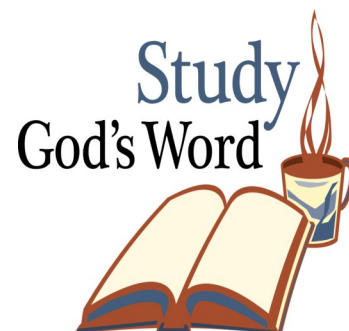


Thank you to all our Sunday School staff for a wonderful year. Your time and dedication to our youth is priceless!

Bobbi Hestdalen - Pre-K
Kim Persoon - Pre-K
Jamie Waldvogel - Pre-K
Dawn Thompson - Pre - K
Nancy Tykwinski - Kindergarten
Shanna McArthur - Kindergarten
Shawn Croaker - 1st
Jeral Croaker - 1st
Peggy Hankel - 2nd
Kevin Hankel - 2nd
Lisa Wiest - 2nd
Sandy Paul - 3rd
Heather Hoerer - 3rd
Lauralee Oenick - 4th
Sandi Kraft - 5th & 6th
Tiffany Gaber - 5th & 6th
Lori Pytlik - 7th and 8th
Adam Tykwinski - 7th and 8th
Tim Deitemeyer - Senior High

Thank You,

Denise Doeling,
Dawn Thompson
and Pastor Chris



Save Your Coupons

WAIT! Don't toss those coupon inserts from your newspaper! Even coupons, up to six months outdated, can be used by members of our military. There is an agency that supports this effort to distribute manufacturer coupons to military bases around the world to help our service members stretch their pay checks. Begin NOW by clipping coupons or saving the entire insert. We will clip them if you are not able to or if you are unsure which ones will work. If you decide to clip coupons at home, they must be the entire manufacture coupon - with no rips or tears and the entire bar code must be intact. If you have questions, contact Loretta Swanson or you can visit this website for additional information: www.couponstotroops.com. Please place the coupons in the box by the LWML kiosk by the water fountain. Thanks for your support of our military families.



Need Help?

As a family of believers, Beautiful Savior seeks to help out those in need. If you know of someone who may need assistance, please contact one of the pastors or the church office and we will try to be of service to him or her. We would like to show be able to show kindness to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Remember Your Pledge This Summer

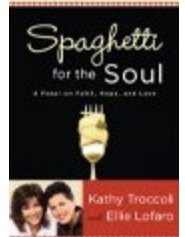


As you enjoy the summer and take time for relaxation and recreation, we ask you to remember honoring the Lord through your weekly offerings for the support of our ministry. As always, there is a need as we continue to carry on our

Lord's mission and your gifts of money are appreciated. If you are not able to make it to worship on Sunday, we encourage you to mail or drop off your offering to the church office.

Women's Summer Bible Study

"Spaghetti for the Soul"
7 p.m. Tuesday evenings



We invite you to a fabulous feast for the spirit. Kathy Troccoli and Ellie Lofaro compare life to a heaping plate of spaghetti in this study. Join us and find out just how true it is. Sign up in the narthex or talk to Connie Eggers.

Cradle Roll Program

Beautiful Savior offers a Cradle Roll program to our newest little members. When an infant is baptized, a packet of information is given to the infant's parent. It includes Christian music, growth calendar, some Bible story books and a baptismal brochure. As the infant grows there are informational newsletters that are placed in individual named pockets in the beautiful wall quilt in the narthex. (Thanks to Loretta Swanson for sewing the lovely quilt).



Parents of baptized infants should check the quilt on a regular basis for important materials that their child will receive. After three years the infant "graduates" and can attend Sunday School. We hope this program will help guide the parent and their infant with their spiritual growth until the child can become a regular Sunday School student.

The
FEAR
of the LORD
is the beginning
of KNOWLEDGE
PROVERBS 1:7

Baptisms

June 5 - Cooper Loren Thalmann Pytlik, son of Joe and Lori Pytlik, born April 28, 2011. Sponsors are Mark Eisenwinter, Melissa Pytlik, Roberta Pytlik and Kaleb Thalmann.



June 5 - Gabriel Brett Senechal Jorgensen, son of Brett and Renee Senechal Jorgensen, born May 16, 2011. Sponsors are Amy and Corey Johnson, Hilary and Shannon Mehrer.

June 26 Layla Lee Steege, daughter of Mark and Jennifer Steege, born May 5, 2011. Sponsors are Jason and Kristi Sitzman and Elizabeth Trauman.

Weddings

Laura Joy Watkins and Scott Douglas Hagemeyer, June 11, 2011.

Stephanie Jean Brtek and Michael Alan Moilan, June 18, 2011.



Julie Lehmann and Charles Cofield, June 25, 2011.

Thank you to our VBS Crew!

Thank you to all those who helped out with VBS this year! We thank our crew leaders and their assistants, decorating committee, kitchen staff, nursery staff, registration and production team and leadership team of Pastor Chris, Denise Doeling, Dawn Thompson and Shanna McArthur. 80 kids attended our VBS each night. We also thank the congregation for their contributions this year. You all helped make our 2011 "Panda Mania" a great success!



Recycle Postage Stamps

Bring in all the postage stamps from your mail. Don't cut them—just bring in the whole envelope and put in the box outside the office. The money we receive for stamps goes to missions.



Voters' Meeting Results

BSLC welcomes Jane Thielman who will be our new Red River Lutheran School Association Board Representative. A big thank you to Heather Hoerer for the years she served on the board. Carrie Berglund is our other board representative. If you have questions or concerns about Grace School, please feel free to visit with Jane and Carrie at any time.

BSLC Coffee Club

Join other BSLC members at 9 a.m. every Friday at the Village Inn, 3140 25th St. S., Fargo. This is for both men and women of any age. Members gather to visit and enjoy some refreshments. Come any Friday you can!



Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, July 20

Do you know what Gold Club is? It is a fun potluck where our more "mature" members gather once a month. Just bring food to share - salads, desserts, breads, hotdishes or whatever you like to make and show up at the church at noon on Wednesday, July 20. Coffee, water and juice are provided. Hope to see you there!

Kitchen Circle meets July 7

The ladies will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, to clean the kitchen. If you are free that morning, stop in and help out. The coffee pot is always on!



Harlan and Esther 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, continue or advance their education from an LCMS university or seminary. Applications are available from the church office.

Evil arises as we depart from God's Word.

Today's secular viewpoint portrays man as an ever-evolving creature in terms of both physiology and moral discernment. As questions of proper social norms arise today, our culture tosses aside the Biblical world view as uninformed, irrational and antiquated. The Biblical teachings on the creation of the world, the fall into sin, the single-flesh union in marriage, the unnatural practice of homosexuality all have been labeled as nothing more than the product of a culture that obviously did not know any better.

Sadly, this view has even crept into our churches. But man's morality does not improve with HIS discernment. Let's be honest, man's right to choose between right and wrong has been grossly overstated. The Lutheran confessions adhere to the fact that humans can choose good and evil in external matters.



It can talk about God, offer God acts of worship, obey rulers and parents and keep back the hand from murder, adultery and theft, but the inclination of the heart is never one of choice: "Apart from the Holy Spirit, human hearts lack the fear of God and trust in God."

Before the fall, God's word also tells us humans did not "choose" to be good. They WERE good. In Genesis 1:31, God deems the crown of His creation "very good!" This was not just a tendency; it was a God-given gift. God had given the command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in Gen. 2:16-17; yet man lived in perfect, peaceful, intimate communion with God as cited in Gen. 2:19 and following. The New Testament also writes that the new man is "renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him," (Col 3:10) and "created after God in righteousness and true holiness," (Eph. 4:24).

God created Adam and Eve in his

image. Many people have said this means that God endowed humans with an intellect and will that included the right to choose, but Francis Pieper masterfully writes: "The image of God in man consisted in much more than in his possession of his intellect and will, in his personality; it consisted in the RIGHT disposition of his intellect and will, in his knowledge of God and the will to do ONLY God's will. And his sensuous desires – if we wish to distinguish this from intellect and will – were free from all ungodly propensity."

So what happened? God commanded the couple not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or there would be consequence. However, the serpent comes along with claims that the couple would not die and that the two would "become like God." Eve is deceived by the serpent's truth claims, who takes the fruit, then offers some to Adam.



PASTOR CHRIS

Grace Lutheran School News

Grace Lutheran School provides Christ centered learning for Christ-centered living to strengthen faith, to love and to serve church and community for the glory of God.



In order to accomplish this mission, GLS operates a dynamic 3- and 4-year-old half day preschool program at our Beautiful Savior site. New for 2011-2012 is an afternoon day care option eliminating the need for parents to pick up students mid-day. Pre-K is a five-day, full-day experience for 4- and 5-year olds. This is a fantastic way to gear up for kindergarten.

With the price of day care rising, our Pre-K program eliminates the need for day care expenses on top of pre-school expenses. After school care is also offered until 6:15 p.m. Spots are filling up fast!

Enrollment for grades 1-8 is now open. Providing your children with a strong Christian and academic foundation will help direct the course for their lives.

Would your child benefit from small class sizes, dedicated Christian teachers and high academic standards? Check us out in person or at www.gracelutheralschool.org. Tours are offered all summer! We are located at 1025 14th Ave. S., Fargo. You may also call the school office at 232-7747 for more information.

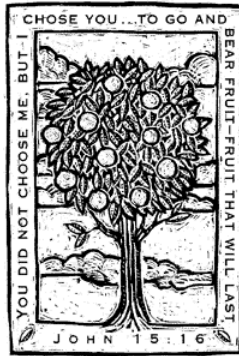
Evil arises

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It is important to remember that we are not like Adam and Eve before the fall. Before the two eat the fruit, they have no propensity for evil nor “know” it. Please know that I am not trying to get Adam and Eve off the hook here; they made a drastic mistake. However, the mistake was not choosing an innate evil inclination of wanting to be like God, the mistake was an external act of listening to something or someone other than God – Eve being deceived by the serpent and Adam following his wife’s lead.

After the fall, everything changed. Once Eve and Adam ate the fruit, mankind’s holy disposition was compromised. No longer having an innate inclination to do God’s will, Adam and Eve become inward-focused and self-centered. Originally created good, mankind’s inclination now included intimate knowledge of evil and an inclination to appease himself instead of God.

Paul collects quite a few quotes from the Old Testament to make this case of humanity’s condition after the fall: “There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away; they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. Their throats are like open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes,” (Rom. 3:10b-18). Indeed, as Luther notes, after the fall, a human’s will is bound to sin and rebellion against God.



However, Paul gives us the blessed assurance that although we are ungodly sinners steeped in a sorry state of rebellion, God rescues us from sin, death and the power of Satan despite our lurid credentials. In other words, nothing inherent in us moves God to act, but He does so out of his loving character: “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us,” (Romans 5:8).

But the gift of God does not end there. Indeed, Christ promises that through the power of the Holy Spirit,

our image is being renewed as it was created. Still, however, the sinful inclination remains. That is why God must work in us over and against our sinful will. Paul writes, “No one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God that we may understand what God has freely given us” (1 Cor. 2:11b-12) .

It must be noted that we do not then choose the good in our inclination and according to true (spiritual) goodness and righteousness. Instead, we must totally and fully rely on something outside of us. So we look to God’s saving grace in Jesus Christ. We look to the Spirit as He comes as the voice of God, revealing the truth of God’s Word as recorded in the Bible. We look to Him to work in us. Our choices are not as wise as we might think unless we cling to God and what he has revealed. As Christians, therefore, we constantly let the Word of God speak to us to transform and guide us: “For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law,” (Gal. 5:16-18).

Increasingly, secular humanism claims that the ways of the past remain chained to the uninformed, irrational (read Biblical) beliefs of culture at the time. But evil comes as we depart from God’s word. Sin is anything done against God and his will. Scripture would not urge us to avoid sin if there still was not a standard that God had placed for us and our lives. Although we are not under the law, we may still benefit greatly from its instruction. In 2 Tim. 3:16, Paul tells us that “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be equipped for every good work.”

If we leave a Biblical world view behind, we leave behind what is truly good and we ignore the word of God as a means of grace and delivery vehicle for the Holy Spirit. In an ironic twist, as we pursue our own ideas of good, we only go further astray. Evil -- if it is to be successful -- is never portrayed as evil. It is promoted as good. But as we have seen, we must take God at His word; then and only then do we really know what it true, right and good.

Pastor Chris

Thrivent Financial Night At the Redhawks



You are invited to attend the annual Thrivent Financial Night at the Redhawks on August 16. There will be a picnic at 6 p.m. and the game will start at 7:02 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person. Tickets must be ordered by August 1. If you have questions please e-mail lisa.trudeau@thrivent.com or call 478-7151.

Youth Praise Band

Our Youth Praise Band will be practicing from 7– 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 5 and 19; Aug. 2, 16, and 30. If you have any questions, please call Ramsey at 866-5403



July Youth Events

Thursday, July 7 – Tubing on the Ottertail River.



All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to our annual tubing trip. We will meet at Beautiful Savior at 9 a.m. for Bible study, then travel to our destination. Please bring \$13 for transportation and shuttle rental. Also bring extra cash for lunch at Detroit Lakes and ice cream on the trip back to Fargo. We will return around 6 p.m. We can make alternate arrangements to return earlier, if needed. Please fill out a form and turn into Pastor Chris if interested.

Thursday, July 13, to Sunday, July 17 – Sonshine Music Festival.

High school students can listen more than 50 Christian bands on several stages. Artists include Toby Mac, Switchfoot, Skillet, Newsboys, Family Force 5, Lacrae, Stellar Kart, Remedy Drive and much, much more. For a complete line-up of artists, visit www.SonshineFestival.com. We will be leaving early Wednesday and returning early Sunday. Cost is \$120, which includes transportation, breakfasts and dinners. Bring extra money for lunch, T-shirts, CDs and other items. All those attending will be required to attend an information session. Please see Pastor Chris if you are interested.



Wednesday, July 20, from 7-8:15 p.m. – Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

Sunday, July 24 to Friday, July 29 – Encounter Camp.

All seventh- through twelfth- graders can experience God through this transformative camp. Campers will enjoy fellowship with other campers and grow in their faith through chapels, Bible studies, leadership training, devotional campfires and activities, including swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and hiking. Trail rides and lead rides are available for a small fee. The camp is \$239, but BSLC will provide a \$100 scholarship to those who apply. Please fill out a Shepherd's Hill registration form, located on the table outside the office, by July 14. Transportation will be provided. We will leave from church Sunday at 11 a.m. and return to church Friday at 6 p.m. Please bring along some money for lunch on Sunday.

Sunday, July 31 – Paintball Make-up Day.

All junior and senior high and parents are invited to gear up for rescheduled paintball games from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 31. We will meet at BSLC at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 if you have equipment and \$35 without equipment. Drinks and snacks will be provided, but you can also bring your own. Please fill out a form for this event as soon as possible. For more info, please see Pastor Chris.

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Office Hours

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

Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment

Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.

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

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