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OUR MISSION

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



Smashed and Broken—But Also Repaired

PASTOR DAVID WAGNER

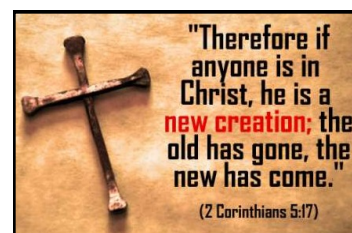
Easter Sunday was truly a wonderful day for me this year. The joy of Christ's victory, spending time with my brothers and sisters in Christ, a wonderful meal and the beautiful weather all combined to make it one tremendous celebration. However, I was saddened to hear on Monday what happened to a church not too far from us.

Perhaps you have already heard this report. On Easter morning, parishioners from St. John's Lutheran Church of rural Hankinson came to church to prepare for breakfast as well as attend a sunrise service. But to their surprise, they found that vandals smashed six windows of their building. Needless to say, there was a bit of clean up before the service. Rev. Adam Moline commented about what happened by saying, "Easter, for us, is our most important holiday. It's our victory over sin, death and the grave. A little bit of broken glass wasn't going to stop us."

I appreciated those words from Pastor Moline. In this world, there will be people who for one reason or another cause havoc. The words of St. Paul came to my mind as I learned about this incident (Romans 3:16-17):

"Ruin and misery mark their ways and the way of peace they do not know."

Doesn't that seem to describe vandals? But as I looked at the context of the book of Romans, I realized that those words were about all people — including me. As I thought about how other people smash and break things, I was reminded how often ruin and misery describe the way I leave things because I am a sinner. Even when I try to do something good, things can break. But I still have hope and joy because I have a Savior.



Jesus came to repair the broken relationship I have with God and others. The things that I ruin are not going to ruin me because I have someone who rescued me. However, it came at a cost for Jesus. It meant His death. But that is not the end of the story. Jesus arose. This not only means that I am forgiven but also that I have the opportunity to bring peace - not ruin to the lives of others.

I pray that as you consider how Jesus repaired and restored you through His death and resurrection, you would seek with His help to build up others through your loving words and actions.

Peace,

Pastor Dave

Witness before God and the World

By Rev. Matthew C. Harrison, President of the LCMS

The Lutheran Reformation had been in full swing for nearly six years, but Martin Luther had yet to write his first hymn. A profound event moved his poetic and musical soul. Within a short period following, most of the hymns and liturgies he produced during his lifetime would gush forth in a flood of firm conviction and deep faith in Christ. What was the event?



Two young men (John and Henry), Augustinian brothers like Luther, were burned at the stake in Brussels on July 1, 1523, for preaching the Gospel of free forgiveness in Christ. They were the first “martyrs” of the Lutheran Reformation. Luther wrote a hymn in the popular ballad form of the day, used by the town criers of his day to deliver the latest news from village to village. Luther’s ballad spread the news of these martyrs’ deaths, as well as the precious Gospel for which they died.

The familiar term *martyr* comes from a Greek New Testament word often translated “witness.” In its simplest (legal) use, a witness is merely one who recounts the facts observed (Matt. 18:16). Thus, it was crucial for the place of Judas among the Twelve to be filled with “a witness of the resurrection” (Acts 1:22), since the apostolic band was told by the risen Christ, “You shall be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). John’s Gospel and letters show a particular interest in such “bearing witness”—an understandable fact since John was writing late in the first century as the eyewitnesses to the events surrounding Jesus were quickly passing into eternity.

Of John the Baptizer, the text says, “And there came a man sent from God by the name of John. This one came as a witness . . . that all might believe through him” (Jn. 1:7). John’s first chapter is worth a careful read. What is John’s testimony of Jesus? “This is the witness of John . . . He confessed and did not deny, and he confessed, ‘I am not the Christ’”.

John called for repentance and then pointed to Jesus with a witness so profound it has been repeated in the liturgy of the Church since at least the seventh century: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

Finally, like Jesus, John the Baptizer sealed that witness with his own blood. How many faithful Christians have been safely guided to Jesus by John’s witness? Countless millions.



The greatest witness, however, is not John, but Jesus Himself. Paul bids Timothy to “fight the good fight of faith, take hold of the eternal life for which you were called when you confessed the good confession before many witnesses.” For, as Paul continues, “Jesus Christ Himself bore witness to Pontius Pilate in the good confession”(1Tim. 6:12, 13).

Today the fundamental gift and task of the Lutheran Church is to bear witness to Jesus Christ—to His Gospel and all its facets (AC VII 2; FC EP X 7). This is our task toward each other. This is our task over against those who do not know Jesus. This is also the sacred vocation and ecumenical task of the Missouri Synod to world Christianity.

We exist to bear witness—even to the point of suffering and death (and it may well come to that sooner than later here in the West)—to salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, on account of Christ alone. This Gospel is God’s own testimony about Himself.

This is the very confession of Christ Himself. This is the witness of the apostolic Church and the Church of all ages. This is the witness sealed by the blood of Jesus, the blood of John the Baptizer, and the burning of John and Henry, confessed and sung by Luther.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses . . . let us run with endurance the race that is set before us . . .” (Heb. 12:1).

“Let’s go!” Mark 1:38



Easter Flowers 2011

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Kaitlyn, Kelli, Alyssa and Allison Gaber
Cameron and Cristian McCabe
Our Children: Sarah, Beth and Marcus
Our Children
Our Grandparents
Our Parents
Our Children and Grandson

LWML News

LWML will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 12. We will discuss mission and human care projects, a fundraiser for next year and hold elections. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord will use you next year in serving His people. All women of all ages are welcome.

Women's Bible Study on Psalms

A women's morning Bible study will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 19. The Concordia Bible study is a study of Psalms, "I have set my King on Zion, Psalms of the Messiah". This is the second in a series from "A New Song."

Our group will meet every other Thursday for this six week study. Each Psalm that is studied has a faith narrative written by a real woman facing real-life issues. Each narrative is based on the Psalms for that study. Included are daily readings and questions with a short video presentation at each study. Please register by May 5 on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, call the office or talk to Loretta Swanson at 236-1891. The cost of the book is \$12.99, and we need to know how many books to order.



"The Other End of Life"

Do you have a clear plan in caring for your aging parents and grandparents? What direction can you give to your children as you face the end of your own life?

North Dakota and Fargo Moorhead Area Lutherans for Life invite you to a presentation entitled "The Other End of Life" by Dr. James Lamb, executive director of our national Lutherans for Life organization. Using God's Word, Dr. Lamb will answer such questions as:

- What about extraordinary treatment?
- How should I view ventilators and feeding tubes?
- But what if I'm a burden?
- Are food and water extraordinary care?
- What about unconscious patients?
- When is enough enough?

He will help us honor Christ with God-pleasing plans and decisions regarding the end of our physical life on earth. Please join us for this informative and thought-provoking presentation at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, at the Doublewood Inn, 3333 13th Ave. S., Fargo.

Pastor Dave to Participate in Annual Golf Marathon to Benefit FirstChoice Clinic

Pastor Dave will be golfing to raise money for FirstChoice Clinic on June 7. All money collected will be used to support their ministry of assisting women and families to receive life-affirming education and support. If you would like to support this organization by sponsoring Pastor Dave, it would be greatly appreciated! You can make a pledge per hole or simply pledge a set dollar amount. Pledge forms can be picked up at the church or you may talk to Pastor Dave.



Quilting/Stitchery Thursdays

Our busy ladies will be at the church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 12 and 26 to do some sewing. Anyone is welcome to stop by and help. Bring a sewing machine if you can or any other sewing items. Batting and fabric donations are always welcome too.



Kitchen Circle meets May 5

The ladies will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, for spring cleaning in the kitchen. Feel free to stop over and help.

BSLC Coffee Club

BSLC members continue to meet at 9 a.m. every Friday. It's a time for fellowship and for getting to know other Beautiful Savior members. This is for both men and women of any age. If you are free any Friday—join us at 9 a.m. at the Village Inn, 3140 25 St. S., Fargo.



Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, May 18

Maybe you have wondered what Gold Club is all about. It's a potluck lunch for anyone age 55 or older or retired. It's a time for our more "seasoned" members to relax and visit. If you have a new dish you want to try, this is the time to bring it (and the recipe). Buzz on over to the church at noon on Wednesday, May 18.

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.

Opportunities to get into God's Word and enjoy Christian Fellowship

Hosea: Critic and Comforter for Today

Sunday Morning Bible Study From 9:30—10:20 a.m.

Join us as we review portions of the prophet Hosea. God commanded Hosea to marry. Then the LORD draws parallels between what happened in Hosea's marriage and what happened with His relationship with the Israelites – and ultimately with us. Although this book was written about 750 years before Jesus was born, it still is of great benefit to study as we discover:

- God loves all people as His own dear children;
- All people sin; and
- God offers forgiveness, hope and new life to His children through His perfect child Jesus.

God's Kingdom Comes

Tuesday Evening Bible Study From 7-8 p.m.

As Jesus began his ministry, many people were impressed by His miracles and the way He taught. Other people saw Jesus as a threat to their way of life. Still others questioned why Jesus was not doing things differently. Questions surrounding Jesus and what it means to be His follower continue today. Through this study, we will explore different portions of the Gospel of Matthew so that we might better understand what it means for Jesus to be our Savior and King.

BSLC Graduating Senior Plans

Kayla Jo Schlichtmann will graduate from Fargo South. She will attend Jamestown College and has been accepted into the nursing program.

Allan Ntaate will graduate from West Fargo. He will attend either NDSU or Iowa State University and plans to go for Engineering.

Alex Olson will graduate from Fargo South. He will attend NDSU and plans to major in nursing.

Beth Osman will graduate from Fargo South. She will attend Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where she will study accounting and international business.

Zeena Palm will graduate from Richland in Colfax. She plans to attend NDSCS for pre-law enforcement.

Levi McCleary will graduate from Central Cass. He has joined the Marines and will leave for boot camp in August.

Emma Girdner will graduate from Fargo South. She will attend NDSCS and plans to major in education.

Taylor Jerral will graduate from Fargo South. He plans to attend a technical school focusing on either the construction or automotive trade.

Andrew Nerby will graduate from Fargo South. He plans to attend NDSCS and learn the welding trade.



Dress-a-Girl Day 9 a.m. Saturday, May 7

The ladies of BSLC had so much fun making the lovely pillowcase and T-shirt dresses in March that they are doing it again. Join us at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 7. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Please bring sewing machines or sergers if you can; scissors, colorful T-shirts or one yard of 45-inch colorful fabric. Call Loretta Swanson at 236 -1891 if you have any questions. Thank you.



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.



Want to give your child the best? Don't forget this!

PASTOR CHRIS WALDVOGEL



Gymnastics. Soccer. T ball. A "sports sampler" with flag football and kickball – my son has taken a shot at them all, some with great passion and success, others with indifference or frustration.

He's not even 6, but Jacob's calendar for the summer already is filling up.

Don't get me wrong; It's great to provide new experiences. It's great to expand his horizons and help him find joy in what life has to offer.

But have you noticed that kids today seem to suffer from experience overload? What I mean to say is activities increasingly have taken on such a monstrous role that a relationship with God suffers. When time in God's Word is not encouraged and worship is skipped, parents do great damage to their kids. In an ironic twist, in our efforts to do the best for our kids, we can end up forgetting what really matters for them: forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we must remember that if we try to give our kids everything they want, they might miss out on what they truly need. As Christians, we must remember that in our attempts to give our kids a perfect future – we might be taking away an eternal gift. If experiences and clubs and sports and activities are avenues where faith is encouraged and shared, that's great. But if these become an all-consuming obsession in which faith and God are seen as inconvenience - then in an ironic twist - we have taken away the best experience: a living and active relationship with the living God.

As Christian parents, we must stand up to the viewpoint that Bible study and worship be optional. This is where the best growth takes place, where the most meaningful moments are had. God works through these means to deliver faith, forgiveness and strength to face all that the world would throw at us.

"When we put
God first,
all other things
fall into their
proper place."

A day at the lake is great, time in a ballpark is magical, leaving it all out on the playing field at a tournament is grand – but if it is done where God is not in our sight, what is gained but a fleeting moment? If we don't teach our kids that God is indispensable, that without him, we have nothing, then we have robbed our kids of the source of perfect life and love. We have robbed them of what is best for them.

Christian parents, please don't make your primary mission giving your child everything you never had. Instead, it is your duty to give them the most important thing that you DID have: The Gospel. That is first and foremost how we secure a glorious future for our children.

Pastor Chris

Join our 'Beary' Good VBS

Life can be a jungle out there, but this year's Vacation Bible School lets us know we are not alone. In fact, God is wild about us! "Pandamania," this year's VBS, will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. from Sunday, June 5, to Thursday, June 9. This adventure is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, and touch! Bible Point crafts, team-building games and cool Bible songs are just a few of the activities that help faith come alive into everyday life. All kids from age 4 to sixth grade may attend. Please pre-register your child for this summer adventure! Of course, we are always looking for volunteers to join the fun. If you are interested, please see Pastor Chris.



Grace School News

Camp Grace Vegetable Garden

Camp Grace participants are going to be raising a garden this summer, but they need some help! The Camp is looking for donations of wood to make the boxes for the raised garden. If you have any to donate, please call the school at 232-7747.



Spring Music Programs

- 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 - Grades 4-8
- 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19 - Grades PK-3



Youth Praise Band

Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Beautiful Savior needs any and all talented musicians in sixth through twelfth grades for its youth praise band. Rehearsals will be from 3-5 p.m. on Sundays, May 1, 8, 15 and 22, at the church. Don't forget your instruments! Questions? Call Ramsey at 866-5403.



High School Senior Recognition Day Slated for Sunday, May 22

All high school seniors are invited to a special recognition ceremony May 22 during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service. We will be wishing our seniors well, offering our prayers and giving our graduates a small gift in honor of their accomplishments during the past four years. May God empower all graduates to continue to walk and grow in faith as they begin this new chapter.

May Youth Events



Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, May 4 – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. – Destination Unknown
Wednesday, May 11 – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. – “Tru U” Bible Study
Wednesday, May 18 – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. – Destination Unknown
Wednesday, May 25 - No Youth Group!

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Sunday, May 1 – Special Sunday School Day. Families, please make sure that your children attend Sunday School May 1 as we will have a special surprise for all the kids.



Sunday, May 1– Senior High Progressive Dinner Party. Take time out for a tour of culinary delights. Our journey begins at the church with an appetizer buffet at 4 p.m. followed by several courses at homes around Fargo. We will end around 7:30 p.m. so that there is plenty of time to finish homework!

Friday, May 20 to Sunday, May 22 – Camp Clean-up at Shepherd’s Hill. Enjoy a weekend out of the city while helping a worthy cause. All families are invited to travel with us to St. John May 20-21 for some spring cleaning at Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads, our LCMS District camp. The overnight stay and food are free. However, the senior high youth will be staying an extra evening for a senior high retreat. Cost will be \$35 for the senior high retreat. Please see Pastor Chris if you plan to attend.



Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Saturday, May 7 – Jericho March in Downtown Fargo. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this ND Right to Life sponsored pro-life rally around the only remaining abortion facility in the state, which is in downtown Fargo. We will meet at 10 a.m. in the Great Northern Parking Lot on 5th Street and Fourth Avenue North in downtown Fargo. “Jericho” marches were held as far back in the 1980s when thousands peacefully marched around the abortion facilities in Grand Forks, Jamestown and Fargo. It is hoped that thousands will again join together for this prayerful and peaceful event public stand for the sanctity of human life!

Ongoing – Meals/Snacks at Gladys Ray Shelter: All junior and senior high youth and their families can help battle homelessness and its effects in the F-M area. We need volunteers to prepare snacks and meals for residents at the Gladys Ray Shelter, 1519 First Ave. N in Fargo. On the third Sunday of the month, a few families should coordinate to make a meal for the residents. Every other week, we would like two families to make two dozen bars for the residents. All food should be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or see Pastor Chris for more information.

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Sunday, 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

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