

May 2013

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God's Gifts Begin Now as We Live in Hope



Pastor Chris

When the thermometer finally crept up to hit that elusive 50-degree mark, I expected joy and jubilation throughout the valley.

Instead, people reacted with a little bit of contempt. "It's about time!" they said. When predictions came for a week in the 60s, the scoffing came out again: "I'll believe it when I see it!"

When did we become so jaded? Even though spring had officially arrived, it seemed as if some couldn't really enjoy the nice weather because they couldn't quite get past the resentment of living through such a relentless winter.

It is easy to become jaded in our faith as well. Living in a sinful, fallen broken world brings heartaches, pain, disappointment and death. Because of these experiences, our natural inclinations can lead us to question God's promises because these promises seem so long in coming.

As Christians, we still experience pain and suffering, but God has promised these will only last so long for His people. That's because God acted in human history, sending Jesus to descend into this broken world to take all that this sinful world had to give -- its brokenness, wretchedness, its hatred and discord -- shattering their hold through the power of the cross and the empty tomb.

Jesus makes clear that we will endure seasons of sorrow in this life. Yet when comparing 70, 80, 90 or 100 years in light of eternity, our perspective changes. Perfect days await when our Lord returns. Will you miss them because you grow tired of waiting? By no means!

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Worship times change:

8:30 a.m.
and
10 a.m.
starting
Sunday,
May 26



VBS Kickoff Sunday, May 5

Vacation Bible School is coming up in a month. To help us enroll children, distribute information, hand out CDs and inform others how they might help, there will be a VBS kickoff on the first Sunday of May. Our theme this year is Kingdom Rock. VBS will be held from June 9-13.

New Officer Installation May 5



BSLC will install our newly elected officers on Sunday, May 5, during our worship services. Those being installed include: Brad Cogdill, who was re-elected as chairman of the congregation; Robert Gregerson as vice chairman; Mike Schlichtmann as director of stewardship; Tim Deitemeyer as director of evangelism; and Jane Thielman as a representative of our congregation on the Red River Lutheran School Association Board. New elders are Paul Asche, Matthew Deardoff and Nathan Gannon.

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

God's Gifts Begin Now as We Live in Hope

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Paul writes: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed in us ... we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoptions as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience," (Romans 8:18,23b-25).

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The winter of our discontent will pass one day, never to return. God gives us the victory over death and sin through our Lord Jesus Christ. God not only has given us the assurance of the future glory in Christ but also the new life He gives now. Paul speaks of a God active in baptism and His word, offering his Holy Spirit through these means to lead, renew, intercede, foster love and give life to us. His gifts begin now and last into eternity! Don't miss out!

Pastor Chris

Crosspointe Lutheran Church Celebration

Crosspointe Lutheran Church marks five years of ministry this spring. We have been tremendously blessed by the support, encouragement and prayers we have received from the other congregations in our circuit, community and district. As we rejoice in all that God has done during Crosspointe's early years, we will be holding a five-year celebration beginning at 5:55 p.m. on Sunday, May 5. With gratitude, Crosspointe extends an invitation for the members of your congregation to join us for this celebration. The evening will include a brief program and a meal.

**Crosspointe
Lutheran**

Discovery Class (New Member Class)

**7 p.m. on Mondays
Starting May 13**

Our Discovery class reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. We encourage those interested in joining our congregation to attend this class. Any BSLC members are also invited to come. This study provides a great opportunity to grow in understanding who God is, what He does for us and how we are to live in the light of God's grace. We will meet May 13 and 20; take off May 27, and then resume in June.

Perseverance in Hope Look at Jeremiah

Starting at 7 p.m. Tues., May 14

For our evening study, we will look at portions of Jeremiah. When the Book of Jeremiah first appeared, it was cut to pieces and burned! It was rewritten and is now a book of the Bible more than 2,500 years old. It is a precious book, giving rich reward for the faith and life of every thoughtful reader.

Jeremiah speaks the Word of the Lord to us today. God pronounces judgment against the evil reflected in the social, political, religious and economic arenas of life. Yet God also proclaims a rich message of hope and encouragement for us to live as sojourners in the world while sharing the Gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

From 9:40 -10:30 a.m.

On May 5, Pastor Chris will conclude a study on violence and terrorism.

A new Bible study will begin on May 12 and finished up on May 19, which is our last day of Bible study until fall.

Women's Bible Study "Bless These Lips"

**5:30 p.m. Mondays or
8:30 a.m. Thursdays**

Ladies, this study will not only make you laugh, but really make you think about what weapons your lips can be.

"Reaping What You Sow"

In 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV) St. Paul wrote: "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." In many parts of our country during this month of May, gardens will be turning green as new plants spring from the ground and begin the process of producing fruits, vegetables and flowers. If you have ever planted hills of seeds, like cucumbers or beans, you probably know how true these words of St. Paul are. Plant only one or perhaps two seeds in each hill and you will not have the same results that you would have if you had planted four or more seeds in each hill. Of course, St. Paul was not writing about gardening but rather about a special offering to help the saints in Jerusalem and Judea who were suffering from a severe famine. Some may take this passage to mean that it is our motivation for giving. Those folks might even be so bold as to say that if you are stingy in your giving, you will be poorer for it, but if you are generous in your giving you will be even wealthier. But this verse does not state the motivation for giving but simply refers to information and instruction that we know to be true from experience and observation.

The true motivation for Christian giving is found in 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV): "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." God's grace in Jesus Christ is the motivation for our Christian giving. Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves, that is, save us from sin, death and everlasting condemnation. Our spiritual needs are fully taken care of in Christ, but what about our physical needs? This passage speaks to that as well when it indicates that God also takes care of our physical needs so that in all things at all times we will have all that we need so that we can abound in every good work.

St. Paul stated this so eloquently in Romans 8:32 (NIV): "He (God) who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" This question begs for the answer "yes." God does provide all that we need for our spiritual and physical welfare and he does it lavishly so that we can abound in every good work.

Finally, St. Paul brought the truth of Christian giving home when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV): "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (hilarious) giver." Christian giving is primarily a spiritual issue, not a financial one. When we children of God answer the question of what do I believe God is calling me to give, then we respond freely and generously not because the church or any other Christian cause needs our money, but because we believe in our hearts that our giving is a consecrated response. The joy that we reap from such free and generous giving is something that brings a special sweetness to our lives that no one can ever take away from us.



Custodian Position Applications

The deadline for applications for a part-time custodial position at BSLC has been extended. This is an hourly paid position for between 5-8 hours a week with wage around \$10 an hour based on qualifications and experience. Applications are in the narthex. Questions? Please talk to one of the pastors or Scott Simonson.



VBS Supplies Needed

Vacation Bible school this year will be June 9-13. Your donations are needed for the preparations of the meals that we serve the children. There will be cards in the narthex with items that are needed. Just take a card, pick up the items and bring to the church by June. 9. We also need hamburger and



all-beef hot dogs so grocery gift cards can be given to cover our meat expense. Thanks for your support!

Senior Recognition

All high school seniors are invited to attend the 8:15, 9:30 or 10:45 a.m.

worship services on Sunday, May 19, as our congregation recognizes your hard work during the past four years. God's blessing on your future endeavors. Congratulations!



Deaths

Doris Gigler passed away April 19, 2013. She leaves behind three daughters: Judith, Denise and Patrice; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Her funeral was at BSLC on April 27 and interment will be at the Municipal Cemetery in Ada, MN.



BSLC Coffee Club

BSLC members meet at 9 a.m. every Friday at Village Inn on the corner of 32nd Avenue South and 25th Street, Fargo. This time of fellowship is to get to know other Beautiful Savior members and is for both men and women of any age.

Save Your Used Stamps

Please continue to save your used stamps and place in drawer marked STAMPS by the LWML kiosk.

Coupons for the Military

Please clip coupons and sort them by the month that they will expire. Please bring them to the drawer by the LWML kiosk and put them in the correct file by month. Thank you!

Rent a Youth

Need some extra hands around the house or yard? Rent a youth! The youth at Beautiful Savior are available to help out with various tasks, including yard work, cleaning and moving assistance, among other jobs. Suggested rate is \$10 an hour per youth. All proceeds will go toward activities such as mission trips and the 2013 LCMS National Youth Gathering. To rent a youth, please call Pastor Chris at 293-1047 or 893-6995.



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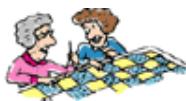
A big thank you to Rachel Chelsey for her hard work at BSLC the past three years. Rachel kept the church neat and clean and spent many Saturdays here making sure the church was ready for Sunday worship. She did a great job and we applaud her efforts. She has now "retired" from the job, and we will miss her.



Thanks to Lloyd Jemtrud, Pastor Dave and others who have helped with the cleaning since Rachel was done.

Thanks to all the Sunday School leaders and assistants for the past year. Your dedication to our young people is very much appreciated!

Quilting on May 2 and 16



There will be quilting and other sewing projects happening from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 2 and 16. Bring any extra material you have and a sewing machine if you can. All ages and all hands are welcome.

Gold Club Lunch Noon on Wednesday, May 15



Yes, we have nicer weather so now all our young at heart BSLC members need to get together to see our snowbirds who are back and to share stories and good food. We will meet at noon Wednesday, May 15. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share!

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 in the church office.

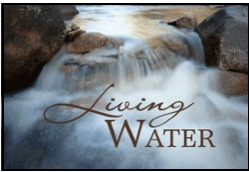
Living Water

By Pastor Dave



Have you had your fill of talk about water? Beginning in March and then during most of April, we were informed about the possible flooding in the valley. That information (about what the river might do) sent youth from our schools and other volunteers from our community to sandbag central. In other places, clay dikes were erected. People donated their time and abilities to help our community prepare for the big event. However, the flood of 2013 turned out to be not all that major. To be sure, some minor flooding occurred. But nothing close to what they predicted. Personally, I was relieved and delighted that things did not turn out as they once thought. With the danger of major flooding over, can we forget about all this talk of water?

Water is necessary for life here on earth. We don't want too much water on the land for that leads to flooding. But the opposite is also something that we want to avoid. Not having much or any water in the form of precipitation can lead to drought conditions. This was something that large portions of the Midwest experienced last year. Because water is vital to physical life, we will continue to talk about it. In addition to this, there is another type of water that Jesus speaks about. This is living water, which is vital for our spiritual life. We read from the Gospel of John (7:37-39):



On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this, he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

This passage points out that Jesus is the source of new life, which is described as living water. This new life comes to us through the Holy Spirit, which Jesus, along with God the Father, sends to believers. This new life is possible because Jesus was glorified. In John's Gospel, Jesus' glorification describes His work of salvation for us made possible through his suffering, death and resurrection.

Jesus came to give us new life. As I think about how the river rages through Fargo during the spring floods, I am reminded of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us who believe. It is like living water. This new life is not a tame or stagnant thing. It is an abundant life to be lived out as we love God and as we love our neighbors. Believe it. Live it.

Peace.

Pastor Dave

FirstChoice Clinic "Swinging for Life" Golf Marathon



FirstChoice Clinic's annual golf marathon is Tuesday, June 4, at Rose Creek Golf Course. Tim and Tina Deitemeyer Are teaming up to golf 100 holes in one day! Please consider sponsoring Tim and Tina as all funds raised ensure that the most vulnerable expectant moms (dads too) have access to state-of-the-art ultrasound equipment, well-trained staff, plus the support and education needed ensuring the health and well-being of their babies. FirstChoice clinic puts life first!

We have been sponsored in the past with as little as \$5 and as much as \$500. Please talk with Tim and/or Tina, call Tim's cell phone at (701) 793-2220 or e-mail tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com and let them know how much you want to sponsor. After the event, First Choice clinic will send an invoice, envelope, and charitable receipt. Thank you for your support!

Military Addresses Needed

Do you have friends or family in the military? Please leave their name and address in the church office or e-mail names to mseiffert@marykay.com. Include your name as well and your connection to that person (friend, niece, cousin, co-worker, etc.). The LWML is planning a card shower for those individuals serving our country. Watch for more information through a church display and announcements. The congregation will be asked to take part by sending cards as well! The more-the merrier, right? The card shower will be held through Memorial Day. Questions? Call Mary at 241-9032.



2013 High School Graduates



Congratulations to our 2013 high school graduates. Please keep them in your prayers as they move forward in their lives.

- ♦ Michael Bartz will graduate from Casselton High. He plans to attend NDSU for Instrumental Music Education
- ♦ Christopher Bolstad will graduate from Fargo South. He plans to attend NDSCS, Wahpeton, to study welding.
- ♦ Cody Fruehling will graduate from Fargo North. He plans to attend Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD, for criminal justice.
- ♦ Marley Palm will graduate from Richland 44. She plans to attend NDSCS for Social Work.
- ♦ Taylor Phillips will graduate from Moorhead High. She plans to attend NDSU for interior design.
- ♦ Mitchell Scheer will graduate from Casselton High. He plans to attend VCSU for Exercise Science.
- ♦ Morgan Schlichtmann will graduate from Davies. She plans to attend NDSU for engineering.
- ♦ DeSean Thompson will graduate from Fargo North. He plans to attend NDSU for business.

Any high school graduates that were missed, please let the office know your plans; it will be published in the June newsletter.

Guys-Reserve the Date



Summer is coming! Make fishing memories by going with a group of fellow Christian men on a Canadian fly-in fishing trip July 7-13. The "secret" lake is teeming with lots of Master Angler walleyes, jumbo perch and huge northern pike. The rustic looking cabins have all the modern conveniences of hot and cold water, indoor showers and restrooms. Your guide has 14 years of fishing experience at Shining Falls. The all-inclusive rate is a great bargain. For more information or to reserve your seat in the boat, call Gordy Swanson at 218-790-1738 or e-mail gordon@702com.net. Passports are required! Enjoy a week in God's great outdoors!

Grace Lutheran School News

Spring Musical: "Arkeology" You are cordially invited to our Kindergarten-third grade musical at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 14. Come see our students act out the story of "Arkeology-Remembering God's Plan and Promise." This familiar Bible story is told once again using creative dialogue from the animals' perspective as God leads Noah on one of the most outrageous adventures in the history of mankind. Noah trusts God as he responds in faith and builds the ark he and his family embark on to survive the greatest storm the earth will ever encounter. This fun-filled musical is a great reminder to your children and your church that God will help us weather any of life's storms through faith in Christ.



Dinner and Auction Thank You-

On behalf of the entire GLS Family, the Board of Education would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our 2013 annual dinner and auction held on March 23. The final numbers are in, and the night was a stunning success! From the 290 attendees, \$59,000 was raised to support Grace



Lutheran School. What a tremendous outcome! We are thankful God has continued to bless GLS, and we know it is because of the strong support of families (current and past), as well as friends and relatives who are guided by the power of the Holy Spirit to keep the mission of Grace Lutheran School alive and moving forward. God bless!

Camp Grace-Hurry to get in on our fantastic summer program for children ages 4-12! Only four full-time spots remain open. Registration forms are available on our website at www.gracelutheranschool.org.

2013-2014 School Year-There's still time to enroll for the next school year at Grace Lutheran School. Our school is proud of our commitment to Christ-centered education for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. We have small class sizes, an outstanding teaching staff, current technology and extracurricular activities.

For more information, call 232-7747 or go online at: www.gracelutheranschool.org. to find out more or to set up a tour. Scholarships are available through Grace Lutheran School.

Plan Now to Attend Summer Bible Camps

Check out the following exciting summer camp opportunities available at Lutheran Island Camp and Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Current brochures for the upcoming season are available at the church or you can check out their websites.

Lutheran Island Camp
www.islandcamp.org



Shepherd's Hill Camp
www.shretreat.org



Youth Praise Band

The youth praise band will be practicing at 6:30 p.m. Sundays, May 5 and 12.



There will be a practice with a pizza party on the 18th to celebrate all the hard work the youth have been doing. After playing in church on Sunday, May 20, the youth praise band will take a break for the summer. If you have questions, call Ramsey at 866-5403.

May Youth Events



Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, May 1 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m.-Youth Group for grades 7-12

Wednesday, May 8 – from 7:45 to 9 p.m.-Youth Group for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Wednesday, May 15-Bowling contest. All High school youth are invited to test their skill in a bowling contest from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bowler. Bring \$10 and your best game as we hit the lanes. We will also have a short devotion on site.



Friday, May 17-Junior High Activity Night. Youth in grades 7-12 are invited for an outdoor activity and game night from 6-10 p.m. at the church. The event will include a barbecue dinner. Bring a dish to share and your favorite outdoor game. Please fill out a form with Pastor Chris.

Saturday, May 18-Pizza Day in Valley City. Come make pizzas from 2-8 p.m. The more people who come, the more we make! We will be leaving from Beautiful Savior at around 1 p.m. and having a free pizza dinner together on site.

Sunday, June 23: Youth Group Paintball-All kids in sixth through 12th grades are invited for a day of paintball from 1-6 p.m. at Valley Paintball. We will meet at BSLC at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 if you have equipment and \$40 without equipment. Bring your own beverages and snacks. You MUST fill out a waiver and permission form to attend this event. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.



Ongoing Servant Events



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 by 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or see Pastor Chris for more information.

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Office Hours

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-noon Friday

Additionally, Pastor Dave and Pastor Chris are available by appointment.

Worship Schedule on Sunday

8:15 and 9:30 a.m. Praise Worship
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Worship Schedule starting May 26

8:30 and 10 a.m. Worship

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

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