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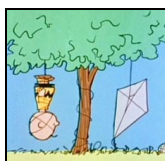
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"Peanuts" and the Theology of the Cross From Pastor Chris

If you know anything about Charlie Brown, you know that he seems to be under some kind of curse. Nothing goes as planned for poor Charlie Brown. If his own worries and insecurities don't compromise the day, then the people in his life--topped by the football-grabbing Lucy--provide a foil for him.

But people are not the only thing standing in Charlie Brown's way. Charlie Brown has a big problem with trees. An avid kite-flyer, Charlie Brown cannot avoid these stationary, yet ravenous, kite-eating creatures. Indeed, when a tree appears, it often not only gets the kite, but also gets Charlie Brown. He's usually hung up in its branches, dangling by and wrapped in his own kite string.



Yet trees do not always ruin the day. In fact, when life gets hard -- really hard -- Charlie Brown discovers that trees are very good to lean against.

In case you didn't notice, proclaiming the tree (the cross) of our Lord Jesus Christ also comes with the same dynamic. This world stands opposed to the message of the cross, ready to silence the Gospel at any cost and by any means. It didn't take long for the disciples to discover this; in Acts 5, the disciples find themselves jailed, beaten and prohibited from speaking and proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified and then risen.

What a long and hard road-this way of the cross! For the apostles, proclaiming Jesus' cross led to backlash, persecution and suffering! All of them, save John, went to a martyr's death. But Jesus didn't hide this from the disciples. He told them plainly: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me," (Matthew 16:24).



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Please keep the church updated with your

address, phone number and e-mail. Newsletters are not forwarded but can be e-mailed to you.

New Officer Installed Sunday, May 4



BSLC will install our newly elected officers next Sunday, May 4, during our worship service. A big thank you

to Scott Simonson for serving as director of properties as he steps down from his position. Dan Berglund was elected to take Scott's position. Dave Eggers and Steve Thielman were re-elected as elders and Brad Palmer was re-elected to the RRLS Board.

VBS Will Be June 8-12

Vacation Bible School time is fast approaching. Our theme this year is Weird Animals. God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus. There will be fun songs, games and crafts. VBS will be held from June 8-12.



Leaders and helpers are needed to help with VBS so let Pastor Chris know if you want to help.

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

"Peanuts" ...

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These words of the Lord's found root in the apostles, who could not and would not withhold the Gospel from a broken world. They knew that ultimately, the cross means life because Jesus suffered, died and rose again in human history so that all might be saved. Thus, for the 11, the suffering that came with proclaiming the cross never overshadowed the life that it brings.

"We must obey God rather than men" was their collective shout!

Indeed, the disciples rejoiced in their suffering, glorying in the fact they were deemed worthy to do so. Through their message, the downtrodden and broken were told of the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ; the disciples themselves were received into paradise thanks to this same cross. It seems proclaiming this tree, even when it tangles things up, always provided something sure and steady to lean against.

This is the paradox of our time as well. Christians can expect to be persecuted and slandered, punished (and even executed in some places) for proclaiming Christ. The way of the cross can lead to great suffering.

But the cross is the power of salvation for all who believe. Therefore, the Gospel cannot and should not be silenced. Grounded in the Gospel, we know that a kingdom awaits us despite suffering for the name. Suffering is not a prerequisite for salvation, of course. Salvation comes through Jesus' suffering and death, not ours. But when we do suffer, it is not an indication that our Lord has abandoned us, it is simply life under the cross, where all things, even suffering, are made new in and through the blood of Jesus. We may carry a cross, but we always rely upon our Lord and Savior, who invites us: "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," (Matthew 11:28).

Pastor Chris

Sunday Morning Bible Study

New Life and New Hope
9:40 a.m.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything. For our Bible study in May, we will explore the meaning of the resurrection. We will begin by looking at the 15th chapter of First Corinthians. Come and explore with us the meaning of Christ's resurrection for us.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

"Character: who you are when no one is looking."
7 p.m. Tuesdays

People give evidence of strong character in many ways every day. But no matter how wonderful our character is, it will never be wonderful enough to earn God's approval. It is a gift from God to us through Christ. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays when you can.

Elder of the Month

Craig Hashbarger is our elder for the month of May.

Craig grew up in Hope and Grand Forks, N.D. He graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in accounting. He is an audit manager with Widmer Roel in Fargo, where he's worked since 2008.



Craig, Sherrie, Eva and Owen Hashbarger

Craig is married to Sherri. They are both from Hope originally, and met at UND in 1998. They were married May 15, 2004, at Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel in Grand Forks. They started attending Beautiful Savior in 2005.

They have two children. Eve is 6 and in kindergarten. Owen is 2. The family enjoys reading, watching movies, swimming and camping. Craig also likes running and has completed three half marathons.

Women's Bible Study

"Pew Sisters"

This 12-session Bible study for women "goes and tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today. From alcoholism to postpartum depression to cancer, twelve different women share the story of God's faithfulness in their lives for the consolation of their sisters in Christ. This study's goal is to encourage and build up the faith of our Christian sisters. Every woman sitting in the pew has a story to share of God's faithfulness in her life, and women love nothing more than to hear a good story and to delight in the sisterhood of believers. Sign up in the narthex and the book cost is \$11. This study starts the week of May 12.

Renew and Renovate Update

We have had a successful start to our Renew and Renovate capital campaign and are 80% of the way to achieving our goal. Thank you to everyone who has contributed as well as those who have submitted pledges. The roof over the fellowship has already been reshingled. The campaign continues through the end of the year. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider doing so.

Renew and Renovate Capital
Campaign Committee



Greeters Needed for Sundays

Our church is noted for being friendly to visitors. Now is your chance to share that feeling. Please volunteer to greet before either worship on a Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Pick the Sunday that works for you and arrive 15 minutes before worship. Thanks for greeting!

A Special Thank You from the Gietzen Family

Our family would like to thank everyone who baked and donated the many items for Odessa's benefit. We would also like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to lend us a hand. We had a wonderful turnout and to everyone who attended the benefit, your presence was very much appreciated. We are blessed to have people like you in our lives and we ask for your continued prayers for Odessa as she continues to grow and prepare for the next surgery. Thanks again, The Gietzen family



Easter Flowers 2014

Flowers placed by:

Roland and Jeanne Barchinger
Dan and Carrie, Emily
and Isaac Berglind
Dave and Brenda Dale
Rod and Pat Ensrud
Gerry and Joan Fiechtner
Mike and LeAnn Herrmann
Lloyd Jemtrud
Janet Koppinger
Karen Mart-Taverna
Harvey and Bev Medenwaldt
Jerry and Shirley Nordstrom
Terry and Margie Opp
Joe and Lori Pytlik and boys
Dave and Kim Scheer
Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann
Mary Seiffert
Mary and Greg Seiffert
Gary and Maggie Stende
Loretta Swanson
Steve and Jane Thielman
Ben and Nathan
Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner
Keith and Kari Zilmer

Flowers placed by:

Kelly and Hope Adam
Dave and Brenda Dale
Ed and Carol Herrmann
Dennis and Penny Kroshus
Dave & Becky McCleary
Joe and Lori Pytlik and boys
Pastor Dave and Kim Wagner

In Loving Memory of:

Donna Jean and Cindy
Bud Berglind

Alice Dale
Eugene Davidson
Our parents and our brothers
Marvin Warns
Donna Jemtrud
LaDonna Etzel
Larry Mart
Our parents
Wally and Elaine
Violet Opp
Loren Thalmann
David Scheer Jr.
Eugene Paulsrud
Brothers Timmy and Randy
Mom Ursula
Sy and Shotty Stende, Harold Hagen
Gordy Swanson
Audrey Thielman

Randy and Audrey Christianson
Tom and Pearl Rud
Elaine Zilmer
Rick Amundson

In Honor of:

Our grandsons Madix and Cade
Our children
All military
Our grandchildren
Our children
Our parents and grandparents
Our grandson Leo

Baptisms

April 27-Cade Michael Adam, son of Kayla Adam, born March 15, 2014. His sponsors were Ashley Adam and Nick Grant.



Marriages

March 29-John William Olson and Roberta Jo Elhard



Deaths

Clarence (Chuck) Just passed away on April 5, 2014. He leaves his wife Joanne, a son Kevin and a daughter Janel (Michael); five grandchildren; two brothers and two brother and sister-in-laws. The funeral was held at BSLC April 11 with Pastor Dave presiding.



Gold Club Lunch

Noon on Wednesday, May 21

Gold Club is for people age 55 and older and/or retired, who gather once a month at BSLC for lunch. Bring a dish to share and join us at noon Wednesday, May 21, in the fellowship hall.

Quilting Will be May 22

Quilting will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 22. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you can and even your sewing machine, if possible.

Please Save Used Stamps

Please bring in your used stamps and place them in the drawer marked stamps by the LWML kiosk.

Memorials to Beautiful Savior

In memory of Laurel Wegener
Lowell Wegener
Donald & Sandra Andersen
Steve & Maxine Rust

In memory of Maynard LeMier (Harlan's brother)
Harlan & Irene LeMier

In memory of Chuck Just
Bruce & Lorrie Middaugh

LWML News



Filled...and Overflowing: Filled with the Holy Spirit and the Word, we are overflowing with Christ's redeeming love and compassion for His people everywhere. Consider attending the LWML ND District Convention in Wahpeton June 20-22, 2014, at the NDSCS Student Center. Learn more by attending our May LWML meeting at BSLC at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8.

Loose Change Sunday: Thanks to all of you for emptying your pockets on March 30! With your help, all but 3 of the Mission Grants for the 2012-2014 Biennium have been paid to date. The giant LWML Mite Box located near the water fountain & LWML kiosk accepts loose change any day. Thank you for your continued support.

Did you know? Those pennies, nickels, quarters, dimes and silver dollars really add up. Just in the ND district, each biennium, around \$68,000 is raised and put towards special mission projects. To learn more about these grants, go to NDlwml.org/missiongrants/ - or attend any LWML meeting.



LWML mission: The mission of LWML North Dakota is to equip and encourage all women to share the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ.

BSLC Coffee Club

Our BSLC members meet at 9 a.m. on Fridays at Village Inn on the corner of 32nd Avenue South and 25th Street, Fargo. This time of fellowship is to get to know other BSLC members and is for both men and women of any age. Stop in when you can.

Improv Theater Was a Big Hit

On April 13th, Beautiful Savior had a night of fun and frivolity. Those who came to our first improv theater night were entertained with great music and special acts. Members of the audience also participated.

Thank you to all who came, performed and helped with our Improv Theater. A free-will offering was taken to help with our Renew and Renovate Campaign.

It was a fun show and everyone had a great time as evidenced by the pictures!



Renovate and Renew from Pastor Dave

I have some good news to share with you. The roof over the fellowship hall has been resingled and it no longer leaks. I am so grateful that the repairs were completed before we received over two inches of rain at the end of April.

We realize that buildings need to be repaired from time to time. We also acknowledge that our bodies need some work on them as well. We break bones. Our joints need to be replaced. Spots of cancer on our skin might need to be cut off. We require stitches.

Seeking repairs for bodies is nothing new. About two thousand years ago, Jesus entered a world that was in great need of healing. As we look at the Gospels, we see that Jesus did something about it.

From the Gospel of Mark (6:56) we read,

And wherever Jesus went-- into villages, towns or countryside-- they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

The healing Jesus performed for people in their bodies was only a prelude to the restoring to health that Jesus would make possible for all through his suffering and death on the cross. You and I, along with all who look to Jesus for salvation, are healed by Him. This is the good news that from having Him as our Savior. Far greater than any repairs to a roof, Jesus repairs what sin has broken.

Pastor Dave

Help Wanted: Custodian

Applications are being taken for a part-time custodial position at BSLC. The primary duties relate to the appearance and cleanliness of our church and include doing weekly cleaning responsibilities with additional duties performed from a prioritized list of tasks to be completed on a rotating basis.



This is an hourly paid position for between 5-8 hours a week, subject to periodic review. Wage will be around \$10 an hour based on experience and qualifications. Minimum qualifications include knowledge of basic cleaning functions; good planning, organizational and time management skills; and the ability to work with a variety of people. The ability to be screened and approved through the church youth protection policy, lift a minimum of 20 pounds and have complete mobility to perform building and grounds activities is required.

If you are interested in the position, there are job description and application forms in the narthex. Also provide the names and contact information of three references familiar with you and your work experience. Deadline to apply is May 7. Submit applications to the church office: Attention: Property Manager.

Voters' Meeting May 18 at 9:30 a.m.

We will hold our spring congregational meeting between services on May 18. Reports will be given over the various ministry areas of our congregation. The congregation will also be updated on the renew and renovate campaign.



We invite you to come to this meeting to learn and give your input to our congregational leaders. If there is something specific that you would like to bring up, we encourage you to talk to Brad Cogdill (237-3821) so that we may get it on the agenda.

Winter Coat Drive



Are your kids growing and your closets full? As spring arrives in the Red River Valley, consider donating your gently used adult and children winter coats to the Salvation Army. Last fall, the Salvation Army was 700 coats short during its annual drive. So all of the local LCMS congregations are joining together in this effort to serve our community and help others stay warm during the winter months. Coats can be dropped off at BSLC through Sunday, May 11.

Lutherans for Life

Please join Fargo Moorhead Lutherans for Life on Saturday, May 3, in the Beautiful Savior fellowship hall for fellowship and our annual meeting.

There will be coffee and snacks at 10 a.m., a short chapter business meeting at 10:15 and a special presentation at 11 a.m. by Chris Hupke, of ND Choose Life, regarding the ND proposed Human Life Amendment. This Amendment provides "The inalienable right to life of every human being at any stage of development must be recognized and protected." North Dakota voters will have an opportunity to enact the Human Life Amendment this November.

FM LFL encourages you to take advantage of this informational presentation and opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding this important issue. For more information contact Gail Waagen at 701-306-6283.

Grace Lutheran School News Consider the Grace Place!

Please join us for our all-school open house for pre-K through eighth grade students at Grace Lutheran School from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14. Chapel will be held at 8:45 a.m. Come visit anytime that day! Join us for a tour, Chapel, lunch, music, gym, recess, or stay and observe in a classroom and visit with the teachers! If May 14 doesn't work, call the office anytime to set up a visit!



Senior Recognition

All high school seniors are invited to attend the 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. worship services on Sunday, May 18, as our congregation recognizes your hard work during the past four years. God's blessing on your future endeavors. Congratulations!



BSLC High School Seniors Graduation Plans

Marcus Osman will graduate from Davies High School, Fargo. He plans to attend Concordia College in Moorhead to pursue a degree in Chemistry as a step toward a medical career.

Jesse Deitemeyer will graduate from Fargo South High. He plans to pursue a career this fall with the U.S Army.

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

Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday school and adult Bible study will be May 18. Thanks to all who helped with our Sunday school program this year.

Youth Praise Band

The youth praise band will practice at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, and Sunday, May 11. They will meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 18, to practice before playing for worship that day. In the evening on May 18, they will meet here at the church at 7 p.m. and head over to the Dairy Queen to enjoy a treat. They will take a break for summer and start up again in Sept. Questions? Give Ramsey a call at 866-5403.



Sign up for Summer Camp

Family camps. Horse camps. Geocaching camps. Fishing camps. Splash camps ... and much more. Whatever your child's interest, you can find a corresponding adventure at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads or Lutheran Island Camp. Camps not only provide a source of summer fun, they also offer an opportunity to grow in faith. Scholarships are available from our church as well to help offset the cost. For more information, check corresponding brochures for schedules and prices. More information is available at www.shretreat.org and www.islandcamp.org.



May Youth Events



UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, May 7—No Youth Group

Wednesday, May 14—from 7-9 p.m. Outdoor Activity Night

Wednesday, May 21—from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Destination Unknown for grades 7-12

Wednesday, May 28—No Youth Group

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Wednesday, May 14 – Junior High Activity Night. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited for an outdoor activity and game night from 6:30-9 p.m. at Lindenwood Park. The event will include a barbecue dinner of hot dogs and brats. Bring a dish to share and your favorite outdoor game. Please fill out a form with Pastor Chris.

Sunday, May 18: Youth Group Paintball. All kids in sixth through 12th grades and their family and friends are invited for a day of paintball from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at Valley Paintball. We will meet at BSLC at 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 if you have equipment and \$45 without equipment. The church will provide drinks but you can bring your own snacks and beverages. You **MUST** fill out a waiver and permission form to attend this event. For more information, please see Pastor Chris.



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Office Hours

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

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