

April 2015

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

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

Defending Our Faith

In this day and age, people make all kinds of claims without checking the facts. Instead of actually addressing the issue and doing some digging, people often voraciously defend their worldview without any effort to discover the truth.

For example, a friend of mine once told me that Jesus never claimed to be God. "There's nowhere in the Bible to even support this idea," he said. "Christians mistakenly came to view Jesus as God later on in history."

What would you say to this? How would you respond? As faith comes under attack time and again, how will you stand under the assault?

A simple glance into the Bible reveals my friend was wrong. In John 8, Jesus explains to some of the Jews that even though they could trace their lineage as descendants of Abraham, they still had a severe sin problem. Jesus explains that the faith of Abraham looked forward to the coming of a messiah.

"Your Father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day," Jesus said. "He saw it and was glad."

So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet 50 years old and have you seen Abraham?"

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

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Maundy Thursday, April 2

7 p.m. Worship

Good Friday, April 3

7 p.m. Worship

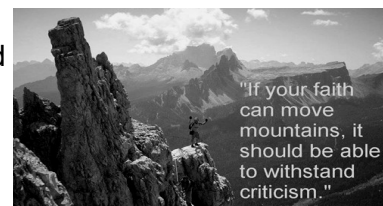
Easter Sunday, April 5

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

Easter Breakfast from 8:45 - 10:30 a.m.
served by BSLC youth.



Word from Pastor Chris



"If your faith can move mountains, it should be able to withstand criticism."

Defending Our Faith (Continued from page 1.)

When God called Moses through the burning bush to lead His people out of Israel, God revealed His personal name as Yahweh, meaning "I am." Jesus now makes reference to this name, rightfully claiming it as His own.

Throughout the ages, God has pointed people toward his word as an infallible reminder of who God is, what he is doing and how he makes himself known among people. There are numerous other passages that allude to Christ's divinity. Could you make an argument to discuss what they might be?

Buddha never claimed to be God. Moses never claimed to be Yahweh. Mohammed never claimed to be Allah. Yet Jesus Christ claimed to be the true and living God. Buddha simply said, "I am a teacher in search of the truth." Jesus said, "I am the Truth." Confucius said, "I never claimed to be holy." Jesus said, "Who convicts me of sin?" Mohammed said, "Unless God throws his cloak of mercy over me, I have no hope." Jesus said, "Unless you believe in me, you will die in your sins."

On April 12 and 19, our Sunday Bible study will explore "Defending your faith: The case for a resurrected Christ." Through the power of the Holy Spirit, our study will lay the groundwork for both believing and defending the fact that Christians did not make a mistake thinking Jesus was God. They lived and died with the glorious news that God had come in the flesh to save mankind and restore creation.

Join us in learning to make a case to those who think Jesus is just a myth or invention of history.

Pastor Chris

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! One of the hallmarks that sets Christianity apart from other religions is that its central figure rose from the dead. Yet the world insists the resurrection is a hoax or misunderstanding and that Christianity did not "elevate" Jesus to divine status until later. Learn now to defend your faith both Biblically and from the pages of history during the two-week Bible study: "The Case for a Resurrected Christ" on April 12 and 19.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

7 p.m. on Tuesdays

The Tuesday evening Bible study will finish a study on First Peter before it move onto the next topic. These studies are arranged so that you may join in at anytime.

Elder of the Month

Matthew Deardoff is our elder for April. He will assist the pastors if there are any needs, greet members and visitors and help see that things run smoothly. Please take time to get to know our elders and let them know if you have any ideas or concerns for our church.



Pictures of Newer Members

Our "Smile and Shoot" campaign to get pictures of all our BSLC members is back in action. If you are a newer member or missed getting in the last directory, talk to Tim Deitemeyer or one of the pastors, and your picture can be taken after any worship service on April 12 or 19. You will even get a copy e-mailed to you. Smile!

Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Thursdays

Is decision-making easy or hard for you? Our Bible study will focus on how Christ can impact our decisions. Just come when you can. We meet at 9 a.m. Thursday mornings or 5:30 p.m. Monday evenings at the church. Cost of the study is \$3. No pre-registration is needed; just come when you can. Hope to see you there.

Results from our March 15 Voters' Meeting

Here are some highlights from our voters' meeting in March.

Brad Cogdill was re-elected chairman.
David Anderson, Craig Hashbarger and Adam Tykwinski were re-elected as elders.
Jane Thielman was re-elected to RRLSA.

New officers elected were:

LeAnn Herrmann, vice chairman,
Lori Pytlik, director of evangelism,
Jean Berard, director of stewardship.

The new and re-elected officers will be installed on Sunday, May 3, during our worship service. We thank them for their willingness to serve God in our congregation.

BSLC would like to thank Robert Gregerson for his time serving as vice chairman; Tim Deitemeyer for his time serving as Evangelism director; and Mike Schlichtmann for his time serving as Stewardship director.



Memorials to BSLC

All Below Given In Memory of Bob Richgruber

Paraments (table runner and pulpit scarf)

Rhonda Hoge
Karen Mart Taverna
Dave and Becky Berg
Al and Jenny Erickson

Youth Group

Roland and Jeanne Barchinger for youth group

General Memorial

Gerry and Joan Fiechtner
Loretta Swanson



April Service Group



Diane Knutson-Lee is our captain for the month of April. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters E-G. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with a funeral or other events. Thanks for your support of our church.

LWML News



There will be a Zone Spring Event at Immanuel, Fargo, on Sunday, April 19. It is entitled "Witness, Mercy and Life Together;" Human Trafficking in North Dakota;" Staying Safe for Witness, Mercy and Life Together." Registration and refreshments are at 2:30 p.m. with the program starting at 3 p.m., followed by a light supper at 5:30 p.m. Ingathering: Walmart and gas gift cards for the pastors to use in the oil fields.

Don't forget about the workshop in Mandan on Human Trafficking in North Dakota on April 11. Check with Rhonda Hoge if you need a ride.

At our upcoming meeting in May we will have Kayla Schlichtmann talking about her trip to Kenya. Watch for more details.

Mark your calendar: We are planning a women's advent tea to be held Sunday, Dec. 6. Kim Wagner is now looking for table hostesses so contact her if you are interested in helping.

Food Pantry Items Needed

We have changed the way we hand out food to people in need. A bag is filled with food and kept under Vicki's desk ready to be handed out. Basic items needed are tuna, cereal, mac and cheese, small shampoos, deodorants, soaps, conditioners, soups, tuna helper, snacks or peanut butter. Leave items in office under her desk. Thanks!

Confirmation in April

14 young adults will be confirmed at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 26. Please remember them in your prayers as they move forward with their Christian faith.

Abigail Aberle
Alyssa Gaber
Noah Hankel
Ashley Olson
Zachary Nelson
Tyler Noffze
Caleb Steinke

Matthewscott Dale
Lucas Hankel
Paige Nevland
Isaiah Johnson
Charlotte Reichenbach
Brandon Stevahn
Harrison Wiest

Baptisms

March 15 - Tessa Lee Larson, daughter of Daren and Kala Larson, born Nov. 18, 2014. Her sponsors were Janna and Ryan Strege.

Gold Club Lunch

Noon, Wednesday, April 15

Calling all BSLC members age 55 and older and/or retirees: come to our monthly potluck! It's a fun time to share good food and visit with others. We will meet at noon Wednesday, April 15, in the fellowship hall. See you there!

BSLC Coffee Club

Our BSLC members meet at 9 a.m. on Fridays at Randy's University Diner, 2130 University Dr. S. This time of fellowship is to get to know other BSLC members and is for both men and women of any age. Join us any day you can.



Quilting will be April 9 and 23

Quilting will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, April 9 and 23. This is for all ages, so feel free to stop by and help if you can.

Experience the LCEF Difference

Many things are better with a partner, including ministry. Lutheran Church Extension Fund walks alongside LCMS ministries with resources to help fulfill the mission of sharing the Gospel and serving His people, while helping each member of your family meet their unique financial needs.

- **For young ones:** Young Investors (Y.I.) Club is a way for those through age 18 to save and help others learn about Jesus. An investment just for them, they earn a competitive rate on balances up to \$1,000. School-age children have the opportunity to earn extra funds for good grades and community service and high school seniors can apply for a Y.I. scholarship.
- **For the planners:** Family Emergency StewardAccount® helps you systematically build a fund for unexpected expenses, keeping your budget on track. The automatic monthly deposits keep it off your mind but available when you need it.
- **For new-to-LCEF members:** ConnectPLUS offers anyone over 18 years old who is not currently invested (or has not had an LCEF investment in the past 24 months) with LCEF an opportunity to experience the powerful partnership between individuals and LCMS ministries. They earn a competitive rate (on balances up to \$5,000), can start ConnectPLUS with just \$500 and add funds anytime during the term (\$25 minimum).

For rates and details, visit lcef.org, call 800-843-5233 or check the narthex for brochures.



New Members Corner

Welcome to Monna Rae Morse who moved here to be closer to her family. She is from Landon where she was a member at Redeemer. She liked how easy it was to find our church. Her favorite Bible verse is John 15:5 "I am the Vine..." and it was her confirmation verse. She was born on her grandparents' farm near Howard, SD, and got married in her parents' living room in Huron, SD. She lived in Montana and then 49 years in her house in Langdon. Monna loves to visit and to go out to eat so schedule a luncheon date to visit with her.

Welcome to Caley and Samantha Perleberg who just moved here from Madison, WI. Samantha has just finished her pediatric residency at the University of Wisconsin. They moved to Fargo to be closer to family—Caley is from Jamestown and Samantha is from Edgeley. They were married at Beautiful Savior on Sept. 27, 2013, like listening to our pastors and how close BSLC is to their new home. Samantha enjoys cooking, and Caley is a Miami Dolphin fan. Together they enjoy watching movies, walking their toy poodle Lola Bell and being with family. They are expecting a little girl in July. Their favorite Bible scripture is Luke 12:29-31 and it reminds them to seek Jesus before seeking worldly materialistic things and in doing so, He will supply them with what they need.



Joy and Gladness in Life

Word by Pastor Dave

There are joys in life. It is something that we all have experienced. These joys come from a variety of things that are important to us. Joy comes as we see our children do well at school, music, theater or sports. It swells in us as our college or professional teams make the playoffs. Joy comes as we visit with friends or take a vacation. We recently had news that brought great joy to my wife and me when we heard about the birth of a new grandson to our son Lucas and his wife in March. Our grandson Milo is doing well and we are going to go visit them in the middle of April. This will also bring us gladness.

Much of the joy that we have in life, however, is temporary. We are glad that our team makes the playoffs. But when they lose, we are disappointed. We may be glad to go on a vacation. But by the end of it, we may not be able to get home fast enough. Our children and grandchildren bring us much joy, but they can also cause heartache. Nevertheless, there is a joy that we have that can never be taken away.

Right before Jesus died, he said to his disciples, "Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy," (John 16:22). Christ is speaking here about his suffering, death and resurrection. The disciples will experience dreadful anxiety and grief. But with the resurrection of Jesus, that will change to joy, and that joy will never go away.

On the first Sunday of April, we will celebrate Easter—the day that Jesus rose from the grave. That event has changed the course of history. His resurrection puts things into a whole new perspective. By Christ rising from the dead, we realize that God has much more in store for us and that this life is not all that there is. This impacts how we view not only eternity but also this life.

If there were no resurrection, it would be easy to become super selfish in this life. If this world is all that there is, then we might feel that we need to experience as much as we can now. Forget about others. Focus on yourself, and grab what you can while you live. But life was never meant to be lived centered around yourself. The world is not to revolve around us. This is idolatry for we make ourselves our own gods. Jesus summarized God's will for us with the two commandments that we love God with all our heart, soul and mind and that we love our neighbors as ourselves. There is no hope of joy if our lives depended on fulfilling God's will. As St. Paul reminds us, we fall short—completely short—of the glory of God.

I am so glad that God did not just think about Himself. He looked upon you, me and all of humankind with compassion. That compassion moved Him to send His Son into this world as our Savior. This Savior rescues us not only from death and the devil. Jesus rescues us from ourselves and our self-centeredness. It is because of His life and death for us that we can have joy knowing that God's wrath has been taken away and that we know we have peace and a blessed future with our own resurrection from the dead.



I pray that the work Jesus did through His life, death and resurrection may bring you hope, peace and JOY.

"For You make me glad by Your deeds, O Lord;
I sing for joy at the works of Your hands." (Psalm 92:4)

Pastor Dave

Save Labels and Box Tops

Please continue to save Campbell's and General Mills Box Tops for Education, My Coke Rewards points from bottle caps and box codes, SunMart and Family Fare receipts, Our Family brand bar codes, and Cash Wise education points from the bottom of the receipt. There is a collection bin next to the water fountain in the narthex at BSLC, or you can drop them off at the school in the front hallway. Thank you.

Please Save Used Stamps

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

E A S T E R F L O W E R S

Flowers Placed by:

Quinton and Nancy Kracht
Rick and Jennifer Krause
Anthony and Julie Lamb
Kim Olson

Joe and Lori Pytlik and children
Dave and Kim Scheer
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Elizabeth Murray
Nicole Teele
Anthony Teele
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Kelly and Traci Weible
Sharon, Sandra, Chuck and Jim
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In Loving Memory of:

Craig Kracht
Gene and Margie Krause
Julie's dad, John Barr
Mother-in-law Loretta Martinson
Special mentor Shirley Harr
Grandpa Loren
David Scheer Jr.
Mom Irene LeMier
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Arthur Froemming and Grandma Dunker
Our son Jacob Weible
Our mom Fay
Beth's Dad Bruce Elsner
Parents Harold and LaDonna Etzel
My Mom Irene LeMier
Larry Mart
Violet Opp
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Dennis Ensrud
Our Parents
Our daughter and sister Odessa May

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Mom Ursula Wunderlich
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Parents Levi and Coteal Lee; Guy Knutson

Our parents and brother
Kay's Brother Bill Totenhagen
Our parents
Suzanne Waldvogel
Keith Wiest
Our Grandparents
Brothers Timmy and Randy Wunderlich

In Honor of:

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All military
My children
Irene LeMier
Our grandson Everett
Our granddaughter Piper
Ashley Olson and Mom Berna Kunze
Godparents Chris and Mac Vossler
Adam Opp, Reuben and Leona Klundt
Our Grandchildren
Parents Ed and Carol Herrmann and Leona Warns
Godchildren Nicholas Keller, Jade Roesler
and Giselle Swofford
My six children

Our grandchildren
Our grandchildren Ace and Arrie
Parents Eugene and Marilyn Roesler
Jacob Waldvogel

Grace School April Events

April 13-17

PTL Book
Fair Week

April 15

7:30-9:30 a.m.
Donuts for Dads

April 15

8:30 a.m. to
4:30 p.m.
GLS Open
House

All events will
take place at
1025 14th Ave. S.
Fargo, ND. Call
232-7747 if you
have questions.



Crossfire Schedule Youth Praise Band

Sunday, April 5	No Practice
Sunday, April 12	7 p.m. Practice
Sunday, April 19	7 p.m. Practice
Sunday, April 26	7 p.m. Practice
Sunday, May 3	7 p.m. Practice
Saturday, May 9	6 p.m. Practice
Sunday, May 10	Play at worship 7 p.m. Dairy Queen-year end party.

Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403 if you have questions.

BSLC High School Seniors Graduation Plans Needed

Calling all high school seniors! BSLC would like to know your plans after graduation. You can e-mail the church or leave an update in the office no later than April 20. Your information will be in our May newsletter. Our congregation will be honoring our seniors on a Sunday in May. We will include your information in our May newsletter. Thank you.

Summer Bible Camps

It's not too early to think about registering for summer camps for your children. Most camps offer an early registration discount. There are brochures in the narthex or go to the camp websites for more information. Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads website is shretreat.org. It is located by the Peace Gardens. Lutheran Island Camp website is www.islandcamp.org. It is located on East Battle Lake, MN.

Vacation Bible School Meeting



There will be a VBS meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9. If you are interested in helping or leading the organizing of VBS, please plan to attend the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting talk to Pastor Chris. VBS will be held June 7-11.

April Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

- Wednesday, April 1** - No Lutheran Youth Fellowship; Holy Week
- Wednesday, April 8** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship
- Wednesday, April 15** - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship
- Wednesday, April 22** - from 7:45-to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship
- Wednesday, April 29** - from 7:45-to 9 p.m. Family Game Night



Upcoming Fellowship Events.

Wednesday, April 29: Family Game Night. All families are invited for some fellowship and fun at the church from 7-9 p.m. for family game night. The night will include a brief Bible trivia challenge with prizes. Bring your favorite board game and enjoy an ice cream sundae. There is no cost to attend the event.

Sunday, May 3: Senior High Progressive Supper. Let us cook for you! All senior high are invited for a four-course meal and fellowship. We will begin at church for appetizers, then travel to another location for soup or salad, another stop for our main course and a final stop for dessert. There is no cost to attend. Times will be announced soon.

Upcoming Servant/Fund-Raising Events

Sunday, April 5 - Youth serving Easter breakfast between services
In addition to celebrating the risen Christ's Easter victory by receiving His gifts in Word and Sacrament, embrace your Lutheran roots by joining in a fellowship meal. The youth will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken with all proceeds supporting youth planning to attend the National Youth Gathering and other assorted youth events.



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9:00 a.m.—noon Friday

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Worship Schedule

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

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