

July 2015

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A Sign and Symbol Lifted Up

Word from Pastor Dave

With the fourth of July coming, you will be able to see many American flags proudly raised. For most people in the United States, the flag is a noble sign and symbol of our nation. Recently, discussion has started up again about another flag that you see flying in our country – the confederate flag. With the recent tragic killings in a church in South Carolina, the state's Governor Nikki Haley called for the removal of the Confederate flag from the grounds of the state capitol. One person declared his feelings about that flag flying there: "That flag is a symbol of our past, but it is not symbolic of our present or our future. I think it is best housed in the South Carolina Museum."



With the freedom that we have in our country, we personally are able to raise any flag we want. Companies have their own flags that they display. As I drive around the city, I see not only our nation's flag flying, but also flags for NDSU, UND, Concordia, MSUM, Twins, Cardinals, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Wild and Vikings. These flags are raised to show one's support and love for their team.

As Christians, we also have something that we raise as a sign and symbol of love and what we acknowledge as vital to our life. It is the cross. Jesus declared, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to" (Continued on page 2.)



Tuesday Evening Bible Study

7 p.m. on Tuesdays

For our Tuesday evening Bible study, we are delving into the book of Romans. Paul was delighted to write to the Christians in Rome and looked forward to visiting them. He wrote to declare the Gospel. This Gospel is God's gracious work on our behalf for our salvation. Having been the recipients of God's mercy, this changes how we live and interact with others. We invite you to join us as we look at this letter that touches on so many subjects and issues that are in the world today.

VBS Thank You!

"Everest" was our program this year, where kids learned about conquering challenges with God's mighty power. Thanks to everyone who participated: from our children, helpers, crew leaders and food preparers. Also a big thank you to everyone who donated items to be used in VBS. All of you helped make our VBS program a big success!



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



A Sign...

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myself" (John 12:3). The cross may not be as aesthetically beautiful or stunning as some of the flags that you see. However, the death and resurrection of Jesus is the foundation for our new life with God. Jesus reminds us that there is more than what we see here on earth. He has brought us into His kingdom through the forgiveness that he won for us. His kingdom will last forever.



As you see signs and symbols of our country displayed on the fourth of July as well as at other times of the year, I hope that you will appreciate and celebrate the freedom that we have in our country. Because of Jesus, we also have something else to celebrate. St. Paul reminds us that we also have our citizenship in heaven because of what Jesus has done for us. I pray that you will raise up and display—through your words and actions—our Savior who was crucified and raised again for us.

Pastor Dave

Baptisms

June 14-Jazelle LeeAnn Hager, daughter of Tonya and Jamie Hager Sr., born Oct. 27, 2009. Her sponsors were Bridgette Altringer and Jake Fandrich.

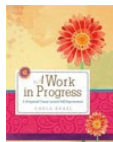
June 21-Broden Paul Sellden, son of Trevor and Brandy Sellden, born Mar. 22, 2015. His sponsors were Brittany Spletstaszer and Daphne Toribio.

Deaths

May 26 - Esther Nora Wallum, who had been a member of BSLC since 1997. Her funeral was held at BSLC on May 30. Esther is survived by six nephews, one niece, a sister-in-law, and several great nephews and nieces. Her husband, Harlan, passed away in 2003. Burial was at Parkers Prairie, MN.

Women's Bible Study

"A Work in Progress" addresses our desire for self-improvement and puts God's Word at the center of the discussion. Each lesson talks about a contemporary, worldly topic and probes the question of personal growth while searching God's Word for the answers. The study meets at 9 a.m. Thursdays or 5:30 p.m. Mondays.



Memorials to BSLC

In Memory of Esther Wallum

Don and Sandy Anderson
Roland and Jeanne Barchinger
Gerald and Joan Fiechtner
Ed and Carol Herrmann
Joe and Lori Pytlik
Dave and Kim Scheer
Mike and Mardi Schlichtmann
Gary and Maggie Stende
Robert and Marilyn Kramer
Loretta Swiontek
Harlan LeMier
Nita Tewksbury
Chuck Hoge
Vicki Peihl

Gold Club Potluck July 15

Are you age 55 or older and/or retired? You are invited to attend our monthly potluck! Bring your favorite dish to share, and visit with other BSLC members. We will meet at noon Wednesday, July 15, in the fellowship hall. See you there!

Quilting in July

Our quilting group will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, and 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 23. If you have an interest in quilting, stop by the church either day.

BSLC Coffee Club

Our BSLC members meet at 9 a.m. on Fridays at Randy's, 2130 University Dr. S. Come any Friday you can.

July Service Group

Kay Osman is our captain for the month of July. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters O-R. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with a funeral or other events. Thanks for your support.

Lutherans for Life Presentation Sunday, June 28

You are invited to join the F-M Area Lutherans for Life for a special presentation on Sunday, June 28.

Speaker: Pastor Lyle Kath

Topic: "Our Life in Christ: A Pro-Life Message Inside and Outside the Womb."

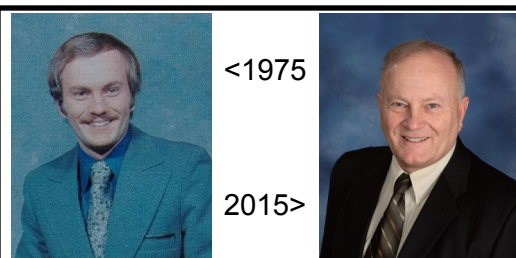
Location: Fellowship hall at BSLC

Time: 3:30 p.m. - coffee and snacks

3:45 p.m. - Presentation

4:15 p.m. - FM LFL annual Meeting

You will also have the opportunity to view a 30-minute video entitled "180". What changed their minds in seconds? The DVD combines historical footage with cutaways from numerous brief interviews in which a messianic Jew, Ray Comfort, explains to young people what the Holocaust was. (Many had not heard of Adolf Hitler or the Holocaust, or taught that it didn't happen!) Comfort explains what sin is, and with just a question or two compares the Holocaust to the abortion movement in the USA. The rapid change of heart from "pro-choice" to "pro-life" among those interviewed is amazing! For more information, call Gail Waagen at 701-306-6283.



Please Join Us
in celebrating the retirement of

MR. KEN KOEHLER

after 40 Years of Service as
Director of Christian Education and
Youth Ministry
on

Saturday, July 18

Open House 1-5 pm

Program 3 pm

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
1005 1st St.
West Fargo, ND 58078

July Youth Events



Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, July 1 - No Youth Group

Wednesday, July 8 - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, July 15 - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Wednesday, July 22 - No Youth Group

Wednesday, July 29 - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Upcoming Fellowship Events.

Thursday, July 16: Tubing Trip 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 give to Pastor Chris.



Sunday, July 19, through Friday, Aug. 24: Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill: All students going into seventh through 12 grades in the fall can learn leadership skills, make new friends and grow in faith in a camp setting. The week includes various outdoor activities and includes Bible study, exploring the Christian faith in the world, faith in worship and faith in fun. We will leave at noon on Sunday and return late Friday night. Cost is \$435 but scholarships are available from the church to cover the cost. Please see Pastor Chris for more information.

Upcoming Servant Event



Wednesday, July 15: Games with Kids: Calling all youth! Our LCMS churches are helping disadvantaged families in the F-M area by serving lunch in association with the Salvation Army. To further serve families and encourage healthy living, volunteers will also lead games. We need three youth, along with Pastor Chris, to volunteer from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at Madison Elementary, 1040 29th St N.

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

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday worship at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Wednesday worship 7 p.m.

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

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