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Starting Sunday, May 29, worship times will be 8:30 and 10 a.m.



There is Victory in the Lord!

by Pastor Chris

Glory of glories; the drought finally ended!

For only the second time in the last 13 years, my NHL St. Louis Blues actually managed to win a playoff series – and against the defending world champion Chicago Blackhawks, no less.

Often called "the Cubs of hockey," the Blues never have produced a championship since their inception in 1967. Will this finally be the year? Season after season, fans have become used to bitter disappointment in the quest for Lord Stanley's Cup.

Sometimes the Christian life might feel like that ongoing struggle. Certain areas might always present a challenge for us. Certain sins might weigh us down. We may try harder, dig deep, but inevitably, we always must acknowledge that sin often times gets the better of us.

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Dig into our "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School

Gear up for an underground adventure as we explore this year's Vacation Bible School. "Cave Quest" grounds kids in the rock solid foundation of God's love in Jesus Christ. 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.



Meals also will be available before VBS for a fee.

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 or Bobbi Hestdalen.

Installation of New Officers

Our new officers will be installed on Sunday, May 1, during both worships.

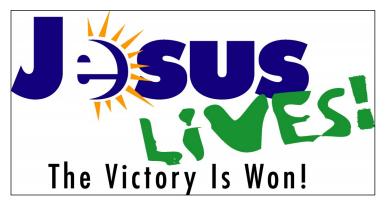
Matt Deardoff, Nathan Gannon and Paul Asche were re-elected as elders. Brad Palmer was re-elected to RRLSA; Bobbi Hestdalen was re-elected as Director of Education; Dan Berglind was re-elected as Director of Properties; Scott Helmer and Glen Haekenkamp were elected as elders to both fill in for one year terms. Craig Hashbarger was appointed as treasurer and Mike Herrmann will continue to assist him. Kayla Muehler was appointed as secretary. Please keep all in your prayers as they tend to church matters.

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Realizing the depths of his struggles, the apostle Paul wrote the following to the church in Rome: "So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being, I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am!

Paul realized that he could not keep God's law; far from it! This law accused him and convicted him. But it also drove him to an answer outside himself. Paul realized he could not deliver himself from this dilemma. But all was not lost! Paul joyously penned the answer for every Christian: "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

God imparts and gives righteousness to sinners through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His law kills the Old Adam, while the Gospel raises us to new life.



The Christian life is always one of repentance. It's spent in battle, disappointment, struggle and shortfall. It's spent confessing sin in thought, word and deed. But time and again, we can draw from the never- ending well of God's unserved favor, spent receiving God's gifts that grant forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith. Time and again, we receive an inner being that delights in God's law through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Until our Lord brings us home, we remain in the struggle, confident in a God who came to save sinners. But we aren't waiting for victory. We are living in the victory given us by our Lord Jesus Christ. May his Easter triumph grant us joy and hope!

Paster Chris

Bible Studies

"Blessed are the Peacemakers" 9:40 a.m. Sundays

We have the responsibility to serve as peacemakers, as ambassadors of reconciliation. In our Sunday morning Bible study, we will be going through a study put out by *Ambassadors of Reconciliation*. Join us as we seek to learn, live and cultivate lifestyles that deal with conflict in healthy ways.

A Brief Look at The Early Christian Church

7 p.m. Tuesday Evenings May 10, 17 and 24

There is much that we could learn as we review the history of the Church. This study will look at what happened during the first five centuries. We will also incorporate Bible passages into this study to help us understand what helped shape what we believe and why we believe it.

"Focus Lost... Focus Restored" Women's Bible Study

Focus Lost...Focus Restored will be our women's Bible study in May and June. Our study deals with 14 Biblical personalities and examples of times when they lost their focus and when their focus was restored by God. Please feel free to join us at either study time that works for you. We meet at 6 p.m. Monday evenings and 9 a.m. Thursday mornings.

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LWML News

Our next LWML meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the church. All women are welcome to come.

Sponsor-a-confirmand program: A big thank you to all who have taken on sponsoring a confirmation student in prayer and other ways. Now, with the ninth graders being confirmed, many sponsors no longer have an active student to support. To make the upcoming sponsor season be more efficient, please let us know today whether or not we can count on you again this fall when the new seventhgrade class comes into the mix. Letting us know now will make it so much easier to have the students covered right away when confirmation starts this fall. Send an email to mseiffert@marykay.com with your intentions right away. Then, as soon as the new roster is available this fall, your new student information will be shared with you. Again, thanks for your past and continued support of this program.

LWML Convention June 24-26: Delegates are needed for the upcoming convention in Jamestown. Deadline for delegate registration is May 23. It is a simple and rewarding job. And it is just down the road a piece. Take it in! Questions? Talk to Mary Seiffert.

Youth Spaghetti Feed

Mark your calendars for a delicious spaghetti meal that will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and brownies will be served by our BLSC youth group. The funds raised will help with the youth who will be attending the 2016 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Oliver Wold's Journey Benefit

Oliver Michael Wold, son of Michael and Marysa Wold, was diagnosed with Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy. A benefit will be held from 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Hope Lutheran Church South Campus, 3636 25th St. S., Fargo. There will be a spaghetti dinner along with a silent auction. To donate online, go to www.dmfledahand.org, "Benefit Events" and give to the Lend a Hand benefiting Oliver Wold. Cash or checks can be dropped off at any Gate City Bank. Thank you for your support!

Elder for May

Our Elder for May is Paul Asche. 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.

Ascension Day Worship At Immanuel, Fargo

All are invited to a picnic supper and worship service on Thursday, May 5, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 N. Broadway, Fargo. The Elders will be serving grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. The picnic supper will begin at 5:30 pm - come one, come all.

The worship service will be at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary, with North Dakota District President Baneck preaching and Pastor Bernie Worral as Liturgist. Pastor Rautenberg, the president of

the Iglesias Luterana Confessional de Chile (The Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile) also will be in attendance. Pastor Rautenberg will be a guest in our North Dakota



District May 1-8. He lives in Santiago, Chile, with his wife, Ethel, and two sons, Nathanael and Mateo. Our district had voted at our last convention to support the Lutheran Church in Chile for three years.

Sunday School Ends

The last day of Sunday school and adult Bible study will be May 22. Thanks to all our teachers and helpers who took time to work with our Sunday school youth. May God bless your summer; we hope you will be back to help out next fall.

May Service Group

Kim Wagner is our captain for the month of May. Our group consists of the last names that begin with the letters T-Z. She will call you asking for fellowship treats or to help out with funerals or other events. Thanks for your support.

Our June group will be A-Bo with captain Donna Ceroll.



Baptisms

<u>April 24</u>: Austin Ray Walcker, a young adult, was baptized after worship on Sunday, April 24.

Deaths

<u>April 24:</u> Charles "Charlie" Krogen Sr. His funeral was at BSLC on Thursday, April 28. He leaves his wife of 70 years, Dottie; one daughter, Linda Krogen Brandt (Muff); three sons; one sister; two brothers; five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Fargo.

Praying for Others in Bulletin

Please remember to update the office on your prayer petition in our announcements. Prayer requests give all our church members a chance to pray for our particular needs and joys. God hears our prayers at all times.

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.

FirstChoice Clinic's Golfing "Fore" Life 18-Hole Scramble

FirstChoice Clinic will host their 22nd annual "Golf for Life" Tournament on Tuesday, June 7. The event will begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament will conclude with lunch and prizes about 1 p.m. If you would like to participate, call Mona Franck at 237-5902 for more details.



Gold Club Wednesday, May 11

Gold Club has moved to the second Wednesday of the month. We hope to see more members who are older than 55 and/or retired for fellowship with other BSLC members while enjoying a delicious potluck meal. If you've not come before, just bring a dish to share and meet in the fellowship hall at noon Wednesday, May 11. Bring a spouse, a friend or just yourself.

Quilting

Quilting will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 5 and 19. Bring any sewing materials and fabric you would like to share and your sewing machine, if possible. This is open to all ages. Even non-sewers can be kept busy. Come for an hour, or stay all day!

BSLC Coffee Club

Every Friday, BSLC members gather at 9 a.m. at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. Take time to get to know other BSLC members. This is for both men and women of any age.

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 office in the narthex, or you can drop them off at Grace Lutheran School, 1025 14th Ave. S., in the front hallway. Thank you.

Please Save Your Used Stamps

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

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True Value

The month of May has reoccurring events that point to things we believe have great value. We celebrate Mother's Day in May to express our appreciation and love to them. For most people, their mothers are precious in so many ways. There is not a value that we can place upon their love and care for us. In May, there are graduations. No one can deny the value of a good education. So we celebrate the completion of it and the beginning of something new for those graduating. We also commemorate Memorial Day at the end of this month. On that weekend, we remember the sacrifice of men and women who served our country's armed forces as well as honor family and friends who have died.

As I look at these events in May, I see that they involve family. This is not surprising because we place a great deal of value on our families. Therefore, we do things for them. The same thing can be said about God. The Lord values family – so much so that He sent His Son to this world so that we might be brought back into His. We have no right to claim for ourselves a place in God's household. But we are now included because of our trust in Christ's life, suffering, death and resurrection on our behalf. This impacts what we consider is valuable and what we celebrate. by Pastor Dave

To begin with, we treasure being a part of God's family. St. John writes, "How great is the love that Father has



lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1) As you attend various family events, also remember with joy that you are a part of God's household.

Second, we value what God has done for us so we worship Him. The English word "worship" comes from "worth" and describes the worthiness, respect and reverence that God deserves for His goodness to us. The Bible declares that God is worthy of our praise. I pray that you will give Him glory every day of your life as well as regularly on Sundays when you worship with other Christians.

Finally, I pray that you would continue to re-evaluate what is valuable in your life. I encourage you to see how truly precious is your family, your church family and even your community (neighborhood family). Seeing how precious they are, I ask that you would seek to uphold them through your godly words and actions. With the power of the Holy Spirit, acknowledge and treat them as people who have true value.

In Christ,

Parton Dave

Confirmation Correction

16 young adults were confirmed at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 17. Please keep them in your prayers as they move forward with their Christian faith.

Sabrina Berard Lucas Doeling Darian Fredenburg Tristan Harvey Paige Kraft Braden Meyer Hanna Persoon Blaine Triepke

Jaida Croaker Tyler Ensrud Evan Gray Logan Kainz Greta McLagan Payton Nevland Ian Pytlik Sam Warnsholz



Appreciation Notes

A round of applause for all of you who have taught Sunday school this year. Your dedication to the students has been awesome. Have a good summer, and we hope you will be back next fall to teach again!

Praises to our choir director, organists, praise band participants and all others who assist with the musical events at our church. Music is a vital part of our worship!

A salute to the many people who do various tasks around the church such as organizing for Sunday morning refreshments, mowing, cleaning, decorating, paying bills and making deposits, getting supplies, setting up communion and many other necessary tasks. Thanks for all you do for the church.



BSLC High School Seniors

Allison Aberle, daughter of Randy and Pamela Aberle, will graduate from Davies, Fargo. She plans to attend NDSU and major in nursing.

Kaitlyn Gaber, daughter of Adam and Tiffany Gaber, will graduate from Davies, Fargo. She plans to attend the Art Institute of Phoenix and major in graphic design.

Kelli Gaber, daughter of Adam and Tiffany Gaber, will graduate from Davies, Fargo. She plans to attend UND in Grand Forks and major in physical therapy.

Morgan Kraft, daughter of Chad and Sandi Kraft, will graduate from West Fargo Sheyenne High School. She plans to attend Minnesota State University in Moorhead and major in communications.

Tasha Jeral, daughter of Betty Jeral, will graduate from Davies, Fargo. She plans to go into nursing at a college yet to be decided.

Adam Schlichtmann, son of Michael and Mardi Schlichtmann, will graduate from Davies, Fargo. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in computer engineering.

Arianna Steinke, daughter of Aaron and Kim Steinke, will graduate from Davies, Fargo. She plans to attend Minnesota State University in Moorhead to major in speech and language pathology.

Katelyn Triepke, daughter of Shane and Tracy Triepke, will graduate from South, Fargo. She plans to attend Minnesota State University in Moorhead.

If you will be graduating this spring and we missed your information, please let the office know. Your information will be included in the June newsletter.



Check out our board with our graduates' pictures and updates.

Congratulations to all our high school graduates and to our college graduates also. May God bless you as you move forth with your studies and career.

See "Moses" at Branson

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, will host a Branson, MO, bus tour to see "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theater, along with four other shows. The bus will leave Monday, Sept. 19, and return to Fargo Saturday, Sept. 24. \$100 deposit will guarantee you a seat on the bus! The cost is extremely reasonable. With double occupancy in the motels, it is \$742 per person. Four people from Beautiful Savior already have signed up. Please pick up an itinerary in the narthex or contact Vicki in the church office for a printed itinerary booklet.

Orphan Grain Train Presentation

You are invited to come hear Kirk and Judy Rosin speak at Grace Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7. They will be speaking about the Orphan Grain Train in Liberia. Coffee and goodies will be served at 9:30 a.m. Donations of school supplies will be taken.

F-M Lutherans For Life Annual Meeting

3-5 p.m. Sunday, May 15 Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church 2901 20th St. South, Moorhead

"Speak Up For Life" will be the topic at a round-table presentation for the education portion of the afternoon events. This interactive discussion will be facilitated by a panel of pro-life leaders in our community who will share their various experiences, including serving in the legislature working to pass laws that protect life, counseling and sidewalk prayer at the local abortion facility, writing letters to the editor, educating others regarding sanctity of human life, serving in pro-life organizations and more.

Panel participants will include facilitator Ken Koehler, North Dakota legislators John Trandem and Chris Olson and North Dakota Teens for Life president Mary Benton.

Celebrate Our High School Seniors



All high school seniors are invited to attend the 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. worship services on Sunday, May 22, as our congregation recognizes your hard work during the past four years. God's blessing on

you and your future endeavors. Congratulations!

Grace Lutheran School News

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3: Ambassador and spring band concert will be playing. Come hear the musical talents of our students.

8:30 a.m. Friday, May 6: Pastor Rautenberg, of Chile, will speak at a special assembly. This is open to all.

7:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 11: Muffins for Moms will take place. It's a great way to honor moms with breakfast treats and during chapel.

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17: Pre-K through third grade will have their spring musical "Bugz." Join us as we proclaim praise to our Lord through music and song.

7 p.m. Thursday, May 26: Our kindergarten and eighth- grade students will have graduation. Come celebrate the achievements of our graduates.

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Crossfire, our youth praise band, will practice on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. on May 1, 8 and 15. They also will practice from 5-6 p.m. Saturday, May 21, and then go to the Dairy Queen from 6-7 p.m. for an end-of-year party. They will play in church at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, May 22. Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403 if you have questions.

Thanks to our youth and Ramsey for the wonderful music shared with us this past church year .

Youth Summer Bible Camps

Send your child to church camp this summer. There are two LCMS camps nearby. 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. Most camps offer an early registration discount. There are brochures in the narthex or go to the camp websites for more information.

May Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday, May 4 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12 Wednesday, May 11 - from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12 Wednesday, May 18 - Senior High Picnic Wednesday, May 25 - No Youth Group

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Friday, May 13 – Junior High Day at Thunder Road. Junior high students (sixth through eighth grade) are invited for some fun from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Thunder Road. We will have a short Bible study followed by the park attractions. Cost is \$14 for four tickets. Bring extra money if you would like to do more and if you would like a snack. Pop and water will be provided. Please fill out a form and see Pastor Chris for more details.

Wednesday, May 18 – Senior High Picnic. All high school youth in grades 9-12 are invited for an outdoor activity and game night from 6:30-8:30 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.



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

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

Worship Schedule Sunday Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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

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