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Tougher Than Nails

By Pastor Chris

Numerous studies and theories have tried to explain the dwindling number of active men in the church. One theory suggests that men check out because the church portrays Christ as overly feminine, as passive and docile - always turning the other cheek and avoiding conflict.

If that is your perception of Jesus, you need to rethink it.

Jesus is not only the visible image of the invisible God and wholly divine, he also has a human nature as well. When we look at Jesus, we remember that God became man to save man, not only as God, but also as man! According to His human nature as a man, Jesus aligned himself with the Father's design and vocation for a man. The Father had entrusted Jesus not only with the welfare of His earthly family, especially after the death of Joseph, but also for the welfare of the entire human race.

The depth of this commitment and the determination to see it through should grab our attention. Service does not always come easy to us. We grow weary and often let things go. You may have heard recent commercials encouraging men to "dig deep" and "be tougher than tough" as they care for grown, dependent family members. Jesus had compassion and provided care for all people. He had the strength and power to feed the multitudes, heal the sick, cure the lame, make the mute speak and cast out demons. He boldly and faithfully proclaimed God's word amid stringent opposition. Think of the strength, determination, will, bravery and endurance it needed to take on sin, death and the power of the devil!

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Rocky Railway "VBS in a Box" "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through"

This year, VBS will be coming to Beautiful Savior families as "VBS in a box." Kids will discover through life's ups and downs that Jesus' power pulls us through. Register by June 30, and your family will receive a 'box' with: memorable Bible-learning activities, a CD/DVD of catchy songs, craft supplies, fun snacks, Bible story leaflets and access to our digital resources. The box will include videos by Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian of our daily Bible stories. Kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through "God Sightings."

We pray this VBS approach provides flexible options for our families. We will provide support as needed. All kids age four (by Aug. 1, 2020) to sixth grade (fall of 2020) are invited to participate. To allow us time to order materials and have them available for your family, please register your child, by **June 30**. Forms are available on the church website.



"For I can do everything through Christ,
who gives me strength."
(Philippians 4:13)

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



Tougher Than Nails

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In Ephesians 5:25-31, Paul argues that Christ's love for the church shows us how men ought to love the family God has entrusted to them: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." "

Ephesians 5 calls husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the church. This means extreme sacrifice. It means putting the needs of your wife and your family over your own. It means making decisions truly based on the welfare of your family, especially its spiritual needs. From the dawn of creation and from the order of creation, God has called men to be His ambassador, an in-person authority reflecting His will and love as we raise our family in fear and knowledge of the Lord, bring our families to receive God's gifts in Worship and to the service of God's house and provide for their further instruction in the Christian faith. This calling is tough! It's tougher than tough! We need help!

"No one knows the ways or paths into heaven; no one has the strength or ability to enter it," Martin Luther preached in a sermon on John 3:1-15 in 1526. We must bear the verdict that we are flesh, belong to the devil, and bereft of the kingdom of God, are so deeply damned that we do not even realize how we have been robbed.

"But the Man Christ has strength of a different order. He clears the way. He can unlock heaven, which no one else can do, nay no one else knows ways or means to do it. For this very reason, Christ came down to earth and assumed the nature of man."

Christ served perfectly amid rejection, opposition, hatred and ultimately, an agonizing execution. Think of the will that it takes to serve people who not only openly refuse that service but also outright plot against you and seek your downfall and destruction. Yet Christ didn't endure these things out of weakness. He did them out of service and love. He endured the spite, the blows, the beatings and the torture. He endured separation from the Father on the cross. He endured the pangs and sting of death. With the power to end His suffering at any time, Christ's endurance shows true strength and love for God's people. Not only did He endure the cross, He emerged victorious, rising from the dead and bringing forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for all who believe. We can literally say Christ is tougher than nails.

While we acknowledge that the God-Man Jesus is vastly different than all of us, He still became like one of us. For those who need to know God's design for manhood, we need look no further than our Lord and the love that He has for His bride, the church.

Pastor Chris

Upcoming Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study via Zoom - The topic will be "Sunday Sermon Questions, Comments and Answers." The study is intended to allow for more feedback, participation and engagement from the congregation regarding sermon content and proclamation. Come with your questions, comments and insights! The study form will be emailed each week and is also available on the church website.

Please use the following information to access the Bible study.

Meeting ID: 882 2478 2029

Password: 497670

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88224782029>

For those of you using an iPad or mobile phone, download the Zoom app and enter meeting number 882 2478 2029. Password: 497670

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study via Zoom: "Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times" -

The last lesson will be July 9, and then we will take a few weeks off. On August 6, we will start a new Bible study, "A Study of the Ten Commandments - Love Rules." - What do the Ten Commandments do for you? Do they send you on a guilt trip? Are they a mirror of your frailties? Or do they hold life-changing love? This Bible study addresses one commandment each week and then follows up with four devotions from different angles.



*"So be strong and courageous,
all you who put your hope in the Lord!"*

(Psalm 31:24)

BSLC Entering Phase Two of Reopening

Beautiful Savior's council has approved several aspects of resuming Word and Sacrament ministry for the glory of God and benefit of His people. We will continue to offer our services online and on DVD for those who are vulnerable, sick or not yet ready to worship in person.

- As of July 1, sign-ups no longer will be required to attend worship services. If our attendance climbs to more than 50 people at a service, we will add additional services.
- Communion will be offered during worship services on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month with additional safeguards in place that practice contact-free procedures, social distancing and disinfecting measures. Members also may make an appointment to receive private communion throughout the week and on Sunday.
- Small-group Bible studies will resume meeting in person at church.
Sunday morning Bible study will continue to be offered via Zoom.
- Hospital and home visits will now happen regularly with safeguards in place.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL CONTINUE

Please note the following safety protocols will continue so that we might honor and keep the fifth commandment to not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need. The following specific protocols have been put in place by the BSLC council and will continue.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- + We will limit worship service attendance to approximately 50 people until further notice.
- + We will use staggered seating in the sanctuary to ensure proper social distancing.
- + We ask that people would enter the sanctuary no more than 10 minutes before service.
- + We will usher people out of service, asking that people exit the church immediately.
- + Please stay to socialize, but do so outside while observing proper social distancing.
- + No access to the nursery, classrooms, office, fellowship hall or east entrance.
- + Social distancing helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic

FACE MASKS

- + If you are able to cover your face with a mask, please do so.
- + Face masks are designed to help protect others.
- + Pastors will not wear masks during services but will wear them at other times.
- + Wearing face masks helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY HOME

- + If you are at high risk for possible complications from coronavirus, please stay home.
- + If you have ANY symptoms of coronavirus, however mild, please stay home.
- + Staying at home when appropriate helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

CONTACT FREE

- + We have eliminated all hand-to-hand items such as bulletins, hymnals and offering plates.
- + Please refrain from shaking hands, hugging or bumping elbows.
- + Please limit time in restrooms. Remember to wash your hands.
- + High-contact areas such as water fountains and coat rooms will remain closed.
- + No access to the nursery, classrooms, office, fellowship hall or east entrance.
- + Limiting contact helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

PROPER HYGIENE

- + Wash hands at home before and after coming to church.
- + Avoid touching your face.
- + Use the hand sanitizer when entering and leaving church.
- + Proper hygiene helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT

- + Volunteers will wipe down door handles and seating before and after worship services.
- + No access to the nursery, classrooms, office, fellowship hall or east entrance.
- + Cleaning and disinfecting helps us to honor and keep the fifth commandment during this pandemic.



...YOU SHALL
LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF...

LEVITICUS 19:18

Voters' Meeting Update

Due to Covid-19, the regular March meeting was not able to be held. During the June 8 regular meeting, 37 members were in attendance via Zoom. It was decided to accept the proposed changes to the by-laws. This allows a volunteer who wishes to remain in their current duties to serve beyond those term limits with approval from the voters.

Church officers elected were:

Treasurer: Craig Hashbarger

Secretary: Kayla Muehler

Elders: Mike Selden, Kurt Mathiason and Chris Speelmon

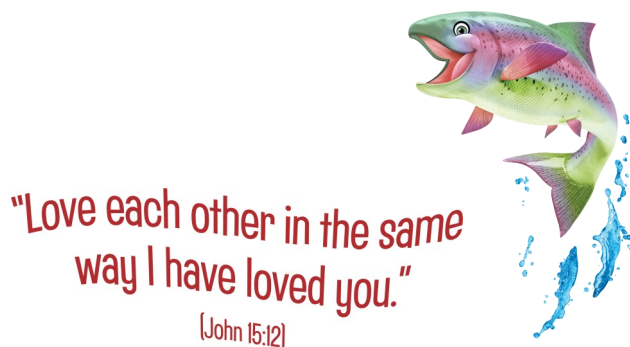
Education: Stacy Knudson

Properties Director: Scott Persoon

RR Lutheran School Board: Kim Ternes

We would like to thank Dave Hohn - elder, Bobbi Hestdalen - education director, Beth Gustafson - interim property director and Mike Herrmann for assisting Craig with treasurer duties. We appreciate your service and all that you have done for Beautiful Savior.

Please keep our church officers in your prayers. Installation will be held at a later date.



Beautiful Savior Evangelism 1,000 Challenge

How do we get 1,000 views of Beautiful Savior's worship service on YouTube? You are the key.

How many views do we currently have? The last four weeks have had the following views: June 14 - 110, June 7 - 112, May 31 - 114 and May 24 - 156.

Here is the math: you and 199 other members or non-members share the current YouTube worship service link with 20 of your contacts, we will collectively invite 4,000 people to view the service. If twenty percent of the people you invite view the service, that equals 1,000 views.

Simply share the Facebook post on Sunday or share the current YouTube worship service link below with 20 or more of your contacts. It doesn't matter where the people are located, if they are LCMS members or if you have a close relationship. This may be an opportunity for someone to hear the message of God's creation, promises and redemption through Christ.

Let's have some fun spreading the Word of God! Let's achieve the goal of 1,000 views!

BSLC Worship Services available at:

www.youtube.com

www.facebook.com/

BeautifulSaviorLutheranFargo

www.beautifulsaviorfargo.com

DVDs at 293-1047 or

email office@bslc Fargo.com.

Sermon podcasts on

Spotify and iTunes app

Consider Joining the Altar Guild

Beginning in July, we will resume Holy Communion during our worship services. Please prayerfully consider if you could step up and join the altar guild. Our altar guild sets up communion on Sundays, Wednesdays (during summer months) or holidays when Holy communion is celebrated. We are also looking for a new captain. The captain is responsible to line up altar guild members for a month at a time. If you would like to volunteer to be a captain or join the guild, talk to Pastor Chris or Pastor Brian.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$34,832	127,994
Expense	23,194	127,981
Surplus	11,638	13

Make Time for the Compassionate Route

By Pastor Brian

Does your chest ever tighten when workplace pressures keep you from giving time and attention to people who need your help? You want to be a Good Samaritan but the boss, the next meeting, the bottom line all pressure you to pass by on the other side.

Life doesn't fit into nice, tidy organizational and personal schedules. It probably never did. Jesus made up the story of the Good Samaritan, but it reflects real-life situations. The Samaritan is traveling, probably on business. He happens upon the victim of robbers, has compassion, tends his wounds and takes him to an inn. "He took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'" (Luke 10:35). In other words, on my way back home from this business trip, I'll settle up with you. Compassion slowed him down a little bit, but it was the way he went about his business duties.

Jesus knows real life when he speaks to us. "The people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, 'I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.'" (Luke 4:42-43). Jesus pursued His "business," but He went about it with compassion. Read the sequel: His "business trip" was constantly interrupted by opportunities to show mercy, and He did.



The priest and the Levite passed by uncaring because life was all about them. If you compartmentalize your life, divide your heart between God and other things, you'll feel squeezed between production and compassion. But when you love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, compassion and production are not contradictory. The love of God poured into you makes compassion the way you go about today's business. It may leave you a bit ragged at times, but Jesus commends it: "You go, and do likewise." (Luke 10:37).

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Restore His House Update

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to the Restore His House 3 year capital campaign during the past 18 months. Because of your commitment to this campaign, we are excited to announce that the resurfacing of the parking lot project has been completed! In addition to resurfacing the parking lot, we also replaced some portions of the sidewalk that had major cracking. The next time you are at church, look at the smooth black asphalt and yellow striping. We are certain you will agree that it was a much needed improvement.

Please note the Restore His House capital campaign still has more projects we hope to complete. If you have not made a commitment to this campaign and would like to contribute, you may still make a donation (write capital campaign in the memo line) or complete a pledge card, available under the "Resources/Forms" tab of the church website.

Restore His House Capital Campaign			
Capital	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Goal</u>	
Campaign	\$289,000	\$330,000	



Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for July will not be needed this month. Our August group will be the letter E-G with captain Diane Lee, if needed. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume fellowship. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Elders - At least one of our elders are here every Sunday morning. They greet members and visitors, help the pastor with any needs and see that all goes well. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the elders.

Gold Club - We will not be meeting this month. Gold Club is a time to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and some fellowship. Gold Club is for everyone, so feel free to join us for food, faith and fellowship. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

Quilting and Fellowship - We will not be meeting this month. Being a quilter is not a requirement. We donate quilts to local organizations and sell them to members. If you have any questions, please call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464. Stay tuned for further details regarding how and when we will resume.

BSLC Coffee Club - BSLC members, men and women of any age are invited to gather at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo. Stay tuned for further details regarding when we will resume.

LWML - Praise the Lord for all that He has done! Your mighty mites have accomplished our biennial mite goal. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving as you read this! We were able to pay all grants in full for the 2018-2020 biennium! That's a total of \$82,500! Visit ndlwml.org/MissionGrants to see the full list.

Beautiful Garden - We typically meet at the garden at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays or whenever you are able. We are promoting social distancing so we ask that you keep a six-foot distance at all times and don't come if you are sick. If you haven't been able to come, we could really use your help! If you know of someone who doesn't have a garden and would enjoy the fellowship, send their contact information to: Tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com, and we'll get them added to the list.

Baptisms



May 29: Conrad Tyler Petter, son of Tyler and Amanda Petter, born May 6, 2020.

June 9: Nolan Jeffrey Palmer, son of Jeffrey and Sara Palmer, born April 18, 2020.

Weddings

June 21: Zachary Lehfeltdt and McKenzie Haverkamp



*"He gives power to the weak
and strength to the powerless."
(Isaiah 40:29)*

Orphan Grain Train Sends Shipment to Moldova

On Monday, May 18, volunteers at the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Jamestown, helped load a shipment of clothing, bibles, books and medical supplies which will be sent to Moldova. Praise the Lord!



"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

In the wake of the death of George Floyd we are hearing many reasons as to what is wrong with our society and how to fix it. Why such hate, racism and even murder? Not only in America but all around the world and throughout history? Where is this coming from? There is no need for speculation as God's revealed word provides the answer: "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander." (Matthew 15:19)

There is much that we can do to help make practical and preventive reforms where needed. What is most needed is a change in the attitude of the heart and mind. Again, God's revealed Word informs us how this transformation takes place - that being as His Holy Spirit works to make our hearts and minds new in relationship to Christ!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS Main Street Living media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view all archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com - then click on the link under the picture identified as North (Fargo).

July pastors and sermons are as follows:

July 5: Rev. Brian Shane, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Yoked to Christ by the Mighty Works of God," based on Matthew 11:25-30. *This Is The Life* program "The Reluctant Witness."

July 12: Rev. Matthew Meyer, Beautiful Savior, Callaway, MN, presents the message: "Sowing the Seed In Season," based on Isaiah 55:10-13. *This is The Life* program "Harriett's Wedding Day."

July 19: Rev. Robert Hill, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wimbledon, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Woodworth and Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pettibone presents the message: "The Good Seed," based on Matthew 13:38. *This Is The Life* program "Tragedy Near a Small Town-Justice or Mercy?"

July 26: Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, presents the message: "The Fantastic Non-Fictional Fable of the Foolish Farmer Who Wouldn't Whack His Weeds," based on Matthew 13:44-52. *This Is The Life* program "Spite."

Feeling Confined During this Covid Pandemic?

By Vicki Peihl, North Dakota District Office Manager

Imagine how people felt during the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic! There are some church records in our vault talking about how many died from the flu, and even how a whole family succumbed to the disease. There are some pastors who wrote up stories from that time and how they would be helping to care for sick families. Back then there was no internet, phone lines, television or cell phones. How bring it must have been for those trying to "shelter in" back then! If you have interesting church stories, please send them to our Fargo office. Thank you! Praying for all of you to stay healthy.

LCMS Summer Bible Camps

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is going ahead with summer camps as scheduled! They are working to adjust for keeping more social distance during camps. You can sign up for your favorite camp at shretreat.org. If you have any questions, please call 701-244-5225 or contact Rev. Jon Bonine at director@shretreat.org.

It is with heavy hearts that the Lutheran Island Camp board and staff have made the decision to suspend youth summer camps until the summer of 2021. The uncertainty surrounding health department requirements and a desire to ensure the safety of all those who join us on the Island influenced this decision.

July Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Join us for fun and fellowship!

Wednesday, July 1 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

Wednesday, July 8 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

Wednesday, July 15 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

Wednesday, July 22 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

Wednesday, July 29 - from 8:00-9 p.m. - Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12 via Zoom.

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

Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. in-person and via YouTube

Wednesday Worship at 7 p.m. in-person

Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sundays via Zoom

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

Pastors are also available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call ahead for an appointment.

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