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Mistakes can cost election – or not

By Pastor Chris

A Texas judge who didn't know the particulars of his own state constitution accidentally triggered his own resignation on April Fool's Day.

No, this is not a joke.

When Texas civil court judge Bill McLeod announced his intention to run for the State Supreme Court, his declaration fell under Article 16, Section 65, of the Texas constitution, which states a judge's announcement of candidacy for another office "shall constitute an automatic resignation of the office then held."

Oops.

His blunder sent officials and supporters scrambling. The county attorney's office brought the matter before county commissioners, who appoint replacements and could have decided to keep McLeod in office until a special election. But members of his own party decided it would be better for him to move on. Two Republicans on the Commissioners' Court voted to allow the judge to continue his work. However, the three Democrats determined that it

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ROAR VBS: Life is wild, God is good June 9-13

All kids from age 4 to sixth grade are invited to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School, "ROAR Life is wild, God is good." This year's VBS will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, to Thursday, June 13. Dinner will also be offered from 5:15-5:45 p.m. every night for a cost of \$3 per person.

At Roar kids discover that God is good - even when life get wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play team-work-building games, experience one-of-a-kind wild Bible adventures and test out sciency-fun gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Each day concludes with the safari celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 7:40 p.m. Kids at Roar VBS will join A missions effort to provide nutrition packets and health checkups for moms and babies in need in Zambia, Africa.

Pre-register your child for VBS now. Forms are available in the narthex.



*Worry is a conversation
you have with yourself
about things
you cannot change.
Prayer is a conversation
you have with God about
things He can change.*



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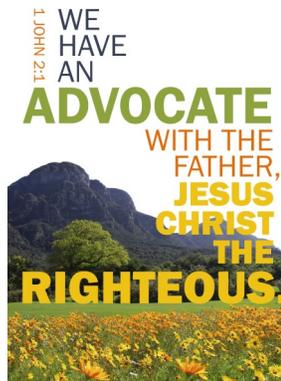
was in the best interest of the citizens and voters in Harris County that the judge be replaced. McLeod, a Democrat, took office in November after winning the County's Civil Court No. 4 race with 55 percent of the vote.

Before you laugh too hard or develop a sense of superiority, remember that you have made drastic mistakes, forgetting your elected status as a saved child of God. This election did not come to fruition based on popular vote, your credentials or human will, but on the gracious and glorious mercy of God. Prompted by His grace in Christ and operating through the Holy Spirit and the means of Grace, God calls you, converts you, declares you blameless for Christ's sake, gives you holy impulses and keeps you in faith.

Yes, our ignorance, failures, weakness and outright rebellion disqualify us from God's Kingdom. God's law is quite clear. But the disciple John writes, "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world," (1 John 2:1-2).

Jesus has turned away the Father's wrath by taking the guilt and punishment for all our sins. In addition, Jesus serves as an advocate, an arbiter, an intercessor to plead our case in the heavenly court, paying living testimony that he has served the sentences, paid the fines and made restitutions necessary for both justice and mercy to prevail.

Thanks be to God! By grace through faith, our mistakes don't cost our eternal election.



Pastor Chris

BSLC offers scholarships for Grace Lutheran School

Want to reinforce what your child is learning in church and Sunday school? Beautiful Savior's partner school, Grace Lutheran, has entered its open enrollment period. With a 97 percent satisfaction rate, this Christ-centered school offers classes from pre-k to eighth grade. BSLC offers up to 60 percent tuition remission -- based on the number of children from BSLC attending the school. If you would like to apply for tuition remission from BSLC for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, please pick up a form from the church office and fill it out by May 1. For more information about the school, please call 232-7747.

Upcoming Bible Studies

9:40 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: "Parables of Jesus" -

Jesus communicated in parables to help illustrate truths about the kingdom of God. By using everyday illustrations to convey complicated spiritual meaning, Christ does not want the kingdom to remain closed to us. Rather, He helps us understand the fullness of God's salvation. We will explore some of our Lord's most beloved parables, including The Prodigal Son, The Great Banquet, The Rich Fool and the Good Samaritan, among others.

7 p.m. Tuesday Bible study: The Book of Job: "Blessed be the name of the Lord" -

This series seeks to apply Job to our lives so that we may draw upon God's promises and endure in faith through life's dark valleys.

9 a.m. Thursdays Women's Bible study: "Women of the New Testament" -

We will be introduced to 12 significant women of the New Testament. We will enter into their lives and learn from them what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Come and learn about the women of the New Testament.

BSLC Offers Nursery

A nursery is now available to families in room 104. A speaker system allows you hear the service and hymnals are available so you may follow along.



Church Office Summer Hours

Summer hours for the church will start May 28. Kim will be in from 9:30-1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call the church if you need to stop by to be sure someone is around. Thank you.

NYG Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction Sunday May 19

Plan to attend Beautiful Savior's NYG chili cook-off and silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19. Purchase an endless chili bowl for a free will donation. Sample and vote on Beautiful Savior's finest recipes. A trophy will be awarded to the best chili recipe! Desserts also will be available. Many wonderful silent auction items will be available.



We would like to invite the entire congregation to attend and contribute to this event. Please consider donating an item for the silent auction. Gift certificates and baskets of any value certainly are welcome. See Vicar Brian if you would like to donate an item. Thank you.

BSLC High School Seniors

BSLC would like to honor our high school seniors at the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services Sunday, May 12. Please attend the service that works best for you. We ask God to bless each of you and be with you in your new endeavors.



Installation of New Church Officers

Installation of our newly elected officers for BSLC will be held during both worship services Sunday, May 5. Please keep them in your prayers.

Elder: Joe Pytlik
 Chairperson: Denise Doeling
 Vice Chairperson: Mike Schlichtmann
 Director of Evangelism: Tim Deitemeyer
 Director of Stewardship: Jennifer Krause

Restore His House Update

We have received \$273,000 of the \$330,000 goal. Please continue to keep our campaign in your prayers. A complete list of projects and progress chart is on the display in the narthex.



Summer Worship



Beautiful Savior will offer one Sunday morning worship service at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings starting Sunday, May 26, and going through Sunday, Sept. 1.

Our midweek Wednesday night worship will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, and run through Aug. 28. We will not have a Wednesday night service on June 12 during VBS.

Reception for Chuck Hoge Sunday May 5

Beautiful Savior will host a reception at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 5, in the fellowship hall. Come wish Chuck a fond farewell. Share stories and memories as we celebrate 30 years of membership and service at Beautiful Savior. We are thankful for all he has done for BSLC. Chuck has accepted a position as CFO of Life Action Ministries in his hometown in southwest Michigan.

Mentors Needed

The evangelism committee is looking for families or individuals to mentor new members. If you think you would be interested in helping, please e-mail tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com. Thanks.

Baptisms



April 14 - Grayson John Dickerson, son of Mathew Dickerson and Brittany Phillips, born Jan. 29, 2019. His sponsors were Chad Dickerson, Jason Dickerson, Kelly Phillips and Katelyn Triepke.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$38,432	89,683
Expense	23,264	103,424
Surplus (Shortfall)	15,168	(13,741)

Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our group for May consists of the letters H-K with Jodi Haekenkamp as captain. She will call you asking for treats or help for other events. Thanks for your help. Our June group will be the letters L-N with captain Mary Seiffert.

Elders - Our Elders for May are Scott Person, Paul Asche and Dave Hohn. They will be here Sunday mornings to 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 Scott, Paul, Dave or any of the elders.

Gold Club - Gold Club is a time to get together and enjoy a potluck meal and some fellowship. Gold Club was originally formed for our senior members but is for everyone. Feel free to join us for food, faith and fellowship. Bring a dish or treat to share that begins with an "S" for spring, and join us at noon Wednesday, May 15.

Quilting and Fellowship - Join us at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 9 and 23. We meet twice a month for 5-6 hours. The coffee is on so, come and join this fun group of people! You do not need to know how to sew. You can help cut the squares, iron or tie the quilts. We donate quilts to local Organizations; if there is a silent auction, we are happy to donate a quilt. We also sell quilts to members. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

An Evening of Joy

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead will host a dinner, with a free will offering, at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, featuring Joy Markus, POBLO International. Joy has a master's degree in Islamic shariah law and established a high school department of Islamic religion. Not being able to answer a question about Allah led her to search for answers. Joy shares her struggle of finding truth and losing all she hoped for. She shares God's miracle He worked in her life.

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.

LWML News

We will be meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 2 and 23 this month.

Beautiful Garden Group

How do you join the Beautiful Garden group? Just show up! Our groundbreaking, seed planting kickoff date is planned for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22! We hope to increase the size and include perennials this year. We also plan to add mid-morning Saturday workdays. We are a relaxed, casual fun and fellowship group.

41 Sunday School students, Pre-K through high school, planted tomato seeds on Mar. 31. Each student took their seeds home to care for them and are invited to plant them in the Beautiful Garden.

If you are interested in donating to our garden, we are in need of the following items: plastic baskets, plant or vegetable pallets, strawberry crates, wheelbarrow or wagon, garden tools - especially spades, shovels and hoes, tomato cages and five gallon pails. If you have any of these items or would like to donate them, please bring them to the church. If you are interested in joining the group contact Tim at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com with your name, phone, and e-mail and you will be added to the communication list.



FirstChoice Life Walk

The FirstChoice Miles for Mothers Life Walk will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at Bethel Church, 2702 30th Ave S, Fargo. Please consider walking alongside us in support of that young woman and her unborn child. Our experience has shown that your parish will gladly support you as you walk with us for this most important mission. All you need to do is ask, they will not only support you but many will come join you! Register at teamfirstchoice.com or mona@firstchoiceclinic.com or call Mona at 237-5902.

The Washing

By Vicar Brian

In his civil war book, "Glory Road," Bruce Catton shows us how dirty a human being can get. He recounts an episode in which a soldier leaves a prisoner-of-war camp to rejoin his old unit. His time as a POW had left him filthy beyond description. He asks his comrades to help him get clean. They take him into a river, strip off his clothes and begin to wash and scrub him. Only after this continues for a time do the man and his friends realize that he is still wearing an undershirt. The man's body had become so encrusted that it has been impossible at first to tell the difference between a soiled piece of clothing and his own skin.

The soiling nature of sin does the same thing. From the dark thoughts we allow to fester in our minds to all the deeds of love conveniently left undone, sin does more than leave a dirty streak here and there on our souls. It makes us spiritually filthy beyond description. Left to ourselves, our hearts are so encrusted by sin that it's impossible for us to see how lost we really are, how deep the pit really is.

That's where Jesus comes in. We didn't see how lost we were. But He did. We didn't see how far we had fallen. But He did. He took us to the river of his grace. He washed us in the waters of baptism. He cleansed us in the blood He shed on Calvary's cross. Now we stand before Him in robes of white. Now, through faith in Him, His forgiveness is our personal possession.

There are moments when the same old stench from the same old sinful habits can fill our nostrils with despair. When such a moment comes for you, remember who you are. Remember what Jesus has done. He has gone to the cross to wash you clean. He has risen from death to assure you that not one of your sins remains. Through his eyes your life is fresh and clean and new. Your days as a filthy prisoner are long gone.

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates," Revelation 22:14.



"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Mass shootings, floods and other natural disasters, a decaying moral culture – these are evidences of the fallen creation "groaning in travel" all around us! And yet, those whose trust is in Jesus live with a "peace that passes all understanding" and a sure hope in the sure promise of the resurrection! This is the message broadcast weekly by our MSL TV Ministry - and available every day at www.mainstreetliving.com then click on the link identified as "North Fargo." Please continue to share information about MSL with at least one new person each month.

MSLN broadcasts each Sunday at 9 a.m., followed by This Is The Life program at 9:30 a.m. on TV station KVRR. MSLN is also broadcast on WDAY Xtra with This Is The Life program at 10 a.m., followed by the Main Street Living worship service.

A reminder of the matching funds offer from the Main Street Living Network continues until \$16,000 of new donations are received! To add your financial support, checks may be sent to Main Street Living North, 821 5 Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the web site. Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

May pastors and sermons are as follows:

May 5: Rev. Chris Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message "A Public Reinstatement" based on John 21:15-19. This Is The Life program is "The Big Little Lie."

May 12: Rev. Tom Eaves, St. John Lutheran Church, Barnesville, MN, presents the message "The Good Shepherd" based on Psalm 2. This Is The Life program is "To the End of Time."

May 19: Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message "God's Cure for Loneliness" based on Revelation 21:1-5. This Is The Life program is "Face from the Past."

May 26: Rev. Brett Hartwig, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN, presents the message "Take Heart, I have Overcome the World" based on John 16:23-33. This Is The Life program is "Love is not Enough."

Easter Flowers

Lily Placed by:

Kathy Johnson
Chris & LaVon Johnson
Sue Buth
Joan Fiechtner & family
Joe & Lori Pytlik & boys
Ed & Carol Herrmann

Mum Placed by:

Dave & Kim Scheer
Jim & Vickie Willprecht
Carol LeMier
Carolyn Markle
Tina & Tim Deitemeyer
Janet Koppinger
Steve, Jane, Ben & Nathan Thielman
Margie & Terry Opp

Begonia Placed by:

Mike & Mardi Schlichtmann
Pat Ensrud
Don & Claudia Schroeder
Lynn & Arla Strege
Lisa, Harrison & Brooklyn Wiest
Mike & Judy Sellden
Lloyd Jemtrud
Monna Rae Morse
Diane Knutson-Lee & family
Matt & Beth Gustafson

Kalanchoe Placed by:

Don & Pam Hartwig
Shirley Elsner
Dan, Carrie, Emily & Isaac Berglind
Loretta Swanson
Pastor Chris, Jamie, Jacob & Alaysha Waldvogel

Cyclamen Placed by:

Don & Pam Hartwig
Maggie & Gary Stende
Rachel & Dave Hohn Family
Abby & Leah Tykwinski
Mark & Kay Osman
Pastor Chris, Jamie, Jacob & Alaysha Waldvogel
Brian, Rochelle, Davis, Benett & Ellie Rieck

Lily Placed by:

Kathy Johnson
Sue Buth
Chuck Hoge
Maggie Stende

Mum Placed by:

Carol LeMier
Margie & Terry Opp
Carolyn Markle

Begonia Placed by:

Shayla & Kyle Loecker
Wanda Roesler
Dawn, Steve, Chloe & Lizzie Thompson
Mike & LeAnn Herrmann
Joe & Lori Pytlik & boys

Kalanchoe Placed by:

Joe & Lori Pytlik & boys
Mary & Greg Seiffert

Cyclamen Placed by:

Gene, Denise & Alexis Doeling
Shayla & Kyle Loecker
Mike & Judy Sellden
Mary & Greg Seiffert

In Loving Memory of:

Rev. Charlie Johnson
Our Grandparents
Landen
Gerry Fiechtner
Loren Thalmann
Sally Christianson, Carol's mom & Leona Wams, LeAnn's mom

In Loving Memory of:

David Jr.
Our Parents
Irene, Mother & Pat, Sister
Family Members
Charlie Roney, Tina's Mom
My Parents
Jack & Audrey Thielman & Lynette McCoy
Reuben Klundt and Adam & Violet Opp

In Loving Memory of:

Eugene Paulsrud
Rodney Ensrud
Our Parents
Our Parents
Keith Wiest
Our Parents
Donna Jemtrud & Parents
Stephen Morse, Husband
Arline Knutson
Beth's Dad, Bruce Elsner, who would have turned 75 today

In Loving Memory of:

Brian Hartwig
My Grandparents
Bud Berglind
Eugene & Emelia Hall
Parents, Carl & Suzanne Waldvogel

In Loving Memory of:

Kevin Hartwig
Our Parents
Bill Sharpe
Grandpa Glenn Hubrig
William Totenhagen
Parents, Carl & Suzanne Waldvogel
Larry Rieck

In Honor of:

Rev. Charlie Johnson's 45th Ordination
Grandchildren Arianna, Andrew, AJ & Matt
My Children
LWML & Beautiful Savior's music groups

In Honor of:

Harlan, Dad
Leona Klundt
Family Members

In Honor of:

Friends & Family
Eugene & Marlyn Roesler, Parents
Diane Berggren
Our Children
Janice Thalmann

In Honor of:

Leon & Marleen Pytlik
Baby Leo

In Honor of:

Lucas' upcoming graduation
Friends & Family
Our Children & Grandchildren
Baby Leo



Vacation Bible School Needs Crew Leaders

Vacation Bible School will be June 9-13. We are asking kids in sixth grade and higher to help out with this year's VBS as assistant crew leaders, station helpers and with other tasks. We also need plenty of adults to help out with this year's adventure. Please contact Bobbi Hestdalen or Vicar Brian for more information.

**God's wild
about you!**

Grace Lutheran School News

Spring Musical – ARK-e-ology, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 14 - Our annual Pre-K-third grade musical will focus around Noah's Ark! An afternoon performance will take place at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Our evening performance will be at 7 p.m. You won't want to miss this awesome event!

Camp Grace - we still have a few openings for children 4 to 12 years old. Many activities and field trips are in store for children. Please call the school office for costs and availability. Camp runs May 28 through Aug. 16.

Camp Grace needs Leaders! - We are in need of group leaders and substitutes 18 years old and older to help us out with subbing and also for our 20-hour a week shifts. Call or stop in the school office to set up a time to discuss this opportunity with Principal Hagge at 701-232-7747.

LCMS Summer Bible Camps

Have you thought about sending your children to a Lutheran camp this summer?

There are brochures in the narthex for those who would like to attend church camp. This year's theme at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is "A Great Cloud." Some of the camps offered are horse camps, art camp, guitar camp and even an adult camp. Their website is www.shretreat.org. It is located by the Peace Gardens.



This year's theme at Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch is "Forgiven." There are great programs for all ages. Their website is www.islandcamp.org. It is located on East Battle Lake, Minnesota.

Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday school will conclude on Sunday, May 19. A huge thank you to all our teachers and assistants for teaching our youth this year. We hope you sign up to teach VBS. We hope you have a great summer and come back next fall refreshed and ready to lead our youth again!

Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Youth praise band will practice at 7 p.m. on May 5 and 12 and at 6 p.m. May 18 followed by a Dairy Queen party at 7 p.m. Crossfire will play at the 8:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 19. Crossfire will take the summer off and resume practicing in the fall. If you have questions, call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403.

May Youth Events

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities: Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Sunday, May 5 - 5-7 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

Wednesday, May 8 - 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

Sunday, May 12 - 5-7 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 9-12

Wednesday, May 15 - 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

Wednesday, May 22 - 7:30-9 p.m. Lutheran Youth Fellowship for grades 6-8

Upcoming Events:

BSLC NYG FargoDome Fundraiser - May 4, see Vicar Brian for more information.

Sunday, May 19 - 5:30 p.m. NYG Chili Cook Off and Silent Auction

Friday, May 31 - 6 p.m. LYF Picnic at Lindenwood Park



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9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Pastor Chris and Vicar Brian are also 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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