

# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFO

"Walking where Jesus walked" was ... well, it is very hard for me to put it into words. We walked over 100 miles in the three weeks we were in Israel. Several people in our group wore pedometers so we actually did measure it. We visited "from Dan to Beersheba" (a biblical expression – cf Judges 20:1; I Sam. 3:20; I Kgs. 4:24; etc. indicating the extent of the land of Israel from the far north to the far south). We were at Masada and the southern end of the Dead Sea in the south to Caesarea Philippi in the north. We were at the Mediterranean Sea in the west and we even visited the Volcanoes in the Golan Heights in the far northeast on the Syrian border. On a clear day you can see Damascus, Syria from the top of the volcano. We visited Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Valley of Elah (where David slew Goliath), Shiloh (where the tabernacle was erected in the Promised Land – but a sad story accompanies that place), Jezreel (a captivating story goes with that place), Megiddo (what Christian hasn't wanted to stand on top of "Har-Megiddo" – the hill of Megiddo – also the word from which we get the name Armageddon), Mount Carmel (where Elijah confronted the priests of Baal), and many, many more. We spent four days and three nights around the Sea of Galilee where Jesus spent the vast majority of His time of public ministry. We visited Capernaum, Bethsaida, Taghba (where Jesus called most of His disciples – including Peter, James and John), Magdala (Mary Magdalene's home) and the place (Gergesa - now called Kursi) where Jesus cast the demons out of the demon-possessed man into the herd of 2000 swine and they all ran into the Sea of Galilee and drowned. And of course, we spent a number of days in Jerusalem, the Golden City – every moment of which is an inspiration as well as a sobering reminder. It is an inspiration because our awesome God chose Jerusalem as His Holy City. It is THE CITY – the most important piece of geography in the world. Jesus died and rose again there. Jesus ascended into heaven from there. Jesus our Sovereign, Victorious, Warrior King will return to that place when He comes back. Jesus will set up His Kingdom, headquartered there in Jerusalem and will reign the earth from there for 1000 years. How can that place not be an "INSPIRATION?!" But it is also very sobering to walk through the Old City and the New City of Jerusalem. Almost every moment you are there you must acknowledge the lostness of the Jewish people, the Muslim calls to prayer remind you of the lostness of the Muslims, and the many people who call themselves Christians who are worshipping shrines, but do not know the living Christ.

We also had an opportunity to participate in a day of ministry with the Chosen People's Ministry center in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Sandie, Luke and myself took an intercity bus over to Tel Aviv and volunteered for a day in a soup kitchen, food pantry and clothing distribution ministry there. We were in the words of the director of the ministry "an answer to prayer" as they desperately needed help. We had the privilege of helping serve a meal to the seriously troubled and broken people who live in the slum district of Tel Aviv. There were prostitutes, homeless, obviously troubled and disturbed people, and a number of holocaust survivors whose life is such a disaster. There are also a number of refugees from war ravaged countries like the Sudan (non-Jewish) who have fled to Israel because it is one country that will take anyone and everyone. I was deeply moved by that experience, and would love to take a short term mission team of you over there to do ministry there.

A number of you have asked if I would be showing some pictures and sharing in more detail about the trip. Of course, I would love to. Very soon (before I forget too much) I will set up a time to show pictures and talk about Israel. Luke was the photographer and he did a marvelous job of taking good pictures so I think we have a good photo-log of our visit to this glorious place to share with you. And I have a couple of stories to tell – one or two literally sent "chills up and down my spine."

As usual, this has gotten a bit long. May our Lord God give you a great week and I do look forward to seeing you on Mother's Day as we gather to worship, fellowship, study God's Word and encourage one another – Deo Volente. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

## MEN'S FRATERNITY

### QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

Men...you can make an impact on someone's life. Remember how key people in your life impacted your spiritual journey. The Teen Challenge men in our Tuesday evening men's study need this type of person. Join us on Tuesday evenings as we begin "The Quest For Authentic Manhood," a 24-week Robert Lewis study that focuses on a man's core identity and gives an overview of basic manhood issues. It will help men deal with various identity issues by looking back at past wounds and other things that may have distorted their idea of biblical masculinity. Throughout the course of the study, men will learn how to clearly define manhood and will finally be able to give a succinct and passionate answer to the questions, "What is a man?" and "What am I living to be?" This study will begin on Tuesday, June 1, FEFC, room 301/302.

## ERNIE HAASE AND SIGNATURE SOUND

We are very thankful to have one of the premier Southern Gospel quartet groups coming to Bismarck June 11. Normally this group would not consider a seating venue under 2,000 but God opened the door and made a way for them to minister at FEFC and the community. You can purchase tickets at the church.

## SUPPORT FOR THE GOLDADE FAMILY

Hello from the Outreach Committee of Grace Lutheran Brethern Church. We are letting you know about our current project to benefit the Goldade family. After some prayer and consideration, our outreach committee at Grace LB will be doing some spring cleaning, repairing and upgrading all over their property. **We have a good volunteer work crew in place, but are needing some help from you for funding for the project.** Please prayerfully consider helping with a little or a lot of the funding as we will be putting it to very good use for them. Please send your help to : Goldade Project, Grace LB Church, 503 N 24th St., Bismarck, ND 58501. If you would like this to be an anonymous donation, please note that on your check. Thank you so much for all you do in prayer and action for this awesome family.

## YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH

The Search Committee is busy looking over resumes and reviewing the possible youth pastor candidates information. They were discussed at their last meeting that we really need to pray for this person whomever that may be and thought that it would be wonderful if the whole church would do the same. We are asking that as a church we pray for the next youth pastor whomever that may be, the youth group as they meet on a weekly basis, and for the search committee during this process.

## MOPS BAKE AND RUMMAGE SALE

The second annual MOPS bake sale and rummage sale will be held Saturday, May 8, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at FEFC. We would love your donations of baked goods and rummage items in good condition. If you have anything to donate, please bring them to the church by Wednesday, May 5. Put your items in the Community Room behind the room dividers, along the wall. Thank You!

**One Worship Service  
May 30 at 10:00 a.m.**

*412 Ministries*

**PRIMETIME:** Sunday for Jr. High & Sr. High @ 9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT : 6:30- 8:30 P.M.**

**R.A.G.E.** Jr. High (7th & 8th grades)

**THE EXAMPLE** Sr. High (9th & 12th grades)

**PRAYER CHAIN INFO**

Please call the Phone Prayer Chain Captains and e-mail your requests to Laurie Grosz at the e-mail address below to activate your prayer requests.

**E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO**

prayer@firststefree.com

**PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO**

**DAYTIME :** Catherine Grosz

**EVENING :** Doris Ann Van Beek

**CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE**

Our church has a condominium for sale. It has two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, a small laundry room, living room, dining room, kitchen, two small decks and a single garage (1,128 square feet). All appliances, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer are included. Please contact Pat at 223-3330 for more details.

**2010 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

High School Graduates please pick up your pictures from the church office Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or at the Information Center on Sunday morning.

**WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO**

- THU - May 6** First Place 4 Health - 6:00 pm  
Escape the Coming Night Men's Study - 6:30 pm  
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - May 7** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart - 9:30 am
- SAT - May 8** MOPS Garage Sale - 8:00 am
- SUN - May 9** **Mother's Day**  
Child Dedication/Worship Service/Sunday School/  
Primetime/Adult Community/The Growing Yrs - 9:00 am  
Fellowship - 10:15 am  
Child Dedication/Worship Service/Sunday School - 10:45 am
- MON - May 10** Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am  
Education Board - 6:30 pm  
Stewardship Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - May 11** Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
- WED - May 12** MOPS Steering - 9:00 am  
White Cross - 10:00 am  
412 Ministries Senior Banquet - 6:30 pm  
Men's Softball @ Cottonwood #9 - 6:30 pm  
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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**EMAIL INFO CENTRAL**

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