

# Praying

**MORE WORKERS** Pray ... earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few ... (Luke 10:2-3)

**PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS** Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Indian Christians have experienced a sharp uptick in violence motivated by Hindu nationalism: a desire for the Hindu faith to shape the nation's culture and politics. Please pray for the minority believers in India.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Doctors, Nurses, and Health Care Workers

## HEALING

Those involved with the Israel & Russia-Ukraine Conflict, Juniper Power, Bryan Fevold, Jennie Stutsman & Hugo Sanchez (Angela's friends), Chris Schaffer (Rodney's friend), Rachel Meuchel, Brandon Kindred, Cole Houska (Jesse's nephew's son), Matt & Christina Smith family, Pat Rusk (Barb's friend), Harold Dragseth, Chris Beard (Bonny's niece), Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), Cattleya, Lou Iverson (Merton's sister)

## HOPE & COMFORT

The Tretter & Oelke Family for the passing of Kathy's mom, Jo Ann Oelke

## FAMILY

Shane & Lindsay Johnson, Waylon & Kreed; Jesse & Diana Johnson, Randy & Mary Kindel

## SISTER CONGREGATIONS

New Hope Lutheran Brethren Church, Pastor David McCarty, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania



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Paul and Alexa Fraser, along with their children Arthur and Oswald, are new LBIM missionaries, settling into Sendai, Japan, in their first year! They look forward to partnering with the Japanese Lutheran Brethren Church and being missionaries among their neighbors, partnering in contextual mission. Please pray for them as they learn and adapt to their new environment, learning the language, trying new things and starting school for Paul, Alexa, and soon Arthur.



Carl and Emily are church planting in Lincoln, ND, a community next door to Bismarck. It is one of the fastest growing communities in the state, made up largely of young families who need to hear the good news of salvation in Jesus. A successful children's ministry has been the major focus. Pray that the Lord will add dedicated members to the launch team as they prepare to begin having weekly worship services in the near future and that he will provide resources to embark on a building program.



# Growing & Serving



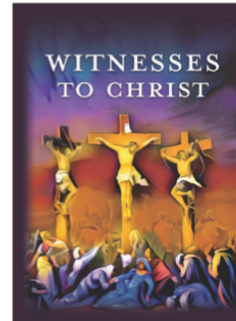
## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage
- 3:30 PM Mission Partnership Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM Trustee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

### Supper: Nacho Bar

- 5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship
- 6:00 PM Lenten Service



As we begin our Lenten journey, we focus our attention upon various witnesses to Christ in John's Gospel. We begin with John the Baptist, a man on a mission. "There came a man who was sent from God, his name was John. He came as to witness concerning that light, so that through him all people might believe" (John 1:6-7). John the Baptist's mission is "to witness concerning that light." In fact, fourteen times in John's Gospel, the word *witness* is connected with John the Baptist. "He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every person was coming into the world" (John 1:8-9). John points us to Jesus, who takes away our sin, our guilt, and our shame at the cross.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 9:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 10:00 AM Worship Service

## BIRTHDAYS

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| Feb 11 Leah Garcia      | Feb 15 Marlene Fridley |
| Feb 17 Evelina Jacobson | Feb 18 Kamre Boltz     |
| Feb 21 Ethan Yoder      | Feb 22 Anna Garcia     |
| Feb 22 Henry Jellesed   | Feb 23 Luke Nottestad  |
| Feb 24 Bridger Smith    | Feb 26 Samuel Kindel   |
| Feb 27 Naomi Hodnefield | Feb 27 Kenneth Warren  |



*Welcome!*

*The Transfiguration of Our Lord • February 11, 2024*

We're glad you're here to worship with us. If you're visiting with us today, we hope you'll stick around for a bit after the service. We'd love to get acquainted with you. If you'd like us to contact you, please scan our QR code on the back of the bulletin, or fill out a visitor card at our Welcome Center.

**BIBLE CENTERED** Through God's saving Word we have been adopted into God's Family and share in the saving work of Jesus Christ.

**FAMILY FOCUSED** As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we serve each other and worship, learn and work together.

**MISSION DRIVEN** We are engaged in Jesus' disciple-making mission - winning souls for Christ by the preaching of the Word and personal witnessing, and strengthening believers through Christian fellowship in the Word and Sacraments.



# Order of Worship

## Gathering Song \*

Welcome

## Call to Worship

Prayer

## Songs of Praise

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

Children's Message

Mission Presentation

Tithes and Offerings

## Hymn

Gospel Reading

Sermon

## Hymn

## Holy Communion

### The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the Church

## Benediction

## Doxology

\* If you are able, please stand for elements of the service noted in bold.

## Sermon Notes

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Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 25:1-10, Genesis 22:1-18, James 1:12-18, Mark 14:1-11

## As the Deer

Psalm 50:1-6

## Overcome

### Holy Forever

Exodus 34:29-35

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

Mark Cutherell

## How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Mark 9:2-9

*The Final Word*

## Hymn of Heaven



# HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

## Talking about The Third Article of the Creed Sanctification

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, My Lord, or come to Him, but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith, just as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith, in which Christian church he daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.

### 249 How should church members behave in their daily lives?

Church members should live in such a way that they honor God by a holy life, show love to others, as Jesus taught, and tell the good news of salvation to the world.

**1 Peter 2:11-12** "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."

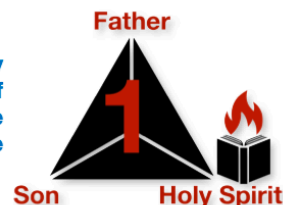
**1 John 3:10-11** "By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

**Romans 13:14** "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."

**Galatians 5:16** "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

**John 13:34-35** "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Acts 1:8** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version



## Witnesses to Christ People from His Passion

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30-31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That's because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That's God's gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus three times).

*Please join us for supper at 5:15 and worship to follow at 6:00 as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel:*

**February 14 Ash Wednesday**  
*John the Baptist, John 1:29-34*

**February 21**  
*Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha, John 12:1-11*

**February 28**  
*Malchus, John 18:1-11*

**March 6**  
*Peter, John 18:12-27*

**March 13**  
*Barabbas, John 18:33-40*

**March 20**  
*Pontius Pilate, John 19:1-16*

**March 29**  
*Good Friday: John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25-37*

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