

Praying

MINISTRY WORKERS

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Luke 10:2 ESV)

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Pray for Syrian Christians and churches who are being threatened by Islamists groups.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Bakken Oil Rush Ministry

HEALING

Bryan Fevold, Chris Schaffer, Joyce Hovland, Clay Ceynar, Doyle & Deb Hagen, Wynn Murphy, Ken Mickelson, Richard Helmuth, Jean Elliott, Jessica Wisness Burns, Lori Halverson

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Wisness Family

CHURCH FAMILY

Rodney & Susan Sampsel; Fallon Sampsel; Nate, Jessica & Elsie Sconce

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Jeff Stephan, Grand Forks, North Dakota

CLB MINISTRIES

Church of the Lutheran Brethren Women's Ministries

Mission Focus

Shared by the Women's Ministries Church of the Lutheran Brethren:
Pray for David and Janice (Chang) Kuan, Missionaries in Chad

David shares this update from their July newsletter:



"I wanted to give you an update from Janice's appointment last week. We are grateful that her treatment seems to be working. She has two tumors in her kidney, one about 5 cm and the other about 2 cm; and after two months of treatment both have shrunk. The doctor also showed us three small tumors in her liver (each about 1 cm or smaller). After two months of treatment, one of them has disappeared, and, while the other two are still present, one has slightly reduced in size. We asked the doctor what we can expect going forward. He said treatment typically lasts about a year. Since the cancer had already spread to the liver and cerebellum, they don't believe another partial nephrectomy would be helpful. For now, we'll need to rely on her targeted therapy to control the tumor's growth, with the hope of eventually eliminating it completely."

Let us pray for them as they navigate this hard season. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and for a full recovery for Janice. Pray for God to encourage and sustain them during this time. May God give them joy in the midst of it all.

Growing & Serving

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TODAY

Bedrock Youth Group parents meeting



MONDAY, AUGUST 18

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study at Arianna's house

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service

After the service- Faith & Family Night Teachers & Helpers Luncheon and Meeting



BIRTHDAYS

Aug 20 Arlen Jacobson
Sep 2 Mason Hugelen
Sep 11 Noah Ellis
Sep 13 Wyatt Wisness
Sep 16 Piper Nash
Sep 20 Tanya Heiser
Sep 26 Timothy Downare

Aug 23 Lynn Heiser
Sep 3 Kazdyn Kono
Sep 11 David Castillo
Sep 16 Kevin Warren
Sep 18 Cassie Maki
Sep 23 Shannon Warren



Welcome!

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 17, 2025

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.

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Order of Worship

Welcome
Call to Worship Psalm 119:81-88
Prayers of the Church
Songs of Praise
Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 23:16-29
Epistle Reading Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3
The Apostles' Creed
Children's Message
Tithes and Offerings
Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-53
Sermon *The Gospel Divide*
Hymn
The Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Doxology

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 50:1-15, Isaiah 66:18-23, Hebrews 12:4-24, Luke 13:22-30



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Ten Commandments

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you (Exodus 20:12).

What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise our parents and those in authority nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love, and think highly of them.

60 What does it mean to honor your father and mother?

I honor my father and mother when I give them my respectful, loving, and willing obedience and faithfully serve them all my days.

Luke 2:51a "And he [Jesus] went down with them [Mary and Joseph] and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them."

61 Whom should you honor besides your parents?

I should honor all those God has placed over me, such as guardians, employers, pastors, teachers, and government officials.
Hebrews 13:17 "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you."



62 Should you obey your parents or others in what is sinful?

No, in such cases I should obey God rather than people.

Acts 5:29 "But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men.'"

Matthew 10:37 "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

The Lord's Supper

Who may participate?

This sacrament is meant for believers in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). It is the way that God unites His church, sustains the church and grows faith, hope and love as the church participates in this shared grace together. Communion is God's way of delivering assurance of the forgiveness of sins to the flock.

What is received?

Christ gives to the communicants His body and blood - in, with, and under the bread and wine. He declares the forgiveness of sin to all believers, and strengthens their faith.

I feel I'm unworthy to receive

Being unworthy of Jesus' body and blood is the primary reason to receive the forgiveness of sins promised in communion. But it is possible to receive communion with an unworthy attitude. Therefore, self-examination is called for (1 Corinthians 11:28, 31).

I do well to ask myself:

1. Do I believe Jesus' promises?
"Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).

2. Do I recognize Jesus' presence?
"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor. 11:27, 29).

3. Am I reconciled with my fellow believers? If we do not value reconciliation with others, we put ourselves in a place where we are distancing ourselves from God's will for us. We are living in rebellion.

4. Do I recognize my sinfulness and that it will be the death of me?
(1 John 1:5-10)

5. Is my hope in Jesus alone as the one who can give me eternal life?

We invite those who confess Jesus as their Savior from sin and death to receive the gift of forgiveness of sins offered and gifted in this sacrament.

A Note for Parents

Because communion requires time for self-examination, we do not encourage communion for children until they are old enough to be taught and old enough for self-examination. Through teaching they will appreciate its significance. Catechism Classes provide an opportunity to learn about the Lord's Supper. These classes are taught with the use of Luther's Small Catechism ... If you would like a copy of the Small Catechism for personal instruction or to instruct your children please contact the Pastor or the church office.

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