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)

Our Pastoral Transition: Flders, Church Council, Call Committee, and the Olson's transition to Minnesota

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS In Benin, voodoo practitioners have convinced police to arrest four pastors because of songs they heard Christians singing during worship services. The complaints about the Christians' songs have interrupted the services and activities of roughly a dozen churches in that area. One pastor spent a week in jail because of a persecutor's sway over local officials.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Teachers, Staff, and Students
- Farmers & Ranchers

HEALING

Those involved with the Israel & Russia-Ukraine Conflict, Bryan Fevold, Jennie Stutsman (Angela's friend), Chris Schaffer (Rodney's friend), Rachel Meuchel, Cole Houska (Jesse's nephew's son), Harold Dragseth, Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), David Fandrich, Joyce Hovland, Débby Skoglund, Hayley Moe, Rea Lynn (Chad's cousin's daughter), The Ceynar family



FAMILY

Myron & Marcia Hovet; Warren, Laurie, Kaylynn & Emma Hovland; Joyce Hovland

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Living Faith Church, Pastor Edward Nugent, Cape Coral, Florida



Faculty & Staff Mrs. Kathy Doering, Administrative Assistant to the Dean Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln), Abenezer Churfo, and Tsion Koirta



REACHING THE UNREACHED

E than and Sandy live in Hsinchu, Taiwan and are serving the mission through multiple ministries including missiological research, teaching at a local seminary, and relationally sharing the gospel with their neighbors through daily interaction, hiking, camping, English teaching, and Bible studies.





PLANTING CHURCHES



arl 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 and that he will provide resources to embark on a building program.

Growing & Serving

Christ



SUNDAY, JULY 28

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

BIRTHDAYS

Alexis Marmon	Jul 30	Warren Hovland
Dillan Hugelen	Aug 2	Rylan Prochnow
Grant Muri	Aug 3	Debby Skoglund
Kyle Dragseth	Aug 12	Lane Odenbach
Wayne Johnson	Aug 19	Amanda Kindel
Arlen Jacobson	Aug 23	Lynn Heiser
	Dillan Hugelen Grant Muri Kyle Dragseth Wayne Johnson	Dillan Hugelen Aug 2 Grant Muri Aug 3 Kyle Dragseth Aug 12 Wayne Johnson Aug 19







Welcome!

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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 lesus' 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.

Together



Gathering Song *

Here I Am to Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 23

Prayer

Songs of Praise Lord I Need You

Cornerstone

Old Testament Reading | Jeremiah 23:1-6

Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Prayers of the Church

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-44 John 6:1-15

Sermon **Hymn**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Benediction

Doxology

Sermon Notes						

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 136:1-9, Genesis 9:8-17, Ephesians 3:14-21, Mark 6:45-56



HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt

Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Your kingdom come. What does this mean?

The kingdom of God truly does come of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

How is this done?

The kingdom of God comes to us when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word, and live a godly life here on earth and in heaven forever.

295 When does the kingdom of God come to a person?

The kingdom of God comes when our heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit and a person is given the power to believe in Jesus.

John 3:5-6 "Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Ephesians 2:8-10 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And

this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared

beforehand, that we should walk in

296 Can the kingdom of God come even to a little child?

Certainly! Jesus said that adults must become like little children to enter the kingdom of God.

Luke 18:16-17 "But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

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 Jesus⁵ 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:

I. Do I believe Jesus' promises?
"Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews II: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" (I Cor. II-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? (I 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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^{*} If you are able, please stand for elements of the service noted in bold.