

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 ESV)

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS For 15 years, Pastor Mahesh Mukhiya has led a congregation of 70 Christians for worship and fellowship in a rented house in their village in Nepal. Hindu extremists threatened the owner of the rented house, demanding he cancel the rental agreement. After a second threat, the landlord agreed to evict the congregation. Pastor Mahesh searched for a new building in which the Christians could meet, but the extremists had issued warnings throughout the village. For now, the church is considering options such as splitting into smaller groups or renovating and reinforcing the pastor's house so that the church can meet on the roof.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders
- Farmers & Ranchers



HEALING

Those involved with the Israel & Russia-Ukraine Conflict, 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), Christina Smith, Harold Dragseth, Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), David Fandrich, Joyce Hovland, Millie Yoder (Joe's mom), Debby Skoglund

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Power & Entzi families, for the passing of Juniper

FAMILY

Kaycee & Kyler Channel, Bonny Cluchie, TJ, Michaela, Aspen & Timothy Downare

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Lutheran Brethren Church of Nampa, Pastor Jeremy Wilson, Nampa, Idaho



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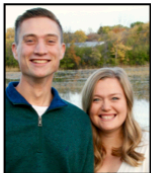
Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln), Shalayne Eckart, Armin & Christa Jahr III



Nathaniel, Carrie and their children live in the town of Boudamasa, among the Bagirmi people. They are translating stories from the Bible into the Bagirmi language. They have started an elementary school and seek other creative ways to share the gospel in their community along with their Chadian partners in ministry, Amine and Talitha.



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



Growing & Serving



TODAY

Congregational Meeting (immediately following the service)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

3:00 PM Board of Christian Education Meeting



SUNDAY, JUNE 23

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service

BIRTHDAYS

Jun 17	Brxylee Kono	Jun 17	Ava Wisness
Jun 19	Michaela Downare	Jun 20	Shylayna Timmons
Jun 25	Ralph Skoglund	Jun 29	Asha Kirkland
Jun 30	Brett Wisness	Jun 30	Arianna Vander Ley



Welcome!

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost • June 16, 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 *	Jesus Messiah
Welcome	
Call to Worship	Psalms 1
Prayer	
Songs of Praise	His Mercy is More Great is Thy Faithfulness
Old Testament Reading	Ezekiel 17:22-24
Epistle Reading	2 Corinthians 5:1-17
The Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	
Prayers of the Church	
Tithes and Offerings	
Hymn	O Word of God Incarnate
Gospel Reading	Mark 4:21-25
Sermon	<i>Hidden Light</i>
Hymn	Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
Benediction	
Doxology	

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 124, Job 38:1-11, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:26-34



HOME TALK

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

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

Our Father in heaven. What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to Him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.

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I am to pray *Our Father*, because I am to pray with and for others and because it reminds me that I belong to a family of believers who together confess God as Father.

Ephesians 6:18 "...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints..."

288 Why does Jesus teach you to pray "Our Father in heaven"?



These words are to remind me that my heavenly Father is exalted in love and power above all earthly fathers.

Matthew 7:11 "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

Ephesians 3:14-15 "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named..."

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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