

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: Elders, Church Council, Call Committee, and the Olson's transition to Minnesota

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS In the South Asian nation of Nepal, 90% of its people identify as Hindu or Buddhist. Pray for the growing number of persecuted Christians who have left these religions and are facing a number of complex issues including religious nationalism, poverty, illiteracy and more.

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, Debby Skoglund, Hayley Moe, Rea Lynn (Chad's cousin's daughter), Russell, Clay Ceynar, Doyle & Deb Hagen

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Ceynar family, The Johnson & Nelson families (for the loss of Barb's mom, Maxine)

FAMILY

Jeffrey, Amanda, Abigail, Matthew, Silas, Jackson & Samuel Kindel; Timothy Kindel, Andrew Kindel, Emily Kindel

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

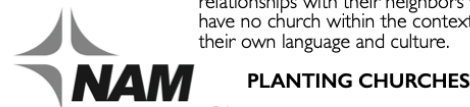
Grace Community Church, Pastor Jeffrey Olsen, Wesley Chapel, Florida



Faculty & Staff Mr. LaWayne Rogness, CFO, Administration, Director of Finance
Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln), Scott Bechtel, Kevin Clinton



Daniel Wen and Nancy Wu, with their children, are partner missionaries, called and sent to the LBIM field in Chad by the Chinese Lutheran Brethren Church of Taiwan. They are living in and ministering among the Bilala people group of Bokoro, Chad, sharing their lives and the gospel through their relationships with their neighbors who have no church within the context of their own language and culture.



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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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



Reading & Understanding the Bible

An introduction to Studying & Teaching the Old & New Testaments by Dr. Brad Pribbenow

Saturday, September 7th, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

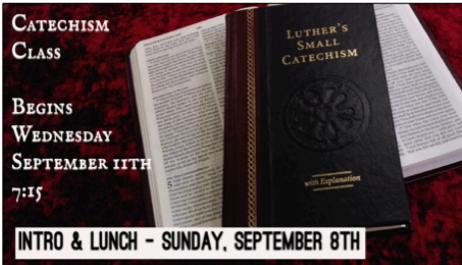
Reading the Bible is, in a way, no different than reading any other book. Yet, the Bible isn't like any other book. So, how do we go about reading the Bible faithfully, and in the way it is intended to be read?

In this one-day workshop, we will consider an approach toward reading and understanding the Bible that is reverent, Christ-focused, and attuned to the unique characteristics of the biblical text.

Wednesdays starting on September 11th

5:15-6:00 Supper & Fellowship

6:00-7:00 Classes for all ages



BIRTHDAYS

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| Aug 19 | Amanda Kindel | Aug 20 | Arlen Jacobson |
| Aug 23 | Lynn Heiser | Sep 2 | Mason Hugelen |
| Sep 3 | Kazdyn Kono | Sep 4 | Miles Kindel |
| Sep 6 | Aiden Buzalsky | Sep 9 | Adrianna Kindel |
| Sep 9 | Lawson Buzalsky | Sep 11 | Noah Ellis |
| Sep 13 | Wyatt Wisness | Sep 16 | Kevin Warren |
| Sep 18 | Holly Boltz | Sep 20 | Tanya Heiser |
| Sep 21 | Donny Walvatne | Sep 21 | Noah Kindel |
| Sep 22 | Lawrence Buzalsky | Sep 23 | Shannon Warren |
| Sep 25 | Casey Kindel | Sep 26 | Timothy Downare |
| Sep 27 | Andrew Sconce | | |



Welcome!

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 18, 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 *	I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Welcome	
Call to Worship	Psalm 34:12-22
Prayer	
Songs of Praise	Sweet Hour of Prayer
	Take My Life and Let It Be
Old Testament Reading	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Epistle Reading	Ephesians 5:6-21
The Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	
Prayers of the Church	
Tithes and Offerings	
Hymn	How Firm a Foundation
Gospel Reading	John 6:51-69
Sermon	
Hymn	O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing
Benediction	
Doxology	

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 14, Isaiah 29:11-19, Ephesians 5:22-33, Mark 7:1-13



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

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done without our prayer; but we pray this petition that it may also be done among us.

How is this done?

The good and gracious will of God is done when God destroys and brings to nothing every evil counsel and purpose of Satan, the world, and our own human nature, which would hinder us from hallowing His name and prevent the coming of His Kingdom, and when He strengthens us and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith, even to the end.

301 Where is the will of God done perfectly?

The will of God is done perfectly in heaven, where there is no hatred, sorrow, pain, injustice, hunger, war, or persecution, and where everyone loves God and does his will.

302 When is the will of God done among us?

God's will is done among us. His church, when we love God and love others, as He loves us.

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."

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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