

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 Bishwas Thapa, a 10-year-old boy in Nepal who has been regularly attending a children's fellowship for the last year, received a children's Bible during a distribution event. His mother, Kamala, was attracted by the colorful pictures and began to read the Bible herself. Through this Bible, both Bishwas and Kamala came to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. They, along with three other children who received Bibles, have committed their lives to the Lord.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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

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), Christina Smith, Harold Dragseth, Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), David Fandrich, Joyce Hovland

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Beard family for the passing of Chris, Bonny's niece, The Iverson family for the passing of Lou, Merton's sister, The Rusk family for the passing of Pat, Barb's friend

FAMILY

Kent, Anita, Jordyn & Luke Pedersen, Adell Pedersen, Tim & Julie Pedersen

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

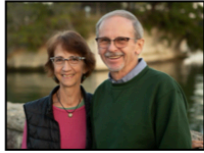
Hope Lutheran Brethren Church, Pastor Kevin Skaret, Barnesville, Minnesota



Faculty & Staff Dr. Nate Larsen, Professor of Practical Theology
Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln)



Dean and Linda Bengtson live in Ishinomake, a seaport town in Northern Japan, where much destruction occurred in the "Great Tohoku Earthquake/Tsunami." House of Hope opened in 2015 as a Christian community center. Pastor Haruya Ito and his wife Fume have joined their team as missionary partners. They are excited to be an official neighborhood church!



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



MONDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Focus: Josiah Follows God

Supper: Pasta Bar

5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship

6:00 PM Classes for all ages



SUNDAY, APRIL 21

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service



BIRTHDAYS

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| Apr 15 Harlee Jacobson | Apr 18 Tanner Hugelen |
| Apr 20 Jackson Kindel | Apr 23 Julie Dragseth |
| Apr 23 Cheri Odenbach | Apr 26 Scott Jenks |
| Apr 26 Megan Muri | Apr 26 Kelby Timmons |



Welcome!

Third Sunday of Easter • April 14, 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 *	Ten Thousand Reasons
Welcome	
Call to Worship	Psalm 4
Prayer	
Songs of Praise	Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
	All Hail the Power
First Reading	Acts 3:11-21
Epistle Reading	1 John 3:1-7
The Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	
Prayers of the Church	
Tithes and Offerings	
Hymn	Show Us Christ
Gospel Reading	Luke 24:36-49
Sermon	<i>Carried to the King</i> Mark 2:1-12
Hymn	Let the Earth Resound
Benediction	
Doxology	

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 23, Acts 4:1-12, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18



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.

266 What do you mean by the resurrection of the body?

By the resurrection of the body I mean that my dead body will one day be made alive and will be with Christ where He is forever.

John 5:28-29 "Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

Romans 8:11 "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live...'"

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."

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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