## **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 Pakistan, Christian women are subjected to Islam through force and physical abuse. They are also subject to forced labor in the brick kilns. Pray that their hearts will be encouraged and their bodies liberated as they secretly maintain their faith in Christ.

#### 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, Bryan Fevold, Jennie Stutsman (Angela's friend), Chris Schaffer (Rodney's friend), Rachel Meuchel, Cole Houska (lesse'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 & Déb Hagen



#### **HOPE AND COMFORT**

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

Randy & Mary Kindel; Casey, Christina, Adrianna, Noah & Miles Kindel

#### SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Oak Hill Lutheran Brethren Church, Pastor Nick Mundis, Bloomington, Minnesota



Faculty & Staff Dr. Jeff Seaver, Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln), Sawyer & Solveig Brunkow



### **REACHING THE UNREACHED**

 $D_{
m aniel}^{
m Men}$  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



#### **PLANTING CHURCHES**

arl and Emily are church planting LINCOLN in Lincoln, ND, a community next 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**

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**

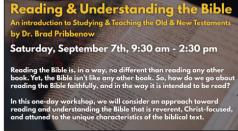
Christ

4:00 PM Board of Christian Education Meeting

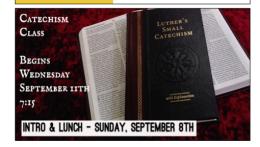
#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER I

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









#### **BIRTHDAYS**

DIKTH	DAIS		
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





#### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 25, 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 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 \*

Come Thou Fount

Psalm 14

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

Songs of Praise This Is Amazing Grace
Turn Your Eyes

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 29:11-19
Epistle Reading Ephesians 5:22-33

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn Wonderful Words of Life

Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-13

Sermon The Way It's Always Been

Hymn Give Me Jesus

**Holy Communion** 

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the Church

Benediction

Doxology

Sermon Notes							



# **HOME TALK**

## **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.

# 303 What enemies seek to prevent the will of God from being done?

Satan, the world, and our own human nature seek to prevent God's will from being done.

Ephesians 6:12 " For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the



cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

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<sup>5</sup> 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 I 1:6).

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?

**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.

- adapted from We Believe, Rev. Tim Ysteboe, (Faith and Fellowship Press, 2009)

#### Living Faith CLBA

805 T4th Street SW Watford City, ND 58854 P.O. Box 993 • 701-842-4617 livingfaithnd.org

Living Faith is a member congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America

#### STAF

**Director of Youth & Young Adults** Seth Vander Ley

youth@livingfaithnd.org

#### **Church Administrator**

Shannon Warren office@livingfaithnd.org

#### **OFFICERS**

Justin Smith, chair Levi Kono, vice-chair Jena Jenks, secretary Brett Wisness, treasurer

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Chelsey Ellis Linda Bundy Susan Sampsel Kathy Tretter

#### GREETING

Myrna Nelson

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

Arianna Vander Ley

#### USHERING

Jesse Johnson

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

Rodney Sampsel - audio Pieter Buckle - livestream Seth Vander Ley- projection

#### **ELDERS**

Justin Smith, chair Myron Hovet Seth Vander Ley

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Kevin Warren, chair Chelsey Ellis

#### FINANCE & PROPERTY

Lynn Heiser, chair Mike Jenks Levi Kono

#### **HOSPITALITY & FELLOWSHIP**

Julie Dragseth, chair

Myrna Nelson Marcia Hovet

#### MISSION PARTNERSHIP

Angela Smith, chair Linda Bundy Savannah Warren

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 119:129-136, Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Ephesians 6:10-20, Mark 7:14-23

<sup>\*</sup> If you are able, please stand for elements of the service noted in bold.