

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 Pastor Gangireddy died from burns he suffered during an attack at his church in India. The church continues to face pressure from Hindu radicals. This attack was the third against the church, which Pastor Gangireddy planted 20 years ago. Amid much opposition, he stayed in the village and faithfully shared the gospel until his death. Members of the church have remained strong despite all that has happened and are standing with the family. Pray for his wife, Shanta, their children, and the church.

PUBLIC SERVICE

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

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), Matt & Christina Smith family, Harold Dragseth, Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), Cattleya, David Fandrich

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

Nathan, Megan, Mabel, Grant & Vernon Muri, Larry & Myrna Nelson, Maxine Nelson

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

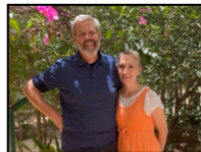
Praise Christian Fellowship, Pastor Evan Langlois, Barkhamsted, Connecticut



Faculty & Staff Dr. Joel Christenson, Professor of Mission and Evangelism
Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln)



Paul and Teresa Szobody direct a missionary training community in a small Arab village on the edge of the Sahara in Aderé, Chad. Pray for them as they live, study and labor with Chadian families who are preparing to go as partners in mission to unreached tribes. Pray also for their relationships and ministry to the local people.



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 in the near future and that he will provide resources to embark on a building program.



Growing & Serving



MONDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

NO WEDNESDAY MEAL OR CLASSES

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

3:00 PM Board of Christian Education Meeting



SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

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

BIRTHDAYS

Mar 24	Linda Bundy	Mar 24	Doug Thompson
Mar 26	Jo Anne Ross	Mar 27	Corey Hugelen
Mar 29	Tim Pedersen	Apr 5	Linda Dragseth
Apr 6	Myron Hovet	Apr 10	Jena Jenks
Apr 11	Matthew Kindel	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		

New to Living Faith?
Faith 101
 Enjoy lunch and discover our Identity, Values & Mission
Sunday, April 21 12:00-2:00



Welcome!

Palm Sunday • March 24, 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 * Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

Songs of Praise

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Prayers of the Church

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Hymn

Benediction

Doxology

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 16, Isaiah 25:6-9, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8



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.



259 How can you have a part in this mission [using the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to you]?

I can willingly offer myself to be used by God in whatever way he wants.

Romans 12:1-2 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present

your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

260 What does the Holy Spirit give to you in the Christian Church?

In the Christian church He daily forgives all my sins, and the sins of all other believers.

John 20:21b-23 "...As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'"

Acts 13:38 "Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you..."

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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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