

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 Late in 2023, police in Laos arrested three Christians from the Akha people group for building a church and held them without giving any information to family or friends for several months. On January 26, 2024, authorities demolished the building these brothers in Christ had constructed. Pray for the safety and wellbeing of these men and their families, the strengthening of this congregation and the spread of the gospel among the Akha and other tribal groups in Laos.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Law Enforcement Officers and Judges
- 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, Millie Yoder (Joe's mom)

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

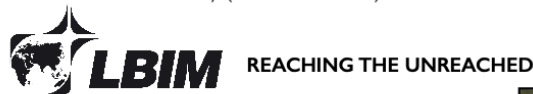
Nate & Jessica Sconce, Ralph & Debby Skoglund, Justin & Angela Smith, Bridger Smith

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

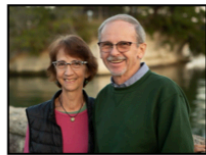
Ebenezer Lutheran Brethren Church, Pastor Zach Matthys, Mayville, North Dakota



Faculty & Staff Mr. LaWayne Rogness, Director of Finance
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 29

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

SUNDAY, MAY 5

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service



BIRTHDAYS

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| May 1 | James Odenbach | May 2 | Chelsea Jacobson |
| May 3 | Amanda Wisness | May 3 | Quincy Hugelen |
| May 5 | Diana Johnson | May 5 | Kyler Channel |
| May 7 | Nathan Muri | May 8 | Daniel Marmon |
| May 10 | Cody Kirkland | May 10 | Savannah Warren |
| May 11 | William Wisness | May 14 | Fallon Sampsel |
| May 14 | Lexie Kirkland | May 15 | Laurie Holland |
| May 17 | Christina Kindel | May 21 | Abigail Kindel |
| May 24 | Seth Vander Ley | May 26 | Kathy Tretter |
| May 27 | Grace Odenbach | May 27 | Aksel Jellesed |
| May 29 | Rixtyn Kono | | |



Building Project

Education & Fellowship Center

GOAL \$1,250,000

NEEDED 749,000

RAISED 501,000



Welcome

Fifth Sunday of Easter

We're glad you're here to worship with us today, we hope you'll contact you, please scan our QR code or fill out a visitor card at our Welcome

BIBLE CENTERED Through God's saving work, we have been adopted into God's Family and are participating in the saving work of Jesus Christ.

FAMILY FOCUSED As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we serve each other in love, fellowship, 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 belief through Christian fellowship in the Word and Sacraments.

Order of Worship



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.

269 What is eternal death?

Eternal death is a dreadful separation from God that will last forever.

Matthew 13:40-43 "Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

Daniel 12:2 "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

270 Who will be condemned in this way?

All who do not repent of sin and trust in Jesus as Savior will be condemned.

Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version



Gathering Song * Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 1

Prayer

Song of Praise

Living Hope

God's Ten Commandments

Presentation

The Ten Commandments

Wyatt Wisnes

Song of Praise

Take My Life

The Apostles' Creed

The First Article - The Ministry of the Father

Congregation

The Meaning of the First Article

Catechism Class

The Second Article - The Ministry of the Son

Congregation

The Meaning of the Second Article

Catechism Class

The Third Article - The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Congregation

The Meaning of the Third Article

Catechism Class

The Sacraments

Presentation

Holy Baptism

Amelia Odenbach

Hymn

Amazing Grace

The Bible Says

Questions & Answers

Catechism Class

Presentation

The Lord's Prayer

Ethan Yoder

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Prayers of the Church

Tithes and Offerings

Presentation of Certificates of Christian Knowledge

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

Doxology

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 98, Acts 10:34-48, 1 John 5:1-8, John 15:9-17

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.

- adapted from We Believe, Rev. Tim Sizemore, Faith and Fellowship Press, 2009

