

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 There is violence in Jaranwala, Pakistan initiated by Muslim extremists; they torched buildings, attacked Christians and looted churches. Pray God will work in their hearts. We see time and again in the Bible that no one is too far for Jesus to save. Pray these extremists will have a profound encounter with the true God.

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, Danette Odenbach Welsh (Marlene's daughter), Brandon Kindred, Cole Houska (Jesse's nephew's son), Matt & Christina Smith family, Pat Rusk (Barb's friend), Harold Dragseth, Chris Beard (Bonny's niece), Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), Cattleya, Lou Iverson (Merton's sister)

HOPE & COMFORT

The Tretter & Oelke Family for the passing of Kathy's mom, Jo Ann Oelke

FAMILY

Corey, Joce, Tanner, Mason & Quincy Hugelen; Brett, Melissa, Harley & Evan Jacobson

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Solid Rock Community Church- Elder Tony Wilson, Salem, Oregon

Lutheran Brethren Seminary TRAINING LEADERS

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

LBIM REACHING THE UNREACHED

Jeremy and Sallee Stanton serve as administrators of the Lutheran Welcome Center, a guest house and conference facility in Ndjamena designed to provide a place of rest, renewal and gathering for missionaries in Chad. Pray that they would be a blessing and encouragement to the groups and missionaries who use the facility.



NAM PLANTING CHURCHES



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



TODAY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH



TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
 1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Focus: God Judges Israel

Supper: Roast Beef

5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship

6:00 PM Classes for all ages

7:15 PM Catechism Class

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service



BIRTHDAYS

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| Jan 24 | Jamie Jellested | Jan 25 | Danielle Klamm |
| Jan 27 | Mabel Muri | Jan 29 | Vernon Muri |



Welcome!

The Third Sunday after Epiphany • January 21, 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.



WITNESSES TO CHRIST

Wednesday Lenten Services

February 14 - March 20

Supper 5:15 - 6:00 PM
 Lenten Worship - 6:00 PM

Sweetheart's Supper

Saturday, February 17th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

All adults 18 years of age and older are invited to this FREE event in the church fellowship hall.

Please register online by February 10th
 Or contact Julie, Myrna or Marcia for more information.

Order of Worship

Gathering Song *

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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 111, Deuteronomy 18:15-20, I Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-34

Lord I Need You

Psalm 62

Psalm 34 Taste and See

My Savior's Love

Jonah 3:1-10

I Corinthians 7:29-35

He Leadeth Me

Mark 1:14-20

It's Time

All Glory Be to Christ



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.

243 Why do you say, "Christian Church"?

I say, "Christian Church" because the Church belongs to Christ and is built upon Him as its only foundation.

244 Why is the Church called catholic in some of the Christian creeds?

The church is called *catholic*, or *universal*, because God invited all people to enter it, and because it is to be found in all parts of the world where the Gospel is preached.

245 How is this Church visible in the world?

The church is visible in this world when Christians unite around the Word and Sacraments and form congregations. These congregations may be organized into synods, denominations, or associations.

Acts 2:47b "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version



The Finnesgard family, a traveling worship team which is part of our Lutheran Brethren church family has ministered at Living Faith in 2020 and 2022. Their motorhome, in which they live year round, is in need of replacement. If you would like to consider supporting them in this need, details are available at givebutter.com/stonescrymotorhome

The Lord's Supper

Who may participate?

This sacrament is meant for believers in Jesus Christ (I 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 (I 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" (I 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?

(I 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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