

# 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** As Hindu extremists have amassed significant political power over the last decade, India's 70 million Christians have experienced substantial increase in hatred and violence. Let's pray for the Word of God to strengthen and sustain the Indian Christians as tensions mount during these times of extreme persecution.

## 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, 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

Duane & Kathy Tretter, Dr. Stephen Van Wylen, Seth, Arianna & Lincoln Vander Ley

## SISTER CONGREGATIONS

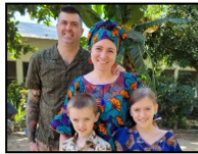
Mount Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church, Pastor Christopher Priestaf, Mount Bethel, PA



**Faculty & Staff** Dr. Troy Tysdal, President  
**Students** Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln)



Dan & Claire Rose and their children, Ashley & Austin, have finished their language study in Ndjamena and have transitioned to the village of Doh, where they will be commencing Fulfulde language learning and start engaging with their Fulbe neighbors. Please pray for smooth transitions, good health, and the Lord's guidance in decision making regarding their future ministry.



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, MAY 13

6:30 PM  
Women's Bible Study

## TUESDAY, MAY 14

1:30 PM  
Coffee, Conversation & Courage

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

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



## BIRTHDAYS

May 14 Fallon Sampsel  
May 15 Laurie Hovland  
May 21 Abigail Kindel  
May 26 Kathy Tretter  
May 27 Aksel Jellesed

May 14 Lexie Kirkland  
May 17 Christina Kindel  
May 24 Seth Vander Ley  
May 27 Grace Odenbach  
May 29 Rixtyn Kono



**Building Project**

**Education & Fellowship Center**

**GOAL \$1,250,000**

NEEDED 749,000

RAISED 501,000



*Welcome!*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 12, 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 \*

Welcome

## Call to Worship

Prayer

## Songs of Praise

First Reading

Epistle Reading

Recognition of Graduates *Kinley Boltz, Braden Heiser, Tanner Hugelen,  
Emily Kindel, Grace Odenbach & Jordyn Pedersen*

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

## Hymn

Gospel Reading

Sermon

## Hymn

## Holy Communion

### The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the Church

## Benediction

## Doxology

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

## Sermon Notes

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Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 139:1-12, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

## Come Thou Fount

Psalm 1

## Cornerstone

## Be Unto Your Name

Acts 1:12-26

1 John 5:9-15

## Sweet Hour of Prayer

John 17:11b-19

*In His Prayers*

## Grace Greater Than Our Sin



# HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

## 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**



### 273 Why has Jesus given you this prayer?

Jesus has given me this prayer to show me what true prayer is, and to teach me as God's child how to speak to my heavenly Father.

### 274 What other divine person helps you to pray?

The Holy Spirit helps me to pray, and he prays for me.

**Romans 8:26-27** "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

### 275 What is prayer?

Prayer is talking to God silently or aloud from my heart.

### 276 In whose name should you pray?

I should pray in the name of Jesus.

**John 16:24** "Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

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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