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Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 14:7

Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores His captive people, Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

Praise Choruses

***Hymn** #16 *How Great Thou Art!*

Scripture Reading John Ostyn

Prayer

Special Music Men's Chorus

***Hymn** #227 *At the Cross*

Offering

Children's Sermon

***Hymn** #492 *Let Your Heart Be Broken*

Sermon Isaiah 29:11-19 Pastor Jeremy Wilson
Open the Book and Teach Me to Read

***Hymn** #119 *Open My Eyes*

***Benediction**

***Doxology** #39

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities This Week

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| Today | 3:30 p.m. | LBYF |
| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | Family Fellowship and Kid's Bible Club |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Young Ladies Bible Study at Siska's |
| Friday | 6:30 p.m. | Strange Fire Bible Study at Dale Wilson's |
| Next Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 3:30 p.m. | LBYF |

Announcements

- **CLB Women's retreat is Oct 16-18** at the Firs in Bellingham, WA. There is some interest in carpooling. Please contact Shannon or Candy if you're interested in going as well. There is \$45 deposit due by Aug 30th. Pamphlets and posters are on the bulletin board.
- Our summer schedule is quickly coming to an end. **Fall schedule starts Sept. 13** with Sunday School at 9:30 and Worship service at 10:45.
- We are now streaming our services live. Head over to nampalutheranbrethren.sermon.net to listen live, or to replay past services.
- Join us for an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 13 at 3:00 PM. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center. There is a sign-up sheet in the church entry for homemade ice cream, pie, cake, and other sweet treats.

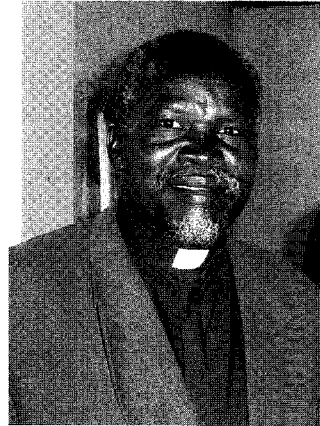
Let Us Pray...

- Robin VanHouten and healing of her torn meniscus.
- Lydia McKee and her family, as she mourns the loss of her son, Larry.
- For our Christian brothers and sisters who are facing persecution in the Middle East and around the world.
- Please pray for Erin Kleveland and her family as she continues to struggle with a persistent illness.
- For those unable to attend this morning.
- That people in our community would be brought to saving faith through the witness of each of us here at the Lutheran Brethren Church of Nampa.

Do you have an announcement or prayer request you'd like printed in the bulletin? Email pastorjeremywilson@gmail.com and we'll be sure to include it.

Remembering Pastor Silas Lapeube

Silas Lapeube died suddenly on July 7, 2015. Silas was a pastor in the Lutheran Brethren Church of Cameroon. He studied at Lutheran Brethren Seminary in the USA and Cameroon. Below find excerpts from comments from former missionary Rodney Spidahl and current missionary Paul Szobody.



Rodney Spidahl: To my brother, friend, co-worker in mission and mentor in culture-learning, Silas Lapeube. I give thanks to God for you, Silas, in so many ways. I was numb when I first heard the news and could not respond... I was sure I would see you again, someday, and catch up... but that must wait so I want to share some thoughts with friends and co-workers.

I rarely have met a person as strong-willed and passionate for life and the gospel as you and we found a true kindred spirit. It is largely due to this initial friendship in our seminary days in Fergus Falls that I heard of the Fulbe and dared to let God lead me to another continent.

The friendships we shared always seemed to take us to the borders and boundaries and we knew this, intuitively. One very strong impression was my first trip to northern Cameroon where, when I asked about my place to sleep, you said, "Here, outdoors, on these mats, with my family." Madeleine was always the perfect hostess, making sure everyone had food and welcome and friendship. It is hard to distinguish what I learned from the many ways you modeled welcome and mentoring in those early days, from language learning to eating habits to coping with the new challenges of life in a different climate—you were a superb teacher!

Paul Szobody: His ministry was so full and varied but I will remember him for three things: 1) his contagious personality and sociability, 2) his love for his family, and 3) his passion for the evangelism of his beloved people group, the Fulbe.

He came to Gounou Gaya twice at my invitation to teach, doing one seminar on Fulani culture and evangelism (which was excellent and memorable), and one on marriage with his wife (and he took her hand and ran across the stage quoting the Song of Songs: "Let us run together!"; I thought: now, I couldn't get away with that! Not in Africa! But Silas, yes!).

Furthermore, I've always noted how, at least from my perspective at a distance, he managed to steer a steady course in spite of the tumultuous years within his church body, often involving his own ethnic group. But again, this speaks well of his personality, his spiritual and social maturity to keep first things first and maintain good human relations in the love of the brethren.

In all he had a very admirable balance between the love of people and reaching people and the love of learning and teaching. He was a man of action but also of reflection and communication.

Well, who knows: before his own master he stands; he has finished his course, he has kept the faith, we admire and rejoice in the grace of God so displayed in his life and ministry.

Blessed be the memory of Silas Lapeube!

Matthew Rogness

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st JAPAN *2 Thess. 2:13-3:17*

Dean and Linda Bengtson are flying to the US tomorrow for a two month home assignment. Pray for good health, safe travels, rest and refreshment and rich times with family and supporters.

2nd N. AMERICA *Joshua 1*

Pray for **Joel, Liz and Tim Christenson** who are on home assignment for a year. Pray for Joel who has been the main organizer and facilitator for the Koinonia conference later this month, bringing international mission and church leaders together in a mission sending movement from East Asia to the rest of the world.

3rd TAIWAN *Joshua 2*

Mike Kittelson asks prayer for his friend, **Gim Jau**, a young man new to faith in Jesus who is currently struggling in the faith. May the Spirit of God through the Word of God strengthen and encourage him in his faith.

4th CHAD *Joshua 3,4*

Continue to pray for protection and peace for the people of Chad as their military continues its offensive against Boko Haram. Pray that God will work through his church to bring healing and peace to those around them, and bring many to himself.

5th FRANCE *Joshua 5,6*

This month **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** and family will be in Albertville, France, for a time of study. Nathanael is also working to prepare Bagirmi scriptures for publication. Pray for this to be a profitable and rewarding time.

6th TAIWAN *Joshua 7*

Victory Hakka Fellowship is currently encouraging many friends who are experiencing great physical problems. **Mrs. Jang** had brain surgery and is in ICU and **Mr. Fam** is failing in health. Both believers need support from their Christian friends.

7th FRANCE *Joshua 8*

Pray for **Jeremy, Sallee, Olivia** and **Abigail Stanton** who are in France for the academic year learning French. Pray for good cultural adjustment and solid and effective language acquisition.

8th EAST ASIA *Joshua 9*

Pray for **Leah**, a short-term volunteer serving in two projects that serve families with special needs children. Pray that she will have an impact for the kingdom on those she meets and that God will show her what his will is for her.

9th TAIWAN *Joshua 10*


Tomorrow and the day after, the Hakka Choir is taping songs for a

“Open the Book and Teach Me to Read”

“The Literate” – Those who should know God’s Word

“The Illiterate” – Those who have not been taught God’s Word

God’s Promise to Both the Literate and Illiterate



June/July 2015 Treasurer's Report

General Fund

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| Balance on hand 6/1/15 | | \$40,443.15 |
| Receipts | \$22,559.82 | |
| Expenditures | \$26,810.72 | |
| Balance on hand 8/1/15 | | \$36,192.25 |

Other Funds on hand 8/1/15

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| Growth Fund | \$71,686.72 |
| Love Offering | \$731.28 |

local cable station. Pray that the songs will invite people to faith in Jesus and provide Christians with new songs to praise their Savior.

10th FRANCE *Joshua 11,12*

Praise God for a good re-entry for **Danny** and **Mandy Bronson** and family back into life in France. Pray for continued good health, especially for their youngest, **Samuel**.

11th WORLD *Joshua 13:1-15:12*

As violence worsens in Gaza, many civilians caught in the conflict suffer. Pray for efforts toward a lasting peace in Gaza and the Middle East. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." (Psalm 122)

12th CHAD *Joshua 15:13-17:18*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa Szobody** as they proceed with language and cultural acquisition for future work in an unreached Muslim village. Happy 12th birthday to **Micah**.

13th TAIWAN *Joshua 18,19*

China Lutheran Seminary's fall semester begins tomorrow. Pray for the teachers and students as they begin a new academic year. Pray for **Ethan Christofferson** as he teaches a class this semester.

14th N. AMERICA *Joshua 20,21*

Pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson**, ministering to Japanese students studying in the Seattle area. Pray that God would open hearts to his love as demonstrated through the Christians at Japanese Ministries, Rock of Ages LBC in Seattle.

15th EAST ASIA *Joshua 22*

Please pray for the Koinonia conference taking place Sept. 16-18

(see 9/2/15). **Joel Christenson** will return to Asia from the US for this important event. Pray for a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit, for spiritual protection, a spirit of unity and humility, a spirit of generosity, and for progress in working together as a community in Christ.

16th JAPAN *Joshua 23*

Pray for the Ishinomaki neighborhood and House of Hope during **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson's** home assignment. Pray that those whom God has touched would continue to grow in their openness to the gospel.

17th CHAD *Joshua 24*

Nathanael and **Carrie Szobody** ask prayer for **Phate**, a Bagirmi Christian (one of only five that they know) and a good friend who has recently lost her husband. Pray for her and her children as they mourn. Pray that the Christian community will support and encourage them.

18th TAIWAN *Galatians 1*

Pray for delegates to the Chinese Lutheran Brethren Church convention. Pray for good discussions and decisions about joint ministries, and for rich times of fellowship. Pray as delegates elect or re-elect the CLBC president and other church leaders.

19th FRANCE *Galatians 2*

Pray for **Olivia** (14) and **Abigail** (12) **Stanton** and **Zeke** (7), **Theo** (5) and **Jonah** (3) **Bronson** as they have recently begun the school year in Albertville.

20th PAKISTAN *Galatians 3:1-18*

Praise God that **Asia Bibi's** death sentence for "blasphemy" was suspended in July by a panel of

judges. Pakistan's Supreme Court will review the case against the Christian woman before a final ruling is made. Pray for her acquittal and release.

21st JAPAN *Galatians 3:19-4:7*

Pray for the LB seminary in Sendai. Pray that God would raise up those who will answer his call into ministry. Pray for **Pastor Zeniya** who serves as an instructor in addition to his full-time church responsibilities.

22nd TAIWAN *Galatians 4:8-5:1*

Praise God for the salvation of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Gong** who began attending the Hakka service at Enlin LBC about three months ago. They are excited about their new faith and wonder why someone didn't tell them about Jesus and invite them to church sooner.

23rd N. AMERICA *Galatians 5:2-24*

Pray for **Stephen** and **Sandra Bickler** as they search for ways to encourage and support long-term missionaries in creative-access countries. Praise God for their willingness to volunteer in this way. Happy birthday to **Stephen**.

24th CHAD *Galatians 5:25-6:18*

Pray for **Solomon**, another Bagirmi friend of **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody**, who has a desire to reach his own people with the gospel and is seeking God's guidance for biblical training. Happy birthday to **Nathanael** today.

25th JAPAN *Proverbs 1*

Pray for the LB churches in Japan to identify and raise up a new generation of pastors, evangelists and missionaries. Pray for a

renewed passion among Christians to reach their unbelieving families and friends with the gospel.

26th FRANCE *Proverbs 2,3*

Continue to pray for **Danny** and **Mandy Bronson** and their boys during these months of language study for Mandy. Pray as she reviews and learns new things and that her confidence in speaking would continue to grow.

27th TAIWAN *Proverbs 4,5*

Pray for **Mr. Ku** in late stages of cancer and **Mrs. Vong** who has been in a respiratory unit for two months. Both need encouraging words. Pray that the members of Victory Hakka Fellowship know what words of encouragement will be helpful to their souls.

28th CHAD *Proverbs 6,7*

Pray for **Steve** and **Stella Banks** as they manage the ministries of the Lutheran Welcome Center. Praise God for their continued service to LBIM as **Jeremy** and **Sallee Stanton** train for the duties of this ministry.

29th JAPAN *Proverbs 8*

The Christian population of Japan remains at less than 1%. Pray for a spiritual awakening and for increased vision for finding the means to effective outreach in the congregations.

30th CAMEROON *Proverbs 9*

Please join us in praying for the church family of **Silas Lapeube**. Silas was an energetic messenger of the gospel with a special heart for the Fulbe people. Pray especially for his wife **Madeleine** and their children and grandchildren. (see back)



Dr. Saji Lukos, President and Founder of *Reaching Indian Ministries* has given himself in service for the Lord the last 21 years, answering the call God placed on his life to reach the people of his beloved India. To accomplish this task, the work has been divided into three main ministry areas:

Compassion Ministry consists of various projects throughout South Asia, including, but not limited to,

- ◇ Children's Ministries
- ◇ Healthcare
- ◇ Clean Water Initiatives
- ◇ Job Training



Leadership Development -Education centers are critical in training the next generation of indigenous leaders and church planters.

- ◇ 27 Bible Training Centers
- ◇ Mission India Theological Seminary
- ◇ Annual Leadership Conference



Evangelism and Church Planting, among the indigenous in a contextually and culturally relevant atmosphere.

- ◇ Door to door invitations
- ◇ Bible Studies/Discipleship groups
- ◇ Establish house church groups



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