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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: "The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting." Psalm 119:160

CHORUSES

HYMN 8..... "To God Be the Glory"

SCRIPTURE READING Derrick Snow

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Candace Pauley

HYMN 497..... "O Zion. Haste"

MISSION REPORT Sophie Ness

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

CHILDREN'S STORY

HYMN 502..... "We've a Story to Tell"

SERMON "MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT" James 2:8-13
Greg Kollmann

HYMN 365..... "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

BENEDICTION

HYMN 39..... "Doxology"

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	3:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social LBYP
MONDAY	7:30 p.m.	Elder Board Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY	10:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Morning Worship Service LBYP

Thank you SOPHIE for sharing about your ministry in Soddo, Ethiopia today.

An ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be held this afternoon at 3:00 PM. A free will offering will be received to help Sophie purchase ultrasound equipment so she can more accurately determine when a pregnant mom needs to be transported to the hospital. Everyone is invited.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled for August 3-7. Plan to attend.
Classes for all ages!

There are still some TOOLS in the parsonage garage left over from the remodel, including a paint sprayer, ladder, and sawhorses. Pastor Wilson will have the garage open after the service for whoever needs to pick them up.

With thanksgiving to the Lord for His bountiful blessings... The children, their spouses, and the grandchildren of HOWARD & PAT SCHUTTE invite you to join us in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 6, 2014, at the Lutheran Brethren Church of Nampa from 2:30-5:30 p.m. A program will begin in the Church Sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. followed by an Open House Reception in the Church Fellowship Hall. No gifts, please. An invitation is posted on the bulletin board in the church entry.

A Discipling Community in Mission

Take a good look at this girl. She works and plays on a desert wadi. She speaks Chadian Arabic. She's spunky. She's fun. And... she's a daughter of Ishmael. Yet, she knows neither the living God of Abraham, Ishmael's father, nor the truth about Abraham's distant child of promise, Jesus of Nazareth.

But shouldn't she? Did not the crucified God suffer for her? Will she be included in the human throng from every tribe and tongue who shall surround the throne of the Lamb with praises of his worthiness (Rev. 5:9-10)? Shall she be made glad, finding her source of new life and heavenly citizenship in Zion (Psalm 87)? God only knows.

Nevertheless, this girl lives where people of other tribes possess this good news for her. They are black Africans, not of Arab blood. They live in the south of her country. Some of these southerners were brought to faith and educated for Christian ministry by our own Mission. But, in large, the vast needs of the southerners' own tribes and language groups have captured their attention. And rightly so.

But, on the other hand, it has been difficult for southerners to go north with love, confidence and culturally appropriate ways of carrying the good news to northern peoples, at least without creating culturally southern churches. Fears, prejudices and suspicions from an age-old corporate memory of being considered inferior haunt them, and the strange world of Islam appears formidable.

So, as the "mother church" and mission, how shall we help? After years of reflection, discussion and prayer concerning the on-going educational needs of the southern church as well as our own Mission's thrust to unreached peoples, three specific areas of ministry have been identified for us to consider: 1) to work with southern national ministers and their families in order to do mission together, all the while further equipping them with spiritual, family and theological formation; 2) to be available for the continuing theological education of our own missionaries on the field; and 3) to provide a community for the discipling of new converts from Muslim backgrounds.

So, how to do it? Young people have visions, old(er) have dreams. So says the Scripture. Teresa and I are now old(er)! And we have a dream.

We're dreaming of a community of expatriate missionaries and nationals together, one where discipling in spiritual, theological and family life takes place, one embedded near unreached people for the sake of mission. We're dreaming of a radically different model of education, a pedagogy not determined by the western classroom but by the relational and oral dynamics that make Africa Africa.

We're dreaming of a ministry shaped by the grace manifest in the hidden life of Christ at Nazareth. There, in view of later, more public ministry, Jesus embarked upon mission by first growing in wisdom and in favor with God and his neighbors (Lk 2:52).

Does this model not answer to the needs we want to address in the formation of nationals (and ourselves!)? Does it not give us a guide—the Incarnation of Christ, the missionary—for embedding ourselves among the unreached in order to love them and gain, with time, the right to be heard? Did Christ not employ these same dynamics in the training of the Twelve?

Look again at this girl in the picture. Where do you think she lives? In Nazareth! For, in a sense, any unreached community is a Nazareth. Nazareths await the coming of God's mission and missionaries, and yes, through grace something good can come out of Nazareth. *Paul Szobody*



Daily Prayer Notes

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1st TAIWAN *Ezekiel 42:1-43:12*

Pray for **Dr. Eugene Boe** as he speaks at a retreat for church leaders in Taiwan. Pray for fruitful interactions about important matters. Pray for safe travels for Dr. Boe and his wife **Gudrun**.

2nd JAPAN *Ezekiel 43:13-44:31*

Both **Mrs. N** and **Mrs. K** are making extra income by selling their handmade goods. **Linda Bengtson** helps them sell, and finds it a good way to stay connected with them. Pray for Mrs. K as she reads Christian books that Linda loans her. Happy birthday **Linda**.

3rd EAST ASIA *Ezekiel 45,46*

Stephen and **Sandra Bickler** ask prayer for preparation for summer camps at the Gift Center for special needs children. Pray for God to supply the needed staff.

4th TAIWAN *Ezekiel 47:1-12*

Kris Larsen asks prayer for her friend **Charlene** and her family. Charlene's mom has come to church a few more times and her husband has even come at times. Pray that they would understand the gospel and trust in Christ as Savior.

5th CHAD *Ezekiel 47:13-48:35*

Pray for consistent rains so that Chadian villages have sufficient food this year. Pray that God would

bless the country with a plentiful harvest.

6th N. AMERICA *Colossians 1:1-14*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa Szobody** as they are in their last month of home assignment. Praise God for good family times. Pray especially as they prepare to leave elderly parents once again.

7th TAIWAN *Colossians 1:15-23*

Pray for the annual youth conference, July 8-11, to be held in central Taiwan. Many non-Christian youth are registered. Pray for the leadership team as they have been preparing for many months. Pray for each young person who attends.

8th N. AMERICA *Col. 1:24-2:7*

Pray for **Marcos Holzner** and his translation work for the Bilala people group. Pray that God would use this literature to bring the truth of his grace to this unreached Muslim people group.

9th CHAD *Colossians 2:8-23*

Nathanael and **Carrie Szobody** ask prayer for, "peace for **Cyril**, who with the arrival of the big winds and rains this season has been experiencing anxiety." Pray for God's protection both physically and emotionally for their young children.

10th JAPAN *Colossians 3:1-17*

On July 11th and 12th there will be two concerts by Korean Christian musicians **Migiwa** and **Gong Min**. Pray that the gospel will be clear and that people would listen with open hearts.

11th CHAD *Colossians 3:18-4:18*

Pray for **Steve** and **Stella Banks** who continue to manage the Welcome Center in Ndjamen. Praise God for their faithfulness in this crucial ministry.

12th EAST ASIA *Philemon*

Pray for stamina for **Joel Christenson**. Ask the Lord to raise up colleagues to help him with the heavy administrative workload. Happy birthday to **Joel** today.

13th TAIWAN *Ezra 1,2*

Pray for **Mr.** and **Mrs. Dzo**. They are not believers and Mr. Dzo suffers from chronic back pain. May the encouragement the Christians give them lead them to open their hearts to God's love.

14th CHAD *Ezra 3*

Pray that the church in Chad would continue to reach out to those around them. Pray that Christians would witness of love and grace to their neighbors.

15th FRANCE *Ezra 4*

Continue to pray for healing for 3-month old **Samuel Bronson**. Praise God for good results from his surgery in May. Pray for his parents, **Danny** and **Mandy**, as they seek God's leading and wisdom for their family.

16th JAPAN *Ezra 5,6*

Please continue to pray for **Mr.** and **Mrs. Ono**. It has been over a

year since **Mr. Ono** was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Pray for their salvation and that God would give **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** wisdom in their relationship with them.

17th TAIWAN *Ezra 7*

Victory Hakka Fellowship is preparing for the five months that **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** will be on home assignment in North America (starting in September). May the members continue to grow in love and mutual encouragement.

18th CHAD *Ezra 8*

Jonathan and **Zam-Zam Raun** ask prayer for security at their school. Security and safety is an ongoing concern for the school and for their family. Praise God for new opportunities to influence and bless more children and parents.

19th CHINA *Ezra 9,10*

According to the *NY Times*, the Chinese government is removing crosses from public view and demolishing church buildings to reduce the image of Christianity as Christian revival spreads. Pray for wisdom and strength for believers.

20th N. AMERICA *Nehemiah 1*

Pray for **Dan Venberg** in his work promoting God's mission among the unreached Muslims in Chad. Pray that many in our churches would respond to pray, give and to go. Happy birthday to **Dan** today.

21st TAIWAN *Nehemiah 2*

Pray for the salvation of **Mr. Luo**. His wife and daughter are Christians attending Enlin LBC. Pray for **Ethan Christofferson** as he visits and interacts with him about spiritual things.

22nd N. AMERICA *Nehemiah 3*

Pray for **Joel, Liz, Nate** and **Tim Christenson** as they are in the States for a month to help Nate prepare for college. Pray for rest and refreshment after some very busy months. Happy birthday to **Nate** today.

23rd CHAD *Nehemiah 4*

As unrest continues in many countries of Africa, pray that God would keep the government of Chad stable and at peace, and both able and willing to protect their people. Pray for protection for Christians and the churches.

24th JAPAN *Nehemiah 5*

Pray that the LB church in Japan would be instrumental in encouraging many young people to go into full-time ministry. Pray for God's protection on those who choose to attend seminary.

25th N. AMERICA *Nehemiah 6*

Pray for the Japanese Ministries at Rock of Ages LBC, Seattle. Pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson** as they work with college students from Japan. May the students sense God's love for them through these friendships.

26th CHAD *Nehemiah 7*

Pray for **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** as they return to Ndjamen at the end of July. They will be leaving Mafling, where they have been doing their language study, and staying in Ndjamen through the rainy season. Pray for clarity and wisdom as we make important location plans for the future.

27th TAIWAN *Nehemiah 8*

Victory English Fellowship is partnering with the Chinese Department to go to Japan tomorrow thru August 7th to work with **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson**. Pray that the gospel will be shown through their acts of love. Pray for **John Olson** from Victory as he leads this team.

28th N. AMERICA *Neh. 9:1-21*

Pray that those who are sensing God's call to mission work would be blessed in their studies and preparation. Pray that God would protect and keep those he is choosing to send overseas.

29th JAPAN *Nehemiah 9:22-37*

Together with the team from Taiwan, **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** will have English activities for children tomorrow thru August 1st. They ask prayer that this will help them meet younger families in the area. Pray also for God's protection on both the volunteers and the children who attend.

30th N. AMERICA *Neh. 9:38-10:39*

Pray for the CLB Biennial Convention that starts this evening in Fergus Falls. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as decisions are made. Pray for unity and fellowship as we gather in Christ.

31st TAIWAN *Nehemiah 11*

Miss He is a friend of **Sandy Christofferson**. She is busy raising and selling vegetables but has a sincere interest in spiritual things. Pray that time could be scheduled so that she and Sandy could keep exploring the Bible together.

1 Good Shepherd, Fergus Falls, MN

Pray for our Day Camp this week that many children will come and hear the wonder of the good news. We are thankful for the partnership of this ministry with Inspiration Point Christian Camp.

2 Seminary

Pray for Dr. Eugene Boe as he lectures the next two days at the Lutheran Brethren Seminary in Sendai, Japan. He was invited there to lecture in honor of the reopening of the seminary.

3 Triumph, Moorhead, MN

Triumph is looking to hire a part-time Women's Ministries Director. We are praising God in advance for this new hire and the addition she will be to our present ministry team.

4 Praise Christian, Barkhamsted, CT

Today our church is participating in a 4th of July community parade for the first time. Pray that our presence will be an invitation to our community to join us for worship and to meet our church family.

5 Church of the Lutheran Brethren

Pray for our CLB presidential candidates, Pastor Jeff Seaver and Pastor Paul Larson, as they live with some sense of uncertainty as to their future, and for their congregations who live with the possibility that they will require a major pastoral change, should their pastor be elected.

6 Bethel, Fergus Falls, MN

Today we will be involved in a community worship service put on by churches in Fergus Falls. It's a great opportunity to join other churches committed to proclaiming the Gospel, and it will be a kickoff for a neighboring emphasis that will challenge us to build relationships with the people God loves who live right around us. Pray for this event.

7 Living Word Fellowship, Dickinson, ND

Pray for our Day Camp this week for 1st-6th graders. Pray for spiritual fruit and for the Inspiration Point staff who will be helping us.

8 Pilgrim, Mentor, OH

We are part of a weeklong musical theater camp here at the church. Kids and friends from Pilgrim are the participants. They are scheduled to present the musical at the services on the 13th. Pray for the connections being made this week at our church.

9 Redemption, Pasadena, CA

Our church is spending the summer imagining what the church means to our local neighborhood, including prayer walking and conversations with our neighbors and one another. Pray for the strengthening of our outreach.

10 Word of Life, LeSueur, MN

Pray for us as we make our fall plans and as we add new Bible study leaders. Pray that God will raise up the right people to fill these important roles.

11 King of Glory, Calgary, AB

Pray that God provides people for each of our needed ministries throughout the summer.

12 Praise, Barkhamsted, CT

Today our church is participating in an evangelistic community festival event. Pray for many opportunities to introduce Jesus to the lost.

13 Lutheran Brethren Fellowship, Williston, ND

We are planning an outdoor service in Harmon Park in Williston today as a community outreach event and as a kickoff for our VBS day Camp. Pray that the Lord will bless these events and work through us (and the I-Point Day Camp team) to bear fruit for His Kingdom.

14 Rock of Ages, Saskatoon, SK**Hope Church, Everett, WA****Bethany, Colfax, WI**

We would appreciate prayer for our churches as we present the Gospel to many children in our VBS programs. Pray that the children will be open to hearing about Jesus' love for them and how he changes lives. Pray for the staff and volunteers as they serve.

15 Maple Park, Lynnwood, WA

Pray for our VBS this week that many will hear the Gospel and pray for rest, rejuvenation, and learning for Pastor Dave Overland during his summer sabbatical.

16 Calvary, Bergenfield, NJ

Pray for our church as we are planning to implement *The Story* in September. Pray that our faith will be strengthened through the study of the Bible from beginning to end.

17 Bethel, Ottawa, IL

Bethel is looking to hire a part-time youth pastor. Pray that God will lead them to the right person for this important ministry in their church.

18 Eastern Region

Pray for Faith Chapel, Cranston, RI and The Mission Church, Paramus, NJ as they continue their search for their new pastors.

19 Living Word Fellowship, Dickinson, ND

Pray that God will bring mature leaders to help strengthen our growing ministry and that God will guide us in meeting our staffing needs.

20 Triumph West, West Fargo, ND

Today Pastor Doug Rogness will be ordained. Pray for Doug, his wife Jane and their family as God's call is endorsed on Doug's life and ministry. Doug has already been serving at Triumph West and just recently finished his studies at our seminary.

21 Tuscarora Inn, Mount Bethel, PA

Pray for the many young lives that will encounter Christ at Teen Week which begins today. Pray for the counselors and the speaker, Sam Bhatt, as they clearly present God's Word.

22 Faith, Blue Earth, MN

This week Faith LBC, Blue Earth, MN will be hosting an outreach booth and Day Camp promotion at the Faribault County Fair. Pray for the connections that will be made with people who are in need of a church home and who need to hear the Gospel.

23 Redemption, Pasadena, CA

Praise the Lord that Kyle Sears wife, Erika, recently got a job just around the corner from their home. This allows Erika to also invest in the neighborhood as they continue to church plant.

24 Inspiration Point Christian Camp

Today begins our second Family Weekend of the summer. Pray for the families attending that their time there will be purposeful as they share in God's Word together.

25 Rock of Ages, Saskatoon, SK

Our college and career group is going on a *mystery* trip this weekend. Pray for safety as they travel and for the fellowship of these young adults.

26 Tuscarora Inn

Today begins our Leisure Week II. Pray for speaker Dr. Ron Susek as he teaches from the Word and shares what God has laid on his heart.

27 Ebenezer, Minneapolis, MN

Pray for Ebenezer LBC as they evaluate their future leadership needs as Pastor Todd Mathison has recently resigned.

28 Salem, Grand Rapids, MN

Please pray for our VBS Day Camp which begins today and for our youth group that it would grow and honor Christ our Lord.

29 5th Act Church Planting

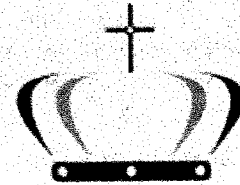
This evening the 5th Act Church Planting team will be meeting with the Regional Pastors and other CLB leaders to continue the planning and funding of a new urban church plant.

30 CLB Convention

Pray for those attending the pre-convention Training and Continuing Education tracks today. Pray for the youth pastor seminar speaker, Chap Clark, as he gives insights to working with our young people. Pray for Pres. Joel Egge as he speaks at the opening worship service.

31 CLB Convention

Today is the first full day of convention activities. Pray for Rev. Jim Erickson as he speaks at the morning session and for Prof. Brad Pribbenow as he speaks at the evening session. We most importantly ask that you pray for the elections this morning as new leadership is being voted into office.



LIFTING OUR EYES

BEHOLD, THE KING IS COMING - JOHN 12

CLB Biennial Convention

Fergus Falls, MN 7/30-8/1, 2014

The COD's Presidential Search Committee prayerfully sought out candidates with outstanding records of leadership who would faithfully seek God's will for the CLB, boldly cling to God's Word, and humbly lead the CLB in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The COD feels strongly that both Pastor Paul Larson and Pastor Jeff Seaver fit the criteria. The Council is grateful that both of these men have agreed to be nominated for this office. Pray for them in these next weeks prior to the elections at the 2014 CLB Biennial Convention in August. Learn More: www.clba.org/candidates

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