



**Lutheran Brethren
Church of Nampa**

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Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his
delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and
night.

Psalm 1:1-2

***Hymn** #25 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

Scripture Reading Fred Snow

Prayer

Special Music Candy Pauley

***Hymn** #127 *The Spirit Breathes upon the Word*

Offering

Children's Sermon

***Hymn** #534 *Love Found a Way*
(Verses 1-4)

Sermon James 5:13-15 Greg Kollmann
It's All in the Grace

***Hymn** #407 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Fellowship of the Lord's Supper

***Benediction**

***Doxology** #39

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities This Week

Sunday	3:30 p.m.	LBYF
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Family Fellowship and Bible Club
Next Sunday		Youth Traveling to World View Academy
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

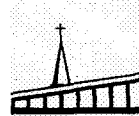
Announcements

- Today is **Communion Sunday**. All who trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life are welcome to join us for the Lord's Supper. We will also be taking up a special **Love Offering**, going towards a fund that helps those with financial needs. A basket can be found in the rear of the sanctuary.
- Greg and Derek will be holding a short meeting immediately following today's service to finalize the youth group's travel plans to Worldview Academy. All youth who are going as well as their parents are required to attend.
- We are now streaming our services live. Head over to nampalutheranbrethren.sermon.net to listen live, or to replay past services.
- A big "Thank-You" goes out to all of you who graciously supported our Youth Group's upcoming trip to Worldview Academy. Through the Potato Bar Fundraiser and individual gifts alone, \$2,496 was raised which, when combined with the funds set aside for this trip, made it possible to cover the entire cost of the camp as well as the majority of the travel costs.

Let Us Pray...

- 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.



May 2015 Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Balance on hand 5/1/15		\$37,973.51
Receipts		\$14,857.53
Expenditures		\$11,212.19
Balance on hand 6/1/15		\$41,618.85
Other Funds on hand 6/1/15		
Growth Fund		\$70,886.72
Love Offering		\$318.28

 **CLB** **A message from Paul Larson**
CLBA President

A sad day for marriage and our land; an opportune day for the Gospel we bear -- a Gospel that reaches and speaks to every sinner, ourselves first, and those we bear witness to.

I encourage the CLB family to pray; pray for our land and for our churches and pastors facing a new challenge in culture. But, pray with the confidence of knowing that Jesus has 'finished' it, all of it for all of us; and pray with compassion that this test will also be an opportunity for people to know the heart of Christ and His people. We bear a message of truth in a manner of love.

While this whole process may possibly lead to a differentiation of the way the state determines 'marriage', and the way the Church blesses the biblical covenant union of a man and woman; while this ruling today by the Supreme Court will lead down paths where a believer and a church will likely be construed as those who bear hate; we again are people of love and truth. The law places us all equally in need of grace, and it is God's grace in love that saves any and all.

God has left us, the Church, here on earth for a reason, and for this day.

24 **CLB**

Pray for the transitions of Pastor Stan Olsen and Pastor Phil Heiser as they begin their new ministry callings within the Regional Pastor team.

25 **Living Word, Phoenix, AZ**

Pray for Living Word LBC as they consider their next ministry options and direction.

26 **CLBC**

The Church of the Lutheran Brethren Canada has three 2015 seminary graduates beginning their ministries in CLBC congregations. Pastor Ryan Dittman will be serving as Pastor to Youth and Families at Peace, Calgary. Pastor Matt Sonnenburg will be serving at St. Matthews Church, Edmonton, which is in the process of joining the CLBC. Pastor Nick Joyal will be serving at Rock of Ages in Saskatoon. Praise the Lord for new workers for the harvest.

27 **Rock of Ages, Seattle, WA**

Pray for the Japanese Ministries at our church. Summer is full with many opportunities to change lives for eternity. Pray for the needs of this exploding ministry to be met in a powerful way.

28 **YC15**

TODAY IS THE DAY! Today YC15 begins and over 525 students, chaperones, staff and speakers are gathered at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. Pray for Pastor Andrew Foss and Pastor Ed Nugent as they share God's word. Pray for Pastor Brandon Pangman, YC15 director, as he manages all the logistics for the week. Most importantly, pray for hearts to be changed for eternity.

29 **YC15**

The featured concert at YC15 tonight is 'for King and Country'. Pray that the lyrics and music of this Grammy award winning band will be real to those in attendance.

30 **Maple Park, Lynnwood, WA**

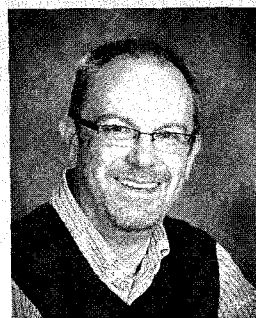
Pray for our Stephen's Ministers as they extend 1-to-1 distinctive Christian care to those in our church who are experiencing a season of grief in their life.

31 **Bethesda, Eau Claire, WI**

Rev. Kirk Miltzer will be joining the staff at Bethesda later this summer. Pray for Kirk and his wife Julie as they begin their new ministry after 25 years of service at Triumph in Moorhead, MN.

Church of the Lutheran Brethren

Regional Pastor Update



Rev. Phil Heiser
Pacific Region



Rev. Stan Olsen
Central Region

On May 6, 2015 the Council of Directors of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren voted unanimously to affirm President Paul Larson's appointment of Rev. Phil Heiser as the new regional pastor of the Pacific Region, and the transfer of Regional Pastor Stan Olsen from the Pacific to the Central region.

Rev. Heiser has been married to his wife Wendy for 19 years. They have two children, Tim (17) and Maddie (14). Phil graduated from LBS in 2006 and has served congregations in Alexandria, MN and Lynnwood, WA.

Rev. Olsen has served since 2010 as regional pastor to the Pacific Region. Stan and his wife Cheryl will relocate to MN during the summer. Stan has a deep understanding of the needs of our pastors and the workings of our denomination. He also serves as Representative of the Regional Pastors to the CLB Mission Team, and is a voice in our denomination for church planting and congregational health.

Prayer Link

July 2015

 **North American Mission**
Church of the Lutheran Brethren

**1 Community Church of Christ, Eagan, MN**

We have 2 days left of our *Branded Day Camp Adventure*. Pray that those new families attending will feel connected to CCoJ and make our church their home.

2 Pacific Region North

Pray for the PRN Bible Camp at Warm Beach Bible Camp and for Rev. Kirk Militzer who is the evening speaker.

3 Ebenezer, Rolette, ND

Praise the Lord for a great VBS the last week of May. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in these young lives.

4 Word of Life, LeSueur, MN

Please continue to pray for a second pastor to serve here and that we will keep our momentum going in the interim.

5 Bethany, West Union, IA

Today we begin part of our congregation's celebration of 75 years. Pray that as we remember past blessings that God will give us eyes to see future opportunities for new ministry as well.

6 Canadian Region

This week is our CLBC Bible Camp. Please pray for a fruitful week where young and old are drawn to Jesus. Pray for Pres. Paul Larson and Dan Venberg as they prepare to preach and teach.

7 Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA

We are several days into our Junior Week program. Pray that the children attending will be shown God's love and his power to change lives.

8 King of Glory, Calgary, AB

Pray that registrations come in this summer from the community for our pre-school that was just approved to open in September. Pray for the wonderful opportunities for unchurched families to come into the church and to meet Jesus and that they can become grounded in God's word.

9 Bethel, Ottawa, IL

We have an intensive VBS beginning 9AM on Friday, Saturday and ending on Sunday morning with the program during the worship service. We invite everyone to stay for a dinner following. We have discovered that although we have fewer children attending, we end up with more families visiting on Sunday morning. Pray for our VBS.

10 Western Region

Pray for those attending the WR Convention at Our Redeemer's Church in Minot, ND and that God's direction will be felt in the discussion and decisions made.

11 Women's Ministries

The WMCLB is holding their national event during the WR convention in Minot, ND. Pray for the women who will be gathering together for teaching, fellowship and to consider areas of ministry that are supported by the WMCLB.

12 Cornerstone, Ferndale, WA

We are going to have *Church in the Park* today. Pray for the weather and a great turnout. Pray for a great time of fellowship, sharing of God's love and hearing His word.

13 Calvary, Fullerton, CA

Our desire is that the witness of Jesus through the VBS ministry will be effective in reaching children in our neighborhood and strengthening the faith of our own children. Pray that their hearts will be open to receiving the Good News about Jesus.

14 Bethany, Morrin, AB

Pray for our DVBS that is being held this week. Pray for the children and families represented that Jesus will be made real to them this week.

15 Bethel, Fergus Falls, MN

We are midway through our annual Sports Camp. Pray for all the young children who will come to learn athletic skills and then hear the wonderful news of Jesus Christ and what He has done for them.

16 Community Church of Joy, Sammamish, WA

Praise the Lord that all the funds have been raised to send five of our youth and two chaperones to YC15 in CO.

17 Triumph, Moorhead, MN

Pray for our continued search for our next pastor for our East Campus. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom in this process.

18 Living Word, Dickinson, ND

Our church has been praying and looking for a youth leader. We have been talking with an interested college student. We praise the Lord for Dustin's interest and possibilities for this fall.

19 The Mission Church, Paramus, NJ

Rev. Aage Larson has taken the call to The Mission Church. He and his wife Kathy will begin serving this summer. Pray for them and their family as they relocate and begin a new ministry.

20 Pilgrim, Mentor, OH

We are praising God for the ministry of our new youth director, Julie Goodman. Pray for Julie as she build relationships with the students at Pilgrim and in their community to point them to Jesus.

21 Bethel, Joice, IA

We have added a new elder to our leadership team. Pray for Noel Holtan as he guides in this new role in the church family.

22 Tuscarora

Pray for the young people attending Teen Week. Pray for them as they encounter God through the speaker and the counselors and that God's word will be presented clearly.

23 Immanuel, Pasadena, CA

Pray for Pastor Larry and Irene Olson who have started their pastoral ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Brethren Church.

Introducing the Stanton Family

The Church of the Lutheran Brethren and International Mission have called Jeremy and Sallee Stanton, along with their daughters, Olivia (14) and Abigail (12), as our newest missionaries to our Chad field. The Stanton family has accepted this call and are now on staff with LBIM as of June 1st.

The Stantons currently live in Appleton, WI, and are members of Hope LB Church. Jeremy and Sallee first sensed a call to this ministry upon reading an article on the back of *Daily Prayer Notes* regarding a need for a couple to manage our Lutheran Welcome Center in Chad. The welcome center is located in Ndjamena, the capital city. In function, it is a combination guesthouse/conference center. Its two primary purposes are to provide a place for our missionaries to find rest and renewal after extended periods of ministry in "the bush", and to provide conference center facilities and lodging for our CLB missionary teams, LB Chad leaders and missionaries, and sister churches and mission organizations in Chad.

Jeremy and Sallee will serve in the management of the daily operations of the center. This will involve making reservations for lodging and conferences, managing a local staff responsible for the general upkeep and security of the facility, general maintenance of property equipment and utilities, and providing services, care and hospitality to guests staying at the center. A priority will be given to providing a place of rest and renewal to LBIM missionaries. Furthermore, the Stantons will serve as LBIM's administrative branch on the Chad field. This means that they will manage ministry budgets and finances, process required documentation for our missionaries (vehicle papers, registration of visitors with authorities, travel authorizations, Chad tax payments, etc.) and provide general support to our LBIM Chad field missionary families.

The next couple of months will be a flurry of activity and preparation for the Stantons. Among other things, they will be receiving training in engaging Muslims with the gospel, language acquisition and cross-cultural adaptation skills. They will also be selling their home, packing, storing or shipping personal possessions to Chad, saying goodbye to family and friends and speaking at a few CLB congregations.

In late August, the Stanton family will travel to Albertville, France, where they will enter into a year of intensive French language study. French is necessary for the Stantons because it is the language they will use in business and government interactions. Upon completion of this study, they will travel to Chad. Once there, they will receive orientation training under the mentorship of Steve and Stella Banks, our current center managers.

Rejoice with us and pray with us for the Stanton family. This step of faith that they are taking is not without its difficulties. They are saying goodbye to family and friends. They are learning a new language. They are making new friends. They are learning to live in a new cultural context. Everything is new. Pray that the Lord will grant the entire family abundant peace, patience and perseverance through this transitional time.

Matthew Rogness



Daily Prayer Notes

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July 2015

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1st EAST ASIA *Acts 15:1-12*

Liz Christenson asks us to pray for two short-term workers, **Kaylin** and **HarleyJo**, as they care for the children of long-term workers so that the parents can be a part of a conference. Pray that these young women will be a blessing.

2nd JAPAN *Acts 15:13-34*

Please pray for three of **Linda Bengtson's** friends: **Chikako**, **Kazuko** and **Yasuko**, each in different stages of knowledge and interest in the Bible. Pray that God would work to draw each one to himself. Happy birthday to **Linda!**

3rd TAIWAN *Acts 15:35-16:5*

Pray for **Sandy** and **Hannah Christofferson** and **Kris Larsen** as they work together in VBS at Enlin LBC this week. Pray for the 60 kids attending, especially for those coming to church for the first time.

4th CHAD *Acts 16:6-15*

Nathanael and **Carrie Szobody** praise God for his care as they are building their new home in Boudamasa. Pray that God will bless this home as a sanctuary for their family and make it a source of life in Christ for the community.

5th IRAQ *Acts 16:16-40*

Pray for the over 150,000 Iraqi Christians who have been driven from their homes. Living in refugee

camp in 130 degree heat their needs are great, and yet they are a small minority among Iraq's 2.7 million displaced persons, a figure that continues to rise. Pray for the defeat of terrorism in the region.

6th TAIWAN *Acts 17:1-15*

The LB youth conference takes place July 6-9 at a camp on Yangming Mountain. Pray for the leaders and youth as they gather. Pray especially for the non-Christian youth who are attending.

7th FRANCE *Acts 17:16-34*

Pray for **Danny** and **Mandy Bronson** and their boys as they transition again to life in France. Because of Samuel's birth and diagnosis of Hirschprung's disease, Mandy was unable to complete her French language studies. Pray for her as she has begun her studies again.

8th JAPAN *Acts 18:1-17*

Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will call Japanese workers into vocational ministry. Pray for pastors and elders to identify those with gifts for ministry and to encourage them toward seminary.

9th CHAD *Acts 18:18-28*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa Szobody** regarding their continued language learning. Pray that they will have many opportunities to

visit and share with their neighbors about the God of the Bible.

10th TAIWAN Acts 19:1-20

Praise God with **Andrew** and **Kris Larsen** that their friend **MJ**, for whom we have prayed in the past, is preparing for baptism along with his daughter! Pray for spiritual protection for all as the date for the baptism draws closer.

11th EGYPT Acts 19:21-41

Pray for stability and protection of human rights in Egypt, and for the suffering Coptic Church. The powerful witness of this suffering church has sparked an openness among many Muslims to hear the message of Jesus Christ.

12th EAST ASIA Acts 20:1-16

Pray for **Joel, Liz** and **Tim Christenson** as they begin their one-year home assignment. Pray that this will be a time of rest, refreshment and enjoyment being together with **Chris** and **Nate**, who have been in the States for college. Happy birthday to **Joel** today.

13th N. AMERICA Acts 20:17-38

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee Stanton** as they attend *Horizons International* today through the 17th in Boulder, CO. This is an intensive course in reaching Muslims for Christ. (See more on back.)

14th N. AMERICA Acts 21:1-16

Pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson** at Japanese Ministries in Seattle. Pray for open hearts among the college students who come to learn English and the Bible too.

15th N. AMERICA Acts 21:17-36

Pray for **Joel** and **Marybeth Nordtvedt** in their work with

International Students, Inc. in Arizona and in their pastoral care role with LBIM, ministering spiritual care to our missionaries in Chad.

16th JAPAN Acts 21:37-22:16

Tomorrow evening there will be a cafe style live concert at House of Hope by Christian singer **Migiwa**. She has become a regular in Ishinomaki and the neighbors love her. Please pray that God will anoint her music to transform hearts through the gospel.

17th TAIWAN Acts 22:17-29

Pray for **Mr. Gu**, a believer whose health is failing. May God give him strength each day to trust Christ in all things and may his testimony open the hearts of family and friends to the gospel.

18th CHAD Acts 22:30-23:10

Pray for **Steve** and **Stella Banks** in their work at the Lutheran Welcome Center in Ndjamen. Praise God for their willingness to give of their talents in this way.

19th N. AMERICA Acts 23:11-35

Pray for **Dan Venberg** as he visits churches to present the LBIM vision to bring the gospel to unreached Muslim people groups in Chad. Pray that our churches would hear God's voice as to how we can all participate in this mission.

20th JAPAN Acts 24:1-21

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** in their efforts to make friends and share the gospel message in Ishinomaki. Pray that the Lord will create a spiritual hunger in hearts to know him.

21st N. AMERICA Acts 24:22-25:12

Pray for **Randy** and **Betsy Mortenson**, our pastoral care team to Japan and Taiwan. Pray for God's anointing on their ministry to our missionary couples and families.

22nd TAIWAN Acts 25:13-27

Andrew and **Kris Larsen** ask that we continue to pray for their neighbor **Amy** who is openly asking about Jesus. Also pray for another neighbor, **Bruce**, who still is not interested in Jesus. Pray for more Christians to enter his life.

23rd JAPAN Acts 26:1-18

For the fourth year in a row, Christian singer, **Asiah**, will share the gospel through music with **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson's** neighbors in Ishinomaki. Pray for open hearts to hear and believe the message of God's grace.

24th CHAD Acts 26:19-32

Pray for **Pastor Malloum** who, with **Dan Venberg**, heads up the Living Water well projects in Muslim villages. These wells have opened the door to spiritual conversation with many Muslim community leaders.

25th JAPAN Acts 27:1-20

About ½ of 1% of Japanese are evangelical believers. Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon the Japanese, that spiritual hunger might increase, and that an awakening would spread across the country.

26th N. AMERICA Acts 27:21-44

As **Marcos Holzner** continues with translation work, pray that God would be even now preparing

the hearts of those Bilala people who will one day read these books.

27th TAIWAN Acts 28:1-16

July 27-31 our LB missionaries in Taiwan will attend the Taiwan Missionary Fellowship conference. Pray that the Lord will encourage and inspire them during this time. Pray that they will also build relationships with missionaries from other mission agencies.

28th JAPAN Acts 28:17-31

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** are preparing for a 3-day children's English day camp in August. A team from Victory LB Church in Taiwan, led by **John Olson**, will assist. Pray for the advertising and that many children would come and hear and experience God's love.

29th TAIWAN Amos 1,2

Pray for **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson's** friend, **Siet-moi**, who is very ill, but not yet a believer. Pray that God would show mercy and sustain her life, that she might yet be brought to faith in Jesus. Pray for Victory Hakka Fellowship as they look for ways to evangelize effectively.

30th CHAD Amos 3,4

Pray for the **Stanton** family as they attend Missionary Training International for a month-long intensive course on language acquisition and cultural adaptation. Happy birthday to **Jeremy** today.

31st CHAD Amos 5

Pray for **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** and their children as they leave today for France for a three-month study period. Nathanael will be working on preparing Bagirmi scriptures for publication.