

**LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
of NAMPA**

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to Whom be glory forevermore. Amen" Galatians 1:3-5

CHORUSES

HYMN 58..... "Fairest Lord Jesus"

SCRIPTURE READING Patrick Knee

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Men's Retreat Group

HYMN 212..... "He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

HYMN 269..... "Nothing But the Blood"

SERMON James 2:1-7 Greg Kollmann

HYMN 397..... "O to Be Like Thee!"

BENEDICTION

HYMN 39..... "Doxology"

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	3:30 p.m.	LBYF
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Singing, Bible Study & Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Kids' Bible Club
THURSDAY	7:30 p.m.	Women's Ministries
SUNDAY	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	2 nd Year Confirmation Class
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
	3:30 p.m.	LBYF

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES will meet on Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be "Sharing and Singing." The women will be asked to share a scripture passage that is especially meaningful to them or share about what the Lord is doing in their life (if they would like to share). The group will sing songs that are requested by the women. All women are invited. If you would like a ride to the meeting, please call Pat Schutte at 466-4759 so she can arrange a ride for you.

A GOOD FRIDAY SOUP SUPPER is scheduled for April 18, 2014. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be received for Love Inc. The supper will be followed by a Good Friday Service. Everyone is invited.

JEREMY WILSON will graduate from Lutheran Brethren Seminary on May 10, 2014 at Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. A graduation announcement is posted on the bulletin board in the church entry.

FAMILY BIBLE CAMP AT WARM LAKE
June 18-22

FINISH STRONG!



God has chosen us to participate in giving the life-changing news of Jesus to our world. Why? Perhaps the answer is simply this: We have been created in his image, and what brings joy to the Son will also bring joy to us.

What is it that brings joy to the Son? Giving. We know that Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than

receive" (Acts 20:35, ESV). His whole life on earth was about giving himself for us and to us.

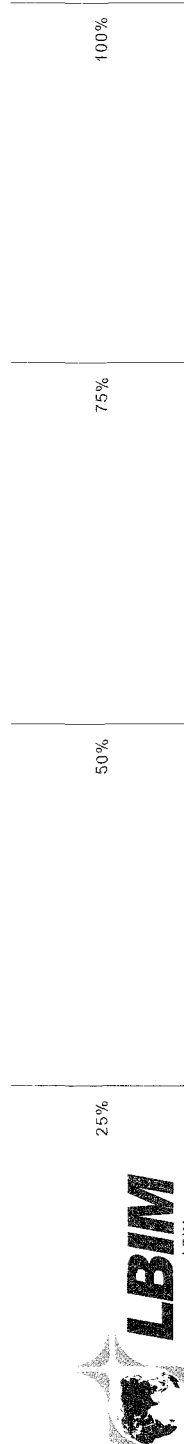
Will you hear the call to give... so that our missionaries, pastors, professors and lay people can share this Gospel treasure with those whom God wants to reach through the Church of the Lutheran Brethren?



\$1,165,563
Received through 3/31/14

\$264,437
Needed by 4/30/14

North American Mission, LB Seminary, Communication and Prayer, General Ministries



\$788,582
Received through 3/31/14

\$306,418
Needed by 4/30/14

Lutheran Brethren International Mission

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st FRANCE *Matthew 22:1-14*

Pray for **Danny and Mandy Bronson** in these last few days before their 4th child is born. Pray for Mandy and the baby during the delivery process. Rejoice with the boys as they welcome their new sibling into the family.

2nd N. AMERICA *Mt. 22:15-46*

Pray that the visits and the witness that **Marcos Holzner, Andy Johnson, Jeff Seaver and Dan Venberg** had in Chad last month will bear much fruit for the Gospel.

3rd TAIWAN *Matthew 23:1-22*

Pray for **Sandy Christofferson** as she meets weekly with **Ms. He** for Bible study. Pray that Ms. He would soon come to desire baptism and join the church.

4th TAIWAN *Matthew 23:23-39*

Tomorrow is Tomb Sweeping Day when families clean the family burial plot and participate in ancestor worship. Pray that Christians will show respect to ancestors without compromising their Christian testimony.

5th JAPAN *Matthew 24:1-31*

Roger Olson from Japanese Ministries in Seattle asks prayer for **Kanna** who returned to Japan in February. She is attending church regularly and is a bold witness of her new found faith in Christ.

6th N. AMERICA *Mt. 24:32-25:13*

Paul and Teresa Szobody are doing more traveling and speaking in April and May. Pray for safety and for God's anointing to speak His Word clearly in our churches. Praise God for the strong interest and support that they have seen.

7th EAST ASIA *Matthew 25:14-46*

Sandra Bickler writes that the Gift Project has a new Board of Directors. Pray that they will seek God's will and glory as they administrate the Parents of Special Needs Children Resource Center.

8th CHAD *Matthew 26:1-16*

Pray for strength and wisdom for **Steve and Stella Banks**, administrators at the Lutheran Welcome Center. Praise God for their continued service to LBIM as we seek the Lord to raise up a new couple to train for and assume the duties of this ministry.

9th TAIWAN *Matthew 26:17-29*

Pray for **Ethan and Sandy Christofferson** as they encourage believers at Enlin LBC in Qionglin to join them in outreach ministries. Praise God for the strong desire that many in this church already have to reach their neighbors with the Gospel.

10th JAPAN *Matthew 26:30-56*

Pray for **Dean and Linda Bengtson** as they go door to door

talking with people and inviting them to this month's event on the 19th. The personal visits with neighbors is a big part of each event. Pray for the Holy Spirit to soften hearts to the Gospel.

11th CHAD *Matthew 26:57-75*

Paul and Teresa Szobody give thanks for some weight gain and growth in joy for Paul's mother, who has been a focus of their attention on this home assignment. She is also joining in their prayer times together. Pray for God's continued blessing in her life.

12th UKRAINE *Matthew 27:1-14*

Pray for a peaceful resolution to conflict in Ukraine, for wisdom for government and political forces, and for many Ukrainian people to come to Christ through the witness of Christ's Church.

13th EQUADOR *Mt. 27:15-31*

Please pray for safety and good health for **Jim and Suzy Olsen**, especially these last weeks of Suzy's pregnancy and the delivery around the 29th. Pray for outdoor art lessons Jim has started as a means for sharing the Gospel.

14th TAIWAN *Matthew 27:32-50*

Kris Larsen asks prayer for her friend **Charlene** who was baptized recently. This past week Charlene's mom, a Hakka, came to church with her for the first time. Pray that the Holy Spirit would bring her to faith in Jesus. Happy birthday to **Kris** today.

15th CHAD *Matthew 27:51-66*

Pray for wisdom for the government of Chad as many refugees flee the Central African Republic. Pray for continued

religious freedom in Chad. Pray that the Church in Chad would minister to these refugees.

16th EAST ASIA *Matthew 28:1-20*

Liz Christenson writes, "There are so many people that we encounter daily in our life...life is full of people. Pray that Christ in us would overflow in whatever small ways into their lives as we interact with them in any given day."

17th TAIWAN *Jeremiah 26*

Mike and Delores Kittelson ask prayer for two grieving families. The **Tu** family, who are young believers in the Lord, have lost their husband/father. The **Yong** family who are not believers, lost their wife/mother. May God bring strength to both families and everlasting faith in Jesus to the **Yong** family.

18th JAPAN *Jeremiah 27,28*

Dean and Linda Bengtson ask prayer for Hawaiian Luau Day at the community center tomorrow in their neighborhood in Ishinomaki. Pray for continued good relationships in the community.

19th N. AMERICA *Jeremiah 29*

Pray that **Paul and Teresa Szobody** would have an increasing love and enjoyment in learning Arabic, which will enhance their future work in Chad. Happy birthday to **Teresa** today.

20th WORLD *Jeremiah 30:1-31:26*

Pray for churches around the world that the message of Christ's resurrection from the grave will bring comfort and hope and move us all to greater participation in God's message of bringing the Gospel to all people in all nations.

21st TAIWAN *Jeremiah 31:27-40*

Andrew and Kris Larsen ask prayer for **Mrs. Dai's** family. Mrs. Dai, who was a Christian, recently passed away. Her daughter attended church after the funeral. Pray for Mrs. Dai's husband who is not a believer.

22nd EAST ASIA *Jeremiah 32,33*

Liz and Joel Christenson ask prayer for friends whose child was severely burned. God has already worked in miraculous ways and used the circumstances to help these friends connect with people in the village where they are serving. Pray that God will continue to work through this event for His glory in this village.

23rd CHAD *Jeremiah 34*

Pray for **Nathanael and Carrie Szobody** that God would increase their language acquisition in the village. Pray for **Assan**, a good friend who visits often and engages in conversation about God. Happy first birthday to **Adelynn** today.

24th N. AMERICA *Jeremiah 35*

Roger and Sue Olson of Japanese Ministries, Rock of Ages LBC in Seattle, ask for prayer as they invite 48 students that just arrived from Japan to the Talk Time Event at the church twice a month. Pray that the students and their teachers be given an open heart to God's love.

25th EAST ASIA *Jeremiah 36*

Joel and Liz Christenson are praying that they meet other Christians in their community. They recently heard hymn-singing from an apartment in an adjoining neighborhood. Pray for opportunities for them to meet.

26th JAPAN *Jeremiah 37,38*

Pray for the LB seminary in Sendai as it re-opens and begins its new school year this month. Pray that God will bring students and lead the churches in outreach in their communities and beyond.

27th CHAD *Jeremiah 39-41*

Pray for good health and safety for **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** and especially their young children. Being far from medical help means extra dependence on God. Praise God for the excellent medical help they received last month. Happy birthday to **Carrie**.

28th TAIWAN *Jeremiah 42,43*

Pray as **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** visit non-Christians who came to see how Christians honor their ancestors at the ancestor memorial service at Enlin LBC on March 30th. Pray that the stereotype that Christians are disrespectful to their ancestors would be removed and that ongoing discussions will happen.

29th N. AMERICA *Jeremiah 44,45*

As our fiscal year comes to a close this month, pray that we as a Church would give sacrificially in order to send more missionaries. Pray for those who are praying over God's calling or are in training now. Pray that we would have the faith and the finances to support them.

30th CHAD *Jeremiah 46,47*

Pray for **Jonathan** and **Zam-Zam Raun**, for their protection and for their witness through the school that Zam-Zam leads among Muslim children and their parents. Pray for open hearts, particularly regarding the new students and their parents

1 Pacific Region North

Pray for the Seattle area pastor's fellowship scheduled for today. Pray for them as they fellowship, pray and share with each other the challenges and blessings of their ministries.

2 Peace, Olympia, WA

Pray that our special meetings with Pastor Shawn Bowman this week will bear fruit to God's glory.

3 Hillcrest Lutheran Academy

Please pray for our band that leaves today on tour. Pray for safety for the students as they travel and for opportunities to share Jesus through their music and conversations.

4 Triumph East, Moorhead, MN

Today and tomorrow we are hosting a leadership event called *Disciple Making: Back to the Basics*. Pray for those attending that they will learn new skills for sharing the gospel in their daily lives.

5 Hope, Barnesville, MN

Kevin Skaret, a second year seminarian, has accepted a call from Hope. Kevin will work part time until he finishes seminary in May 2015. Then his full time call will begin. Pray for Kevin and his family as they begin their ministry at Hope.

6 Pacific Region

Pray for these Pacific Region churches that are still in the various stages of the calling process; Rock of Ages LBC, Seattle, WA; Immanuel LBC, Eugene, OR; and Victoria Comm. Church, Fontana, CA.

7 Seminary

Today the board of Lutheran Brethren Seminary meets to plan the future work of LBS. Pray for direction in developing curriculum for lay pastors and elders.

8 Pilgrim, Mentor, OH

Praise the Lord for 300 neighborhood kids that participated in our UPWARD basketball and cheerleading program. We were blessed with three great months of outreach, activity and fellowship.

9 Theological Council**Council of Directors**

The TC and the COD begin meetings today in Fergus Falls, MN. Pray for them as they prayerfully consider the needs of our denomination.

10 Borderless

Today many involved with the Borderless Mission will be traveling to their destination in Mexico. We ask that you continue to pray for the outreach that involves many churches from the CLB. Pray for receptive hearts to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

11 Pacific Region South

Pray for those attending the PRS Women's Retreat. Pray that God will bless the words shared by speaker Cheryl Olsen and that the women attending will find encouragement in their faith through the words spoken, the fellowship and the worship.

12 Church of the Lutheran Brethren

Pray for the students and young adults in your church today. Pray for them by name. Pray for their moral integrity and that they will gain a passionate desire to become followers of Jesus.

13 Regional Pastors

This week the Regional Pastors will gather for study and prayer. Pray for them as they sharpen their own skills of pastoring our pastors and giving leadership to our churches.

14 King of Glory, Calgary, AB

We have a huge praise. Our *After School* program is up and running with all new staff. We are so pleased that the kids are hearing about Jesus and that parents are happy. Thank you, Jesus and all those who were faithful in praying for us. Please continue to pray for His blessing on this ministry.

15 Hillcrest Lutheran Academy

Pray for the team of 25 students and chaperones that leave today for the Dominican Republic. This mission trip is a yearly event for HLA seniors. Pray for safety and for the gospel to be shared faithfully.

16 Victory, Jamestown, ND

Victory will have its second biennial *Easter Passion in the Marketplace*. Two years ago we had about 650 people experience the event. Pray for many to come and that many will experience the wonderful gift of salvation through this Easter event.

17 Redemption, Pasadena, CA

Pray for Redemption Church (the new name of the Pasadena Restart Church) and for the transitions that are occurring at Immanuel Church.

18 Good Friday

Many churches will be celebrating Good Friday today with meals, services and drama presentations. Pray for this time of reflection and fellowship in all churches as they celebrate the Messiah's death and resurrection.

19 Ebenezer, Minneapolis, MN

Pray for the leaders at Ebenezer LBC as they prepare for *Mission Minneapolis* in June. Pray for the churches that are planning to be involved again this year in this outreach event.

20 Easter Sunday

Pray that the death and resurrection of Jesus and His wonderful gift of salvation be made clear to all who attend services today. He is Risen!!!

21 Eastern Region

Please pray for two churches in the Eastern Region that are looking to call fulltime pastors; The Mission Church, Paramus, NJ and Faith Chapel in Cranston, RI. They continue to trust the Lord for full time pastors and are thankful that they are both being served by interim pastors at the moment.

22 Church of the Lutheran Brethren

We are grateful for the faithful ministry of Regional Pastor Art Hundebly for the last four years as the RP serving the Church of the Lutheran Brethren Canada. Pray for Art and Connie as Art transitions into retirement. Pray for the new Regional Pastor to the Canadian Region who will have been elected prior to this printing.

23 Church of the Lutheran Brethren

Pr. Jeff Seaver and Pr. Paul Larson are the nominees for our next CLB president. Pray for Paul and Jeff as they anticipate the possibility of big changes in their lives. Pray, too, for their families and for the churches they serve.

24 Word of Life, LeSueur, MN

Pray for our church (and yours) that we will see every opportunity for assimilating people and families into our congregations and that God will give us many new opportunities to do this.

25 Inspiration Point Christian Camp

Kirsten King will be the speaker for the Women's Retreat this weekend. Pray for Kirsten and those attending that they will be refreshed in their faith through the words spoken and encouragement that comes from the fellowship of other believers.

26 Rock of Ages, Saskatoon, SK

Tomorrow we will be having an Elder Ordination for Scott Kopperud. Pray for Scott and his wife Carol-Ann as they endorse God's call on Scott's life with the congregation to serve at Rock of Ages as elder.

27 Grace, Bismarck, ND

We will be having our first community outreach event today in Lincoln, ND as we prepare to make Lincoln a multi-site campus of Grace. Pray that we can make many connections with families as we strive to follow the Lord's command to go and make disciples.

28 Bethel, Antler, ND

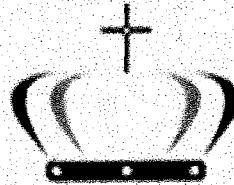
Pray with us as we begin the calling process for a new pastor, a man of God (and his family) who will serve his Savior ministering to us and our community.

29 Seminary

Pray for several students who are making plans to move to Minnesota and attend Lutheran Brethren Seminary.

30 Bethel, Fergus Falls, MN

Bethel LBC is making plans to start a multi-site church plant with a location in Battle Lake, MN. Battle Lake is about 20 miles from Fergus Falls. Pray for them as they develop their plan and look for a site pastor.



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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