

**LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
of NAMPA**

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 1, 2013

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Praise the Lord! Oh gives thanks to the Lord,
 for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting." Psalm 106:1

CHORUSES

HYMN 173....."O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

SCRIPTURE READING David Bradburn

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC David & Robin VanHouten

HYMN 174....."Lift Up Your Heads"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

HYMN 169....."Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

SERMON "JESUS SETS US FREE FROM DEMONS"
 Mark 5:1-20

HYMN 526....."Victory in Jesus"

BENEDICTION

HYMN 39....."Doxology"

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY	3:30 p.m.	LBYF
MONDAY	7:30 p.m.	Joint Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Family Fellowship Night SS Christmas Program Practice
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Women's Ministries Christmas Meeting. See announcement below.
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m.	SS Christmas Program Practice
SUNDAY	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Sunday School for all ages 2 nd Year Confirmation Class Morning Worship Service LBYF

All women are invited to the WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS MEETING on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The women will decorate the church for Christmas, have a short Christmas program, sing carols, have a gift exchange and enjoy potluck refreshments. If you would like to have a part in the gift exchange, please bring a gift (approximately \$10) to exchange. You are also asked to bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES will be held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning on December 4 and each Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. beginning on December 7 through December 21.

There will be a CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING on Monday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. We will vote on the calling of Jeremy Wilson.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the activities last weekend. We had a great time getting acquainted with Jeremy, Shannon and Anora Wilson.

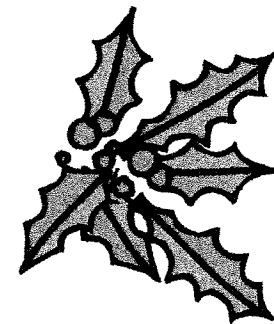
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Announcements for Sunday, December 1, 2013 continued—

ALL CHURCH CAROLING is planned for Sunday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. We will meet at the church and divide into groups to go caroling. A sign up sheet for items needed for the Christmas baskets is posted in the church entry. Following caroling we will meet back at the church for refreshments. Please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share. Everyone is invited.

The SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on Sunday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. Following the program we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to sing carols and have a birthday cake for Jesus. You are asked to bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share. Invite others to attend with you.

If you would like to share poinsettias for the Christmas season, you are welcome to leave them in the church kitchen. The Flower Committee will place them in the sanctuary. Thank you.



1 Pacific Region

Pray for the family of Rev. Robert Hosmer in the loss of their wife and mother Katrine on Nov. 14th. Pray for comfort and God's peace.

2 Hope, Barnesville, MN

Please continue to pray for Hope LBC as they look for a new full-time pastor. Pray for Pastor Manley Olsoe as he serves as interim.

3 CLB

Pray for President Egge as he presents the five year Church of the Lutheran Brethren vision to our congregations in the coming months.

4 Victory, Jamestown, ND

Today we begin the first of three Advent services on Wednesdays. Pray for our church family as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the gift of salvation given through the baby Jesus.

5 Living Faith, Watford City, ND

Please pray that delays in property transfer will soon be resolved so we can move forward with our building project.

6 Eastern Region

Regional Pastor Warren Geraghty will be visiting Pilgrim LBC, Mentor, OH this weekend. Pray that God will bless this time together as Pr. Geraghty ministers to the staff and congregation.

7 Western Region

Pray for the Northeast North Dakota cluster meeting of pastors and elders which is being held in Cooperstown, ND. Pray for a unity of spirit and mission between these churches.

8 Grace, Bismarck, ND

Pray for Pastor Keith Wolderich who will be installed today as associate pastor at Grace. Pray for his ministry to the Grace LBC family and community.

9 Jevnaker, Borup, MN

Pray for us as we look for a new pastor. Pr. Bill Helland and his wife Sally have served at our church for six years and they have accepted a call to Cornerstone LBC in Ferndale, WA.

10 Tuscarora Inn, Mount Bethel, PA

Pray for the Tuscarora staff as they gather for chapel today. Pray for them as they serve at Tuscarora and for Regional Pastor Warren Geraghty as he shares God's word with them.

11 Seminary, Fergus Falls, MN

Please pray for the students at LBS as they finish up many papers and take exams before Christmas.

12 Regional Pastors

Our Regional Pastors continue to travel and connect with churches in their regions during this winter season. Pray for safety as they travel during the winter months.

13 Tuscarora Inn, Mount Bethel, PA

This weekend we are hosting our annual Christmas Weekend with singer Steve Green. Pray that many will be impacted by the message of salvation through song.

14 Zion, Cooperstown, ND

Tomorrow the children of our church will give a musical program in place of our regular service. Pray that many families will be represented and hear the Gospel through the music of the children.

15 Mt Bethel, Mt. Bethel, PA

Today is our *Community Christmas Tree Lighting*. Pray for those involved and that many from the community will attend and hear the Gospel through the music and words spoken.

16 King of Glory, Calgary, AB

Please keep our *Aftercare* program in prayer. We are looking for a new director to begin Jan 1st. Pray that God will bring the right person who loves Jesus to direct this important program of our church.

17 Eastern Region

Today the ER executive board is meeting. Pray for them as they consider ministry opportunities in the ER.

18 Eastern Region

5th Act, a cluster of five CLB churches in the New York metro area, continue to move forward with their vision to plant churches in major urban areas. Pray for them and other pastors in the ER who are interested in planting churches.

19 Hillcrest Academy, Fergus Falls, MN

Pray for the students who will be travelling home to celebrate Christmas with their families. Pray for safe travel.

20 CLB

Please pray that God will bless the mission of the CLB by working in the hearts of his people as they consider their year-end giving to the ministries of the denomination.

21 Good Shepherd, Buda, TX

Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries as they deal with repairs and cleaning as a result of flooding from a severe rainstorm last month. Pray for Pastor Caleb and Sarah Larson as they experienced a personal loss in the death of a close friend.

22 Victory, Jamestown, ND

Today is our Community Christmas Dinner. We will serve/deliver about 350 traditional turkey dinners to shut ins and the elderly. Pray for those participating in this ministry and for the hearts of those receiving the meals.

23 Borderless

Pray for the Borderless mission team as they raise their finances and spiritually prepare for this mission trip to Mexico in April. Pray for the preparation of the hearts of those they will be ministering to.

24 Salem, Grand Rapids, MN

At Salem we celebrate our Saviors birth first with our Sunday School Christmas program and then with a Christmas Eve candlelight service. It is good to remember that at this time, we are all children, God's own, made by him in his image and that we have the best gift possible which is Jesus' shed blood through which he gives us forgiveness and eternal life in Him.

25 Good News, Mc Alisterville, PA

Today we celebrate the birth of our savior in the form of a little baby. Praise the Lord for this wonderful gift. At Good News we will be celebrating by hosting our annual free Christmas dinner for those in need. Pray that it will be a witness to our hope in Jesus Christ.

26 Grace, Bismarck, ND

Pray for us as we seek the Lord's direction in becoming a multi-site congregation in the Bismarck area.

27 Zion, Cooperstown, ND

We have several families that we are working with who don't have a past history here at our church but who have been sending their children recently. We are grateful for those coming and we sense the need to minister to some hurts these parents have. Pray for us as we build these relationships.

28 CLB

Pray for the Mission team and staff at the CLB offices in Fergus Falls as they make plans for the transition to a new president to be elected at the 2014 Biennial Convention being held July 31st to August 1st.

29 Living Faith, Watford City, ND

We pray that God will raise up a worship leader and a youth leader to meet the needs of our rapidly growing congregation and community. It is estimated that Watford City now has over 10,000 people living within their city limits, up from 1500 just four years ago.

30 Tuscarora Inn, Mount Bethel, PA

David Edwards, author and communicator will be the speaker at our Singles Retreat that begins today. Dave's message is to help young adults discover the importance of living a Christ-centered lifestyle. Pray for those attending that they will be encouraged to live God's plan for their lives.

31 New Year

We praise the Lord for his provisions of this past year and we praise God for the mission of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren to share the good news of salvation. Pray that as we enter 2014 that God's will will be done in each of our churches, our regions and in our denomination.

J-TERM

JANUARY 20-22, 2014

As details for J-Term are coming together, Lutheran Brethren Seminary would like to share one of the speakers for J-Term 2014.

Dr. Robert Bennett is scheduled as one of the speakers for this coming J-Term. Dr. Bennett is the author of "I Am Not Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare." Recently Dr. Bennett has focused his research on animism, interviewing numerous voodoo practitioners in Haiti and the USA. He is the adjunct professor of Missions at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN and the Administrative Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Reese, MI.

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Prayer Link

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A Blessed Christmas from the LBIM missionaries and staff!

Daily Prayer Notes

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December 2013

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1st TAIWAN *John 17:1-5*

Mike Kittelson requests prayer for Mr. Li, who was led to faith in September. May God help his faith and his knowledge of Christ and His love to increase every day.

2nd JAPAN *John 17:6-19*

Pray for Dean and Linda Bengtson who returned last month to Japan and to their ministry in Ishinomaki. Pray that the hearts of their neighbors will soften towards the good news of the Bible.

3rd JAPAN *John 17:20-26*

Pray for the Japanese LB churches as they mourn the death of Kazuko Sasaki, who passed away in October (DPN 11/4). Loved by many, the church she served in Honjo will especially feel the loss. Pray for those in her family who do not know Christ.

4th TAIWAN *John 18:1-27*

Pray for the salvation of Mr. Wei who recently came to church for the first time. Pray for wisdom for his Christian daughter visiting from America and for those in the Qionglin Church who are reaching out to this family.

5th CHAD *John 18:28-19:16*

Pray for the churches in Chad as they work to reach unreached Muslim people groups. Pray for the Lord to raise up Chadian Christians

who will go to these groups with the good news of Christ.

6th ECUADOR *John 19:17-37*

Pray for Jim and Suzy Olsen as they make trips to the jungle to connect with ministry partners. Pray for Suzy's health during her pregnancy. Their second child is due next April.

7th TAIWAN *John 19:38-20:10*

Pray that Mr. Rong would continue to grow in his hunger to learn more about the Bible. Pray for his salvation. Pray for Ethan Christofferson and Andrew Larsen as they visit him weekly.

8th EAST ASIA *John 20:11-31*

Pray for Joel and Liz Christenson and their boys as they live and work in a creative-access country. Pray that God will give many opportunities to share their faith with friends and neighbors. Happy birthday to Liz tomorrow.

9th N. AMERICA *John 21:1-14*

Heidi Jensen writes that today Christian Embassy will host a Christmas dinner for UN diplomats and spouses. Pray that this will be a fruitful time for sharing the Gospel.

10th TAIWAN *John 21:15-25*

Andrew and Kris Larsen ask prayer for their neighbor, Mr. Ye, as his daughter gets married

tomorrow. Pray that God would use Andrew and Kris's friendship with the family to draw them to Christ.

11th CHAD *Isaiah 1*

Nathanael Szobody writes, "At this point we aren't sure if we will be moving in December or the beginning of January. Please pray for our adjustment to village life... that we would make a good beginning both in our family life and in our relationships with the people."

12th FRANCE *Isaiah 2,3,4*

Pray for **Danny and Mandy Bronson** as they are in the midst of French language study. Pray for motivation and for opportunities to converse in French with people in the neighborhood. Happy birthday to **Mandy** today.

13th EAST ASIA *Isaiah 5*

Pray for **Joel Christenson** who is in a week of meetings in Thailand. These are important meetings for working toward a new direction that the board is setting for the ministries in their creative-access country.

14th TAIWAN *Isaiah 6*

Tomorrow is the Victory Hakka Fellowship Christmas Outreach Program. Pray that God will move in the hearts of those invited to attend and that they will understand the message.

15th CHAD *Isaiah 7:1-8:15*

Pray for **Steve and Stella Banks** as they continue to manage and minister to the many who use the facilities at our Lutheran Welcome Center in Ndjamena. Happy birthday to **Steve** today.

16th JAPAN *Isaiah 8:16-10:4*

Pray for the LB seminary in Sendai as they are near the time for their re-opening in April. Pray for God's wisdom as they make plans, and pray especially that God would call many into training for ministry.

17th N. AMERICA *Isaiah 10:5-34*

Praise God for the opportunity **Paul and Teresa Szobody** have to spend Christmas with their parents, children and grandchildren. Continue to pray for rest and refreshment for them during their home assignment.

18th TAIWAN *Isaiah 11,12*

Christmas is a time when many outreach activities take place in Taiwan churches. Pray that many people would come to know the Christ of Christmas. Pray for **Ethan and Sandy Christofferson, Mike and Delores Kittelson and Andrew and Kris Larsen** as they share the Gospel during this season.

19th CHAD *Isaiah 13:1-14:23*

Pray for safety for **Jonathan and Zam-Zam Raun** and their daughter **Esther** as they serve at the Christian school in a strongly Muslim village. Pray for a witness of Christ's love that will overcome animosity towards the school's Christian witness.

20th N. AMERICA *Is. 14:24-16:14*

Pray for **Marcos Holzner** as he continues translation work for the Bilala in Chad. Pray that God will use him and his family as they wait for proper documents that will allow them to return to their ministry in Chad.

21st CHAD *Isaiah 17,18,19*

Pray for three new individuals or couples to work with unreached Muslim people groups. Pray that the Church will grow in its understanding of the Gospel during this Christmas season, and share that understanding with neighbors.

22nd TAIWAN *Isaiah 20:1-22:14*

Pray for **Andrew and Kris Larsen's** neighbor, **Yumei**. Her past experiences with Christians have not been positive. Pray that Kris and Andrew's relationship with her would be helpful in her coming to know Christ.

23rd N. AMERICA *Is. 22:15-23:18*

Pray for **Dan Venberg** who travels to share in our North American churches the vision of LBIM's church planting ministry to unreached people groups in Chad.

24th EAST ASIA *Isaiah 24,25*

Liz Christenson writes that their office assistant just got married. They are thrilled to see the beginning of a Christian marriage and family. Pray for this couple and their desire to serve the Lord.

25th WORLD *Isaiah 26,27*

Pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who will meet for Christmas services in regions that are hostile toward the Church. Pray for protection and for opportunities to proclaim the Gospel to their neighbors in word and deed.

26th TAIWAN *Isaiah 28*

Pray for **Ethan and Sandy Christofferson** as they partner with Hakka Christians to share the Gospel with non-Christian family members. Pray especially for **Mr.**

Huang and Mr. and Mrs. Chen. Pray for opportunities to talk about spiritual things.

27th TAIWAN *Isaiah 29:1-30:17*

Pray for wisdom and boldness for Qionglin pastor, **Fu-hong Ye**, as he serves as President of the Chinese LB Church. The LB Church is facing many challenging issues and God has provided Pastor Ye to fill this position.

28th JAPAN *Isaiah 30:18-32:20*

Continue to pray for the church in Takanosu where **Arnie and Bonita Nordaas** served. Pray for wise leadership for the church and for the Christians to reach out boldly to their families and neighbors.

29th N. AMERICA *Isaiah 33,34,35*

Pray for **Roger and Sue Olson** and their work with Japanese Ministries at Rock of Ages LBC, Seattle. Pray that the story of God taking human form in Christ will have meaning for the Japanese students they work with.

30th EAST ASIA *Isaiah 36,37*

Stephen and Sandra Bickler ask prayer for the Christian parents at the Gift Center for special needs children. Ask our Father to strengthen their faith and life in Jesus Christ that they might be witnesses to other parents.

31st WORLD *Isaiah 38,39*

Let us praise God for this past year of His faithfulness. As we offer ourselves to the Lord anew in the coming year, may He fill us with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.