

**LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH  
of NAMPA**

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**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

**CHORUSES**

HYMN 7..... "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"

SCRIPTURE READING David Bradburn

**PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC Kristi Lund

HYMN 142..... "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING**

**CHILDREN'S STORY**

HYMN 144..... "O Grant Us Light"

SERMON "THE PERFECT MARRIAGE" Genesis 24

HYMN 470..... "What a Day That Will Be!"

**FELLOWSHIP OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**BENEDICTION**

HYMN 39..... "Doxology"

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

TODAY	3:30 p.m.	LBYF
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Family Fellowship Night Kids' Bible Club
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
	3:30 p.m.	LBYF

**LOOKING AHEAD**

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES will meet on Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Terri Knudsen will lead in a Bible Study. Hostess is Pat Schutte. All women are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY will be September 8 at 9:30 a.m. Come and join us to start our Sunday School year.

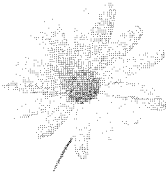
SECOND YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin September 8 during the Sunday School class time.

FALL SCHEDULE starts on Sunday, September 8. Our Morning Worship Service will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Each Communion Sunday a LOVE OFFERING is received. This offering is used for those in our congregation with special financial needs. A basket is available in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to contribute to this fund, or you may place your donation marked "Love Offering" in the regular offering.

## PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARY WOMEN!

We would like to give you the opportunity to pray specifically for the requests from the hearts of our missionary women. These were shared with the women at the 2013 CLB Women's Event in June at Warm Beach Bible Camp in Stanwood, WA. This month we are featuring those in Japan and East Asia.



### Linda Bengtson

Praise the Lord for His good timing in providing a house to rent in Ishinomaki. The fixing up and working out the agreement with the owner was a long process, but now that all is said and done, we have to say that... God's timing was just right for our family. Please pray that, once again in His best timing, He will open the way for us to rent a building for housing volunteers and holding ministry events.

This has been a year of many transitions for our family. Please pray for us while we are on home assignment August through October. Our son Josh continues with his third year of college in Japan and our son Chris began at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN, this month. Pray for good health and good adjustment for everyone.

### Sandra Bickler

We are beginning a new position, Serve Asia Coordinators, with OMF. Pray that we will be quick and able in learning all of the new components of this position and then apply what we learn to best coordinate and help both those interested in short-term service in East Asia and those missionaries serving long-term there who will be receiving and making their time meaningful.

Pray that I will be able to manage my diabetes well when we travel. This position will mean short stays in several cities within one trip, long flights, unusual meal schedules and eating food that I have little control over.

### Liz Christenson

Pray for good connections and friendships to develop with some of our neighbors, this has been more and more on my heart this past year.

Again we have seen the Father's provision in every way for us in what has been a difficult year ministry-wise. We have experienced spiritual opposition in different forms. God is on the move and the enemy is on the run and fighting back with everything he's got. Pray for joy in all circumstances, unwavering faith, wisdom in leadership, humility, servant hearts and good favor with officials.

This will be our second son, Nate's, senior year. Pray for all of us as we walk with him through the process of making a decision about college and as we experience all the "lasts" together before he leaves the country that he has grown up in and knows so well, and takes the step of going back to the USA. I know that when the fall starts that I will begin to feel the tug in my heart.

# Daily Prayer Notes

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### 1<sup>st</sup> JAPAN 2 Samuel 15:1-16:14

Pray that the friends of **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** who live in Ishinomaki will continue to seek God even with Dean and Linda on home assignment for three months. Pray for peace and comfort as this area continues to have earthquakes.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> TAIWAN 2 Samuel 16:15-17:29

Pray for the new contacts **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** have in the community and that they continue to find ways to bring these friends to Jesus and the Church. Pray also for safe travel for their son **Trygve** and his family who are visiting them tomorrow through the 12<sup>th</sup>. Pray that they will have good family times together.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> FRANCE 2 Samuel 18:1-19:8

Pray for **Danny, Mandy, Zeke, Theo** and **Jonah Bronson** as they settle into life, culture and language study in Albertville. Pray for healthy adjustments and for the children as they are in childcare at the school.

### 4<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA 2 Samuel 19:9-39

**Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for their son **Christopher** as he begins his freshman year at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. Pray also for their older son **Joshua** who flies back to Japan today to continue studies at an art college in Sendai, Japan.

### 5<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN 2 Samuel 19:40-20:26

Pray for **Andrew** and **Kris Larsen** as they have decided to home schooling their children this year. Kris wrote, "Pray especially for the transition for **Ike, Ellie** and **Joey** as they will most definitely miss their friends. Pray that we can keep up the close relationships they have."

### 6<sup>th</sup> EAST ASIA 2 Samuel 21

Pray for **Charlie**, a 9-year-old English student of **Nate** and **Tim Christenson**, sons of **Joel** and **Liz**. He enjoys being in their home and Liz has had opportunities to talk to his mother. Pray that they will love Charlie to Jesus.

### 7<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN 2 Samuel 22

The **Deng** family wants to help their neighbors and relatives come to know Jesus. **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** and **Andrew** and **Kris Larsen** are joining with other Hakka Christians from the En-lin Church to start an outreach group in the **Deng** home. Pray for this new ministry.

### 8<sup>th</sup> CHAD 2 Samuel 23

**Pastor Malloum's** daughter **Deborah** has been ill with seizures and cerebral malaria. Pray for healing and that the members of this family will be encouraged in their calling as Chadian missionaries to the Fulbe people.

**9<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *2 Samuel 24*

**Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** and their family are living at the Lutheran Welcome Center in Ndjamena. They ask prayer for the health of their children and for guidance as they seek out Bagirmi people in the city to help them learn the language.

**10<sup>th</sup> SYRIA** *Psalms 52-54*

Pray for a cease-fire and a just and lasting peace in Syria. Pray for protection for churches and minorities and for free access for humanitarian aid groups.

**11<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN** *Psalms 55*

**Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** ask prayer for their children, **Caleb** and **Hannah**, as they return to school. May God provide them wisdom and strength to meet the challenges ahead in this new school year.

**12<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *Psalms 56,57*

Pray for **Paul, Teresa, Philip, Matthias, Titus** and **Micah Szobody** as they arrive in the States on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> for a year home assignment. Pray that they will experience the rest and relaxation that they all need. Happy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday today to **Micah**.

**13<sup>th</sup> JAPAN** *Psalms 58,59*

Continue to pray for the LB Seminary in Sendai as they explore creative ways to teach students. Pray that the churches will be inspired to encourage and support young people for ministry training.

**14<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Psalms 60*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** as they visit churches, meet with supporters, give updates on life in Ishinomaki and convey

the gratitude of the Japanese for donations to tsunami relief efforts.

**15<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Psalms 61,62*

Pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson** in their ministry with Japanese Ministries at Rock of Ages LBC in Seattle. Praise God for the Japanese college students who are receptive to hearing God's Word. Pray that many will come to faith.

**16<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *Psalms 63*

Pray for **Jonathan** and **Zam-Zam Raun** that their presence in their village will communicate God's gracious love, and be used of God to draw others to Christ.

**17<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *Psalms 64,65*

Pray that the upcoming harvest would be abundant, and that people would know the God who causes the seed to sprout, and that God would make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

**18<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Psalms 66,67*

Pray for **Heidi Jensen** as she works for the Christian Embassy at the UN. Pray that many diplomats at the UN would come to know Jesus and be equipped to share the Gospel with their people upon returning to their home countries.

**19<sup>th</sup> EAST ASIA** *Psalms 68:1-18*

**Liz Christenson** asks us to pray for **Apple**, a 6-year-old neighbor from the apartment below them. Apple comes up on her own to play and loves to talk to Liz. Apple's mom seems open to friendship. Pray that this family will sense Jesus' love and want to know more.

**20<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *Psalms 68:19-35*

Pray that God will work through our congregations to call and equip

more missionaries to go to the unreached Fulbe, Bagirmi and Bilala peoples of Chad. Pray for a Spirit-led awakening among these people groups.

**21<sup>st</sup> TAIWAN** *Psalms 69*

**Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer that they may be able to give spiritual encouragement and guidance to their elderly friends and contacts. Pray that unsaved relatives will see the love of Christ in these senior family members.

**22<sup>nd</sup> ECUADOR** *Psalms 70,71*

Pray for **Jim** and **Suzy Olson** that they would be encouraged in their language and cultural acquisition. Pray that God will keep them safe and in good health.

**23<sup>rd</sup> N. AMERICA** *Psalms 72*

**Stephen** and **Sandra Bickler** are preparing for a trip to East Asia next month as part of their volunteer work with their mission. Pray for their travel, their health and for progress in getting acquainted with the long-term missionaries on the field. Happy birthday to **Stephen** today.

**24<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *1 Kings 1*

**Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** write, "There are so many opportunities in a Muslim culture to talk with people about God. We would like to always be ready with the Word in all circumstances." Pray for the Spirit's anointing for witness and for His guidance in where to settle for future ministry. Happy birthday to **Nathanael**.

**25<sup>th</sup> JAPAN** *1 Kings 2*

Pray for the LB churches in Japan that they would be encouraged in their work and that

the Holy Spirit would move in hearts of many Japanese to respond to God's great love for them.

**26<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *1 Kings 3,4*

Pray for **John** and **Kathryn Wile**, our Pastoral Care Team, as they leave tomorrow for two months in Asia. They write, "The travel and schedule is exhausting, but the people we serve are simply the finest. We long to be the voices and hearts through which God's Word and Spirit brings joy and encouragement to His faithful servants."

**27<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN** *1 Kings 5*

Tomorrow is the Chinese LB Church Synodical Meeting. May the meeting go beyond the government requirement for non-profit groups and be a time of refreshment, community building, and encouragement in the Lord.

**28<sup>th</sup> JAPAN** *1 Kings 6:1-7:12*

Pray for a strong church-planting movement in Japan and for God to raise up and equip young church-planters. Pray for innovative, biblically grounded methods for training servant-leaders for the Japanese LBC.

**29<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *1 Kng 7:13-8:11*

Pray for **Dan Venberg** as he continues to share his heart for the unreached people of Chad in congregations in North America.

**30<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN** *1 Kings 8:12-66*

Pray for open hearts in **Mr. Rong** and **Mr. Sheng** as **Ethan Christofferson** and **Andrew Larsen** meet with them for Bible study. Pray for Ethan and Andrew as they seek to effectively teach God's Word and mentor these men.