

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
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TRINITY NINE
 August 18, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 6 (Pg. 124)
Prayers: Morning Prayer (Pg. 118); **71** (Pg. 109).
Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe
HYMNS: 537 15 364 50

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 537 - "Every Morning Mercies New"

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE (TLH Pg.5ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- "Amen."
 The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 6) ...The Kyrie (Pg. 7).
**God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
 That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**
**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast
 done; Thou'rt justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest
 good.**
**If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can
 cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death, That is the firmest ground
 of faith.**
**Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**
 The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

THE COLLECT: Pastor
CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor
CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 50 – "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"



Mountain Lion seen in the Western UP this Summer

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2019			
<i>The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to 'Missions' on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.</i>			
Amount Pledged 2019		Amount Received as of 8/11/19	
\$7000.00		\$5447.00 (-1553.00)	
CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO			
DECEMBER GOAL	RECEIVED 8/11	DECEMBER GOAL	
\$25.00	\$0	\$25.00	
The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 8/11/19			
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	ILC Student Aid
\$745.00	\$92.00	\$175.00	\$100.00
Offerings Total: \$1112.00			

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS; AUGUST 19-24, 2019

Monday - Joshua 4 One memorial was planted in the river bed, and another at Gilgal. Why two? Because we need reminders of God's mercies—both when we are traveling and also when we arrive at a stopover. Not to be overlooked are the role of the priests—to be bearers of God's Ark (16), and the fathers' privilege to explain things to their children (6, 22), so that *all people of the Earth may recognize God's hand at work for His people*. Same for us today.

Tuesday - Luke 5:17-26 We stand or fall on one decisive factor: Is Jesus God, with power on Earth to forgive our sins? Well, if it worked when Jesus said, "Rise up and walk," it would work when He said, "Your sins are forgiven you." Jesus made healing work for the lame man, so He makes forgiveness of sins work too. God is good at doing miracles—especially the one of healing our souls.

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 10:29-11:1 It's our job to keep others out of harm's way, so we keep an eye on how our activities impact on others. We won't serve pork to those who are conscience-bound to avoid pork, and we won't serve liquor when a recovering alcoholic is a guest. Why not? Because we love them enough to put limits on our preferences. They are worth it.

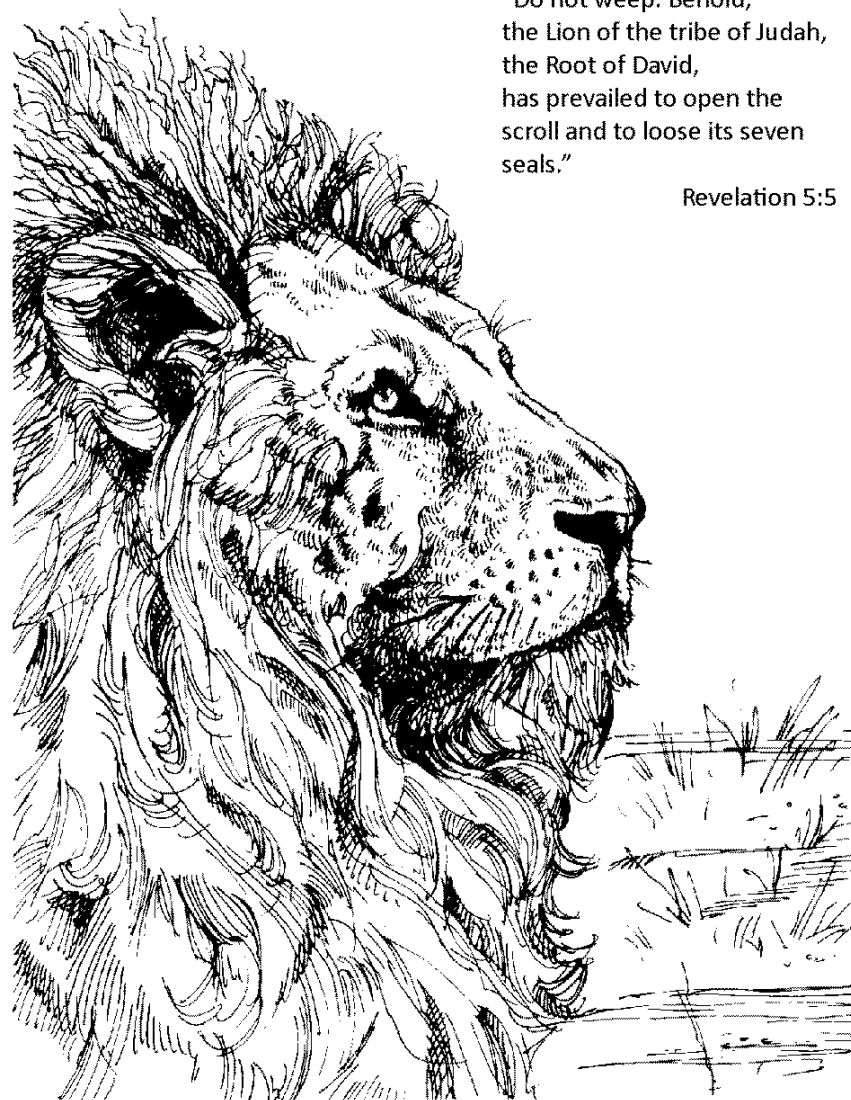
Thursday - 1 Samuel 8 That small defect on a ripening tomato will spoil the whole fruit in a few days. It happens with souls, too, and Samuel should have seen it coming in his own family; his sons had turned rotten, and the proposal of the elders stank, too (5-8). Replacing God with a king would produce civil stresses (11-18) which they could have spared themselves. (But who listens?)

Friday - John 6:52-59 The puzzlement is removed when we understand that "eating His flesh" and "drinking His blood" is picture language for appropriating Him in faith, absorbing Him in heart and soul, inwardly digesting Him and His Word so that He enters our soul's marrow; our soul's DNA gets rearranged and regenerated when we eat and drink Jesus in this fashion. Thereby God grants us Life forever after. Hallelujah to Jesus!

Saturday - Colossians 1:21-29 God looked at the human race and saw rebels; He saw that we were rebellious by nature, descendants of Adam and Eve, who chose to leave God in the lurch. What could God do about it? He decided to set things straight—not by punishing the guilty, but by transferring the punishment onto Someone who could bear it successfully, without failing. God would be gracious to the rebels, even at great cost to Himself. What cost? *The body of Jesus' flesh through death*. What benefit? To present you *holy and blameless and irreproachable in His sight*. Now, then, since the Judge of heaven and Earth has declared you free and clear, don't let yourself get shifted away from your legal status with God. Lord, have mercy upon us!

"Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Revelation 5:5



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¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*" *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 15 – “From All that Dwell below the Skies”

SERMON:

REVELATION 5:1-7

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.*

THE LION WHO IS THE LAMB

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 442:1-2)

Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that hast freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Thine own unsparing hand;

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 364 – “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

GENESIS 18:20-32

²⁰ And the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”

²² Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? ²⁵ Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

²⁶ So the LORD said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.”

²⁷ Then Abraham answered and said, “Indeed now, I who *am but* dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: ²⁸ Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack of five*?” So He said, “If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it*.”

²⁹ And he spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose there should be forty found there?” So He said, “I will not do *it* for the sake of forty.”

³⁰ Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?” So He said, “I will not do *it* if I find thirty there.”

³¹ And he said, “Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?” So He said, “I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty.”

³² Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy *it* for the sake of ten.” *

EPISTLE LESSON:

REVELATION 1:1-20

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. ³ Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.

⁴ John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*" says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹ I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. ¹⁹ Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches. *

THE GRADUAL -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth;

Congregation: You have set your glory above the heavens. Hallelujah!

P: In You. O Lord, I put my trust;

C: Let me never be ashamed! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Blessed is the person who fears the Lord;

C: Who delights in His Commandments! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 11:1-13

[cf. also Matthew 6:9–13]

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." ² So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one."

⁵ And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you?' ⁸ I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

[cf. also Matthew 7:7–11]

¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

INTRODUCTION:

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WRITER:

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TO WHOM DID JOHN WRITE THE REVELATION?

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PURPOSE

John himself tells us why he wrote this book – because the Lord Himself told him: "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this." (19) It is also revealed that the churches to whom John wrote were being troubled by false teachers (2:6,14-15), slandered and harassed by Jews, the 'synagogue of Satan' (2:9,3:9), and undergoing persecution (1:9, 2:10, 13). John speaks to these churches as their bishop or leader, since it is thought that John came to Ephesus from Jerusalem. In each case, the word of exhortation is directed toward the bishop of each church who is called the 'angel' of the church --- because he is to speak as God's messenger the Word of Christ.

The Book of Revelation is made up of pictures, many of which are not to be understood literally, but figuratively.

Beginning with chapter 4, Revelation gives us a series of powerful visions that picture the New Testament Church on earth in its struggle until the end of the world. One of the keys to understanding this book is to try and see the broad picture and purpose of the book – to show the final victory of Christ and His Church, rather than to try to comprehend and nail down every little detailed picture.

There is much symbolism in the book of Revelation, especially in the use of numbers (7; 12; 666). The number seven is used often – there are seven churches, seals, trumpets and vials. The number seven was considered a special number because it marked the 7th day of creation, on which the Lord rested. This set aside the day and the number as special.

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This book concludes the Revelation of God's will toward us. We need not look for any information outside of these books, (66 contained in the Bible) or look for any books to be added to the Holy Bible. This book along with all the others of the Old and New Testaments comprise the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God. According to tradition John himself when asked in 100 AD, pronounced the Gospels to be inspired of God, genuine and authentic.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL/SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School Classes will resume the Sunday after Labor Day, Sunday September 8th at approximately 10:45am. Sunday Bible Study will resume following Sunday School opening the same day.

LADIES OF CALVARY

The Ladies of Calvary are set to resume meetings on Thursday September 12th at 7pm in the Pastor's Office.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is scheduled to resume on Wednesday September 11th at 7pm.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice will resume on Wednesday September 11th at 6pm.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The pastors of the Great Lakes Pastoral Conference are schedule to meet at Mount Zion in Detroit, Michigan for their fall Pastoral Conference from Tuesday September 24th thru Thursday September 26th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 18, 2019

THIS WEEK

Sunday: Worship 9:30am

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor James Albrecht has returned the call of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO • Pastor Andrew Schaller has returned the call of Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN • Pastor Tim Daub has agreed to serve the pastoral vacancy at Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN, from July 22nd to the end of September based on a mutual agreement between the voters of Bethel (Morris) and Prince of Peace (Hecla). Faith Lutheran of Markesan, WI, has called Teacher Karl Olmanson to serve as principal and upper grade teacher. • Pastor Richard Kanzenbach has returned the call of Redeemer in Bowdle and Zion in Ipswich, SD.

KINSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As overseas mission opportunities continue to grow, so does the need for U.S. sponsors. Can you help? The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors for a group called "Myanmar Children's Assistance" as well as seminary students at the new Wartburg Theological Seminary of Tanzania. Please contact Dan Roehl (507-381-2042) or danroehl@hotmail.com for more information regarding these sponsorships.

CLC MISSION OPPORTUNITIES PRAYER LIST – AUGUST 2019

1. **India** – South India, where many of our brothers and sisters in Christ live, is again experiencing extreme heat and severe drought. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering. Pray that the Lord will send the rains soon and provide relief from the extreme heat.
2. **Nepal and Bangladesh** – The annual monsoon season rains have been heavier than usual this year. This has brought severe flooding and landslides to the foothills of the Himalaya where several HCLCN congregations are located. There has also been server flooding in Bangladesh among some of the congregations of the BLCM with whom we have been corresponding. More than three-hundred people have lost their lives.
3. **India** – Persecution of Christians in India continues to increase. Recent elections resulted in a landslide victory for the Hindu Nationalist President Modi and the BJP party. This will, no doubt, embolden Hindu extremists who seek to establish Hinduism as the only and official religion of India. Pray that the Lord will protect His children and that He will use this persecution to strengthen and increase His flock in India.

4. **India** – Pastor David P. recently returned from a teaching visit to our brothers and sisters in Christ in India of the CLC-India and the BELC. Give praise and thanks to our Savior the blessings of safe and uneventful travel and for the privilege of proclaiming the truth of His saving word among the pastors, leaders, and members of the CLCI and BELC.

5. **Mission Helper Trip** – Nine CLC Mission Helper recently returned from a three-week trip to Tanzania and Zambia. Give thanks to the Lord for the blessings received by those who participated and those who received the word of God that was taught. Pray that the word of God taught to thousands of children will bear much fruit. You can read about the on the blog at: <https://2019clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com/>

6. **Bangladesh** – Pastor Monotosh, who has successfully completed several Online Theological Studies courses with our missionary over the past few years and was visited by our missionary and Bd of Missions chairman this past March, has finished the translation and printing of the Online Theological Studies course titled “An Introduction to Lutheran Theology and the CLC.” He has recently traveled throughout several districts of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission to teach these lessons to pastors, congregational leaders, and evangelists of the BLCM. Pray that this effort to proclaim the truth and train faithful leaders will be successful.

7. **Nepal** – Pastor Raju recently reported that he and his father have returned from a successful week of pastoral training in a district of Nepal that is dominated by an anti-Christian political majority and law enforcement. The Lord blessed this training with eager and attentive men and safe travels during the severe monsoon/landslide season.

8. **Tanzania** – The newly established Wartburg Lutheran Seminary of the CLC-Tanzania recently began their second semester of classes with six students in attendance. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless this effort with all the resources necessary to train these men to be faithful preachers and teachers of God’s saving word.

9. **Zambia** – Repairs, renovations, and construction of a classroom continue on the building recently purchased in Livingstone. The classroom and dormitory rooms are not yet finished, but plans to conduct pastoral training classes at the facility are being developed with the hope of beginning classes in October. Ten students/pastors from four districts of Zambia are planning to attend. Pray that the Lord will provide for the completion of the facility and will bless all the preparations that need to take place before classes can begin.

10. **Democratic Republic of Congo** – The CCLC is working to complete construction of multipurpose building that will serve as a seminary classroom, offices, library, and dormitory. This project was partially funded through offerings to the CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF). Thank the Lord for opening the hearts of His children to support His work of training more men to preach and teach His saving word in DRC.

11. **Democratic Republic of Congo** – Due to political unrest during the recent presidential elections, our missionary was twice denied a visa to visit our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CCLC two years in a row. With the elections complete we are hopeful that a visa will be approved so our missionary can make a much-needed visit in October. Pray that the Lord will clear the way for a visit to take place.

12. **Uganda** – Evangelism efforts in Busia are planned for mid-August. Pray that the Lord will bless this opportunity to spread the Gospel and that many will be led by the Holy Spirit to repent of their sins and rejoice with us in the forgiveness and salvation found only through faith in Jesus Christ.

13. **Missionary Evensen in Togo** – Missionary Peter Evensen continues to get settled into his apartment and work in Lomé. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless this transition to Togo and the work he is doing to assist in training men to be faithful preachers and teachers of God’s saving word. You can read Missionary Evensen’s blog at: <http://evensen.lutheranmissions.org/>

14. **CLC Online Theological Studies** – continue to pray for individuals in the following countries around the world who are studying God’s word through email correspondence courses as they continue to train to be faithful preachers and teachers of God’s saving word:

1. Burundi, East Africa
2. Senegal, West Africa
3. D. R. Congo, Central Africa
4. Liberia, West Africa
5. Bangladesh, South East Asia
6. Zimbabwe, Africa
7. Myanmar, South East Asia
8. Kenya, East Africa
9. Uganda, East Africa
10. Congo-Brazzaville, Central Africa

SURPRISE!

After a surprising beginning, our little secret was revealed yesterday afternoon. We thank the LORD for having granted James and Diane Goodman 50 years of married life and we pray that He would grant them many more happy years together!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class resumes on Tuesday September 10th at 3pm!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Sunday School Teachers will renew acquaintance on Tuesday September 3rd at 7pm (or another agreed upon time) in the Pastor’s Office.