



1Thessalonians 5:13-15

Rise and Shine

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

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From the Pastor's Office

Just like that there is another Christmas in the books. For those of you who got your Christmas cards out a little later than you'd like to (like we did), you still have a sliver of time left, because it's technically still the Christmas season all the way up to Epiphany on January 6th. Not that you should still go around saying merry Christmas to everyone; most of them probably won't get it.

Before Christmas my daughter Virginia asked me, "why do we have to wait to open presents?" I took it as an opportunity to teach her something and said: "At the perfect time God The Father sent His son Jesus to die for our sins. Now God is waiting in the fullness of time to send Jesus back in glory. And now we are waiting for His return." This conversation happened several times because she is only four. I am looking forward to having it again and again many times over with her and our other children as they learn and grow.

To start the month off we'll celebrate another one of earth's orbits around the sun. Life goes on with its struggles and its joys. We cherish our loved ones who are still with us and mourn those who have passed away. We are waiting for God in the fullness of time to reveal Christ's glory to the fullest extent when He sends Him in glory to judge the living and the dead and to make all things new with a new heaven and a new earth. God will carry us to that day while we wait for Him.

-Pastor Ryan Kandoll

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January at PLC

January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Celebrate Our Congregation January Birthdays:

Kevin	Wempen	1/4
Avery	O'Neill	1/11
Amy	Caviness	1/11
Audrey	Krutzig	1/12
Martha	Koski	1/13
Bette	Hietala	1/20
Joan	O'Brien	1/20
Reuben	Aho	1/21
Lloyd	Walters	1/23

Sundays:

- 1** **10:30am** Worship service
 also via YouTube & FB live
- 11:30am** Coffee Fellowship
- 8, 15, 22, 29** **9:15am** Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
- 10:30am** Worship service
 also via YouTube & FB live
- 11:30am** Coffee Fellowship
- 8** **11:30am** Nominations meeting
- 15** **10:30am** Worship service with
 Communion
- 22** **11:30am** Abbreviated Communion

Tuesdays:

- 10** **6:00pm** Mission Committee meeting
6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

- 4** **9:00am** Men's & Ladies Breakfast @
Perkins Hwy 55 & 494
- 6:30pm** Bible Study for all ages
- 11, 18, 25** **9:30am** Men's & Ladies Bible
Studies @ the Church
- 6:30pm** Bible Study for all ages

Saturdays:

- 28** **1:00pm** Annual Meeting

Save The Dates

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women will join the men at Perkins,
January 4, 2023 for breakfast.

The next Wednesday Women's Bible Study will
be January 11, 2023 9:30 at church. Topic to
be announced.

The Annual Meeting

of the
Plymouth Lutheran
Church is set for

**Saturday, January
28th at 1:00pm**

All members are
urged to attend.



Organist/Pianist position Available

"Plymouth Lutheran Church is now accepting applications for a paid pianist and/or organist to lead us in song as part of our worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:30am and special times throughout year such as a mid-week services during lent.

We are also looking for substitutes to help fill in during our search.

You can find out more about us at <https://www.plymouthapostolic.org> and by coming to visit on a Sunday"

Contact us at secretary@plymouthapostolic.org.

Thomas George Neadle Local organist, train museum volunteer

Playing ‘king of instruments,’ he ruled from many a stage

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If you put Thomas George Neadle in front of the keyboard and pedals of a pipe organ, he'd play — hymns, show tunes and classical music.

Neadle, who taught himself as a teenager, played the “king of instruments” at churches, theaters and the grandest mansion in town.

He was a church organist for more than 60 years, but he also entertained

moviegoers playing the WCCO Mighty Wurlitzer before Friday night shows at the historic Heights Theater in Columbia Heights. He also performed on the residential pipe organ in the James J. Hill House in St. Paul, demonstrating what home entertainment sounded like if you were part of the 1% during the Gilded Age.

Neadle, of Golden Valley, died Oct. 20. He was 80. He was born in Minneapolis and grew up in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood. His sister, Jeanette Rondestvedt, said her brother showed a talent for music at an early age.

While her parents made her take piano lessons, her brother could play by ear songs that she was struggling to learn, even though he was four years younger.

When Neadle was 17, he heard that a nearby church needed an organist. Even though he hadn't played the organ, he got the job after learning to play by watching others do it.

He played at services at the church, which later became the Plymouth Apostolic Lutheran Church, almost up to his death.

“I think you would be hard pressed to find someone in Minnesota who played church organ longer than Tom,” said Neadle's nephew, Stephen Rondestvedt.

Neadle graduated from North High School and later received some formal organ instruction at the University of Minnesota. He learned how to play showbiz music on theater organs and was a member of the Land O'Lakes chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society.

With his death, there are now only a handful of people

left in the state with experience playing theater organs, which can make sounds ranging from train whistles to marimbas, according to Ed Copeland, head organist at the Heights Theater.

People who knew Neadle said he was quiet and introverted until he got in front of a keyboard.

“There was always music if possible if he was around,” said Stephen Rondestvedt. “He was up there playing because he loved it.”

Neadle was employed for more than 40 years doing administrative work at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis.

He also was a train enthusiast, historian and a long-time member and volunteer for the Minnesota Transportation Museum, acting as a docent at the Jackson Street Roundhouse in St. Paul and volunteering on the museum's restored trains in Osceola, Wis.

“When he would go to theater organ conventions, he took the train when he could,” said Stephen Rondestvedt.

Barb Sheldon, office manager for the Minnesota Transportation Museum, believes Neadle was one of the museum's founding members when it was formed in 1962 to restore a trolley car, which became part of the streetcars now operated by the Minnesota Streetcar Museum in Minneapolis.

“He was a very active member here for as long as the museum was in existence,” Sheldon said.

Neadle lived much of his life in his childhood home in Minneapolis, where he had an organ with more than 1,500 pipes installed. He later acquired a smaller organ when he moved to a condominium at the Calvary Center Cooperative in Golden Valley in 2008.

After a neighbor noticed Neadle hadn't picked up his newspaper or played his organ as usual, it was discovered that he had fallen. He later developed COVID and an infection and his health continued to decline until he died.

There was a memorial gathering at the Heights Theater in November. Organ music was played in his honor. Neadle is survived by his sister, Jeanette Rondestvedt.

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Stephen Rondestvedt, nephew

December 2022 #1



November 2022: A clinic update



Just as these kids were thankful when Kristy bought them cookies, we as a family are SO grateful for all of you who stepped forward and helped us with our needs that resulted from September's 7.6 magnitude earthquake. Although we haven't received any of the packages yet (there's quite a backlog in international shipping), we are anxiously awaiting their arrival. THANK YOU!

In this newsletter, we want to focus on and share with you the ministry that happens through the Ukarumpa clinic. Every day, the work at the clinic begins with prayer. The clinic staff can't face each day and do what they do without God's wisdom, strength, and guiding hand. We never know what each day holds, but God does!

The mission clinic in Ukarumpa serves not just missionaries (including members of the Johnson family from time to time!) but also hundreds of Papua New Guineans each month. Here are some of their stories.



The little boy in this picture has had a life transformation since his grandma brought him to the clinic nine months ago. He was abandoned by his parents at birth because he had severe cerebral palsy and seizures. The staff at the clinic were able to determine the correct seizure medication that stopped the seizures! We also started him on anti-spasticity medication and physical therapy; this has allowed him to sit up on his own and feed himself! In this picture, he is about to receive his first pair of glasses allowing him to see the world more clearly!



James (left) and Alan (right) have been working together since 1986 to translate the Kovei language New Testament and produce literacy materials. James is from Umboi Island, [a remote island](#) in the Bismarck Sea, and because of its remoteness, he has no access to care for his chronic health condition. When our aviation crew arrived to pick him up and bring him to Ukarumpa to work with Alan, his co-translator in Ukarumpa, James was so weak and ill that they had to carry him to the plane. His medication had run out months ago. When he and other co-translators like him visit Ukarumpa for training and translation work, the clinic becomes their lifeline to staying healthy and being able to continue their work.



Pastor Kaik (rhymes with “bike”) had been sick for a long time (far right). Many in his village told him he was cursed for doing Bible translation. They told him that if he were to stop this work, then he would get better. He had sought help at various other clinics but to no avail. When he arrived at our clinic in Ukarumpa, the staff were able to accurately diagnose him with tuberculosis and start him on an effective treatment. After several weeks of translation work in Ukarumpa and several trips to the clinic, he returned to his village feeling and looking great. He could testify that there was no curse and that God is blessing his Bible translation work.

Here are some specific prayer requests for the clinic:

Daily we need God’s wisdom and his strength to continue on. It can get discouraging when we see so many hurting and suffering people, and many times we can do very little for them because of lack of resources.

We are in desperate need of more medical staff. Doctors, nurses, dentists and a pharmacist are our highest priorities.

Very often we see Bible translators that suffer some kind of illness or injury very near to the time they have important work scheduled to be done in their language group. Please pray for the medical staff that battle not just against the physical presentation of the illness or injury, but the spiritual attack that happens as well.



Prayer requests

Praises

The aftershocks of the earthquake were minor with no additional damage sustained. The primary fiber internet cable connecting the whole country of Papua New Guinea and Australia was severed in the earthquake...but praise God, just last week, it was repaired! Semester 1 has gone well, especially considering Derek took on teaching a new class that he wasn't completely comfortable with, Small Engines/Auto Basics.

Grant and Nate have made good progress on making plans for after they graduate. They are starting to narrow the options down.

Prayers

There is still a lot of fighting and tension going on in the villages surrounding Ukarumpa. Many of our PNG friends are greatly affected by this, including our closest friend, Emanu, whose hands are pictured above.

Grant and Nate's class will be traveling to the coast in the middle of December for the annual senior trip. Please pray for safe travels on the roads.

Please continue to pray for Derek's mom, as the side effects of her cancer treatment have affected her energy level and mobility. Also pray for Derek's dad and sister who are doing their best to care for her.

Rev. Brian Lunn to Teach Hebrew at FLS



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PRESS RELEASE

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Plymouth, MN

For immediate release

FLBCS is pleased to announce the hire of Pastor Brian Lunn. Beginning in January 2023, Lunn will be serving as adjunct professor in the seminary, teaching Hebrew.

Lunn grew up in Iowa and joined the AFLC while in high school. He graduated from FLBC in 2014, earned a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Ministry at Oak Hills Christian College in 2016, and completed his Master of Divinity from Free Lutheran Seminary in 2020. He serves Word of Life Free Lutheran Church in Upsala, Minnesota, where he lives with his wife, Leanna, and their four children with another on the way.

During his time in seminary, Lunn was known for his skill with languages. Lunn says that his interest in languages led him to study not only Hebrew and Greek, but also Aramaic and Norwegian while at FLS. Dean of the Seminary, James Molstre, says of Lunn, "We are excited and blessed to have such a gifted young man willing to teach Hebrew in our seminary. Our students will benefit from Pastor Lunn's expertise in the language arts."



THE BUZZ

FROM THE FIVEHIVE

December 2022: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

There is a tradition at Ukarumpa International School's Secondary Campus (UISSC) each year at Christmas time called "The Empty Christmas tree". In essence, it's UISSC's version of a donation drive, where the items gathered before Christmas are then given to a local charity for them to distribute to those in need. This year, the organization that UISSC chose to give to was the Tok Pisin Lotu, which is a local church in our valley. On Tuesday, December 13th, the students and staff gathered to sing a few Christmas carols, and then the administration presented to the Tok Pisin Lotu the items that the students collected.



Left: Grant, Nate, and Trent placing the items they bought (school supplies and food) under the Empty Christmas tree.



Right: UISSC's vice principal presenting a representative portion of all the supplies gathered to one of the elders of the church.

Christmas time is the time of year where families have traditions that help them celebrate. One tradition that Trent has started in our family is that he makes a paper chain to help count down the days until Christmas and then dances to the same Christmas song each morning as he removes one ring from the chain. [Click here to listen to this year's song by Tenth Avenue North.](#)



This Christmas is going to look very different for our family. This last Saturday, we received news that Derek's mom had been hospitalized and diagnosed with kidney failure, on top of her on-going battle with cancer. Because of this, we made the hard decision that Derek should return to Minnesota to be with his mom since we don't know how much time she has before she goes to be with Jesus. Derek has been rushing to tie up things with his classes, as well as the various activities that he is

involved in here in Ukarumpa. Because of the price of the last minute airline tickets (\$\$\$Ouch!) and some special activities that Grant and Nate are involved in, it was not possible for the rest of our family to also return to Minnesota. We will wait to celebrate our family Christmas when Derek returns to PNG, which will hopefully be on January 7.



PRAYER & PRAISE REQUESTS

1. We're praising God that there has been some good news regarding Derek's mom's kidney functions since Saturday.
2. Pray that Derek's travels will go smoothly and all his flight connections will be made. Pray jet lag won't impede his time with his mom.
3. Pray that Derek will have heartwarming times spent with his mom and the rest of his family.
4. Pray for Kristy as she single-parents in PNG. We're thankful that our mission center shuts down for two weeks over the holidays so the clinic won't take as much of her energy.
5. Pray for Grant, Nate, and Trent to humbly accept the challenge of covering many of the tasks that Derek usually does around the house.
6. Pray for the health and safety of our family as the extra stresses of sickness would make the separation more difficult.

If you're already a prayer, encouraging, and/or financial partner, **THANK YOU!**