

## 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.*

**Plymouth Lutheran Church**

**Pastor Ryan Kandoll**

**April 2024**

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### **From the Pastor's Office**

Adults need to read the Catechism as well as Children. It's a great learning tool! Our Lord has given us a precious

gift by dying for our sins. We can be free from guilt and shame. We can also live in freedom from sin. Sometimes sin still weighs us down. In those times we have the gift of confession and absolution.

This isn't something we do to earn something from God. We shouldn't live in fear or think that somehow we are only forgiven of sins committed in the past. Christ died for the sons of the whole world (1 John 2:2). That includes past present and future sins. Confession is a gift to set our conscience free from the sins that we know and trouble us.

Keep in mind that confession can be made to the pastor or to a brother or sister in Christ. If your sin is against the brother or sister, you should go to them and ask for forgiveness. You should also try to pay for financial damages that may have been caused.

I copied the small Catechism below, where you see a double dash "— —" that is my own little comment on what is being said.

### **Luther's Small Catechism on Confession and Absolution:**

#### **How Christians should be taught to confess**

#### **What is Confession?**

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

#### **What sins should we confess?**

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

— —that means we don't need to run around asking for forgiveness and seeking absolution every time we sin. That would be a never ending endeavor that would wear us out and everyone around us.— —

#### **Which are these?**

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

#### **What is the Office of the Keys?**

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

#### **Where is this written?**

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23) **(Continued on page 3)**

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## April at PLC

April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	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				

### Sundays:

- 7, 21**      **9:15am** Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
**10:30am** Worship service with Communion  
**11:30am** Coffee Fellowship
- 14, 28**      **9:15am** Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
**10:30am** Worship service  
**11:30am** Coffee Fellowship
- 28**            **11:45am** VBS Meeting

### Tuesdays:

- 9**              **6:00pm** Mission Committee meeting  
**6:30pm** Board of Trustees meeting

### Wednesdays:

- 3**              **9:00am** Men's & Ladies Breakfast  
                  @ Perkins HWY 55 & 494
- 10, 17, 24**    **9:30am** Men's & Ladies Bible studies  
**6:00pm** Evening Bible Study

### Saturdays:

- 20**            **9:00am** Church Work Day

## Celebrate Our Congregation

### April Birthdays:

Erik	Lunn	4/2
Elise	O'Neill	4/6
James	O'Neill	4/6
Janis	Saari	4/7
Don	Besonen	4/9
Phyllis	Krumholz	4/10
Brigitte	Olson	4/11
Lorraine	Besonen	4/13
Peter	Maikkula	4/22

### April Anniversaries:

John & Jan	4/10
Earl & Karen C.	4/15
Reuben & Anita	4/19
Noel & Kris	4/20
Pr. Joel & Susan	4/27

## Save The Date



### VBS 2024

July 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

9am – 11:30am

[More details to follow](#)

## 2024 Annual Convention

The 2024 Annual Convention will be hosted by the Hockinson congregation.  
 Dates: June 27th-30th, 2024  
 Location: Hockinson Apostolic Lutheran Church  
 16108 NE 192nd Avenue,  
 Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Thursday, May 2, 2024

## The 2024 National Day of Prayer



## Vacation Bible School Meeting

If you are willing to help with the 2024 Vacation Bible School, please attend April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45am

### The Great Jungle Journey VBS 2024

“An epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation” by Answers VBS

#### Give kids answers to their questions

Each day, our children face many big questions: Did the mighty creator shape everything? Why does adversity exist? Did Noah's Ark truly sail? What's the significance of salvation for me? Can the scriptures be relied upon?

At this VBS, your kids will delve into these questions through a thrilling escapade from Genesis to Revelation. Amidst sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will voyage on an exciting jungle expedition, making stops at seven significant landmarks. These spots represent the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Children will uncover how these pivotal moments shape our world, bridging the Bible to their daily experiences. Get ready to dive into a world of excitement on The Great Jungle Journey!

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#### Mark Your Calendar - Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>



Spring Clean-up  
from 9am-12pm

This is an opportunity to help

maintain the beauty and value of our church building and grounds. Please bring your work gloves and a can-do attitude. See Noel Walters with questions.

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**327. What sins should we confess before our neighbor?**

We should confess to our neighbors our sins against them. We recognize the harm our sin has done to our neighbors, and we seek their forgiveness and reconciliation.

**James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**Matthew 5:23--24** If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Read **Genesis 50:15--21; Colossians 3:12--15; Philippians 4:2; and Luke 19:1--10.**

**328. What sins should we confess to our pastor?**

When we are particularly troubled by our sin and its consequences in our lives, we have the

opportunity to go to our pastor for individual (or private) Confession and Absolution.

**2 Samuel 12:13** David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die."

**Proverbs 28:13** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

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### **329. What is the second part of Confession before the pastor?**

After we have confessed our sins, the word of Christ's Absolution is spoken by our pastor. By it, our sins are fully and completely forgiven before God.

**2 Corinthians 5:18** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

**Colossians 1:13--14** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **330. How should we regard the Absolution spoken by the pastor?**

"Our people are taught that they should highly prize the Absolution as being God's voice and pronounced by God's command" (AC XXV 3).

When the pastor absolves us---that is, says, "I forgive you all your sins"---he speaks with Christ's authority and on His behalf. Therefore, we can firmly believe that God Himself has completely forgiven our sins.

**John 20:23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.

**Luke 10:16** The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me, and the one who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.

**Matthew 18:18** Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

### **331. Can I be sure that my private Confession to the pastor will remain confidential?**

In the Rite of Ordination, the pastor promises before God never to divulge the sins that have been confessed to him. Never means never, for God Himself in Christ has removed these sins.

**Psalms 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

— —this is actually not part of our ordination service in the ALCA Federation, altar book. It is something however, that I take seriously. If I can't be trusted, then I cannot shepherd (or lead) as God has called me too. In rare circumstances where the law has been broken or especially in cases where others have been abused I may help the person confessing person go to the proper authorities and turn themselves in.— —

### **332. What is the benefit of individual (private) Confession and Absolution?**

In individual Confession, the Christian has a safe place to name his or her sins so that they are no longer carried alone. The Absolution is spoken specifically to the person confessing. There can be no mistaking to whom these words of Jesus are addressed: "I forgive you all your sins."

Based on the word of forgiveness, the pastor may give counsel and help in the struggle against temptation and enslavement to sin. Thus, private Confession and Absolution equips the Christian to stand firm against "false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice" (Sixth Petition). "When I urge you to go to Confession, I am doing nothing else than urging you to be a Christian" (BEC 32).

**Matthew 9:2** And behold, some people brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when

Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven."

**2 Samuel 12:13** David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die."

**Psalm 32:2** Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**Psalm 130:3--4** If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

**Luke 7:36--50**, about the forgiveness Jesus gives to a repentant woman.

— — Satan wants us to keep our sin covered up. He tells us that we can't confess it, or people think less of us. He wants to keep us in darkness. When we confess our sins, it says if we are telling on Satan. It keeps him from being able to accuse

us. Bringing our sin to the light makes us children of light.

**1 John 1:5--2:2 (ESV):** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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## Highway 55 Pavement Improvement Project

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has scheduled pavement and safety improvements for Highway 55. MnDOT will resurface Highway 55 between Old Rockford Road in Plymouth and General Mills Boulevard in Golden Valley. Construction is set to begin this spring.

Motorists can expect lane closures throughout the project as well as periodic full closures. A number of detours will be established throughout the project to maintain neighborhood and business access. Scheduled work is set to include pavement resurfacing, safety improvements, access modifications, accessibility enhancements and drainage improvements.

Safety improvements may include:

- Pedestrian crossing enhancements
- Access modifications
- Partial closures at unsignalized intersections

### Proposed Improvements to Plymouth Intersections

- **Intersection modifications:** Old Rockford Road to Urbandale Court
- **Signal replacement and safety improvements:** Vicksburg Lane
- **Pedestrian/bicycle improvements:** Northwest Boulevard to Fernbrook Lane
- **Intersection modifications:** Evergreen Lane N. to Larch Lane N.
- **Intersection improvements:** County Road 73



[Project Area Map \(PDF\)](#)

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## Heading to Panama

What a *crazy 3 months* it has been! A lot of ups and downs, but *God has been faithful*.

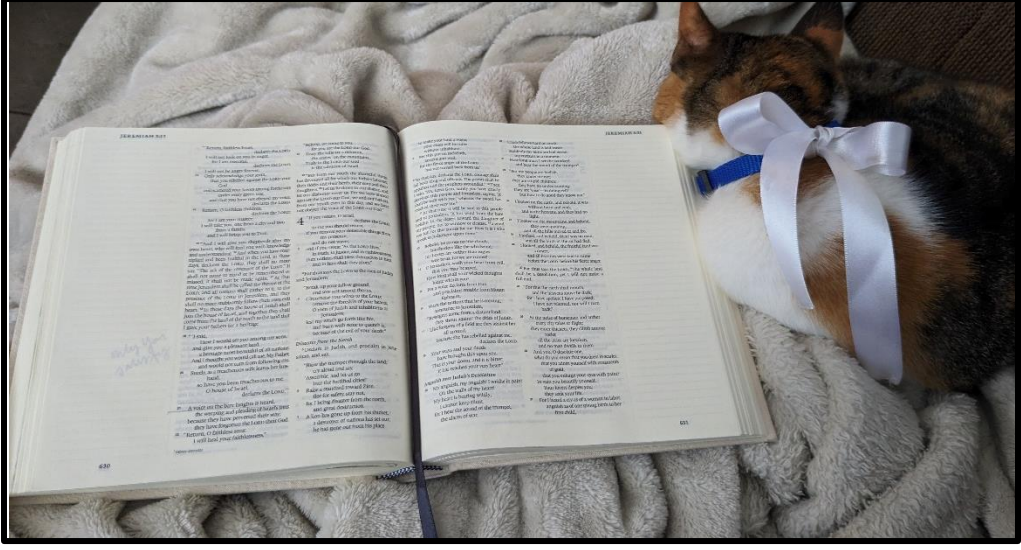
We leave for Panama in just 2 days, and we are bringing 9 wonderful students with us for these 2 months. Please be praying for us as we minister to the people of Panama (and Costa Rica for a week!) and each other.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

Here are some photos from the past 3 months! Love you all, and we appreciate all your support  
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Nicole & Saul







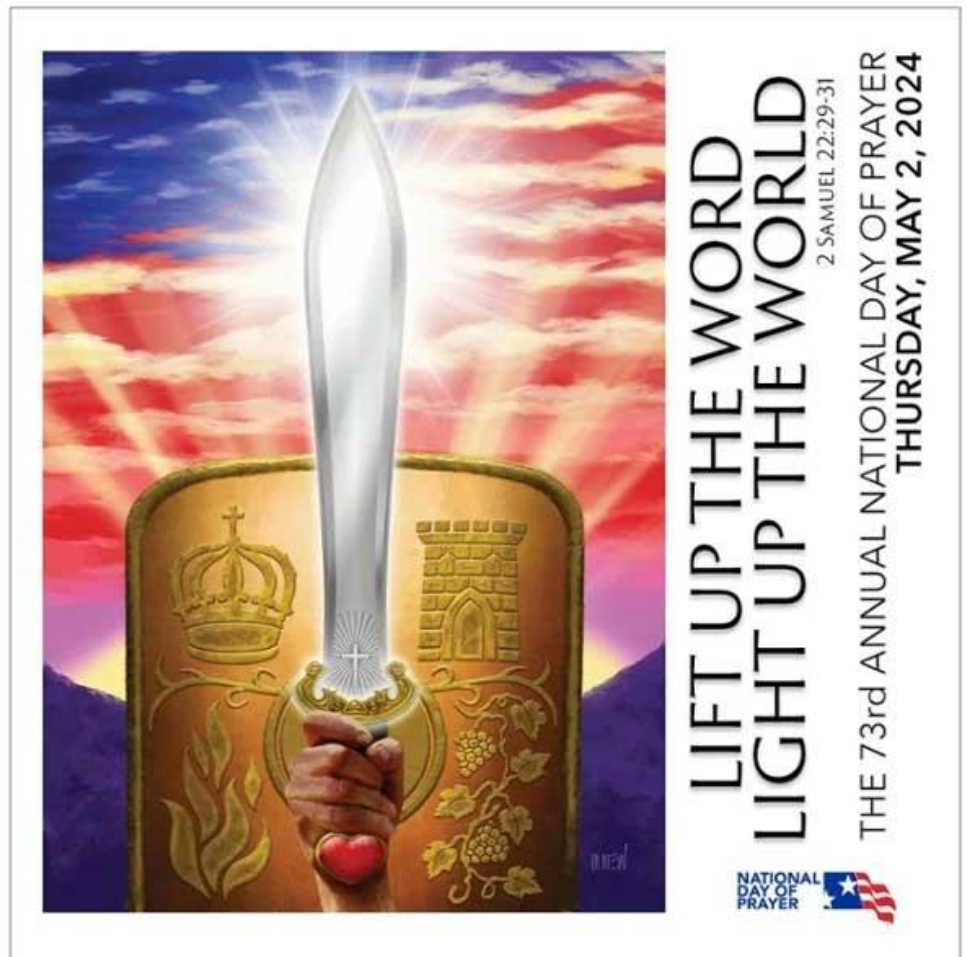
Thursday, May 2, 2024

# The 2024 National Day of Prayer

LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

2 Samuel 22:29-31







# THE BUZZ

FROM THE FIVEHIVE

## March 2024: Whirlwind

What a *whirlwind* it's been! Just over two months ago, we arrived back in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea (PNG), and we hit the ground running! Derek jumped right back into teaching (Algebra, Woods, and Auto Basics) and coaching basketball four days after we arrived. Kristy coordinated a medical evacuation on her second day back at work. Trent picked up his social life & activities the moment he stepped off the plane in Ukarumpa! Our pace has slowed down a bit now that term 3 of school has ended.



What we are most excited to share with you is the *whirlwind* of Scripture Dedication celebrations that have already begun to happen this year; 2024 is shaping up to be the busiest year in recent history for these celebrations. What a blessing it is to support the amazing men and women who are doing this work. Here's the schedule of dedications planned to take place the rest of the year. (Keep in mind that this does not include the numerous smaller portions of printed and audio scripture, The Jesus Film, dictionaries, etc. Bible tracts, Bible stories, health

booklets and health videos and literacy materials, that will be published this year also).

February 17 - Kaluli New Testament

April 7 - Meramera New Testament

April 26 - Nalik New Testament

May 5 -Yale Scripture portions

July 1 - Enga New Testament

August 10 - Uare New Testament

August ?? - Feni New Testament

October 5 - Nobonob Old & New Testament

October 6 - Nara New Testament

October 13 - Saliba New Testament

God's word is going out to the unreached peoples of the world. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in Papua New Guinea.

**Below are two stories from friends of ours that are translators we have supported. We feel honored to have played a part in these translation projects by supporting them with medical and educational services.**



On February 17 the Kaluli New Testament dedication took place. The [Kaluli language group](#) is in a very remote area in the interior of Papua New Guinea. God's word is reaching the innermost places of PNG! Pray that it will reach the innermost places of

the hearts of the Kaluli people! Our friends, Andy & Sylvia Grosh, are the translation advisors and have given us permission to share their newsletter about the dedication with you. [Click here](#) to see a lot of photos and a story about that day.



You may recognize one of the languages in the list above. During our last home assignment (July - December 2023), some of you heard us tell the story of our dear friends, Adam and Martha Boyd. They have been working hard with the [Enga](#) people to translate the New Testament. On February 25, the Boyd's received the first print copy of the Enga New Testament! [Click here to read](#) their blog post about (and [here to see](#) a video of) that incredible moment.



## Prayer requests

### Praises

- Grant & Nate are doing great in college. Their studies are going well, they have made friends, and they have adjusted well to life in their passport culture.

- The three of us are so happy to be back in our roles and living in the community of Ukarumpa.
- Our mission's biennial spiritual & business conference just completed, and we are thankful for the spiritual refreshment we received from the guest speaker.

### Prayers

- One long-term prayer request Derek was presented with upon returning to UIS is the dire need for high school teachers and administrators. In June of 2025, the number of departing [UIS](#) faculty is so large that the school will not be able to offer some core classes with those that remain. This would affect Trent's senior year so we are asking you to pray with us, that God will prod the hearts of high school teachers from around the world to go and serve at UIS.
- There is increasing political and economic tension in PNG right now. This has caused a fuel shortage (among other issues), which presents significant issues when our mission's [Aviation department](#) tries to fly Bible translators in and out of their villages. Pray that these complicated issues (in human terms) will be resolved peacefully and quickly so that the business of translation (especially all of the previously mentioned dedications) won't be hindered.

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



Unswervingly,  
Hebrews 10:23

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*Update from David & Carmen Gunderson*  
extending Christ's love among those who are displaced



## Getting ready to fly away!

Hello everyone. Welcome to our first video. We wonder today why some nations are bent on war and so many people suffer. Uh, God's word has answers for us. And Isaiah 41 4 says, who has done such mighty deeds summoning each new generation from the beginning of time?

It is I the Lord, the first and the last I alone am he so we can trust the Lord that even today he's summoning a new generation, and he is still the first and the last, and he alone will do it.

We pray today for many different needs and Carmen's going to share a few of them. Yes, we ask that you pray with us for Beyond Borders, A new work is starting for Beyond Borders.

And many of you remember our friend, David Cohen that lives in Neme Niger. He is getting very close to resettlement and this step is working with the Israeli government that they would approve his citizenship even though he has become a born-again believer in Jesus Christ.

Also, he, took in a baby from the refugee community, Abraham, and he's also helping this baby to be resettled, perhaps in Germany and pray for a loving family to adopt Abraham.

Pray for the leadership there. Pray for the ministry, the outreach to the refugees in Brazil. We also ask that you pray for us as we prepare to go to Athens, Greece, and relocate.

We'll go at the end of April. So, pray for us as we settle into a new language, a new culture. We'll have to read signs in Greek.

We've got learn the Greek alphabet. We're learning some greetings, but we'll probably have to do some more language study once we get there. Pray for us in this transition to Athens, Greece and pray that we'd get connected with other workers, other organizations that, we can provide English programs and offer a, a library.

We do have a worker there who has discipleship going on. so, we look forward to joining him and Bible study with the refugees. So we're looking forward to that.

We also have a colleague who will help us once we land. She'll be there for a few weeks to help us make introductions, but just pray for good connections with other workers once we land in Athens, Greece.

Yeah. And we finally, we just ask that you pray for our children, uh, our family as we're a little bit spread out. Ruby is in France for a few months and working among the immigrants there.

Here in New York, we have our daughters and Nadia and her family. We're expecting a second grandchild, so pray for Nadia and the birth of this second grandchild. And then Robert and Rachel are in Minnesota.

Continue to pray for them and for us as a family as we are on the move. Again, thank you so much for praying for us. We send our love And pray for Shelly too.

She's left Niger and she's getting used to life in New York too. Thank you so much. Bye for now.