



You are invited to the  
Bridal Shower for  
**Miss Casey Jane McLoughlin**

**Sunday, August 4, 2024 at 3 pm**

**Bethel Free Lutheran Church**  
530 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW - Minot ND

Gifts of cash or check are preferred due to  
the difficulty of shipping to Brazil!

*Please join us!*

## **Summer Institute of Theology 2024**

August 5 – 9 at the FLBC Campus

**Courses:** If interested in viewing please contact the church office.

**Pastoral Theology: The Care of Souls** – Dr. Harold Senkbeil

**Means of Grace in the Congregation** – Dr. Steve Mundfrom

**Romans** – Rev. Adam Osier

**Lutheranism in Scandinavia** – Rev. Brian Lunn

**Youth/Family Ministry Workshops** – Jordan Langness

### **MOB (Men of Bethel)**

#### **“Being the Bad Guys”**

How to Live for Jesus in a World That Says You Shouldn't.

By: Stephen McAlpine

**Saturday, August 10, 8:00 am** at the church

**Lesson 8:** The City and the City



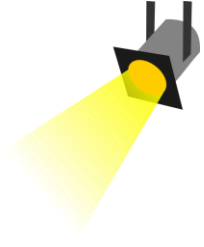
### **“Philippians ~ Exuberant Joy”**

Written by: Angie Lombardo

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the church

Lesson 8: Pressing On (Philippians 3:12-21)

# WMF MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT



## **Pastor Todd & Barb Schierkolk Missionaries in Mexico**

Todd and Barb Schierkolk have served with AFLC World Missions for some time, starting their ministry in Mexico in 1996. While leading Student Mission Fellowship in his time at FLBC, Todd grew a deeper interest in international missions. A missionary kid, Barb was impacted by the example of her parents and felt her own call into missions. Now, they have served faithfully together in their home in Jerez, Mexico for over twenty years. Rachel, Megan, and Kirstie are their three daughters who are now grown.

The Schierkolk's ministry has centered around planting and disciplining their congregation at Un Lugar de Encuentro con Dios. They deeply love their town of Jerez: the beautiful history, the tradition of horsemanship, and the delicious tamales. Committed to guiding the congregation in growth, Todd takes great care in preparing Sunday sermons to continue to establish and equip the church. Witnessing the transformation of believers from participants in the pew to playing an active role in equipping the church themselves is the hope and prayer of their ministry.

**Birthdays:** Todd: May 25                      Barb: February 15

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### **Prayer requests:**

- For spiritual growth of youth and their families
- For God's wisdom and open doors regarding the purchase and construction of a church building
- For their children: Rachel (Ben) Davis, Megan (Josh) Hedstrom, and Kirstie
- For health and safety

# “HIS WORD DOES NOT RETURN EMPTY”

Isaiah 55:11

## **AFLC 2024 Conference Highlights:**

- New AFLC Vice President: Pastor Loyd Quanbeck
- 2 missionary families will not be returning to the field.
  - Pastor Nate & Rhoda Jore and their family will not be going back to Uganda. They will be serving with the International Orality Institute based out of the U.S.
  - Pastor Brent & Emily Raan and their family will not be returning to Uganda.
- The conference brought a resolution for the Coordinating Committee to do a biblical study on “divorce and remarriage of pastors” to be presented to the 2025 conference.
- The Missions Corporations have been separated into World Missions and Home Missions.
- There are 3 Home Missions works in North Dakota
  - Killdeer, Pastor Gideon Johnson
  - Bismarck, Caleb Sperry, contact person
  - Fargo, Pastor Brandon Marschner
- The Alaska Mission is need of a full-time pastor.
- The Free Lutheran Bible College has added an AA and BA in Bible and Ministry.
- “As much as things change, however, God’s Word stays the same, and our response to the perils of this sinful world remains as it has for millennia. “Thus says the Lord.” Pastors, stand firm on the truth of God’s Word, proclaim it in all its truth and grace from the pulpit, in your parishioner’s homes, in the classroom, in your counseling, and wherever God places you.”

~ an exert from AFLC President Micah Hjermstad’s Report

**The 2025 Annual Conference of the AFLC** will be held at the Association Retreat Center (ARC), in Osceola, WI, June 11 – 14.

## **Hope Free Lutheran:**

### **Building Dedication Service and Thanksgiving Meal**

August 25, 2024 ~ 4-7 pm (mst)

300 Central Ave. S. Killdeer, ND ~ Please RSVP by scanning the QR code on the postcard on the bulletin board.

## **Family Night!**

Wednesday **August 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm

Meat and beverage will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share! (salad, dessert, etc.)

Bring the whole family for an evening of  
Food, Fun, & Fellowship!

### **Bethel Quilting:**

Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am at the church

Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 am at the church



## **Coming in September**

### **Rally Sunday! September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday School: 9:00 am

Worship Service: 10:30

Pot luck Fellowship meal following the Worship Service

### **Wednesday Evening Activities:**

Will start again September 11<sup>th</sup>

Meal: 6:15 pm

Bible study: 7:00 pm



### **District Discipleship Conference:**

#### **“For the Congregation”**

An AFLC event for mutual edification

**Saturday, September 21, 2024 ~ 9:00 – 4:00**

Ramada Bismarck Hotel, I-94 & Exit 159

1400 East Interchange Ave.

See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.