



JULY 2023



And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15 ESV)

Often in the summer our regular routines are interrupted, including our regular Bible Study and prayer times. Take time this month to pray, whether with your sisters in Christ in person or together online, or by yourself. Summer might be a good time to "Pray the Psalms" taking one Psalm each day to read as a prayer and meditate on.



When [Jesus] had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:12-14 (ESV)

As we enter the middle of the summer season, let's be aware of our neighbors who might need to meet Jesus. Pray for ways to build relationships with those around us. Watch for opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

~ Many of our churches are reaching out to their communities through VBS programs or special youth ministries; keep them in prayer this summer.

~ Pray for Sara and Ben Hosch in Taiwan as they follow up with those who recently attended a wonderful week of VBS in the park in Taichung. Pray that God would give growth to the seeds that were planted.

~ Pray for our church plant families in the US and Canada as they reach out to their neighbors and plan special events to get to know them. Pray that the Lord will open doors and lead them to those who are ready to hear of his love.

~ Pray for LBIM missionary candidates Ellie Bourque and Matthias Szobody as they are preparing for their wedding on August 5 and the next steps on their road to ministry in Chad. Teresa and Paul Szobody will be traveling to the US at the end of July for the wedding. Pray for smooth travel and a sweet time together for all their family.

~ Pray for Nathanael and Carrie Szobody and their children as they remain in Boudamasa because of rainy season and will be unable to attend the wedding. Pray for their health and safety, and for growing relationships in their community.

~ Continue to pray for Paul and Alexa Fraser and their two boys, Arthur and Oswald, as they wait for their visa approvals and prepare to move to Japan.

~ Pray for Dean and Linda Bengtson that God will especially bless them as they settle back into their life and ministry in Japan.

~ Mike and Delores Kittelson have been traveling and visiting churches. Pray for God's blessings on them as they continue their busy schedule and transition to life in New Prague, MN after 35 years of ministry in Taiwan.

Praying Birthday Blessings!

Sarah Hosch	July 10
Christina Smith	July 12
Ben Hosch	July 14
Evangeline Smith ('15)	July 16
Jeremy Stanton	July 30
Arthur Fraser ('19)	July 30