

Musings from MATONGO

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The Lord's Prayer is Radical



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Did you know that the Church in East Africa is growing at an amazing rate?

Did you know that there are not currently enough trained, qualified pastors to meet the need?

Did you know that men come from many East African countries to study and to learn at Neema Lutheran College Matongo?

Did you know that we also train deaconesses there?

Did you know that Walter has talked about African missions before he and Robyn were married?

Did you know that you too are missionaries when you support this work?



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"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name." If I were a betting man, I would wager a guess that you know those words and the ones that follow. Furthermore, I would hazard a guess that those words don't sound radical to your ears.

But they are! It is absolutely amazing—a result of God's grace to you in Christ Jesus—that you can call God "Father" with delight and know that He truly desires to hear you.

Imagine how torturous prayer would be if God didn't care about you. What if you had to "buy Him off" in one way or another? What would that be like?

Many people in East Africa don't know about the joy of prayer. They don't know that they have a gracious Father because they don't know His Son, Jesus Christ, who has granted them access to God by His suffering and death and His glorious resurrection.

They need good, solid, well-trained pastors, like those taught at Neema Lutheran College to tell them this amazing Good News!

You too can be a part of spreading this Good News by partnering with us. You can pray for us. You can encourage us by corresponding. And you can participate by supporting us with your gifts. Thank you for being part of the team.

OUR TRAVEL PLANS

- 10/2 St. Paul Lutheran, Fort Wayne IN (1:30pm)
- 10/2 Ascension Lutheran, Fort Wayne (7pm)
- 10/5 Faith Lutheran, York NE (6pm)
- Sun: 10/6 St. John Lutheran, Pierce NE
- 10/8 MISSION CENTRAL (1pm)
- 10/9 St. John Lutheran, Newhall IA (10am)
- 10/9 King of Kings Lutheran, Cedar Rapids IA (6:30pm)
- 10/10 Faith Lutheran, Mount Pleasant IA (6:30pm)
- Sun: 10/13 St. Andrew Lutheran, Rockton, IL
- 10/15 Trinity Lutheran, Menasha WI (6:30pm)
- 10/16 Trinity Lutheran School Chapel (8:45am)
- 10/19 Sand and Sage LWML, Tehachapi CA (9:30am)
- Sun: 10/20 Faith Lutheran, Hesperia CA
- Faith Lutheran, Vista CA (6pm)
- Reformation Sunday: Faith Lutheran, Vista CA

So what have we been up to?

We have visited wonderful people in California at The Well, Lancaster; Shepherd of the Valley, San Jose; Holy Cross, Los Gatos; Good Shepherd, Tehachapi; Concordia, Cerritos; Grace, Lancaster; Trinity, Sacramento; Grace, Grass Valley; Our Savior's, Ridgecrest; Lutheran Church of Prayer, Bakersfield; Antelope Valley Church; and Resurrection, Quartz Hill.

Each place we have gone, we have experienced the reality of the communion of saints, as we

have been welcomed and as they have heard the exciting news of our Lord's work in East Africa and in Kenya specifically.

Next we go back to St. Louis for the second week of missionary orientation.

Then we will be off to visit dear Christian friends in the Midwest, from Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska. We look forward to being reacquainted with old friends and making new ones. We will be at the World Famous Mission Central, on October 8th at 1:00 pm. If you are in the area. Stop by!

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There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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