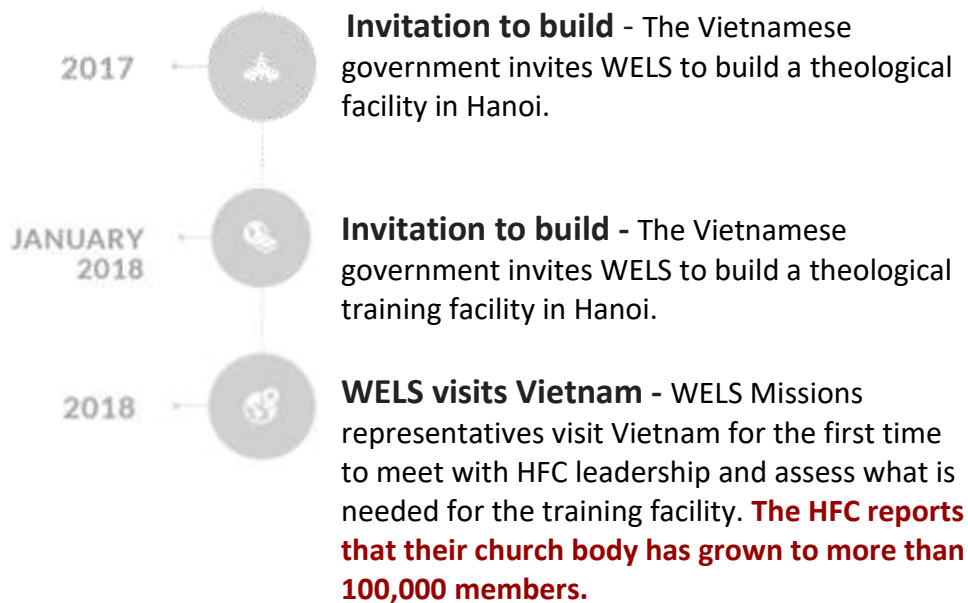


## MISSION HISTORY IN VIETNAM, A Timeline...



### A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Feb 3 Plate Offerings: \$1965.00

Electronic Offerings: \$159.00

Total Offerings last week: \$2124.00

OFFERINGS RECEIVED YTD (5 weeks) \$8,635.50

Weekly Budgetary Needs: \$2,273.00; YTD Needed: \$11,365.00;

YTD Shortfall: \$2,729.50

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIRTHDAYS:** If you see the following members this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"—**Feb.15<sup>th</sup>**—Mario Anaya.

### Coming up this week...

**MON (Feb 11) 6:00 PM - CHOIR**

**TUES (Feb 12) 10:30 AM - PASTOR CIRCUIT MEETING**

**6:30 PM - CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**WED (Feb 13) 6:30 PM - CATECHISM CLASS**

**THURS (Feb 14) 7:00 PM - TEEN & 20 SOMETHING CLASS**



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### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 10, 2019

### AS WE GATHER

Jesus said, **"Go and make disciples of all nations..."** (Mt.28:19) Disciples are made by, **"baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them..."** (Mt.28:19,20) Disciples are believers and followers of Jesus. We rejoice to know that our sins are forgiven, that we are members of God's family, and are heirs together of eternal life in Jesus' name!

In worship today we lift high the cross of Christ and put a big spotlight on the wonderful door of opportunity opening up for gospel mission work in Vietnam! We'll learn more about this mission, pray for it, and gather special offerings in support of its continued success.

We call it the Great Commission. As we "Go" in Jesus' name He promises to back our mission with His divine authority and to go with us as we seek to carry out His saving mission to take the good news into all creation! (Mk.16:15)

***He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."***

Mark 16:15

# Order of Service

Opening Hymn: #195:1-3 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee.  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Lord God almighty, truly you alone are holy. You dwell in unimaginable glory in the heavens.

C: **You fill all things with your majesty and mystery.**

P: LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? ~ *Psalm 15:1*

ALL: **The one whose walk is blameless,  
who does what is righteous,  
who speaks truth from the heart;  
whose tongue utters no slander,  
who does no wrong to a neighbor,  
and casts no slur on others...  
...who keeps a vow even when it hurts,  
and does not change their mind;  
Whoever does these things will never be shaken.**  
~ *Psalm 15:2-5*

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## **THE SERMON, Based on Colossians 1:3-8**

**Theme: "God's Grace Is Growing!"**

**Colossians 1:3-8:** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup>the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world— just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

***After the Sermon, please rise for the Nicene Creed  
(p.31 in the front of the Hymnal).***

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (See page 129 in front of Hymnal)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, P.32** (Traditional version)

**THE SACRAMENT, P.33**

**STATEMENT ON "CLOSE" COMMUNION...** *"Close-Communion" refers to the Scriptural practice of partaking in the sacrament as members of a church united by a common confession of faith. In keeping with the Lord's own instructions in his Word, we ask that our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church to please wait before communing with us until we have had an opportunity to establish our oneness of faith in Jesus Christ and his teachings through time together in Bible study. Please continue to pray with us, that, one day Jesus will restore unity to his Church on earth so that we can express it in this Sacrament.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #309** *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*

**THANKSGIVING, PRAYER & BLESSING, p.36-37**

**CLOSING HYMN: #79** *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

P: But LORD, we must admit, we have *not* done these things.

**C: Our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us.** ~ *Isaiah 59:12*

P: Truly you alone are holy. Trusting in your mercy and grace in Jesus Christ, we pray:

**C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: By the cross of Jesus, God's holy Son, we are cleansed of all sin and stand holy in God's sight! In the joy of salvation we rejoice to declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God!

**Sing: #195:4** *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY, Spoken by the Pastor**

Lord of the church, you have prepared a heavenly banquet for all who dwell on earth—every nation, tribe, language, and people. Renew in us the one, true, and only faith through your eternal gospel and so cause your Holy Spirit to light our hearts on fire to reach the lost of every nation. Look with favor on your people, your pastors, and your missionaries that they may ever more faithfully proclaim your Word through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen** (Spoken)

**FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 6:1-8** (*The LORD who commissions Isaiah to prophetic office, is the same LORD who would one day atone for his sins on the altar of the cross*). In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.<sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.<sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.<sup>5</sup> "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.<sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

### Song by the Sunday School Children

**"God Loves Me Dearly"** (Children sing vv.1-3; Cong. sings vv.4-5)



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -

va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
 dark-ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

*Refrain printed on next page*

*Refrain*



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me  
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

*Please rise*

**GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 5:1-11** (*The Word of Jesus both creates the desire and ability to answer his call to discipleship*). One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.<sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.<sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.<sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"<sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,<sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."<sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of our LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of the Day: #566 "We All Are One in Mission"**

## The Opportunity

**The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi.**

This is an incredible, unprecedented opportunity for our synod. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. The Lord is opening a door to reach the more than two million Hmong people who live in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. However, this door can close at any time. Our WELS World Missions team is working quickly to ensure WELS is taking full advantage of the time the lord has provided.

### “Grace—Hmong outreach in Vietnam” Special Offering

**WELS is collecting a special offering through June 2019, with the goal of raising \$2 million to purchase land, construct the campus, and cover the initial two years of operational costs.**

**\$546,000**

Special offerings collected to date

**\$2,000,000**

Special offering goal

\*GRACE-HMONG OUTREACH IN VIETNAM\* SPECIAL OFFERING

27%

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IN THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

### PRAY FOR THIS MISSION

**Dear Lord Jesus**, we marvel at your grace. You were willing to come to earth as our brother to live and die in our place. This grace led you to win us as your brothers and sisters and set us up to live with you forever. There is nothing in us that deserves this. It is all by your grace. Today we ask you to use us to extend your grace to others. In Vietnam there are millions hungering and thirsting for the truth that we already know. You have promised that your Gospel is growing and bearing fruit throughout the whole world. We ask you to make us a part of that promise for Vietnam. Bless the WELS as we make plans to support the Hmong Fellowship Church in Vietnam. Bless the people in Vietnam with a deeper understanding of your love. Help us all, by the power of your Word and the clarity of your grace, to lead many more to your eternal family. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

**IN THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY TODAY  
MEET THE PASTOR FROM THE HMONG FELLOWSHIP**



Pastor Lau



Pastor Ham



Pastor Vue



Pastor Vang

**LEARN MORE ABOUT WELS MISSION WORK IN VIETNAM! SLIDES &  
STORIES FROM THE MISSION FIELD!**

### In the Sanctuary after Worship Today

Pastor Finn will be sharing a slideshow & mission stories to help everyone learn more about this mission field and its pastors.

**Coffee & Donuts provided**