

“Hit the Ground Praying”

Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

Intro: A splinter in Pastor Randy’s heart—“*Our Purpose*”

- I. Pastor Randy’s call letter from Bethel
 - a. Page 2, paragraph 4:

The Lord has given us a great field here. There are many souls yet to be saved in our midst. It is the prayer of all of us believers that as the world is getting darker around us, Bethel Lutheran can stand out in Ottawa as a lighthouse in an area where souls can come and find peace with God.
 - b. “Field...souls to be saved...”
 - c. “Prayer...Bethel...lighthouse...”
- II. The Lighthouse Vision
 - a. Which direction does the light shine?
 - b. The LIGHT Team:
 - i. Locate
 - ii. Invite God
 - iii. Help Transform
 - c. “Prayerlighting” the block of Clay, Madison, Fillmore and Main this month
- III. The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-38
 - a. What does Jesus see?
 - b. What does Jesus feel?
 - c. What does Jesus tell his disciples to do?

Conclusion: Our purpose; God’s power and presence (Mt. 28:20)—through prayer.