

December 3, 2017

Prayer is one of the ways we communicate with God. It is conversation - talking together - listening together - with a generous, caring Friend. Prayer conversation with God can be many things. It can be:

praising God's great goodness,
asking for a particular need to be answered,
listening to God or listening for God's message or response,
wrestling and questioning God about a problem we have,
requesting God's wisdom or presence or healing or . . . ,
questioning and challenging God,
thanking God for life or blessings or . . . , and on.

Our congregation has a Prayer Chain Ministry that is praying for your prayer requests. You are invited to fill in the prayer request card on the back of the Welcome card, fill in your prayer request and either put it in the offering plate or give it directly to Pastor Wendee. Following worship, a member of the Prayer Ministry Team will collect the prayer requests, will give Pastor Wendee a list of all the requests and will email them to the Prayer Chain who will pray for your request through the week. Please be sure to check the box(es) designating how and where you want your prayer request(s) shared. Thank you for the privilege of allowing us to share in your life through prayer.

You are invited to pray for the following prayer requests:

- From Elaine L – for Elaine's sister, Karen R. Prayers for Karen as she is in rehab covering from a fall
- From Allan L – for Diane and Christina L. Safe travel prayers as they make the trip to SRI Lanka, an Island South of India
- From Mary Ann B - Update on Levi. Levi, who's 18 months old, had been diagnosed with grade 2 Astrocytoma. At the present time, the doctors are not going to take any action. In 3 months, Levi will have another MRI to see if there are any changes in the tumor. Even though the tumor is still there, this was a welcome outcome for the family. Please keep Levi in your prayers.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy S, Eileen S, Gwen S, Louise L, Jean F, Dave and Jeanne H, Marge D, Pat S, Donna S, Eleanor P, Jean B, Walt M
- Prayers of celebration for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions

Mark 13:32-37

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³³ Beware, keep alert,^[a] for you do not know when the time will come.

³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,

³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Our Staff:

Nursery Attendants	Ann & Beverly
Preschool Director	Kara P
Choir Director	Shelly S
Bell Choir Director	Shelly S
Choir Accompanist	Connie J
Organist	Todd A
Children’s Choir Dir.	Carole L
Administrative Assistant	Linda C
Custodian	Amy P
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz

Assisting In Worship:

Liturgist	8:00	Judy S
	10:45	Carol S
Acolyte	10:45	
Ushers	8:00	Jennifer & Autumn K
	10:45	Keith & Cherie S
Greeters	8:00	Bonnie R
	10:45	Larry & Edith G
Counters		Jan K
		Edith G
Unlocking		Janet P



Our South East District has established a district-wide prayer connection, inviting churches to pray for each other in a unified way. The District sends us a list showing which church to pray for each week

This week we will pray for: Kenosha: Korean, their pastor Han Du Kwak, and their 30 members, Kenosha: Korean is located at 5410 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha, WI 53140.

Calendar:

Sunday – December 3 ADVENT BEGINS

8:00 am	Worship/Communion
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship/Communion
12:00 pm	All Church Potluck
12:30 pm	Charge Conference

Monday – December 4

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	No Page Left Unturned
7:00 p.m.	AA

Tuesday – December 5

9:00 am	Preschool
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Wednesday – December 6

9:00 am	Preschool
7:30 pm	Altar Choir

Thursday – December 7

9:00 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Sarah Circle

Friday – December 8

Saturday – December 9

Sunday – December 10

8:00 am	Worship/Choir Cantata
9:00 am	Children’s Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship/Choir Cantata
5:00 -8:00pm	Potbelly Youth Fundraiser



Today! All Church Potluck and Charge Conference at 12:00 pm

**Fundraiser - Cookies/
Butter Braid Orders are here.**
Pick up your order today from the table in the library after each service

**Sarah Circle Meeting – Doyle Hall
Thursday, December 7 at 9:30 am**

**Fundraiser at Potbelly (see insert)
Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**The Christmas Giving Tree
15 Left - All unwrapped gifts need to be under the tree by December 10**

Please help bring a smile to these last 15 children. The value of the gift should not be any more than the \$25.00 maximum. Anyone who would like to assist with wrapping the gifts, please contact Harold or Alicia W. The gifts will be distributed to the children at Northcott Neighborhood House on Milwaukee’s north side.

**South Shore Regional Interfaith Collection
Now through December 10**

We have been asked to focus on donating canned fruit this year for their Christmas bags. The goal is 250 bags for their most needy clients. Please put in the donation box in the friendship room



**Altar Choir Christmas Cantata “HOPE”
Sunday, December 10, at 8:00 am & 10:45 am**

The Altar Choir will be presenting a Gospel Christmas Celebration entitled ‘Hope’. ‘Hope’ tells the story of Christ’s birth through six choral anthems, each presented in a contemporary gospel style. There is original music throughout, but you’ll also hear plenty of familiar carols infused with gospel, soul and even a touch of the blues.

SCRIP Cards for the Holidays
SCRIP cards are the same as the gift cards you buy in the store and the church will receive a percentage for each card sold. SCRIP orders are taken between church services at the table near the coat rack. Please consider buying SCRIP cards to use at our favorite retailers for your Christmas shopping or give the cards as Christmas gifts.

**Volunteer Chaperones Needed for
Field Trip Monday and Tuesday,
December 11 & 12th at JA Finance Park**
Megan F is an 8th Grade Teacher at Starbuck Middle School in Racine and her and her students are going on a Junior Achievement Fieldtrip to the JA Finance Park in Milwaukee, WI. On each day, 20 volunteers are needed. It is a full day field trip and will be working with the 8th grade students. Helping them complete their budgets and manage their "life scenario's" so that they can learn about how to make good fiscal choices. If you are interested, please go to <https://sites.google.com/site/wijafpvolunteetraini ng/> and let Megan F know that you are interested.

**Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 17 at 10:45**
The Drama Disciples are joining the Sunday School students and teachers to present “Christmas Letters” by Gail Gaymer Martin. Come listen in as the children share letters written to biblical characters played by the Drama Disciples who will respond with a letter.

**Sunday School Program Rehearsals
Saturday, December 16th at 3:00 pm and
Sunday, December 17th at 9:30 am.**

**Christian Bookstore Trip by Tabitha Circle
Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 am**
All women are invited to join Tabitha Circle for our trip to Northwestern Publishing House Christian Bookstore. A great chance to get some Christmas shopping done and have fellowship time together. Meet at church at 9:00 am to carpool there. Afterward we will go to the Cheesecake Factory at Mayfair Mall for lunch. Please let Bonnie know if you will be joining us.