

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 Diane L, for Darith and Belinda, whose baby, which is due in January, has been diagnosed with spina bifida. Prayers for a miracle, for healing in utero normal birth. Our God is an awesome God!
- From Allan L, for Mandy, who in the early stages of her first pregnancy, and for all those with mental health issues.
- From Judi I, for Chris T, a retired co-worker, who died on September 28. For her husband Mike, who is also a retired co-worker, for comfort in his grief.
- From Lois and Stephen D, for Dylan and his family, as Dylan's four year old child has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Dylan is at Children's Hospital and has started chemotherapy.
- From Christal B, for Mary Ellen C to find a new direction and meaning for her life without Charles.
- For Shelly S's family as her brother-in-law, Mike, fell out of a deer tree stand and broke a vertebrae in his back.
- For our faith-family as we respond to the grace that God share with each of us personally and as a community of faith.
- For our country as we work to understand, offer, and expect respect for and with each other.
- For the people of Indonesia following the loss of life from the tsunami this past week. Prayers for hope.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy S, Eileen S, Gwen S, Louise L, Jean F, Dave and Jeanne H, Pat and Rod S, Donna S, Jean B, Walt M, Mary Ellen C.
- Prayers of celebration for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions.

**\*Please note: Prayer concerns have been generalized for privacy.**

October 7, 2018

## 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Contemporary English Version (CEV)

### Generous Giving

<sup>8</sup> My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia<sup>[a]</sup> have shown others how kind God is.

<sup>2</sup> Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously.

<sup>3</sup> They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to.

<sup>4</sup> They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people.

<sup>5</sup> And they did more than we had hoped. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, just as God wanted them to do.

<sup>6</sup> Titus was the one who got you started doing this good thing, so we begged him to have you finish what you had begun.

<sup>7</sup> You do everything better than anyone else. You have stronger faith. You speak better and know more. You are eager to give, and you love us better.<sup>[b]</sup> Now you must give more generously than anyone else.

**Our Staff:**

Nursery Attendants	Ann & Beverly
Preschool Director	Kara P
Choir Director	Shelly S
Bell Choir Director	Shelly S
Choir Accompanist	Connie J-E
Organist	Todd A
Children's Choir Dir.	Carole L
Administrative Assist.	Linda C
Custodian	Amy P
Student Intern	Jessie G
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz

**Assisting In Worship:**

Liturgist	8:00	Jillian I
	10:45	Robert L
Ushers	8:00	Michael & Georgia P
	10:45	Keith and Cherie S
Greeters	8:00	Judi I
	10:45	Harold and Alicia W
Prelude Music		Bonnie C/Michelle G
Counters		Lisa B & Jan K
Unlocking		Paula S
Refreshments		Carole L



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

**The food pantry needs jelly, carrots, hot chocolate and other cold weather items.**



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: Elkhorn: First, their pastor William R. McBride, and their members 118, Elkhorn: First is located at 111 N Broad St., Elkhorn, WI 53121.

**Calendar:**

**Sunday – October 7 – World Communion Sunday**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Coffee w/Pastor and Prayer
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship
12:00 pm	Compassionate Care Training

**Monday – October 8 - Columbus Day**

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Disciple Fast Track
3:00 pm	Student Intern/Pastor Supr'v Mtg
6:30 pm	Trustees Team Meeting
7:00 pm	Staff Parish Rel. Team Mtg
7:00 pm	AA

**Tuesday – October 9**

9:00 am	Preschool
6:30 pm	Disciple Fast Track

**Wednesday – October 10**

9:00 am	Preschool
6:00 pm	Social Justice Team Meeting
6:15 pm	Bell Choir
7:30 pm	Altar Choir

**Thursday – October 11**

9:00 am	Preschool
10:00 am	Giving in Grace Bible Study
6:30 pm	Giving in Grace Bible Study

**Friday – October 12**

8:30 am	Transferring Flowers Ministry Event
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**Saturday – October 14**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	New Member Class
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship



**Monday, October 15 is the deadline for articles in our November Newsletter.**

**Calendar Item Change**

The scheduled start of the Praise Choir is being postponed and will not happen today at 9:30 am. Merrilee is caring for her husband, who we have been praying for since he fell out of a tree stand up north.



**Today's World Communion Sunday**

offering envelope supports promising scholars become leaders. Please give generously to make education and vocational impact possible for more students and equip gifted and qualified students to become the world-changers God created them to be.



**Compassionate Care Giving w/Shut-ins, Others-in-Need Training and Experience Starts today October 7, at 12:00 pm**

Do you have the gift of listening? Do you enjoy connecting and visiting with our shut-ins? Are you comfortable visiting people in the hospital? If you answered, "Yes," to any of these questions, you may want to consider this invitation to join this new team. We will share conversation, prayer with each other and prayer for the people in our faith-family who are struggling with health issues, needing connection, and wanting to share their gifts from their homes. We will also be trained in how to do home/hospital visitation ministry. Following the meeting, we will then be sent out two-by-two to visit folks.



**Social Justice Team Meeting Starts on Wednesday, October 10, 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm**

The Social Justice Team will be an advocate for change, learn to respond to injustice, converse about those hurting in our communities and in our world and learn ways to draw attention to their needs and work to solve issues.



**All Congregation Bible Study**

**Thurs., October 11, at 10:00 am and at 6:30 pm**

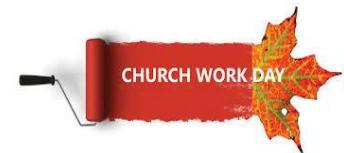
Another important element of our fall emphasis is a study entitled "Giving in Grace". This is a four-week study beginning Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. We will meet in the classroom on the first floor across from the restrooms. Sign up on the clip board in the Fellowship Room or contact Rev. Christal B. (retired)



**Discover Your Spiritual Gifts Class**

**Wed., October 17, at 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm**

This is a one night class with a follow-up meeting with Pastor Wendee. We will gather together for prayer and to take a short spiritual gifts inventory. We will learn about the biblical foundation of spiritual gifts and their application in our lives. You will be asked to share a follow-up personal conversation with Pastor Wendee about three weeks following this class to discuss how you might use your spiritual gifts in your daily life.



**Trustee Team Work Day**

**Saturday, October 20, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

with lunch for those that are there at noon. If it rains, we will have our work day on Sat, Oct 27.