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Who you going to call?

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!” (Ps. 4:1 ESV) – A Psalm of David.

“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he {Jesus} departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.” (Mar 1:35 ESV)

“I have so much business I cannot get on without spending three hours daily in prayer,” attributed to Martin Luther, and while not found in his writings, sums up his prayer life quite succinctly.

Looking at the lives of the prophets and the men of God in Scripture, prayer is not a little habit, but a foundation of their lives. Jesus himself had a life prayer. He prayed at his baptism, before being led into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. He prayed before choosing the twelve disciples. He prayed before teaching and healing, and He prayed before His suffering and death on the cross.

In the Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster notes that “All who have walked with God have viewed prayer as the main business of their lives... It was the most serious work of their most productive years.”

Prayer, like any other spiritual discipline, can be difficult. Our prayers can seem like the “empty phrases” that Jesus warns us against (Matt. 6:7). The busyness of life can make it difficult to keep to schedule. Exhaustion and other concerns can cause us to forget what to pray for. So what do we do?

First, when our prayers become empty, when the task of praying is joyless – get back to Scripture. Luther suggests saying quietly and word for word the Ten Commandments, the Creed and then reading the words of Christ, or Paul, or one of the psalms. Prayer is conversation with God, and so we must begin by letting God speak to us.

Second, set aside a time to pray. Turn off the phone and the computer, let your family know that this is prayer time, so there are no distractions. Luther suggest that you pray when you first get up in the morning, and just before bed in order to avoid letting other affairs take hold of your attention.

Finally, hands folded and eyes close, speak softly as briefly as you can. Our prayers do not have to be long recitations of our needs and desires, of the problems that we face in our lives or in the lives of our loved ones. In my own devotions, I keep a prayer journal, a list of people and things to pray for. As I turn through the pages, it keeps me focused and brief in my prayers.

Our Lord invites us to “call upon him.” He has promised to deliver us. When we prayer, we are doing as God instructed and it pleases Him.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Michael

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

JULY

Altar Guild – Susan Ozenich & Becky Mallary

Greeters

6-Bill & Becky Mallary
13-OPEN
20-OPEN
27-Kathy Volland & Rachel Eckstrom

Readers

6-Joshua Humphrey
13-Jeff Doerr
20-Tara Dulski
27-Jennifer Ciccone

Acolytes

6-Jase Wilson
13-Kyle Borgman
20-Matthew Osten
27-Connor Ciccone

Audio Visual

6-K. Ormiston/D.Gunther
13-S. Fatschel/M.Gremer
20-J. Ciccone/K. Ormiston
27-D. Gunther/K. Ormiston

AUGUST

Altar Guild – Amy Wilson

Greeters

3-Ed & Sandi Morgan
10-Rich & Ethel Clayton
17-Darryl & Lynn Gunther
24-Don & Betty Wunnenberg
31-OPEN

Readers

3-Joshua Humphrey
10-Mary Podeszwa
17-Milt Scott
24-Diane O’Palka
31-Christie Scott

Acolytes

3-Sophia Fatschel
10-Carrick Skuse
17-Matthew Muto
24-Jase Wilson
31-Sophia Fatschel

Audio Visual

To be announced

July & August Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays

Tyler Borgman	1
Karl Borgman	2
Scott Lehman	2
Chuck Taylor	2
Robin Young	5
Erik Doerr	7
Barb Blank	8
John Hamara	9
Ed Morgan	9
Bryan Lehocky	12
Sierrah Altenburg	12
Ruth Miller	13
Heather Nuerge	13
Tracy Alberts-Wilde	13
Mary Lehocky	15
Linda Weimer	16
Kathy Charlton	17
Marcy Dietrich	18
Tammy Eckstrom	21
Lorena Hamara	21
Shawn Mengel	21
Noah Weedon	24
Rachel Eckstrom	25
Helen Nord	27
Jared Rombold	28
Connie Kerr	30
Brittany Young	31

July Baptismal Birthdays

Sophia Fatschel	8
Alice Davis	9
Craig Volland	12
Brad Lehocky	15
Ashleen McCracken	16
Scott Gunther	16
Zelda Parks	18
Elizabeth Nowry	20
Brett Lehocky	23
Jason Blank	25
June Shively	29
Karl Borgman	31
Robin Young	31

July Anniversaries

Ron & Mary Lehocky	5
Andy & Sandy Kostelnik	12
Karl & Lawrie Borgman	20
Bill & Connie Kerr	27
Chuck & Jean Taylor	27

August Birthdays

Edna Gaertner	1
Adriana Ciccone	4
Michael Bretheim	6
Niko Podeszwa	9
Milt Scott	13
Bob Blank	14
Kim Singleton	14
Thomas Shively	15
Carrick Skuse	15
Susan Szabo	17
Charles Coe	21
Wendy Mengel	22
Cari Skuse	26
Lisa Wallace	28
Susan Huber	29

August Baptismal Birthdays

Mary Lehocky	2
Scott Lehman	3
John Hamara	4
Helen Nord	4
Barb Blank	5
Brett Torres	11
Ruth Miller	17
Niko Podeszwa	17
Chase O'Palka	18
Bryan Lehocky	22
Shawn Mengel	22
Rachel Eckstrom	23
Colton Blank	24
Connie Kerr	28

August Anniversaries

Sam & Kathy Osten	5
Bill & Becky Mallary	11
Stephan & Mirka Fatschel	15
Carl & Jennifer Ciccone	20

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- Bill Hewlett, recovering from kidney surgery
- June Shively recovering from having her leg amputated above the knee
- Ethel Clayton, recovering from double knee surgery
- Carol Helkowski, recuperating at Cranberry Place
- Prayers of encouragement for Lanaya, granddaughter of Joe and Karen Meinert
- Chuck Taylor, recuperating from back surgery
- Willis Volland's sister Betty Ann, health concerns
- Sandy Majors, Rose Reiley, Bill Patterson, Margaret Rombold, Milt Scott, Philip Forsyth, Twila DeThomas' stepfather, battling cancer.

A Prayer Request box has been placed in the Narthex area where you can submit prayer requests for Pr. Michael to review. Please fill out the forms that are available on the side of this box.

The Lutheran Hour—July Sermon Schedule

Unless otherwise indicated Rev. Seltz is the weekly Lutheran Hour Speaker.

July 6 "Real Rest for the Weary"

Real rest is a gift from a gracious God Who draws us to Himself and fills the emptiness in our souls. (Matthew 11:25-30)

July 13 "Truth Has a Voice"

There are many destructive voices that call to us. Jesus has another word, a clear voice of life and salvation. (Romans 8:12-17)

July 20 "Hope Worth Waiting For"

In Christ, we wait in hope and confidence that our struggles have purpose for our life now and in the world to come. (Romans 8:18-27)

July 27 "Nothing"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Nothing in all of creation can separate you from the love of God which is yours in Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:38-39)

Installation of Congregational Officers

The following Prince of Peace members have been installed as Congregational Officers:

Council Secretary: Dana Hankinson

Financial Secretary: Kathleen Ormiston

Property and Grounds: Bill Hewlett

Parish Fellowship: Sandy Kostelnik & Joyce Hewlett

Please remember these individuals in your prayers as they serve the ministries they have been elected to uphold.

Blessings and thanks to Doug Eckstrom, Diane O’Palka, Darryl Gunther and Joleen Mesing for their service, hard work and endless contributions as former Council members.

The position of Council President is still open. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to lead and serve in this capacity.

Food Drive

Please continue to support our partnership with the Unionville United Methodist Church Food Pantry by bringing in your non-perishable food items such as cereal, soup, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, etc. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Explorer Club

The Youth and Family ministry is starting back our monthly explorer outings. They will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We will have a light lunch after church and head out from there. We will be doing hiking, biking, visiting parks and historical sites. Come join us as we explore!! If you have any questions about upcoming excursions please contact Eric Bendekovic at 724.513.9703 or ebendekovic@aol.com.

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."
~Martin Luther

God's Master Work

The ladies' Thursday evening Bible study is thoroughly enjoying working our way through the Bible again, this time using the series "God's Master Work" from Insight for Living. The teacher, Chuck Swindoll, brings interesting information and insights to this survey of each book of the Bible. Here is the schedule in case there is a specific book you'd like to join us to discuss. If you are interested in attending a class, please contact Kathleen Ormiston so you can be notified of any last minute changes in the schedule. Hope to see you there!

***July 10-1 Samuel; July 17-2 Samuel; July 24-1 Kings; July 31-2 Kings;
August 7-1 & 2 Chronicles; August 14-Ezra; August 21-Nehemiah; August 28-Esther***

Air Conditioning Fund

Since we are getting close to repaying the AC Fund, and donations are starting to be sparse, as of the end of June, this fund will be closed. Thank you for your support in replenishing our savings. Any money donated after the end of June will be credited towards the General Fund.

Adopt A Seminary Student

Seth Kunze (our adopted Concordia Seminary student) and his family has welcomed a new baby AND a new address while he is doing his vicarage in Tennessee. Their newest letter is posted on the bulletin board. Their current address is: 721 Walker Springs Rd., Apt. I1, Knoxville, TN 37923.

Summer Office Hours

The office will be closed on Friday during the summer months. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 25th. Thank you!

July 2014

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5 6:30 Holy Communion
6 4 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	7	8	9 6:30 Council Mtg.	10 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	11	12 9:00-11:00 Mens Club 6:30 Holy Communion
13 5 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult 10:15 Holy Communion	14	15	16	17 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	18	19 6:30 Holy Communion
20 6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult 10:15 Holy Communion Explorer's Club	21	22	23	24 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	25	26 6:30 Holy Communion
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August 2014

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