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MONTHLY Newsletter

A PUBLICATION OF **OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*The Mission of Our Savior:
That all may know Christ,
grow in Christ
and joyfully go with Christ.*

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FROM OUR PASTOR...

“LOVE AND TIME”

Grace, mercy, and peace from our Creator God and Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to start with a short story about the relationship between love and time. I don't recall where I came across this story, but it speaks to my heart as they work together, yoked through the fabric of creation. This speaks to the outpouring of what God has done and continues to do: to bless us with grace upon grace.

Once upon a time, there was a secluded island where all the feelings lived: Happiness, Sadness, Anger, Trust, the rest of the feelings, and all the accompanying emotions, including Love and Time. As long as they lived, everyone in the world could have them.

But then, one day, it was announced that the island was going to sink, so they all had to vacate the island as soon as possible or die, and with their deaths, everyone in the world would lose those feelings forever. All the feelings and company quickly prepared their boats to leave as soon as possible. Love was the only one who decided to stay until the island started to sink.

But when the moment came, and Love wanted to leave, Love found itself without a boat. Someone else must have taken it. Love started to worry... and then suddenly, it saw Wealth. As Wealth passed by in its most beautiful boat, Love said, "Wealth, can you take me with you?" Wealth answered, "No, I can't. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat, and sadly, there is no place here for you."

Next, Love saw Vanity, who was also passing by. "Vanity, please help me!" pleaded Love. I can't help you, Love. You are all wet and would damage my boat if I took you in," Vanity answered.

Sadness was close, so Love asked for help, "Sadness, let me

go with you." Sadness unwillingly responded, "Oh. Love, I am so sad that I prefer to go alone!"

Happiness passed by Love, too, but she was so happy and cheerful that she did not hear when Love called her!

Love was in disbelief. It was doomed to go down with the island, but suddenly, there was an elderly voice, "Come, Love, I will take you." Love became so happy that he forgot to ask the elder her name.

When they arrived at dry land, the elder went on her way. Love came across Knowledge and asked if he knew the elder who helped him. "It was Time," answered Knowledge. "Time?"

But why did Time help me?" asked Love. "Because only Time can understand how valuable Love is," answered Knowledge. Love and time became inseparable, even though many people forget the importance of being together and ignore one another when caring for another.

From the start of Jesus' ministry, he only had roughly three years until he was crucified. You can sense the urgency in his voice when he speaks to his disciples, telling them that his time is short. Yet, when the disciples return from being sent out, Jesus pulls them off the road for a rest.

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Join us for...

**BACK TO SCHOOL—
Prayers & Backpack
Blessing**

During the worship services on
August 10 & 11,
we will bless
backpacks and bags
of all students and adults who
bring them –
**we'll fill them up with
Back to School Prayers
and Blessings!**

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They needed time to rest, recharge, and catch up by sharing what they had encountered. They needed love and time with one another to be replenished, and when the time was right, they were sent back out again.

Mary Mohl included a breath prayer in this month's newsletter (see calendar/insert). I highly encourage us to take a few moments out of our day to pray. When we intentionally set time aside to pray, we pay homage to God with our love and time. When we slow down, even for a few moments in our day, we tell God that God matters.

We, too, need time to rest, recharge, and catch up by sharing what we have encountered. We, too, need love and time with one another to be replenished. God should matter; it was God who gave us life in the beginning and will offer us life when it comes to an end.

I sometimes wonder if God has answered my prayer, but I don't recognize God's response because I was too busy navigating all of the traffic around me. Lord knows I have lamented my heart over the years, and in times of desperation, my prayer is to have an ear to hear and eyes to see.

Lord, thank you for the gifts of love and time; they are the precious companions to the One true voice calling us from the wilderness. Let us feel your presence, trust you are listening, and help us slow down long enough to hear your voice. We pray this in your Son's name, amen.

Peace,
Pastor Chad



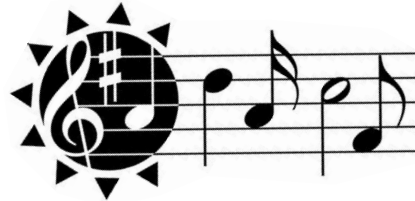
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CAMPUS MINISTRY



WSC LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT

Our Savior and Lutheran Campus Ministry at Wayne State College are cooperating in a "back-to-school" event on **Wednesday, August 21, from 6-7pm.** New WSC freshmen, returning students, and Our Savior 6th-12th grade youth are invited to gather on the lawn by the Front Porch for burgers and brats (with all the fixings!)

Kick-off the school year with an evening of good food, good fellowship and good times!



MUSIC FOR AUGUST

- August 3 & 4** Connie Webber, organist
- August 10 & 11** Connie Webber, organist
- August 17 & 18** Connie Webber, organist
- August 24 & 25** Shelly Armstrong, pianist



LOOKING AHEAD...TO SEPTEMBER

◀OSLC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING!

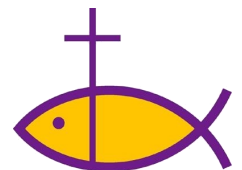


Come join us at the Wayne Country Club on **Sunday, September 8, at 4pm for OSLC's annual golf outing!** Format is **Scramble-4** person teams (come as a team or one will be made for you). Cost is \$15 for individuals or \$25 couple; includes 9-hole greens fee, cart rental, prizes and meal.

Consider bringing a canned/boxed food or monetary donation; all items collected will be given to the Wayne Food Pantry!

Contact Darrell Miller at 402.369.2015 (call or text) or darrellmiller1218@gmail.com by Wednesday, September 4 to pre-register and/or set up teams.

Be Invitational—Bring Friends—All are Welcome!



◀CONFIRMATION BEGINS

- **Wed, September 11—Confirmation Kick-Off / Meet & Greet / Information Meeting** for 6th, 7th & 8th grade students, parents and 8th grade mentors.
- **Wed, September 18—Confirmation Classes Begin**



THANK YOU'S...

Wayne Food Pantry—Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$100 dated June 30, 2024, to the Wayne Food Pantry. Your donations help to enable us to provide nutrition to individuals and families in need in Wayne County, Nebraska.

Jenny Hammer,
Wayne Food Pantry Coordinator

Phyllis Rahn—Thank you to my church family for supporting me with your caring acts of love and prayers. For the meals from Caring Cooks and the special people who got me to PT appointments and church.. For Pastor Chad's encouraging words and your cards of cheer. Can't forget the carnation for Mother's Day and May Day treats from Senior Ministry between my knee surgeries in April and July. I am blessed to be nurtured by my precious church family. God is good indeed.

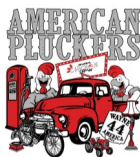
Additional thank you's received for donation made—

Lutheran Family Services: \$100

Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry: \$3,000 (WSC Campus Ministry Annual Support)

Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry at WSC: \$383 (June Dollar Door Offering)

Outreach Committee—We would like to thank all who took the time and effort to walk with us in the Chicken Show Parade. We had such a nice turnout. Thank you also to Roger Lentz who provided the pickup and drove for us, to Dan and Tanya Heikes who allowed us to store the float in their building after it was decorated, to Chris and Carol McGuire for housing the float during the year, and to Kris Robinson for all the help during the process. Having a float in the parade would not be possible without all of your help.



IRIS PRAYER CHAIN

Our Savior's Prayer Chain is shared via our IRIS (*Immediate Response Information System*)...with each participant being notified of a prayer request by receiving a phone call, email or text. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please let the office know (402.375.2899 or kris@oslcwayne.org).



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

PERSONAL CARE & SCHOOL KITS

Our Savior's Charity Circle will be assembling Personal Care and Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief at their September meeting and are asking for your help in gathering supplies. A box for your donations will be in the narthex. Now's a great time to catch these items on sale!

For more information about LWR ProjectPromise, see: buildkitsofcare.org

- Items most needed for School Kits include: 70-sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled), black or blue ballpoint pens, box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- Items most needed for Personal Care Kits include: bath-size towels, bath-size bar soap (in original wrapping), nail clippers.



SAVE THE DATE!

Pink Flamingo Nite will be held Thursday, October 17.

You won't want to miss this year's speaker, Juli Burney, Motivational Humorist!

A little about Julie—"Multiple award winning teacher, humorist and author, Juli makes an amazing connection with her audiences. ... Her humor is insightful, delightful, universal and enlightening which ever topic she presents."
(juli burney.com)



We are so excited for the opportunity to have Juli present at Pink Flamingo Nite and look forward to seeing you there!



CIRCLE & MINISTRY GROUP MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

No meeting in August

JOY CIRCLE

No meeting in August

CHARITY CIRCLE

- Wednesday, August 21, 7pm
Program: Organizational Meeting & Thanksgiving Cards
Leader: Lynette Lentz, Kris Robinson

VISITATION MINISTRY GROUP

- Wednesday, August 21, 1pm

QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

- Monday, August 26, 9am

All women of the congregation are always welcome and invited to participate.



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild workers for August: Mary Stalling, Cheryl Henschke, Melia Hefti, Marsha Roth, Madge Bruflat, Julie Grone, Janet Sievers, Dorothy Wert, Mary Hansen, Teri Koenig, Joan Baier, Sharon Fleer, Lynette Lentz, Cynthia Miller, Paula Gemelke, Peggy Hank, Trisha Peters, Martina Swanson, Julie/Jim Hansen, Virginia Backstrom, Debbie Bargholz. Please check the worship assistant schedule for the date and time.



GREETINGS!

Here it is, August already! Where has our summer gone? I hope your summer gave you time away for some fun and relaxation.

Our July Joy Circle was an enjoyable afternoon spent with Our Savior ladies and Concordia ladies living at Kinship Pointe. There were nine of us in attendance there in the family room. Thanks to Sue for writing the program and to Lynette for presenting it. We served Lemonade and a dessert after the program. It was great to have these ladies with us, as they used to attend Joy Circle at the church. There will be no Joy Circle meeting in the month of August.

However, Charity Circle will meet on the evening of August 21, with Lynette and Kris. They will have an Organizational Meeting and will be making Thanksgiving cards for our shut-in members. Hope to see you there!

I will be attending the Lutheran Family Services "Saved to Serve" event at First Lutheran Church in Blair on August 2-4. I am looking forward to spending time with other Lutheran ladies, working and worshipping together. Thank you to those who donated items for the Tangible Offering and to the Our Savior Quilting group for the quilts. I'm sure these items will be put to good use by these young people as they exit out of the Foster Care System. "Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another, to show love". (Hebrews 10:24 TEV) Please add them to your "prayer list" as they make this transition.

Ladies, mark your calendar to attend the Nebraska Women of the ELCA Autumn Renewal being held Saturday, October 12, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island. I hope to have more information to tell you on this next month.

I know I have said it before, but all ladies of Our Savior are welcome and invited to attend these circles and other events. There is always good fellowship and of course, good food. (We're Lutheran!)

Keep a smile on your face and love one another!

Dorothy Wert,
WELCA President

WELCA PURPOSE

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.



PASTORAL ACTS

† A Memorial service was held Monday, July 8, for **William “Bill” Kugler**. Bill died October 30, 2023.



IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in prayer those who were hospitalized in the last month: Phyllis Rahn, Helen Frahm.



“YOU VISITED ME...”

The Visitation Ministry Group meets to sign and send cards to church members and to share a visit with friends. Please come and be a part of our Visitation Ministry Group. The group will meet on **Wednesday, August 21, at 1pm**.

For more information about this wonderful ministry, please contact Rhonda Blecke, Sandra Lutt or the church office.



WORSHIP SERVICES— at Wayne Countryview & Kinship

Worship with Communion is offered on the first Tuesday of the month—**August 6**. (We thank Pr. Priscilla Hukki who will be filling in for Pr. Chad.)

- Wayne Countryview at 2pm
- Kinship at 3:30pm.

Worship is also offered the third Tuesday of the month at Kinship at 3:30pm.

- Tuesday, August 20

WACAM Worship Services

- August 26-30—Radio Devotions
- August 28—Devotions at Kinship
- September 1—Worship at Countryview, 1:30pm

KINSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at Kinship meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, at 3:30pm. This study led by Sharon Garvin also uses Lectionary Bible readings and a resource from the ELCA entitled, *Daily Discipleship*. Join them on **Thursdays, August 8 & 22**. Everyone is welcome.

QUILT MINISTRY GROUP

Our Savior’s Quilt Ministry Group welcomes anyone who would like to help “tie” quilts. You don’t need to know how to sew or quilt; simply “tie” a knot!

Consider joining the Quilt Ministry Group as they tie quilts to be given to Lutheran World Relief and other organizations that need them. The group will meet on **Monday, August 26, at 9am**. Everyone is welcome!



SLEEPING MAT MINISTRY

Sleeping mats are made from plastic shopping bags. This is a great way to recycle all those plastic grocery bags! (A basket is available in the narthex to collect CLEAN bags.) There are several steps to preparing the bags before the mats can be crocheted...so there are opportunities for all to participate! Join us on **Thursday, August 1, and Monday, August 19, from 9–11am**.

Consider being a part of this wonderful ministry; both the VA in Omaha and Orphan Grain Train look forward to receiving the mats!

2024 RADIO BROADCASTS

Consider sponsoring a radio broadcast. Radio broadcast of our Sunday morning worship service can be heard live on KCTY-The City 98.9 FM, 1590 AM and online at waynedailynews.com as well as the Wayne Radio app for iPhone or Android.

The remaining available dates for 2024 are **August 18 & 25, September 8 & 15, November 10 and December 22**. Please contact the church office (kris@oslcwayne.org or 402-375-2899) to reserve a date.

Thank you to all who support this ministry of the church!



- 1 Jennifer Greve
- 3 David Olson
- 5 Sheryl Doring, Leslie Johnson
- 6 David Bowder
- 7 Matt Becker,
- 8 Byron Heier, Amelia Legler
- 9 Peg Schaffer
- 11 Grant Onderstal
- 12 Steve Dinsmore, Ken Jorgensen
- 13 Lynda Belt
- 14 Gabriel Armstrong
- 15 DeAnn Behlers, Roy Gramlich, Mason Nelson,
Luke Peters
- 16 Carroll Baier, Jeremy Bauermeister,
Karma Magnuson, Dylan Sokol
- 17 Shelley Jorgensen, Valerie Koeber, Eileen Lutt
- 18 Kim Becker, Jaydyn Jorgensen, Kelly Legler
- 20 Natalie Bentjen
- 22 Zach Gemelke, Kinnley McGuire
- 23 Debbie Bargholz, Marsha Roth, Brad Wieland
- 24 Lynette Lentz
- 25 Randy Bargholz, Melia Hefti,
Pr. Chad Rademacher
- 26 Layton Becker, Andrea Blecke, Julie Grone,
Janice Johnson, Michael Sievers
- 27 Sharon Garvin, Joyce Sievers
- 28 Jeanne Vezner
- 29 Hadley Dunklau
- 30 Daryl Mundil
- 31 Catherine Rutenbeck, Megan Sokol

& ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Stan & Barb Stenwall (50)
- 3 Kelly & Candace Petersen (22)
- 6 Matt & Kim Becker (13)
- 7 Joel & Shelley Jorgensen (31)
- 8 Pr. Chad & Sara Rademacher (26)
- 9 Alan & Madge Bruffat (44)
- 11 Mike & Lori Dickes (45)
Jerry & Kris Robinson (34)
- 14 David & Joan Baier (48)
Mike & Peggy Hank (48)
- 16 David & Eileen Lutt (60)
- 17 Don & Judy Koenig (61)
- 19 Dan & Tanya Heikes (35)
- 21 Matthew & Shelley Armstrong (25)
- 26 Dennis & Deb Jensen (51)
- 31 Steve & Paula Gemelke (33)

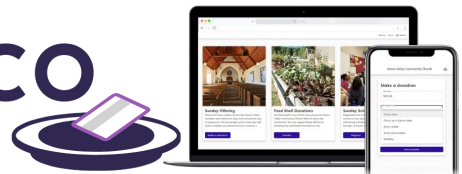
If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please accept our apology and let the church office know.

YOU'RE INVITED... TO COFFEE with Council



Coffee with Council is an opportunity to meet with members of the church council for coffee, refreshments and discussion. Join them prior to worship, 9am, **Sunday morning, August 11.**

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FAITH



You can give electronically to OSLC—just download the Vanco Mobile app OR go to our website at <https://oslcwayne.org/give/>

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	As of July 15, 2024	Year-to-Date
Beginning balance, 6/15/2024	\$30,245.98	\$26,252.03
Add: Income	34,866.01	233,944.65
Less: Expenses	-25,966.95	-221,051.64
Ending balance, 7/15/2024	\$39,145.04	\$39,145.04

If you have any questions about this report or other church finance matters, please contact Tom Hansen (402-518-0640) or Paula Gemelke (402-369-2176).



OF THE FOUNDATION

The third-quarter meeting of the Foundation Board of Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held **Monday, August 26**, at 7pm. All grant applications need to be turned in by **Monday, August 19** to be considered. **Applications are available in the church office.**

COUNCIL CORNER—July 8, 2024 Meeting

- New candles have been purchased for use at Christmas Eve Candlelight services and for decorating. Other decorations will be purchased later once we get a better idea of what is needed.
- Ministry Sight Profile has been approved by the council for the calling of our second pastor.
- Kari Ahlgrim, from Head Start, is working on funds for educators to use the Front Porch this fall.
- One Sunday each month will be a different style of meal after church. The council is currently looking at the calendar of events to see when these lunches would best take place.
- We are still looking for a date to hold CPR/AED training for anyone interested.
- The council unanimously voted on Kelly Grone to be the interim president until the end of the year.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be **Monday, August 12, 2024.**

DOLLAR DOOR OFFERING—

The **August Dollar Door Offering** will go to the Lutheran World Relief Kit Shipping Fund and/or kit supplies.



CALENDAR ITEMS

Reminder...please contact the church office regarding any meetings or gatherings scheduled; especially those held after office hours, so that they can be added to the master calendar. If no evening activities are listed, the church building is locked at approx. 5pm.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

For the Weekend Bulletin: by 11am each Thursday.

For the Monthly Newsletter: 20th of the month.

RESOURCES

- Wayne County Family Coalition (402-375-2200)
- Wayne Food Pantry & Backpack Program (402-375-2669 – fpcwayne.org/food-pantry) In order to use the Wayne Food Pantry, please call or email in advance if you need assistance. All inquiries are confidential.
- Wayne Food Truck – Saturday, August 24, at Journey Christian Church



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Weekly Worship Opportunities:

Saturday Evening: 5:30pm

Sunday Morning: 10am

(streamed live and posted to our Facebook page: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Wayne NE (ELCA) and broadcast live on AM 1590 and FM 98.9)

Sunday School: (N-5th)

Sundays—10am; Fall/Winter/Spring

Confirmation: (6th-8th)

Wednesdays—6pm; Fall/Winter/Spring

- Staff -

Rev. Chad Rademacher
Pastor

Connie Webber
Director of Music

Bridget Vaith
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry

Virginia Kniesche
Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Kris Robinson
Administrative Assistant

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Larry Lueders *Vice President*

Paula Gemelke *Treasurer*

Jessica Wieland *Secretary*

Marion Arneson **Ron Carnes**

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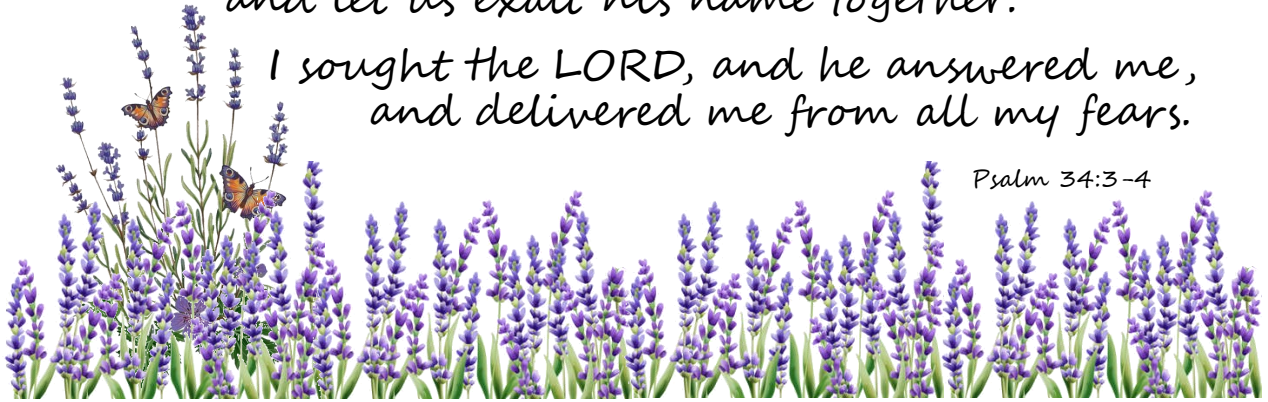
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*O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.*

*I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.*

Psalm 34:3-4



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Giving Thanks For:

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00am Sleeping Met Ministry 6:00pm Women Who Love to Talk-and Eat	2	3 5:30pm Worship
4 9:00am Fellowship Hour 10:00am Worship	5 10:30am Staff Meeting 5:45pm Executive Committee 6:00pm Christian Ed Meeting	6 10:00am Cluster Text Study 2:00pm Communion @ Wayne Countryview 3:30pm Communion @ Kinship Pointe	7	8 3:30pm Bible Study @ Kinship	9	10  5:30pm Worship
11  9:00am Coffee with Council 10:00am Worship	12 10:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Fellowship Team Mtg 7:00pm Church Council	13 10:00am Cluster Text Study	14 10:30am WACAM	15	16	17 5:30pm Worship
18 9:00am Fellowship Hour 10:00am Worship	19 Foundation Grant Deadline 9:00am Sleeping Met Ministry 10:30am Staff Meeting	20  10:00am Cluster Text Study 3:30pm Worship @ Kinship Pointe	21  1:00pm Visitation Ministry Group 6:00pm Back-To-School BBQ 7:00pm Charity Circle	22 3:30pm Bible Study @ Kinship	23	24  9:30am Wayne Food Truck @ Journey Christian Church 5:30pm Worship
25 9:00am Fellowship Hour 10:00am Worship	26 Radio Devotions 9:00am Quilt Ministry Group 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Foundation Board Meeting	27 Radio Devotions 10:00am Cluster Text Study	28 Radio Devotions 3:30pm Devotions @ Kinship	29 Radio Devotions	30 Radio Devotions	31 5:30pm Worship

PRAYER *Time*

Why do we pray?

God is ever present in our lives whether we notice it or not. We make time to pray in order to notice God's presence. Unless we make that decision to spend time in prayer with God, days can go by without so much as a "thank you" to God for all the blessings we receive every day.

Prayer, then, is the conscious act of placing ourselves in God's presence, both speaking and listening for God. Prayer is meant to be a dialog with God. We must use words, but also spend time in silence.

Many people find it much easier to pray for someone else who is suffering, in pain, sick, or grieving than to pray for ourselves. When we do take time to pray for ourselves, it is usually when we feel down, ill, or in pain. *It is really okay to pray for ourselves anytime!* Praying for ourselves deepens our relationship with God. It keeps us in tune with our feelings and emotions. We also become more aware of God's presence in the ordinary events of our lives. We begin to see Christ in others and in all of creation.

One way to pray for ourselves is to use **Breath Prayers**. Here are the guidelines for you to try and hopefully practice until it becomes a habit or a favorite way to pray.

- Find a quiet spot.
- Sit comfortably with your feet on the floor and your arms in your lap or by your side.
- Use Breath Prayers as you sit down at a table or your desk, as you get into your car before turning it on, as you reach your destination before getting out of the car, as you are getting into or out of bed.
- Close your eyes or soften your gaze.
- Choose a phrase that is meaningful to you. It can be a verse from the Bible or a line from a favorite hymn, or the line from a poem.
- As you take in a deep breath, mentally say the first part of the phrase.
- As you breathe out, mentally say the remainder of the phrase.
- Repeat the breath prayer over and over until you feel a sense of peace or relaxation.

Here are several possible breath prayers but feel free to create one of your own:

Breathe in.....

The Lord is my shepherd
Create in me
Spirit of God
Precious Lord
Be still
Lo
Lord Jesus Christ
Do not be afraid

Breathe out.....

I shall not want.
A clean heart O God.
descend upon my heart.
take my hand.
and know that I am God.
I am with you always.
have mercy on me.
I am with you

Take time each day to recharge and care for yourself. A five or ten minute break specifically for prayer is great to clear your mind or stop the busyness of the day. It's okay to acknowledge when you need rest and renewal. Self-care is essential for maintaining compassion and kindness towards others.

Look for more Prayer Time offerings next month!