

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 Nick and Liz, whose mother passed away. Also, for Jarvis, as he moves back to Minneapolis, that he find a job and settles there happily.
- From Joan L for Marge, who is dealing with serious health problems.
- From Earle and Gay D, for Melissa, their daughter's sister-in-law, who recently was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- From Carole and Tim L, for her cousin, An, and who love and care for her. Strength and courage as she heals. Thank you for God's love.
- From Judy E, for her daughter, Laurie M, who has an infection in the stomach.
- From Oliver C, for Ginger P., for continued healing of her shoulder following surgery. Also, for Audrey CH, who will be starting her next round of chemo therapy soon.
- For Christine H, as she discerns how to correct her recent hospital billing and documentation errors so that Medicare will pay the bills.
- For Patty A. as she heals from a very bad cold.
- For families who are struggling with finances and relationship. May they continue to look to God for guidance and may we be available when asked to help.
- For our congregation and our ministry together that God would help us breakthrough what holds us back to share ministry with young families and 20 and 30 years old's.
- For clergy and congregations in transitions as they begin new ministry together under new appointments.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy S, Eileen S, Gwen S, Louise L, Jean F, Dave and Jeanne H, Marge D, Pat and Rod S, Donna S, Eleanor P, Jean B, Walt M, Charles and Mary Ellen C.
- Prayers of celebration for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions.

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

July 8, 2018

## Matthew 25:14-30 The Message (MSG)

### The Story About Investment

<sup>14-18</sup> “It’s also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master’s investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master’s money...

...<sup>26-27</sup> “The master was furious. ‘That’s a terrible way to live! It’s criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest.’<sup>28-30</sup> “‘Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this “play-it-safe” who won’t go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.’

## Luke 19:11-27 The Message (MSG)

### The Story About Investment

<sup>11</sup> While he had their attention, and because they were getting close to Jerusalem by this time and expectation was building that God’s kingdom would appear any minute, he told this story: <sup>12-13</sup> “There was once a man descended from a royal house who needed to make a long trip back to headquarters to get authorization for his rule and then return. But first he called ten servants together, gave them each a sum of money, and instructed them, ‘Operate with this until I return.’...

...<sup>24</sup> “Then he said to those standing there, ‘Take the money from him and give it to the servant who doubled my stake.’<sup>25</sup> “They said, ‘But Master, he already has double.’<sup>26</sup> “He said, ‘That’s what I mean: Risk your life and get more than you ever dreamed of. Play it safe and end up holding the bag.’<sup>27</sup> “‘As for these enemies of mine who petitioned against my rule, clear them out of here. I don’t want to see their faces around here again.’”

**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 Assist.	Linda C
Custodian	Amy P
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz

**Assisting In Worship:**

Liturgist	9:30	Nancy B
Ushers	9:30	Ed and Barb K
Greeters	9:30	Harold and Alicia W
Prelude Music	9:30	Debbie S/Michelle G
Counters		Jane E & Carole L
Unlocking		Marilyn K
Refreshments		Tim and Carole L



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: Plymouth, TBS, and their 22 members, Plymouth is located at 5614 S County Rd H, Orfordville, WI 53576/Mailing address P.O. Box 331 Orfordville, WI 53576.

**Calendar:**

**Sunday - July 8**

9:30 am	Worship
10:45 am	Threshold Prayer

**Monday - July 9**

9:30 am	No Page Left Unturned
6:30 pm	Hospitality Inviting Sub-team meeting
7:00 pm	AA

**Tuesday - July 10**

**Wednesday - July 11**

5:30 pm	Cathedral Center
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**Thursday - July 12**

**Friday - July 13**

**Saturday - July 14**

9:30 am	Worship/Choir
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**Sunday - July 15**



**No Page Left Unturned  
Monday, July 9 at 9:00 am at  
Panera Bread—Oak Creek, WI  
*The Little Old Lady Who  
Broke All the Rules,*  
by Catherine Ingelman Sundberg**



**Cathedral Center**

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 5:30**

Please see the sign-up sheet on the Friendship Room table. Please contact Joanne M. Come feed your soul with the joy of volunteering as we meet the needs of the people at Cathedral Center

**Our Harmony Club**

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

**From 9:30 am- 3:30 pm**

Our Harmony Club is hoping that you would be able to refer anyone that may need our services to call or look at our website [www.ourharmonyclub.org](http://www.ourharmonyclub.org). Please, feel free to share the insert or post our link on your Facebook page. They really want to help and make a difference in the community, without the help of fellow community members we could not grow, let alone exist...so please consider spreading the work we are here to help!

**School Supplies Collection**

It is that time of year again! Tabitha Circle is collecting school supplies for United Methodist Children Services and we need your help. Please bring in new supplies by **Sunday, July 29** and place them in the School Bus collection boxes by the UMW table in the Friendship Room. A supply list can be picked up in the Friendship Room. UMCS needs the supplies by August to get them distributed before school starts. Thank you for your help with this mission.



**Creation Celebration Sunday  
An Intergenerational Event  
Sunday, July 29, 2018**

We will gather together following worship to share a potluck brunch and then we will go outside to work on finishing the six boulevards in the upper parking lot. The boulevards were prepped this past spring by volunteers who spent about a total of around 100 hours pulling out the old juniper bushes and landscape fabric and topping each boulevard with A LOT of new topsoil. The boulevards have been covered for two months with plastic to bake any weeds and grass. Now the boulevards are ready for the new plantings. Those plants will arrive on Saturday, July 28 and there are a lot of them! We need your help getting them in the ground! Please join us on Sunday, July 29, for worship, a potluck brunch, and working out in creation. A signup sheet is in the Friendship Room. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wendee.

**Thank you  
to all who supported our  
Youth over the past year by  
participating in the fundraisers.**

Our youth will be leaving for Nehemiah in Cleveland, OH for a mission trip Saturday, July 28 – Saturday, August 4, 2018.