

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 Mary Ann B, for her friend Lois, whose brother lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, October 7.
- From Tiffany VB, for her family as they grieve the death of her mother following a heart attack at the age of 72 years old.
- From Eric vH, for Anna S and her family. Anna was Eric's aunt. She died on October 5. Prayers for comfort in this time of loss.
- From Shelly S, for her brother-in-law, Mike M and her sister, Merrilee M, as he heals from a fall out of a deer tree stand.
- From Diane L, for Darith, Belinda, and their unborn baby who was diagnosed with spina bifida. Prayers for hope and growth.
- From Lois and Steve D, for Dylan, a four year old, who is finishing his first week of chemotherapy to treat lymphoma. Praise God, Dylan is doing well so far.
- From Val and Diana J, for Linda S, a sister who found out after three years that she has multiple sclerosis and was told she may never walk again. Prayers for healing and grace.
- From Judi I, for her daughter who has a small hole in her left heart valve, and for Kenny and Nicky, Judi's grand-kids, who are happy and healthy. Nick is now breathing on his own.
- From Bonnie C, for her friend, Pat F, and all who are dealing with illness. Prayers for comfort and healing.
- For Russ P, who fell last week and has nine stitches on his forehead and a broken arm. Prayers for patience.
- For Mary Ellen C, who is in the hospital with an infection and will be returning to long-term rehab soon.
- For Jean E, Ken and Judy E's sister-in-law. Jean needed emergency surgery last week due to cancer surrounding her trachea. Prayers for the long road to recovery and the needed treatment decisions.
- For all who suffer from mental health issues, addictions to drug and/or alcohol, and loneliness. Prayers for hope and connection.
- 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 14, 2018

Luke 10:25-37 The Message (MSG)

Defining “Neighbor”


²⁵ Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?” ²⁶ He answered, What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?” ²⁷ He said, “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.” ²⁸ “Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.” ²⁹ Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbor?’” ³⁰⁻³² Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man. ³³⁻³⁵ “A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I’ll pay you on my way back.’” ³⁶ “What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?” ³⁷ “The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

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	Lynn W
	10:45	Shelly S
Ushers	8:00	Ed and Barb K
	10:45	Steve and Lois D
Greeters	8:00	Janet P
	10:45	John and Katie F
Prelude Music		Debbie S/Michelle G
Counters		Jane E & Carole L
Unlocking		Marilyn K
Refreshments		Michelle G
Drama Disciples 8:00		Judge: Christal B
Lawyer One:		Bonnie C
Lawyer Two:		Jerry B
Wise Man:		Chris S
Woman:		Kelly D
Person:		Jane E
Paul:		Doug C
Drama Disciples 10:45		Judge: Christal B
Lawyer One:		Bonnie C
Lawyer Two:		Eric vH
Wise Man:		Jerry B
Woman:		Jenny vH
Person:		Jane E
Paul:		Doug C



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: Elm Grove: Community, their pastor Kristina Androsky, and their 592 members, Elm Grove: Community is located at 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove, WI 53122.

Calendar:

Sunday - 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
12:00 pm	Stewardship Gathering

Monday - October 15 - Newsletter Deadline

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Cares & Concerns Meeting
1:00 pm	Disciple Fast Track
3:00 pm	Student Intern/Pastor Supr'v Mtg
5:30 pm	Cathedral Center
6:30 pm	Finance Team Meeting
7:00 pm	AA

Tuesday - October 16

9:00 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Our Harmony Club
10:00 am	Pastor Wendee at Pine Lake for Diversity Conference
6:30 pm	Disciple Fast Track

Wednesday - October 17

9:00 am	Preschool
6:00 pm	Spiritual Gifts Class
6:15 pm	Bell Choir
7:30 pm	Altar Choir

Thursday - October 18

9:00 am	Preschool
10:00 am	Giving in Grace Bible Study
1:00 pm	Sarah Circle Meeting
6:30 pm	Giving in Grace Bible Study

Friday - October 19

Saturday - October 20

8:00 am	All Church Fall Clean Up Day
9:00 am	Breakthrough Prayer Walk
	UMW General Mtg - WI Conference
	Annual Gathering at Waukesha First

Sunday - October 21 - Celebration/Commitment

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship/Receiving New Members
12:00 pm	Hospitality Team Meeting
12:00 pm	Student Intern Site Meeting
All Day	Youth Missions Fundraiser Mod Pizza

**Cares and Concerns Meeting
Monday, October 15 at 9:00 am**

**Sarah Circle Meeting
Thursday, October 18, at 1:00 pm**



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



**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.



**Fall Clean Up Day
Saturday, October 20, 2018
8:00 am to Noon**

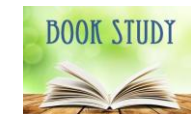
The Trustees has a lot of projects to accomplish and would appreciate your help. Come for the morning or for as long as you can. Lunch will be provided at noon for those that are still here. Rain or shine, there are projects to be done inside and outside. Supplies will be provided for the projects planned for outside and inside:
Outside - mulch the plants in the islands, clean the parsonage and garage gutters, weed parsonage, pick-up sticks, mark trees to be removed, clean out garage

Inside - wash entry door windows, wipe down conference room tables, tighten conference room chairs, wipe down bathroom windows, clean basement kitchen, wash out refrigerators, finish drywalling parsonage bathroom.



**Youth Missions Fundraising Event
Sunday, October 21 at Mod Pizza
Any time from 10:30 am - 9:00 pm**

Please support our youth and stop by Mod Pizza in Drexel Square on Sunday, October 21. Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church will receive a donation of 20% of all sales from anyone who turns in flyer (see insert). On the day of the fundraiser, all customers must present a printed or digital version of the flyer to the cashier in order to receive the 20% of the sale.



**Book Study Recap
October 24 at 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm.**

Our follow-up discussion gathering class on the Book -*A Place to Pray: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer*, by Roberta C. Bondi will be on Wednesday, October 24 at 6:00 pm

**Hospitality Boot Camp
Sunday, October 28, at 12:00 pm**

If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities in any of these areas, please attend our Hospitality Boot Camp.