

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 Lynn W for her mother, Dolores E, who has begun kidney dialysis and is at South Shore Hospital. Prayer for this new journey.
- For healing for Allan L who is suffering from vertigo.
- For those who feel as if the world is crashing in around them.
- For families in relational turmoil. Pray that families can mend relationships through forgiveness and grace.
- For our nation as we grieve the death of former president George H. W. Bush.
- For the start of Hanukkah and the Jewish Festival of Light.
- For the people in Alaska after the 7.0 earthquake. Prayers of thanksgiving for all were safe. Now the rebuilding begins.
- For those who are homeless during the cold winter season.
- From Diane L for Darith, Belinda, and their baby who is expected to be born with spina bifida.
- From Larry G for his mother who suffered a stroke that has affected her speech and mobility. Currently, she is in the hospital and faces 4-8 weeks of rehab, but we don't know if she will ever walk again.
- From Janet P. for those seeking asylum and peace in the USA.
- From Lois and Steve D for their friend's four year old son, Dylan, who just finished his 5th round of chemotherapy.
- From Debbie S. for our college students as they have their final exams and projects coming up. Prayers for strength, staying healthy, and not too stressed.
- From Debbie S for her sister--in-law, Velma, and her family as they grieve the death of their mother this past week.
- From Russ P. for Rachel as she grieves the death of her father.
- From Joan K. for Lavinia, her daughter-in-law, as she is having a biopsy on Monday this week.
- From Joan L. for Curt L who is recovering from surgery for a torn tendon in his arm.
- From Jenny S. for those who feel the challenges during the holidays season. May god's peace be upon them.
- 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.**

December 9, 2018

## Luke 1:67-79

### The Message (MSG)

<sup>67-79</sup> Then Zachariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied,  
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he came and set his people free.  
He set the power of salvation in the center of our lives,  
and in the very house of David his servant,  
Just as he promised long ago through the preaching of his holy prophets:  
Deliverance from our enemies and every hateful hand;  
Mercy to our fathers, as he remembers to do what he said he'd do,  
What he swore to our father Abraham—  
a clean rescue from the enemy camp,  
So we can worship him without a care in the world,  
made holy before him as long as we live.  
And you, my child, "Prophet of the Highest,"  
will go ahead of the Master to prepare his ways,  
Present the offer of salvation to his people, the forgiveness of their sins.  
Through the heartfelt mercies of our God,  
God's Sunrise will break in upon us, Shining on those in the darkness,  
those sitting in the shadow of death,  
Then showing us the way, one foot at a time, down the path of peace.

**Our Staff:**

Nursery Attendants	Ann K & Cali E
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	Jessie G
	10:45	Michelle P
Ushers	8:00	Ed and Barb K
	10:45	Fred and Dona S.
Greeters	8:00	
	10:45	Harold and Alicia W
Prelude Music		Debbie S/Michelle G
Counters		Jane E & Carole L
Unlocking		Marilyn K
Refreshments		Jane E
Nursery Attendant		Cali E

**Calendar:**

<b><u>Sunday - December 9</u></b>	
8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship
4:00 pm	Advent Vespers Service
<b><u>Monday - December 10</u></b>	
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	AA
<b><u>Tuesday - December 11</u></b>	
9:00 am	Preschool
6:30 pm	Disciple Fast Track
<b><u>Wednesday - December 12</u></b>	
9:00 am	Preschool
6:15 pm	Bell Choir
7:30 pm	Altar Choir
<b><u>Thursday - December 13</u></b>	
9:00 am	Preschool
<b><u>Friday - December 14</u></b>	
<b><u>Saturday - December 15</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday - December 16 - Disciple Completion Cele</u></b>	
8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School/Program Rehearsal
10:45 am	Worship/Children's Christmas Prog.
12:00 pm	Student Intern Site Mtg
12:00 pm	Hospitality Team Meeting
4:00 pm	Advent Vespers Service

**Thank you from Going to Pieces and the United Methodist Women**

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the November food and baby item collection for the Salvation Army. We delivered the food and baby items along with a big "thank you" for the use of their tables for our Vendor Faire. They were very appreciative for the donation. GTP is still tallying all the final numbers from the Vendor and Gift Faire and will let everyone know soon how the funds will be used... just know it was a very big success... so mark your calendars for November 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 when we will do it all over again!!

**Thank you!**

To everyone who helped with hospitality and/or attended the combined Circuit 07 & 08 Church/Charge Conference on 12-02-18

**Nursery Care Sunday Mornings**

Please note the change in nursery care for Sunday morning services. In the past, care was provided for both services. Please make a note that we are offering Nursery Care for our 10:45 am Service only.

**Tabitha Circle is Attending Footloose.**

**Ticket purchase deadline is today**

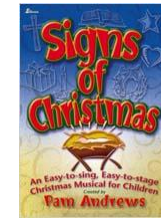
Everyone is invited to join Tabitha Circle when the Muskego High School Music Department presents the musical **FOOTLOOSE** on Sunday, February 24 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adult; \$7 seniors over 60 and children under 12. **Please pay Bonnie C. by December 9, 2018 for tickets** and let her know if you want to join us for lunch beforehand. Also, the Muskego High School Music Department is collecting non-perishable items for the Muskego Food Pantry. Bring items when you attend the musical and place in the barrel in the PAC lobby. Thank you.



**Join us today for our Advent Vespers Services to be held Sundays, December 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm.**

Join us for a chance to worship together in new and different ways through prayer stations, meditations and art.

**Sunday School Christmas Program Sunday, December 16, at the 10:45 am worship service**



You are invited to see the "Signs of Christmas" by Pam Andrews. It will engage you in a retelling of an old, old story as seen through the eyes of children. Extend an invitation to grandparents and other special people to witness this ministry by the children.

Christmas cookies to follow worship.

**Christmas Giving Tree Collections due by Sunday, December 16**

Thank you for bringing gifts and joy to children in need. If you haven't returned the tag you selected and the tag is not returned to have it in by next Sunday. The value of the gift should NOT be any more than the \$25.00 maximum. The unwrapped gifts will be collected through Sunday, December 16, wrapped at church and distributed to the children at Northcott Neighborhood House on Milwaukee's north side. Anyone who would like to assist with wrapping the gifts is welcome. Please contact Harold or Alicia W.



**No Page Left Unturned Monday, December 17, 2018 at 9:00 am at Panera Bread**



**Our Harmony Club Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:30 am**

**Calendar Notice**

Sunday, December 23, & Sunday, December 30, we will have one service at 9:30 am (No Sunday School)

Monday, December 24, we will have one Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm



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: Janesville: Cargill, their pastors Susan Lockman and Seongmin Kim, and their 894 members, Janesville: Cargill is located at 2000 Wesley Ave., WI 53545.