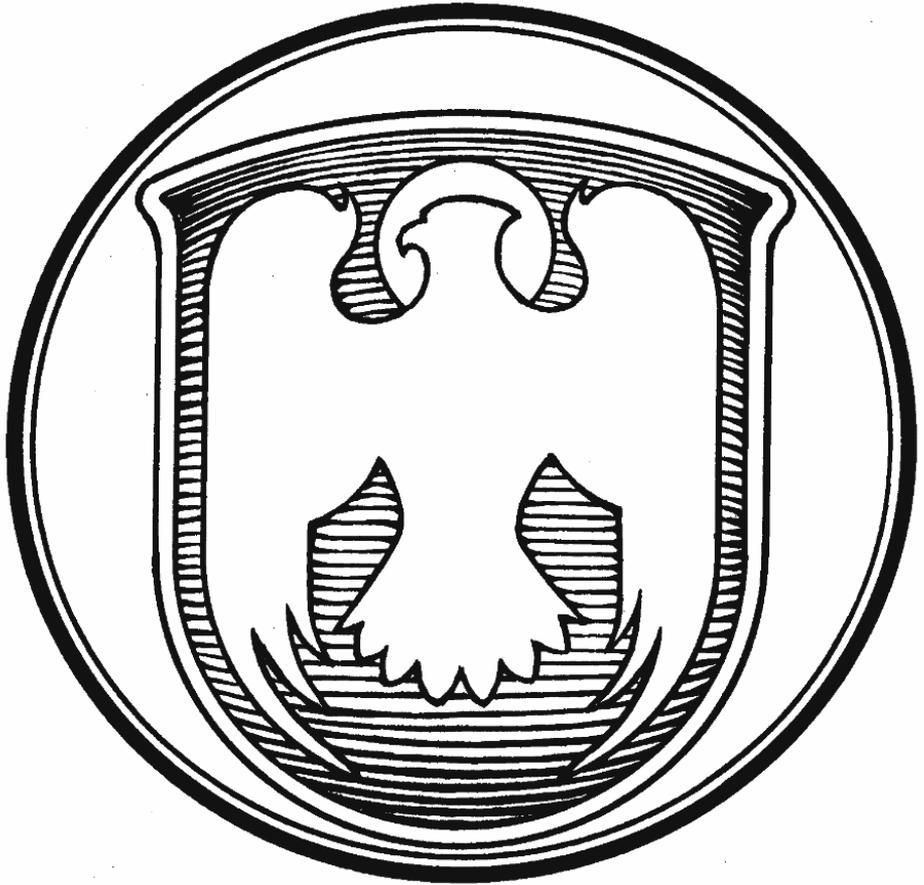


St. John, Apostle
and Evangelist



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 27, 2020

December 27, 2020 – 9:00am

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP

Jesus has invited you here today.

Here, Jesus stills quaking hearts. Here, Jesus forgives the unspeakable. Here, Jesus comforts the lonely. Here, Jesus makes joy complete!

Here you will meet others Jesus has grabbed with His grace.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR MISSION

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

HOLY COMMUNION

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

Special communion procedures have been developed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the instructions of the pastor and ushers. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

PRELUDE

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

1 *Let our gladness have no end, alleluia!
For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia!*

ref *On this day God gave us
Christ, His Son, to save us;
Christ, His Son, to save us.*

2 *Prophesied in days of old, alleluia!
God has sent Him as foretold, alleluia! Refrain*

4 *Into flesh is made the Word, alleluia!
He, our refuge and our Lord, alleluia! Refrain*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 92:1-5; antiphon: John 20:31

P These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,

and that by believing you may have life in his name.

C **It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

P to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,

C **to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.**

P For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

C **How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,

and that by believing you may have life in his name.

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Gloria in Excelsis”

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

*Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the*

Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed in the doctrine of Your blessed apostle and evangelist John, may come to the light of everlasting life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 1:1-6

1The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. 4John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

AFTER THE READING

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 11

A In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul,
“Flee like a bird to your mountain,

C for behold, the wicked bend the bow;
they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;

A if the foundations are destroyed,
what can the righteous do?”

C The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD’s throne is in heaven;
his eyes see, his eyelids test, the children of man.

A The LORD tests the righteous,
but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

C Let him rain coals on the wicked;
fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

A For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds;
the upright shall behold his face.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 1:1—2:2

1That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—3that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

AFTER THE READING

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 21:24a, c

C Alleluia. This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and we know that his testimony is true. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 21:20-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

20Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who had been reclining at table close to him and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” 21When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” 22Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” 23So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?” 24This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. 25Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

AFTER THE READING

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

1 *I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. refrain*

ref *In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2 *I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. refrain*

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THE SERMON

“Walking in the Light”

1 John 1:1—2:2

HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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3 *I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. refrain*

ref *In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

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NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE CARDS

- An offering plate will be placed near the door as you exit
- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give
- You can also mail in or drop off your envelope in the mail slot next to the office entrance of the building

OFFERTORY

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

“The Peace of the Lord”

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

FOR MEDITATION DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Luther's Small Catechism: The Lord's Prayer

The Fourth Petition “Give us this day our daily bread.”

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Psalm 103

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,
Who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust,
- 15 As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
- 17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on
those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
- 18 to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
- 19 The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
- 21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his minister, who do his will!
- 22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Prayer

Gracious Father, You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. Teach us to acknowledge You as the Lord who provides for all of our needs in body and soul and so give thanks to You for all of Your bountiful gifts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Nunc Dimittis”

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P We give thanks ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “O Sing of Christ”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 *O sing of Christ, whose birth made known
The kindness of the Lord,
Eternal Word made flesh and bone
So we could be restored.
Upon our frail humanity
God's finger chose to trace
The fullness of His deity,
The icon of His grace.*
- 2 *What Adam lost, none could reclaim,
And Paradise was barred
Until the second Adam came
To mend what sin had marred.
For when the time was full and right
God sent His only Son;
He came to us as life and light
And our redemption won.*
- 4 *Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell
Among us here on earth
As God with us, Emmanuel,
To bring this holy birth.
Though rich, You willingly became
One with our poverty,
That we might share Your wealth and name
For all eternity!*

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist Sun. Dec 27	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm. NO BIBLE STUDY
Mon. Dec 28	SECRETARY	OUT OF THE OFFICE
Tues. Dec 29		“Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Wed. Dec 30	4:30pm – 6pm	Confirmation by Zoom
Thur. Dec 31		
Fri. Jan 1	HAPPY	NEW YEAR
2nd Sun after Christmas Sat Jan 2	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
2nd Sun after Christmas Sun. Jan 3	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study on Facebook only

Prayers from the Parsonage will take place sometime between 5pm & 7pm depending on the kids feeding schedule that day. Thank you for your flexibility.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Sun. Dec 27 – 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Lutz
Accompanist:	Laura Bee

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

None

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

1-Ron Cathey

1-Kristie Fry

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

26-Dave Krause

30-Zeke Key

1-Darron Smith

- **FOOD PANTRY** - For the month of December, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Shampoo

Potatoes

Canned Fruit

Hot Chocolate

Lotion

Oil

Toilet Tissue

Graham Crackers



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE FOR

Rod & Nancy Henry
to the Glory of God

- **FLOWER CHART:** The 2021 Altar flower sign up book is now in fellowship hall. We had to change supplier as Ace Hardware no longer is doing custom orders. White's Florist will be delivering our weekly arrangement and the price is \$25. Now is the time to reserve your date for flowers to enhance the beauty of our worship service. We do ask that you make your check to St Paul earmarked "alter flowers" when you sign up. Put check in envelope provided and place in offering plate. Any questions call Charlotte Tigges 563 552 2351.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Donna Sue LeTendre (niece of Delores Lindsay)
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Tom Engler (brother of Nancy Clark)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Sally Bennett (sister to Delores's son-in-law)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Mike Howes, Dan Pergande

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Kathryn Moyer (Care Initiatives), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande, Marlene Lenaburg (Luther Manor), Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby

For our Healthcare Workers & Teachers and Parafessionals:

Laura Ayers, Elizabeth Capacchione, Erica Frey, Brianna Fry, Sue Hagemann (daughter of John & Marlene Weber), Angela Kelley, A.J. Osterkamp, Lauren Rusch (granddaughter of Dan & Carol Rusch), Stephanie Schap, Lydia Wehrspann, Sheila Zasada, Deanna (daughter of Bill & Sandi Heller), Becky (daughter-in-law of Bill & Sandi Heller) Jon Barz (University of Dubuque), Laura Bee (UW Platteville), Laura Walker (UW Platteville), Lisa Wehrspann (Table Mound Elementary)

Additional Prayer Requests

- Brenda Litka
- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Dick & Charlotte Tigges)
- Dennis Paar
- Randy Streif (friend of Margaret Fox)
- Bill Heller
- Greg & JoAnn Schmidt (friends of Margaret Fox)
- Lynda Kluesner (friend of Margaret Fox)

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*