

The Beacon

September 2022

A Child's Prayer For Protection

If indeed childhood was ever carefree, it's hardly so now. Some children face bullying, while others deal with rough home lives. Many fret over their performance at school and in sports. News of dangers and tragedies makes parents want to shelter their kids from worldly harm.

Whether real or imagined, childhood anxieties are best confronted in the same way as adult anxieties: through prayer and the assurance of God's presence. Teach this traditional prayer to a young person in your life — and find comfort in it yourself:

God in heaven, hear my prayer. Keep me in thy loving care. Be my guide in all I do. Bless all those who love me too. Amen.



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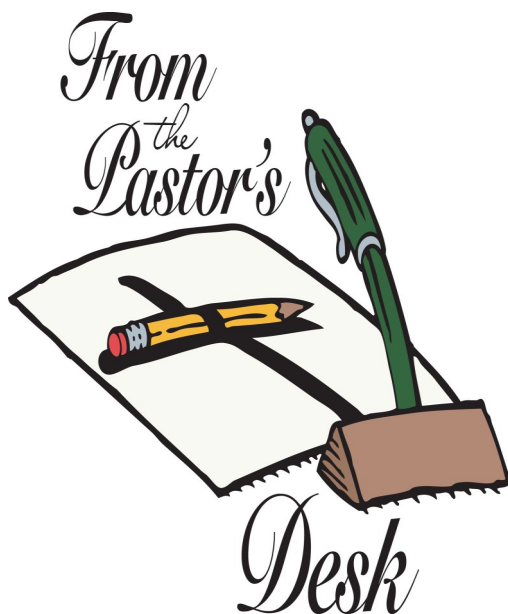
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God's Invitation

"Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the water; and you without silver, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without silver and without cost!"

Isaiah 55:1

As a prophet of God, Isaiah urged people to decide: Will you believe in God or not? Will you accept His invitation and trust Him? Isaiah lived during the eighth century before Christ was born. He is the only author mentioned in the book that carries his name. The Old Testament book contains sixty-six chapters and provides prophecies of the coming of Christ and, overall, points to our need for salvation.

It is fitting that so much of Isaiah is focused on the Lord's saving power, for Isaiah's name means "the salvation of Yahweh God." In chapter 12, he offers a song of praise with this especially reassuring verse: "Indeed, God is my salvation; I will trust Him and not be afraid" 12:2.

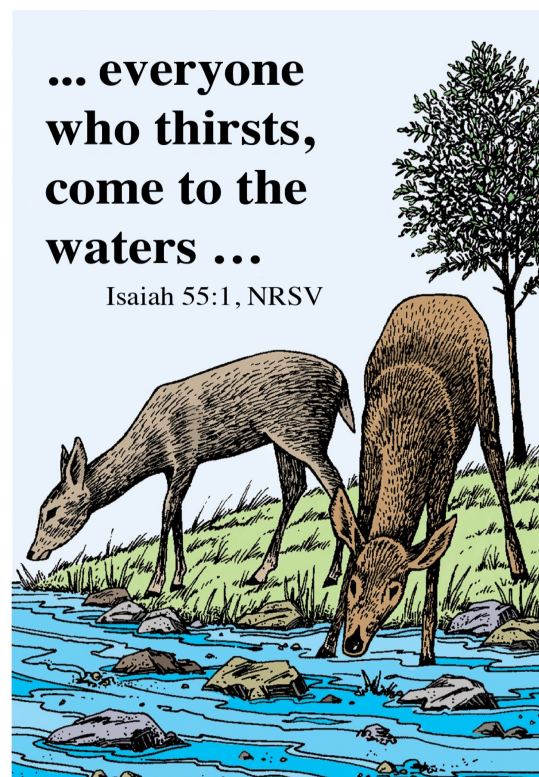
Each of us has received the greatest invitation ever: to come to God with our sins and with our cares. Isaiah makes it clear: "Come, everyone who is thirsty come to the water: and you without silver, come, buy, and eat! Come buy milk without silver and without cost!"

So much of today's world is transactional. We pay money for goods and services. We do a favor for someone, and expect— or at least hope—they will return the favor. That is not how it is with God. If we thirst for His living water, if we need rescuing, he provides freely. All are welcome to His blessings.

When stress or anxious feelings have left us empty and not feeling good about ourselves and our relationship with God we must resist. Remember that while Christ was on earth, He ministered to those in need—people who were in no position to "repay" Him. Think of the blind man he healed, the wedding hosts at Cana, the paralyzed man whose sins He forgave.

With the work of the Holy Spirit we can see the invitation that God offers us to come unto Him. Pray and ask Him what you need. Enjoy the blessings of salvation—the water, the wine, and the milk that represent far more than physical sustenance. Our Savior already paid the cost when he died on the cross for us. Receive His grace freely.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Steve



Pastoral Visits

Due to the privacy act, if you are hospitalized and would like a visit from the pastor or to be included in the prayers, you or a family member need to contact Pastor Wilson, Vicar Jeff, or the church office.



St. John's Lutheran Church



What: Rally Day Church Service in the Park
Brunch served after the service!
(Egg bake, rolls, orange juice, coffee)

When: Sunday, September 11
10:00 am—12:30 pm

Where: Everett Park—Fox Lake



Join us as we celebrate our Rally Day out among God's beautiful creation at Everett Park! There will be games, activities and fun!!!

Invite a friend or two

Bring a lawn chair

In case of rain, this event will be held at the church—same time and details!

"The Chosen" - Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:00 am starting September 14
1st & 3rd Sunday, 6:00 pm starting Sept. 18



We are offering two opportunities to join us in Bible study and watch episodes of "The Chosen"! "The Chosen" is a first ever multi-season television series based on the life of Christ. During our Bible study time we will watch an episode from "The Chosen" and follow it with discussion and study.

Men, women, youth—all are invited to attend.

Here's what's happening!

- ◆ **Planning Council Meeting and Nominating Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 pm.

If you are interested in serving on one of our boards or as an officer please contact the church office.

- ◆ **Temperance Lake Ridge** is scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 10:00 am.

- ◆ **Praise Team Practices** are scheduled for Wednesdays, September 7 and 21 at 6:30 pm. Next Blended Worship Service takes place on Sunday, September 25.

Members of all ages are encouraged to share your musical talent and join us for praise practices! Contact Mary Petersen if interested (507-301-2101)

WORSHIP with us

- ◆ **Sunday September 4:** 9:00 am Communion Ser
- ◆ **Sunday, September 11:** 10:00 am Rally Day Service @ Everett Park
- ◆ **Sunday, September 18:** 8:00 & 10:30 Communion Worship, 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class/SALT
- ◆ **Sunday, September 25:** 8:00 & 10:30 am Blended Worship Service, 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class/SALT

Sunday School starts Sunday, September 18, 9:15 am for pre-school through 8th grade.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies start September 18 also at 9:15.

Adult Bible class will meet downstairs in the overflow room and will be led by Pastor Wilson. The theme will be "HEAVEN: Finding Our True Home".

S.A.L.T. (Sharing and learning together) will also be held on Sunday mornings in the fireside room. This class will study and discuss the Sunday school's lesson our children have for the week.



St. John's Friendship Club will meet in September!

Monday, September 12
2:00 pm
St. John's Lutheran

Bring treats to go with coffee to share.



Next Meeting
September 14—2:00 p.m.
Join us!!!



What a great time it is on Tuesday mornings to gather for coffee and fellowship! Thank you LWML for hosting the coffee hours during the months of June and August!

The LWML would like to thank all of you who willingly baked food for these coffee hours and to all who helped serve and clean up. Special thank you to the Sunday school children that helped each week!!!

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for my mother, Marianne Hagen, as she recently underwent Pancreatic Cancer surgery at Mayo in Rochester. The surgery was very successful and they were able to remove the tumor on the head of her pancreas along with a portion of the bile duct, a small portion of the stomach and the small intestine.

Mom is doing very well and is at home recuperating. In four weeks she will have a few more rounds of chemo because of the aggressive type of cancer it was, just to make sure all the cancer cells have been killed.

If you would like to send her a card, it can reach her at: Marianne Hagen, 205 DeLu Street, Fairmont, MN 56031. God is truly great and your many prayers have been answered! ~Vicar Jeff



Hy-Vee & Fareway Receipts

Each receipt you bring helps us reach the \$150,000 goal! Please continue to bring in your grocery receipts from Fairmont Fareway and gas and grocery receipts from Fairmont Hy-Vee.

	HyVee Goal	FareWay Goal
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LWML Invites you to a presentation by

Pastor Hesham Shehab
 Missionary Hesham speaks nationwide on Islam and evangelism. His goal is to ignite the love of Christ towards Muslims by Christians.

Sunday, October 2—1:30 pm
 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairmont

Gifts from the Heart:
 Heaven's Table Food Shelf- paper products or non-perishable foods





God Hears Our Prayers

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

This was one of the bible verses I read to my mother and father as we were in the pre-op room at Mayo Clinic Rochester a week ago, waiting for the team of doctors to come get mom for her Pancreatic Cancer Surgery. This verse really says it all when it comes to how important prayer is and should always be in our daily lives.

Mom was just about to undergo a very tricky procedure, called the “Whipple Procedure” to remove her cancerous tumor, along with the head of the pancreas, the bile duct, a small portion of her small intestine and also a small part of her stomach. The doctor had warned my family that this was not an easy procedure to do (it normally takes about 5 or 6 hours to complete) and he wanted our entire family there for the surgery. So, we flew my brother Tim in from Seattle, and dad, myself, Tim, Angie and Larissa rented an AirBNB home in Rochester for the week in preparation for the surgery on August 22.

In the weeks leading up to the surgery, many people had come up to us saying that they were praying for mom, and these “prayer warriors” were literally from all over the world, as we had people in Germany, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, and all over the United States. Many prayers were being said by many people and I kept returning back to the verse from Philippians 4:6 as I also prepared myself for the time when the surgery would take place.

Now that we were in the pre-op room, I held a small brief service of prayers and scripture for mom and dad as we waited for the surgical staff to arrive. Surprisingly, I was pretty calm (especially compared to the rest of my siblings), but the calm didn’t come from me. It was from God sending the Holy Spirit down upon us, and we were turning over our anxiousness to God, knowing that His Will be done. As I kissed mom on the cheek and I said my final prayer as she was being taken to the surgical room, this calm settled upon me and I knew that God would take care of her.

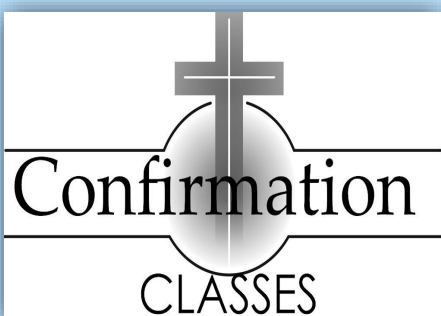
Once the pre-op procedure began at 8:30am, the nurses told us that we should go back to the house or go do something around town because it was going to be a long day for mom and for us. So, we all headed back home and just before noon we all decided that we should go to Hu Hot Grill for lunch. We had just settled in at the restaurant to eat from the buffet when dad received a text that they were beginning to do the closing procedure on mom. My first thought was, “How could that be? It has only been 2 ½ hours and they said it could take up to 5 or 6 hours.” Everyone else was thinking the same thing. As we ate our lunch, dad’s phone rang and I answered it and on the other end was mom’s primary doctor, Dr. Nagorney. He said the procedure went very well and that the cancer had not spread to any other organs or to nearby arteries. I told him that we were a little apprehensive at the short length of the procedure (there again, my sinful, human side was doubting the Holy Spirit who brought me calm earlier). The doctor’s response was, “Well, we completed the procedure and saw no reason to keep her in surgery any longer, so we closed her up.”

Right away all of us at the table, after I told them what the doctor said, responded with “All of the prayers have truly been answered!” Anyone who doubts the power of prayer would have a very difficult time trying to disprove the power of prayer in our lives. I can tell you that even though my family has always been strong in faith, we have been truly blessed and strengthened in the faith in knowing that God heard your prayers and answered them in guiding and blessing the doctors and nurses who took care of mom.

May God bless you, watch over you, protect you, and guide you as we come together in our church home to worship, pray confidently, and know that God will hear you and bless you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vicar Jeff

Youth page



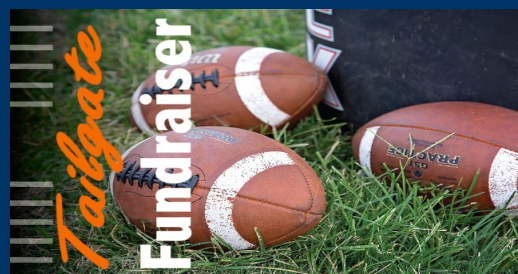
Confirmation classes begins in September. Pastor Wilson will teach the 8th grade

class and Vicar Hagen will teach the 7th grade class.

Students are asked to bring the Faith Alive Bibles and Catechisms to class. (7th grade will receive their Catechism the first day of class.)

8th Grade starts September 14 at 3:45.

7th Grade starts September 28.



As one of their fundraisers, the St. John's Youth will serve the tailgate party before the MCW football game on Friday, September 23. Come to the football field between 5:45-7:00 pm for a pork burger, chips, cookie and water. \$6.00/person



**7th and 8th Grade Youth
FFF Night
Wed. September 7 at
6:00 pm**

**9th-12th Grade Youth
FFF Night
Wed. September 28
At 6:00 pm**

Devotion, Games, Food

St. John's Lutheran Youth Committee is seeking donations towards the cost of purchasing a new chest freezer to store youth group/fundraiser food. Please have donations marked as Youth Freezer Fund. Thank you for supporting our church youth!



The Sunday school offering for the first half of the year will be donated to families in our area to help cover costs for Christmas.

The Sunday school teachers are excited to share another year with the children and teaching all about Jesus as we will be covering the New Testament this year.



We will be using the Sharefaith curriculum again this year. The lessons include a QR code that provides access to the lesson and family devotion for you to use throughout the week.

Please join us at Everett Park on Sunday, September 11 and in the classrooms beginning on September 18 (class time is from 9:15 to 10:15).

Third Graders Bible Presentation

Each year, St. John's Lutheran presents the third grade class with a Bible of their own. The Bibles are called: "Fifth Alive Student Bible" English Standard Version. These Faith Alive Bibles are full of features designed to introduce youth to the wonderful messages and promises in God's Word. Colorful maps show where events took place and each book of the Bible has an introduction page which gives youth the big picture" of the contents of that book.

We will present the Bibles to the third graders at our 8:00 & 10:30 am worship services on Sunday, September 18 and we ask all parents to join their child as we present the Bible to them. Those who will receive Bibles this year include: Jersey Anderson, Giada Broolsma, Jenna Eisenmenger, Landon Gerhardt, Gracin Hansen, Isaac Howard, Skyler Kennedy, Nolan Kneeland, Landon Korte, Aubrey Larson, Ava Lutz, Lyric Rienhardt, Jacob Trontvet, and Daniel Trontvet (fourth grader but recently a new member)

September Birthdays

- 1 Ben Johnson
- 2 Audra Yahnke
Janet Sparks
Kamden Domeier
Logan LaMont
Megan Stade
Tim Eisenmenger
- 3 Cade Williamson
Travis Runge
Vern Swanson
- 4 Ashley Fausch
Mary Johnson
Ryan Behne
Tim Sparks
- 5 Josh Markquart
Sarah Hanson
Shirley Skogerboe
- 6 Ben Brolsma
- 7 Anita Davis
Brynleigh Cabbage
Nancy Sommer
Paisley Cooley
- 8 Chelsea Wink
Jason Rosenberg
Lucas Cain
Ronald Trueblood
- 9 Annalivia Baker
Chelsea Hanson
- 10 Lana Morris
- 11 Becky Yahnke
Betsy Crawford
Brad Harris
Jennifer Madden
Jim Claussen
Lee Swanson
- 12 Brian Rosenberg
Christian Hugget
Jarek Cutler
- 13 Elijah Youngwirth
Jack Crawford
Samantha Swanson
Sydney Flohrs
- 14 Jennifer Sommer
- 16 Darla Ross
Jon Hoffmeyer

- 16 Michelle Hartung
Mitchell Weber
- 17 Brandon Knake
Geraldine Hendrick
Laura Ringnell
- 18 Avery Kahler
Jennifer Ellis
Kyendra Anderson
Linda Tirevold
Marek Gabrielson
Mason Gabrielson
- 19 Carter Cole
Dave Cain
Nick Janssen
Stephen Holtz
- 20 Jill Williamson
Rylan Cutler
- 21 Boyce Hoffmeyer
Lorraine Cook
Ron Bettin
- 22 Cooper Roben
Dennis Crissinger
Kael Krahmer
Mary Scheff
- 23 Esme Rosen
Greg Graif
Graham Madden
Wesley Whitehead
- 24 Glen Nordhausen
Gilbert Trontvet
- 25 Jason Anderson
- 26 Evelyn Curtiss
Harrison Rathman
Rebecca Sokoloski
Sara Klima
Suzi Lingle
- 27 Jaime Leiting
- 28 Griffin Hansen
Judy Hybbert
Landon Korte
Velda Rousch
- 29 Billy Arnold
Ken Weber
Natalie Smith
- 30 Haydyn Nelson
Kathleen Nolte

Church Attendance

Sunday August 7 138
Sunday, August 14 202
Sunday, August 21 146
Sunday, August 28 126

September Anniversaries

- 1 Kevin & Nora Kahler
- 3 Trevor & Chelsea Reese
Tom & Penny Claussen
- 5 Ken & Vickie Weber
- 6 Tyson & Lacey Cooley
- 7 Dave & Anne Hanson
David & Pat Sackmann
Loren & Vicki Lutterman
Steve & Dinita Steuber
- 9 Scott & Jodi Schermerhorn
Tim & Tammy Holm
- 10 Tim & Kelsi Sparks
- 12 Brad & Kia Ringnell
Levi & Morgan Williamson
- 13 Darren & Brenna Thate
- 17 Gary & Mary Manzey
- 18 Scott & Mary Brolsma
- 19 Jeremy & Heidi Howard
Lance & Jacqueline Keeler
- 20 Jason & Sara Rosenberg
- 21 Charlie & Joyce Reigel
Clint & Michele Evans
Scott & Shawna Weber
- 22 Bryan & Emily Hansen
- 23 Ryan & A'ja Ross
- 24 Bryce & Bobbi Freking
Dale & Jayne VanderWert
- 26 David & Tammy Smith
Stefan & Suzi Lingle
- 27 Peter & Nan Nolte
- 29 Erik & Tiffany Ogren
Steve & Janet Sparks

- ♦ **September Tuesday Morning Coffee Hours** at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Welcome
- ♦ **Pie Social** on Wednesday, September 21, 5:00-7:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran in Alpha. Pork loin sandwiches, potato salad, pie and ice cream. Free will offering.

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The Lutheran Hour

Radio Broadcast: KSUM, Fairmont 1370 AM—Sundays @ 11:00 a.m.

September 4 "**Count the Cost**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him. (Luke 14:25-35)

September 11 "**Lost and Found**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people. (Luke 15:1-10)

September 18 "**Fresh Start**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour. (Luke 16:9)

September 25 "**Take This Personally**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus wants us to take His Word seriously, not as a personal attack but as a word of warning—and promise. (Luke 16:19-31)

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9am Worship With Communion 10am Fellowship/Coffee Brian	4	5	6	7 6pm 7th & 8th Grade FFF 6:30pm Praise Team	8 Wedding Rehearsal	10 3:30pm Runkle/Richter Wedding
11 10am Rally Day Service at Everett Park 11am Brunch followed by games and activities Dennis	12 10am Temp Lake Ridge Service 2pm Friendship Club	13	14 9am Bible Study "The Chosen" 2pm LWML 3:45pm 8th Grade Confirmation 6pm Planning Council /Nominating Meeting	15 Circuit Pastors Meeting @ Our Saviors Window	16	17
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