

August Newsletter



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From The Pastors Desk: On Prayer

Do you ever find yourself not knowing what to pray for or how to pray? Do you get uncomfortable when asked to pray in front of people, even if it's just family? How about when you are praying alone? Do you feel as though if you don't pray for enough people or if you pray for yourself you are being selfish?

If you answered yes to any or all of those questions, you are not alone! We are taught various prayers as children, but as we grow older, for some reason we feel the need to make the prayers more complicated. We might feel as though if the prayer isn't using big words or isn't long enough then it isn't pleasing to God.

Not only do we fear that our prayer is not good enough for God, we also fear that we are praying too much for ourselves! When want to pray for God's help, but we are trained to think "well, so and so has it worse than me, so I really shouldn't be complaining..." even though needing help is not complaining! In fact, God wants us to cry to Him! He wants to be the first place that we turn to.

And yet, there are still times when we know we should be praying, but we do not have the words for what is on our hearts. We sit there with our mind

wandering thinking "God, I'm sorry, I got distracted in my prayer" or "God, I don't even know what I am praying for."

Here is what you need to know: God doesn't care about the length or eloquence of your prayer. There isn't a magic word that needs to be said. Rather, God

gives us the Holy Spirit to act on our behalf so that when we do not have the right words (and that is often), the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express.

God knows our hearts, He knows our minds. We absolutely need to continue to pray, but rest assured, your prayers are answered whether you have your eyes wide open driving down the road, or you are on your knees with your hands folded before bed. Whether we have a proper, formal prayer, or we are at a place where all we have are groanings that cannot even be put into words. May you know

that God hears you. God is for you. God has called you His very own.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Max Whitehead

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

~ Romans 8:26-28

August Calendar

Sunday, August 3

10:30AM **Worship Service**
 11:30 AM Council Mtg
 1:00 PM Bible Study (Bethany Church)
 7:30 PM VCIS

Wednesday, August 06

2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, August 10

10:30AM **Worship Service**
 7:30 PM VCIS

Monday, August 11

2:00 PM Circle Group

Wednesday, August 13

2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, August 17

10:30AM **Worship Service**
 7:30 PM VCIS

Wednesday, August 20

2:00 PM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Bible Study @ Daneville Inn

Sunday, August 24

10:30AM **150th Anniversary Worship Service & Catered Meal**
 7:30 PM VCIS

Wednesday, August 27

2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, August 31

10:30AM **Worship Service**
 1:00 PM Bible Study (Bethany Church)
 7:30 PM VCIS



Beginning September 7, 2025 worship service time will change to 9:00 AM. Please adjust your calendars.



TOGETHER
 WE ARE THE
WE CHURCH

Looking Ahead to September

Wednesday, September 03

2:00 PM Bible Study
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, September 7

8:00 AM Council Mtg
9:00AM **Worship Service**
 1:00 PM Bible Study (Bethany Church)

Monday, September 08

2:00 PM Circle Group

Wednesday, September 10

2:00 PM Bible Study
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, September 14

9:00AM **Worship Service**

Ushers & Cleaners

August Ushers

- ❖ Karen Larsen
- ❖ Gene Larsen
- ❖ Scott & Ashley Larsen
- ❖ Tony & Amanda Goergen

Cleaners Jul 28 - Aug 09

- ❖ General Cleaning

Cleaners Aug 10 - 23

- ❖ Ann Larsen,
- ❖ Lexi Larsen,
- ❖ Amanda Goergen

Cleaners Aug 24 - Sep 6

- ❖ Elaine Lee,
- ❖ Brenda Lee,
- ❖ Kaye Lee,
- ❖ Katie Smit,
- ❖ Morgan Myrvik



Worship Helpers

Sunday, August 3

Reader Mitch Larsen
 Acolytes Volunteer
 Communion Helper Volunteer
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, August 10 @ Swan Lake Bible Camp

Reader NA
 Acolytes NA
 Live Stream NA
 Organist/Pianist NA

Sunday, August 17

Reader Kelli Zimmerman
 Acolytes Volunteer
 Communion Helper Volunteer
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, August 24

Reader Faydra Christensen
 Acolytes Volunteer
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Praise Band

Sunday, August 24

Reader Dawn Kludt
 Acolytes Volunteer
 Communion Helper Volunteer
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske



August Scripture Readings

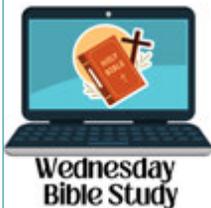
August 03 - Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21
August 10 - Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40
August 17 - Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56
August 24 - Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17
August 31 - Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14



!!! EMERGENCY NEED !!!

THE FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF ALL GROCERY ITEMS!

Anything you can contribute would be very much appreciated. We do have a fridge and freezer for cold storage items such as meats and cheeses. Thank you so very much in advance!



You're invited to participate in the Bible Study at Parsons Insurance, which is also conducted online via Zoom. While an in-person Bible study will still take place, the Zoom format allows for remote participation too. Join Us!

Topic: Weekly Lectionary

Date: Wednesdays, 2:00 PM

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5453946071>

Meeting ID: 545 394 6071

Viborg Lutheran Youth Ministries

CONFIRMATION - JRVCIS - VCIS

CONFIRMATION - GRADES 6-8 5:30 Meal, 6:00 Time to Learn

Nothing new has developed in the past month for this group, so I will repost this call for services:

A new development we had this year was also to ask for you, the congregation, to help serve our students supper. We will continue with this, and will add a little more to it: if you could stay and help serve the kids the meal that you provide, that would be wonderful! Feel free to get a group together to serve the kids. Things are always more fun when done as a group.

*If you want to provide a meal but cannot stay and serve it, that is okay too!

Here is a link to a sign up sheet. If you have trouble accessing it or are not comfortable with the internet, text this number: (605) 368-1424 and I will get you marked down. The information we are looking for is: What day, what will you be providing, can you stay to help serve?

Confirmation Supper Link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dtzeuljkhzffQvySZfBsL2ePGCS-kVyUnM9ol10R3IA/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

JRVCIS Grades 1-6

Nothing new has developed in the past month for this group, so I will repost this call for services:

Similar to the confirmation meal situation, I am asking for your consideration to help feed the kids. Everybody tends to play and listen better when they have had a little snack! So I have created a spreadsheet to help serve our kids. If you could stay and help serve the kids the snack that you provide, that would be wonderful! Feel free to get a group together to serve the kids. Things are always more fun when done as a group.

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JrVCIS Snack Sign Up: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dtzeuljkhzffQvySZfBsL2ePGCS-kVyUnM9ol10R3IA/edit?usp=sharing>

VCIS Grades 8-12 ~ Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00

In the past month, we have had 3 fundraising events! At the time of writing this article, the kids just wrapped up 2 of them.

On the Friday evening of Danish Days, we served Frikadeller, potatoes, and aeblespyramide (apple pyramid)! We had great feedback - people loved it all! We had about 28 guests come by and had 7 kids serving.

On the Sunday morning of Danish Days, we served a breakfast right after the community worship in the park. We served pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage to 125 guests! We had 9 kids helping serve along with 11 parents (and grandparents). This was the first time that we had done this event, but I am excited for us to do it again next year!

Thank you for your continued support. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for our trip destination! Registration opens for trips on August 1, so we will make a decision soon after.

Over the past year, the upperclassmen were usually pretty good at cleaning up whatever leftovers there were from the Confirmation supper. Moving forward, I will put it out there for another person/group to serve the VCIS! It can give us another opportunity for youth/congregational group communication and bonding. Here is a link if you'd be interested in signing up!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kRQ5L2Y8JFwPsJ9IGLYpFSzAUeMnSjto1sMKM4ResXU/edit?usp=sharing>

Thank you for the continued support of all of these groups! It's been fun for me to get to know these kids and to continue to grow the various programs. I am excited to keep growing this ministry!



Spring Valley Church 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bring your family and friends as we honor the past and embrace the future of Spring Valley. Catered meal will be served after service by Tony's Catering. Tickets for meal are \$10 per person, children ages 3 and below are free. To order tickets contact Faydra Christensen @ 605-661-4150 or faydrac70@gmail.com. Tickets purchased after Aug 10th will be \$15.

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Join us for the Spring Valley Circle group! We meet on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 PM for fellowship, delicious desserts, and to explore the teachings of God's Word. Everyone is welcome to join us!



**WE HAVE
MOVED**

Have you moved? Or has your information changed? If so, we'd like to know! Please send your new/updated information to svlc.office@svlcvib.org