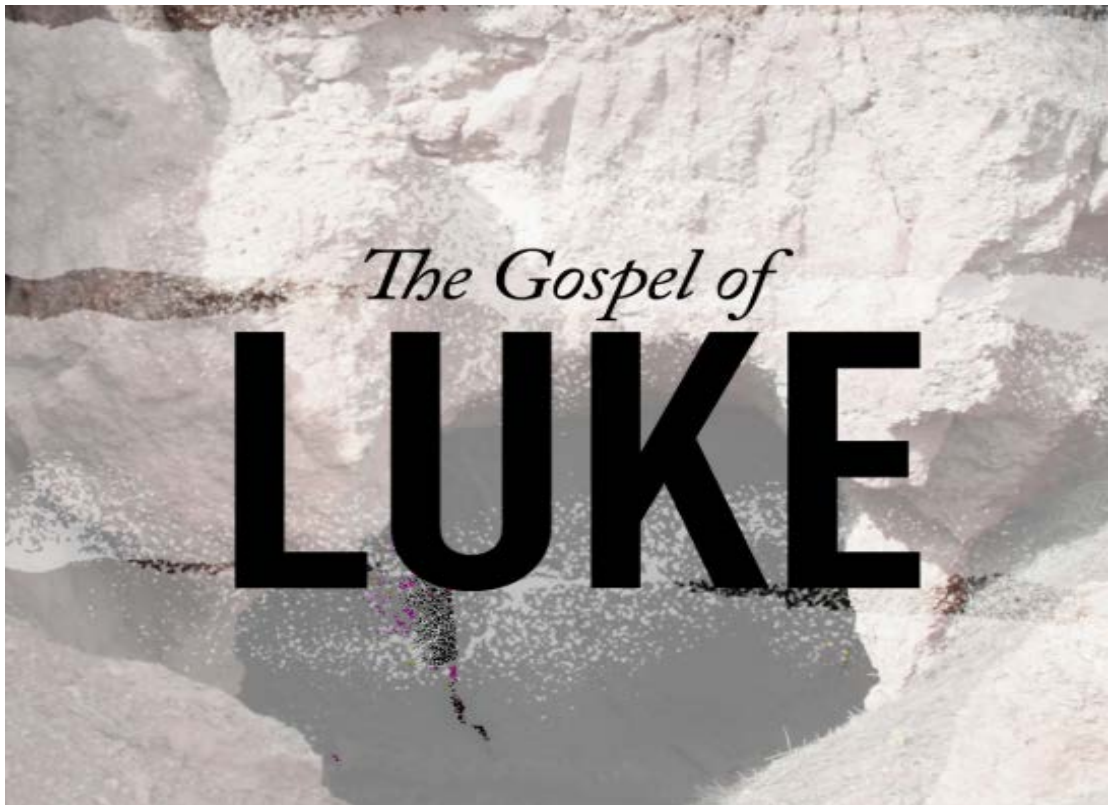


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Lutheran Church

WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST  
TO SHARE THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 09, 2025**





# Holy Cross Lutheran Church



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The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

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## Welcome to Holy Cross!

We thank the Lord for all who worship with us on the 5th Sunday of Epiphany as we continue to grow in our understanding and appreciation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came into this world to seek and save the lost. In our Gospel reading today, we recall His calling of the first disciples to be “fishers of men.” May His calling on us to follow him and His followers lead us to see people from his point of view in view of his love.

**If You Have Time to Help:** We need one more person to help pick up the vase of flowers from Country Mart on the 3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY of every month until Bonnie Zerwig is back. Just sign up on the calendar that’s on the kitchen door.

Upcoming dates are available for flowers for the altar: The January Flower Chart is now up. Thank You! Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put \$25 in an envelope; mark it: “Flower Fund”; and place it on the offering plate. THIS WEEKS ALTAR FLOWERS—Are given by Betty Schremp for Donna Ringwald’s Birthday and Paul & Donna Ringwald’s Anniversary.

**Benefit Breakfast** for Jordan and Becky (Barber) Yamnitz Sunday, February 9, 2025 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Zion Lutheran Church, Crosstown MO. Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits, Fried Potatoes and Gravy. Drinks Coffee, Juice, Milk. Proceeds help with medical expenses. Free will donations are welcomed. Co-Sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

**Chili Cook Off** on February 16, 2025—Men of Immanuel are having a Annual Chili Cookoff in the FLC Gym starting at NOON, House chili is served and tasting of chili entry’s too come join us.

**Trivia Night** at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Friedheim March 01, 2025 Full Page Flyer in Narthex with details at Jackson Civic Center, 381 E. Deerwood Dr. Jackson, MO.

**Trivia Lutheran School Dinner Auction**—“Movie Night” themed dinner evening March 8th 2025 at the Bavarian Halle in Jackson, MO delicious meal, silent auction, oral auctions gather your family and friends join us. 573-334-1068 Tickets are \$50 each.

# The Order of Service

## The Greeting

P This is the day that the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P We are transformed in Christ

C **To share the hope of eternal life.**

## Welcome

## The Sharing of the Peace

Opening Hymn • 790

**“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”**

## The Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Kyrie ☞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

The Gloria in Excelsis ☞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

The Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also, with you.**

Collect of the Day

**P** Faithful God, those mercies are new every morning we pray You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Speak to us today in such a way that our hearts and minds respond in joyful anticipation that You will be with us as we go back into the world and be Your witness.

**C** **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading**

6 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train[a] of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of \_\_\_\_\_ hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"[b]4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**The New Testament Reading**

14 Pursue love, and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. 2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. 3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. 4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. 5 Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.6 Now, brothers,[a] if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? 7 If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will

anyone know what is played? 8 And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? 9 So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. 10 There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, 11 but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** - -*Please Stand*- -

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 20:31*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia and Verse. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff is the Alleluia, the second and third are the Verse, and the fourth is the final Alleluia. Each staff begins with a square icon containing a letter 'C'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### The Holy Gospel

Luke 5: 1 -11

5 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to Come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees,

saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." [a] 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the Fifth Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Object Lesson

Sermon Hymn • 688

"Follow Me, The Savior Spake"

The Sermon - - A Different Kind Of Fishing - -

Pastor Rux

## **The Apostle's Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Offering**

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*

*Three ways to give:*

- 1) offering plate—cash or check.
- 2) online at [holycrossstegen.org](http://holycrossstegen.org) • Click the "Give" icon.
- 3) by mail.

## The Gathering of the Offering

*Psalm 51:10-12*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## The Prayers of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

**P** Father of all joy, You have taught us to believe in Your righteous acts and deeds of salvation. Teach us now to proclaim Your might to the next generation, and they, too, may rejoice in You. Lord in your mercy.

**C** **Hear our prayer**

**P** Lord God of host, sustain those calling to be fishers of men in Christ Church. Grant that they would not be discouraged when they toil all night and take nothing but continue to let down their nets at His Word according to that calling. Lord in your mercy.

**C** **Hear our prayer**

**O** Lord give us faith to let down the nets of your word in our daily lives, and to trust Your Spirit to be at work in and throughout poor sinners like us. Lord in your mercy.

**C** **Hear our prayer**



P Merciful God, build up Your church and manifest Your Spirit among us with wisdom and knowledge, let your words be measured and intelligible to our fellow Christians and to those outside of Your church, that we may utter our “A mens” confidently in Christ. Lord in Your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer**

P O God, be not far from us, as You have worked deeds of salvation in Christ Jesus, so make haste to help us now in every trouble. Give healing to the sick, strength to the weak and comfort to the afflicted {*especially* \_\_\_\_\_}. Do not forsake us nor the generations to come. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer**

P O Lord, never depart from us. Though we are unworthy of You and Your bounty, You are pleased to receive our meager thanks and reluctant obedience for the sake of Christ perfect obedience. Let Your Word rule us and Your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow You in all we do; through the same as Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer**

**C Amen.**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

The Preface

P The Lord be with you.

**2 Timothy 4:2**

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your heart.

**Colossians 3:1**

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Psalms 136**

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right and salutary that we should always and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die

eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### The Sanctus *∞ Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## The Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## The Pax Domini ✠ *The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## The Agnus Dei ✠ *The Lamb of God*

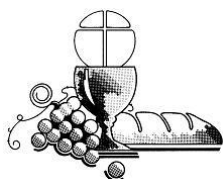
*John 1:29*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



**Holy Communion** □ *The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine. We believe the Lord's Supper is a means of grace in that it provides forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal.*

*Participants are encouraged to ask these questions: Do I believe that I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior and that it is His true body and blood given to me along with the bread and wine? Do I intend with the help of God to repent of sin as I seek to follow Him?*


*If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold to a different confession of faith, please come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing .*

Communion Hymn • 623

**“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”**

Communion Hymn • 550

**“Lamb of God”**

The Nunc Dimittis  *The Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

## The Benediction

**Numbers 6:24-26**

**P** The Lord blesses you and keeps you.  
The Lord makes His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord looks upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen**

Closing Hymn • 832

"Jesus Shall Reign"

**Guest Pastor** Terry Rux  
**Organist:** Faustina Blum  
**Ushers:** Rick Hutson  
Wayne Schremp  
Randy Ruzicka  
**Lay Reader:** Cathy Dew

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# Our Father's Business

SUNDAY February 09	TUESDAY February 11	SATURDAY February 15	NEXT SUNDAY February 16
<b>9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Holy Communion Bible Class	<b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	(Empty)	<b>9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Holy Communion Bible Class
<b>If pastoral care is needed, please call our elders:</b> Rick Hutson (573-780-9390) Randy Ruzicka (314-210-4279) Wayne Schremp (573-883-6060)			
<b>Three ways to give:</b> 1) offering plate—cash or check. 2) online at <a href="http://holycrossstegen.org">holycrossstegen.org</a> • Click the "Give" icon. 3) by mail.			

February weather will change **REMEMBER** give us a call before coming in for service. For questions and info give me a call Connie Schwent 573-535-0084. If you don't think you're on the (call chain) just call one of the elders above and they will be able to put you on the list.

There is a NEW *Volunteer List* in the back of church (round table) for sign-ups, Thank You in Advance for All Your Time and Effort!!



## In Our Prayers This Week



Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **Adoration**: praising God for who He is. **Confession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **Thanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **Supplication**: asking God for help.

***For those who are homebound*** • Val Rakey, Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

***For healing and continued recovery*** • Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Race and Clarissa (Connie Schwent's niece's children), Ray Beckham (Recovery from arm surgery), Bonnie Zerwig and Maryann Roth. Stephanie Patek (Vickie Eisenbeis's daughter) had surgery for diaphragmatic hernia may God touch her with fast healing and recovery.

***For those celebrating birthdays in February*** • John Perschbacher (February 07) Hailey Rodger (February 08) Jan Sullivan (February 08) Samuel Reiter (February 14) Donna Ringwald (February 19) Connie Schwent (February 24) Mark Schwent (February 24) Kelsea Inman (February 25)

***For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in February*** • Paul and Donna Ringwald's Anniversary Day (February 20<sup>th</sup>)

***For those who mourn.*** •

***For local, state, and national elected officials*** • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

***For our community*** • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

***For our circuit congregations & missionaries***

***For our church family*** • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

***For all prayer requests not listed here.***

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office at 573-883-5361 or [holycrossstegen@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossstegen@gmail.com) by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card, folding your card in half, and giving it to an usher or placing it in the offering plate. Additionally, if you would like a prayer request removed, please contact Kelly, or contact the church office. Please note that if no update is given after a month, the prayer request will be removed from the list.