



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 • Nevaeh Schlueter (recovering from open heart surgery), Kelly Sullivan (recovering from knee surgery), Meaghin Schremp (hospitalized), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Mike Fitzsimmons (chronic prostatitis, pelvic pain), Sue Schweiss (Cathy Dew's sister, back problems), Race and Clarissa (Connie Schwent's niece's children).

For those celebrating birthdays in June • John Zerwig (June 1), Sharon Estes (June 6), Barbara Jones (June 13), Lauren Bell (June 20), Betty Schremp (June 23), Brandon Boland (June 27).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in June • Pat & Charlie Wibbenmeyer (June 23).

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.

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

For missionaries.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please let Pastor Craig or the church office know by email or phone 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 talk to Pastor Craig, 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.

Holy
Cross
Lutheran Church



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TO SHARE THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2024



Jesus heals Jairus's daughter



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Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Dave and Pat Doenges' 68th wedding anniversary.

"Cross-Word" newsletters for July are available for members in the church mailboxes. Extra copies are on the desk in the back of the sanctuary.

A new membership directory is available now. Members, pick yours up from your church mailbox. Additional directories are on the desk in the back of the sanctuary. If there are any changes (address, phone, email), please let the church office know. Please help us keep our membership directory up to date!

"Portals of Prayer" books (July—September) are available from the table in the narthex. Three sizes to choose from: pocket, digest, and large print.

The elders will meet next Sunday (July 7) at 7:15 a.m. before the service. (The date in the July calendar in the newsletter is incorrect.)

We need volunteers to water the flowers in July. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Each volunteer waters one day a week during the entire month.

Thank you to those who donated crafts, cookies, and time during yesterday's festival!

The following upcoming Sundays are available for flowers for the altar: July 14, July 21, August 4, August 11, all of September. 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 in the offering plate.

Our Father's Business

| SUNDAY June 30 | TUESDAY July 2 | THURSDAY July 4 | NEXT SUNDAY July 7 |
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| 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion BIBLE CLASS after the service | 10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS | A BLESSED AND SAFE INDEPENDENCE DAY TO ALL! The church office is closed. | 7:15 AM ELDERS' MEETING 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion BIBLE CLASS after the service |

| Your Financial Support of Your Church | 6/24/24 | Year-to-Date |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| Weekly Budget Requirement | \$2,777.00 | \$69,425.00 |
| Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget) | \$2,562.11 | \$67,301.22 |
| Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement | -\$124.89 | -\$2,123.78 |
| % Ahead/Behind | -4.5% | -3.1% |

"God Bless Our Native Land" • God has blessed this native land, but we remember that while we are citizens of an earthly nation, "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20a). We care for our earthly home, yet we acknowledge that we are "strangers and exiles on the earth." We "desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one" (Hebrews 11:13b, 16a). That better country is ours through faith in Jesus Christ. He left His heavenly home to be born among us. Living in a land occupied by a foreign power, Jesus allowed Himself to be unjustly judged and condemned to death. On the cross, He took onto Himself the penalty of death that we justly deserved for our sinful rebellion against our heavenly King. Jesus' body was taken down and buried, but a sealed and guarded tomb could not hold the Son of God. He rose from death, and His victory means that we, too, will triumph over death. Confident in His victory, we long for our eternal home with Him. In our hymn, we seek the good of our earthly home, asking God to "bless our native land" and to save our country by His great might. Our prayers arise continually to our God, who guards us "with watchful eye." We pray for our leaders, for our fellow citizens, for our armed forces, and all who serve our land and its people. Living in peace, we have the opportunity to witness for our Savior, the Lord of all nations, praying that others will come to faith and join us in our heavenly home.