



## *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.

**For healing and continued recovery** • Helen Vickers (former member, having a biopsy on her liver on November 24), Jasmine (sister of Ben, Rachel Schremp's friend, undergoing tests following a seizure), Pansy Meyer (back pain), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, recovering from kidney surgery), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Olivia (Betty Schremp's great-niece, recovering from a concussion), Emmalyn Ganey (Cathy Dew's granddaughter, ill), 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 November** • Cathy Dew (November 3), Lisa Schlueter (November 13), Mary Perschbacher (November 19), Bill Surman (November 20), Bonnie Zerwig (November 24), Isaiah Reiter (November 25), Randy Ruzicka (November 27).

**For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in November** • Carl & Cheryl Noll (November 2), Jim & Stacy Bell (November 26).

**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.**

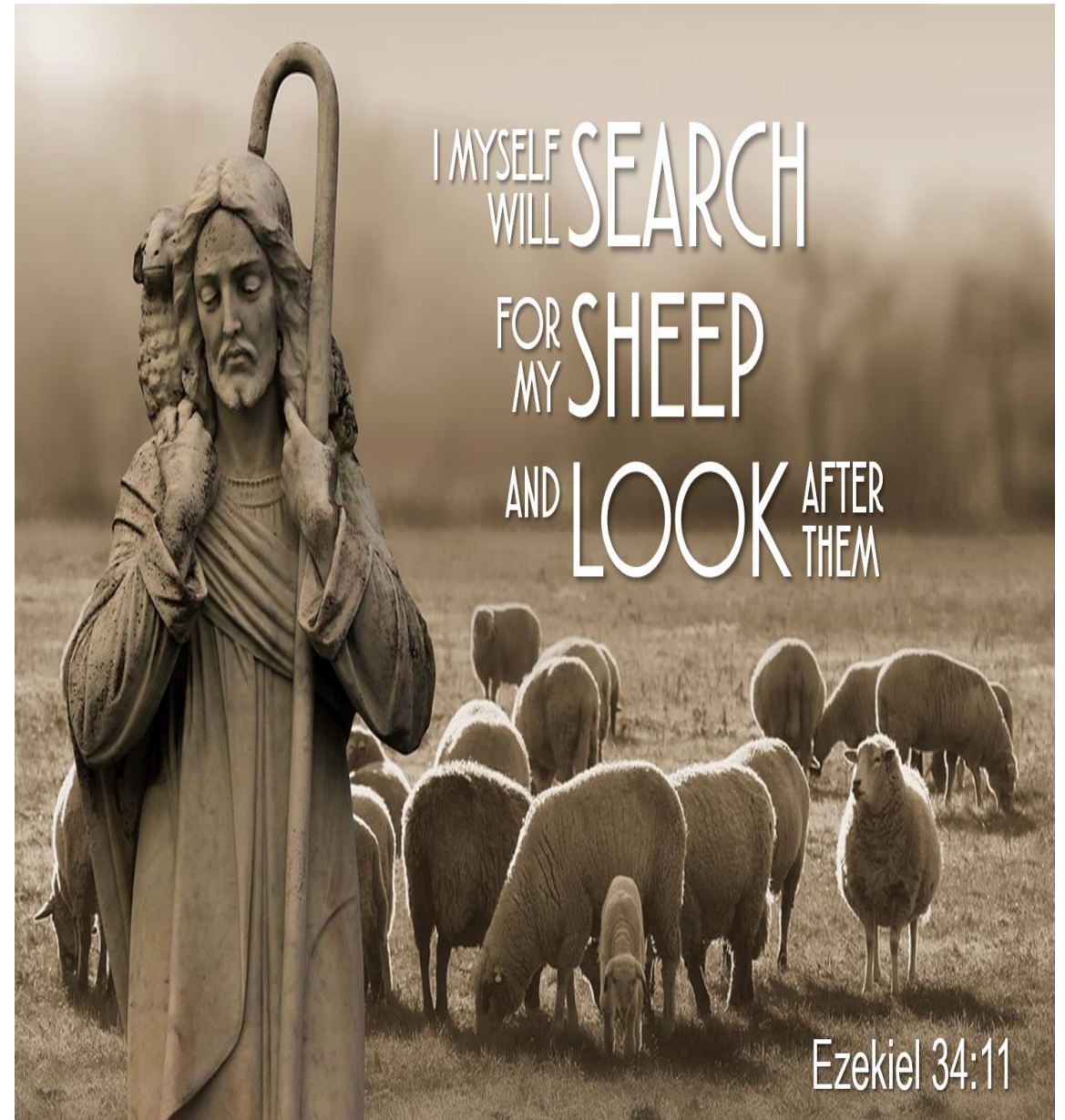
If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please let Pastor Craig or the church office know by email or phone by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card, folding your card in half, and 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.

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Last Sunday of the Church Year  
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The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in memory of the birthday of Jim Steiger, Connie Schwent's brother.

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

Following the service today, we will decorate the church inside and outside for the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you can stay and help, it would be greatly appreciated!

Next weekend • Ste. Genevieve Christmas Festival: December 2 & 3 • We need hosts and homemade cookies for our many guests! Please sign up on the display in the narthex to volunteer as a host.

Join us for our midweek Advent meals and services on Tuesday, December 5, December 12, and December 19. The meal begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by the service at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to provide a meal to share, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Country Christmas Church Tour: December 14 & 15 • Please sign up to greet or serve. The sign-up sheet is on the display in the narthex. Tuesday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m.: general cleaning and decorating. Homemade cookies are needed for both days!

During December, we will be helping the 60 residents at Marian Cliff in St. Mary. They are men, mostly veterans. We are asking for personal care items to be donated (razors, shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and brush, large print crossword puzzles, etc.). Place your donations in the box in the back of the sanctuary. Cash donations can be placed in the small box on the desk.

## Our Father's Business

SUNDAY November 26	TUESDAY November 28	SATURDAY December 2	NEXT SUNDAY December 3
<b>9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Holy Communion  <b>CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING</b> after the service	<b>10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS</b>	<b>STE. GENEVIEVE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL</b>  <b>1:00 &amp; 2:00: STRING QUARTET CONCERT</b>	<b>9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Holy Communion  <b>BIBLE CLASS</b> after the service  <b>12:30 &amp; 1:30: CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT</b>

Your Financial Support of Your Church	11/19/23	Year-to-Date
<b>Weekly Budget Requirement</b>	<b>\$2,953</b>	<b>\$135,838</b>
<b>Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)</b>	<b>\$3060</b>	<b>\$128,185</b>
<b>Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement</b>	<b>\$107</b>	<b>-\$7,653</b>
<b>% Ahead/Behind</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>

Would you like to give flowers for the altar? Advent poinsettias: December 17, 24. All Sundays in January and February are also available. Clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. On an envelope, write "Flower Fund"; put \$25 inside; and place it in the offering plate.

**As We Gather** • Too often we think about God's being up in His heaven, looking down on us. Today's Readings give us the correct perspective. Through Ezekiel, God announces that He is the One who will provide pasture for His people and that He will send them David to be their king. In the Psalm, we reflect that God is our maker. Christ is not only the first to rise from death, Paul explains in the Epistle; He is also the foremost, the One to subject all things under Him. And so His decisions when judging on the Last Day cannot be questioned. First and foremost, then, today is a day to let God's Word give us a correct perspective. This last Sunday of the Church Year is an opportunity to "make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise" (Psalm 95:2).