



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 • CJ Kintz (diagnosed with breast cancer), 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 July • Vickie Eisenbeis (July 7), Jeff Zerwig (July 8), Jim Port (July 9), Andrew Reiter (July 16), Dan Kastrup (July 26).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in July • Dean & Lisa Schlueter (July 9).

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.

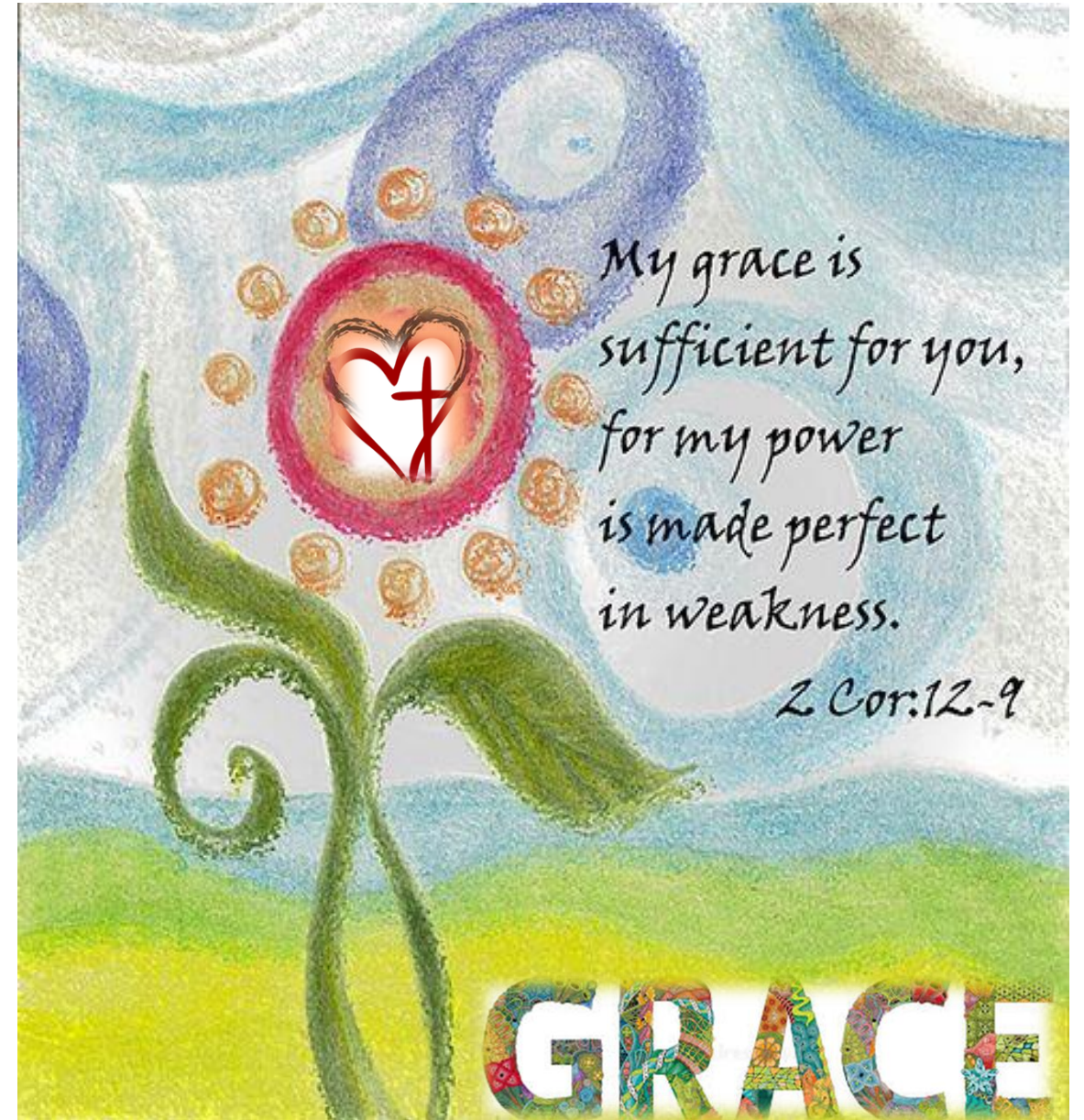
For all prayer requests not listed here.

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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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
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Our Father's Business

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Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!
Guests and visitors, please come back and worship with us again!

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Bill and Vicky Surman.

Members, if you haven't yet picked up your July newsletter and/or membership directory, please take yours home today from your church mailbox.

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

The Church Council meets on Saturday morning (July 13) at 9:00.

Next Sunday: Quarterly Voters' Meeting after the service.

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.

Jour de Fete Reminder: Please continue to bring in household saleable items for our Jour de Fete sale, which is on August 10 and 11. We accept books (except encyclopedias), holiday decorations, dishes, pots and pans, toys, tools, working small appliances, bedding, crafts, jewelry, etc. We do not sell clothes, and we do not accept heavy furniture or electronics with lithium-ion batteries. **We will have sign-up sheets posted soon for volunteers** (cashiers, water stand workers, cookie helpers).

SUNDAY July 7	TUESDAY July 9	SATURDAY July 13	NEXT SUNDAY July 14
<p>9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion</p> <p>BIBLE CLASS after the service</p>	<p>10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS</p>	<p>9:00 AM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p>7:15 AM ELDERS' MEETING</p> <p>9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion</p> <p>QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING after the service</p>

Your Financial Support of Your Church	6/30/24	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,777.00	\$72,202.00
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$1,500.00	\$68,801.22
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	-\$1,277.00	-\$3,400.78
% Ahead/Behind	-46.0%	-4.7%

A Prophet Without Honor • In our Gospel reading today from Mark: **Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor."** Mark 6:4. Why did Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the world, receive such a cool reception in His hometown of Nazareth? He came fresh from several triumphs, stilling a tempest, and raising Jairus' daughter from the dead. He taught powerfully in the synagogue. But the crowd raised serious questions about His authority. They asked, "Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son?" (Mark 6:3). And they took offense at Him. In spite of all He had done, Jesus appeared commonplace to them. But God raised up people who honored Jesus even in His own country. John the Baptizer honored Him even to the death. The disciples, after His resurrection, obeyed and proclaimed His salvation. Paul asserted, "I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). Why the difference? God changed their attitudes from dishonor to honor. He sent His Son to die and rise, worked faith in their hearts through the Word, and filled their hearts with praise. In the same way, Jesus reveals Himself to us as Savior. Sins of dishonoring Him forgiven, we honor Jesus with our lives. Sometimes we will be treated as prophets without honor, but Jesus moves us to keep on honoring Him every day.