

Messenger

May the love of God fill your heart.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAN

PRAYING WHEN HOPE SEEMS DIM

Psalm 69:1-3, 13

Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck. [2] Deeper and deeper I sink into the mire, I can't find a foothold to stand on. I am in deep water, and the floods overwhelm me. [3] I am exhausted from crying for help my throat is parched and dry. My eyes are swollen with weeping, waiting for my God to help me. But I keep right on praying to you, Lord, hoping this is the time you will show me favor. In your unfailing love, O God, answer my prayer with your sure salvation.

David's prayer recorded in this psalm essentially amounts to a simple, "Save me, I'm sinking." It's the cry of a desperate man who can't even think of helping himself. But at least David knew whom he needed to ask for help. Although he was exhausted from crying to God in prayer, he kept on shouting to his God, the only one who could save him.

When waves of adversity threaten to drown you in despair, pray to God. Remember David's persistence, and keep on asking God for help.

Prayer: Dear Lord, I am exhausted from crying for help, but I will keep on praying to You. Amen.

And out of
pity for him,
the master of
that servant
released
him and

forgave

him the debt.

MATTHEW 18:27, ESV





FEBRUARY 2022 AT A GLANCE

ALTAR GUILD: Fran Moen & Diana Anderson

AA MEETING: Every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday, February 20th following Worship.

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, February 10th

MEN'S MINISTRY: Sunday, February 6th following Worship.

TUESDAY QUILTER'S: February 15th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

USHER: Confirmation Students (Gage, Josie, Alex & Paige)

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

February 6th Kevin D. February 20th Bruce M.
February 13th Craig A. February 27th Tara T.



MARCH 2022 AT A GLANCE

ALTAR GUILD: Beth Mortonson

AA MEETING: Every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday, March 20th following Worship

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, March 17th

MEN'S MINISTRY: Sunday, March 6th following Worship.

TUESDAY QUILTER'S: March 15th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

USHER: Dean & Carson Lashua

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

March 2nd Carl T. March 20th Carl T.
March 6th Kevin D. March 23rd Kevin D.
March 9th Craig A. March 27th Craig A.
March 13th Bruce M. March 30th Bruce M.

Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.



What you need:

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.



FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Katie Moen
- 3rd Kristi Dippel
- 9th Kali Finch, Mark Finch, Carl Thompson
- 11th Tracey Allred,
- 13th Brody Fisher, John Lashua, Jack Lashua, Mark Moen
- 15th Kristin Allred, Ryan Finch
- 17th Gerald Witkowski
- 18th Peter Timdal
- 21st Patricia Melum
- 22nd Morgan Hahn
- 24th Randall Peterson
- 25th Chase Timdal
- 27th Stuart Wogsland
- 28th Lisa Nerlien

If you have not seen your birthday listed in the newsletter please call or email the church office at (715) 445-2956.


Newsletter DEADLINE

Items for the March 2022 Messenger are due, ready for publication, to the office on February 10th.

Bible Quiz

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

- A. Miriam
- B. Keturah
- C. Bathsheba
- D. Tamar




Answer: B (See Genesis 25:1.)

Bible Quiz

In Matthew's genealogy, which woman is *not* mentioned as Jesus' ancestor?

- A. Tamar
- B. Rahab
- C. Mary
- D. Ruth
- E. Sarah
- F. Bathsheba




Answer: E (See Matthew 1:1-17.)

Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah




Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)

Bible Quiz

Complete this proverb: "Like snow in _____ or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool."

- A. springtime
- B. summer
- C. seedtime
- D. autumn



Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV.)



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek **re**_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your ___ople, but **love** your **neig**_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do **right**; seek **jus**_____. **Defend** the ___**pressed**. Take up the cause of the _____less; **plead** the ___e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go____. ...
To act **justly** and to **love** me_____ and **to** walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

- father_____
- pe_____
- _venge
- _od
- _rcy
- op_____
- _____hbor
- humb____
- cas_
- ___tice

So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would ___ve them
d _ to you, for this s _ ms up the ___w and the Proph ___s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets