



August Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

Do you ever find yourself not knowing what to pray for or how to pray? Do you get uncomfortable when asked to pray in front of people, even if it's just family? How about when you are praying alone? Do you feel as though if you don't pray for enough people or if you pray for yourself you are being selfish?

If you answered yes to any or all of those questions, you are not alone! We are taught various prayers as children, but as we grow older, for some reason we feel the need to make the prayers more complicated. We might feel as though if the prayer isn't using big words or isn't long enough then it isn't pleasing to God.

Not only do we fear that our prayer is not good enough for God, we also fear that we are praying too much for ourselves! When want to pray for God's help, but we are trained to think "well, so and so has it worse than me, so I really shouldn't be complaining..." even though needing help is not complaining! In fact, God wants us to cry to Him! He wants to be the first place that we turn to.

And yet, there are still times when we know we should be praying, but we do not have the words for what is on our hearts. We sit there with our mind

wandering thinking "God, I'm sorry, I got distracted in my prayer" or "God, I don't even know what I am praying for."

Here is what you need to know: God doesn't care about the length or eloquence of your prayer. There isn't a magic word that needs to be said. Rather, God gives us the Holy Spirit to act on our behalf so that when we do not have the right words (and that is often), the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express.

God knows our hearts, He knows our minds. We absolutely need to continue to pray, but rest assured, your prayers are answered whether you have your eyes wide open driving

down the road, or you are on your knees with your hands folded before bed. Whether we have a proper, formal prayer, or we are at a place where all we have are groanings that cannot even be put into words. May you know that God hears you. God is for you. God has called you His very own.

"²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

~ Romans 8:26-28

This is most certainly true.

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August Calendar

Wednesday, August 2

2:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, August 20

9:00 AM **Worship Service (Communion)**
7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, August 6

9:00 AM **Worship Service (Communion)**
7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, August 23

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2:00 PM Bible Study

Wednesday, August 9

2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, August 27

9:00 AM **Worship Service (Contemporary)**
7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, August 13

9:00 AM **Worship Service (Traditional)**
7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, August 30

2:00 PM Bible Study
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, August 16

2:00 PM Bible Study



Worship Helpers

Sunday, August 6 (Communion)

Reader Steven Holmberg
Acolyte/Communion Helper Volunteer
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, August 20 (Communion)

Reader Fred Holmberg
Acolyte Volunteer
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Kayla Mehlhaf

Sunday, August 13 (Traditional)

Reader Robert Christensen
Acolyte/Communion Helper Volunteer
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, August 27 (Contemporary)

Reader Janet Holmberg
Acolyte Volunteer
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons



Committee's of the Month

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the Scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parent serves. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

August

Fred & Janet Holmberg
Robert & Marilyn Christensen
Steven & Linda Holmberg
JoAnn Hansen

September

Chad & Belinda Holm
Loren & Michelle Johnson
James Christofferson
Lydell & Cath Peterson
Nancy Severson

October

Matt and Sharon Wirth
Shelley Wray
Chad and Belinda Holm
Tyler and Sam Bjerke

August Scripture Readings

August 6 - Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 - Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 - Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 27 - Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Superintendent & Teachers Needed



We are looking for a Superintendent and Sunday School Teachers for next year.

Please let Belinda Holm know if you are interested.



Looking Ahead To September

Sunday, September 3

10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

Wednesday, September 6

2:00 PM Bible Study
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS
7:00 PM Council Mtg

Sunday, September 10

10:30 AM Worship Service (traditional)

Wednesday, September 13

2:00 PM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS



STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!
WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE AT 10:30 AM



We now have TWO Thrivent Projects!

We have three new projects for which we are seeking funding assistance:

1. We now have the Thrivent cards to do the Fire-Pit project! Thank YOU!
2. Rally Sunday events for both OSLC & SVLC happening in September
3. The VCIS Haunted House Fundraiser



Learn how you can help by scanning the QR code or visiting:

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>



Help support the VCIS Mission At Home
by Flamingo-ing a Friend!

Cost:

- 🌸 \$30 to send the flock,
- 🌸 \$15 to have them removed,
- 🌸 \$5 to find out who sent them.

Contact Pr. Max to schedule!

prmax@oslcvib.org



DEADLINE

The September Newsletter Deadline is August 23. Please submit the reader schedule for inclusion in the August 27 bulletin.