

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.  
Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

**New:** Bridget Kageman, Addie Ziegelbein, Rollie Beerman, Virgil Gramenz, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Alan Luebbert, Lisa Arnett, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves

**Ongoing:** Donald Dedeke, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpenhaut, Ken Wodrich, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Joe Connell, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

**Nation and World:** the people of Syria

**Partners in Mission:** Concordia Lutheran Church; Sikeston, MO and Rev. Matthew Berry; Lutheran Braile Workers

**Birthdays:** (5/10) Sylvia Burman, Landon Demel, Reagan Heath, Tiffany Jones, Lavona Larimore; (5/11) Yvonne Mitkos, Tami Myers, Michael Rodewald; (5/12) Christian Armbruster, Makenna Lange, Michelle McGinnis; (5/13) Ann Dankenbring, Daniel Dodson, Arianna Maxwell, Allie Sayre; (5/14) Martha Brown, Miles Hamilton, Jennifer McCall, Shannon Virus; (5/15) Tad Deatherage, Harper Inman, Kyle Knight, Scott Meyer, Norman Wienberg

**Anniversaries:** (5/11) Galen & Andrea Kueck; (5/14) Paul & Betty Brackman

## FAMILY FOOTNOTES

*Gina Martens, Family Life Director*

I read some pretty powerful words about prayer a few weeks ago, specifically unanswered prayers. What happens when you pray and pray and God seems to be silent? I've realized that some of the toughest times in my life have been when I have desperately prayed and pleaded with God, but the answer is still "no" or "wait" and I don't know why. That is a true test of trust. Do you still believe that God is for you even when He doesn't give you what you ask for? Do you trust that He has a better plan for your life going forward than you do? Sometimes it is the seemingly unanswered prayers that are the greatest blessing. We don't get to know all of the answers this side of eternity, but we can trust that God does. God doesn't just want what is good for us; He wants what is best for us. Sometimes that takes Him getting in the way to show us the way. "I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer."  
Psalm 17:6

## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



### What is the "baptismal font"?

In church, the baptismal font is a place where we see the Holy Spirit do His stuff! As St. Paul says in Titus: "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7). This all happens at the baptismal font.

### Why do we use a baptismal font?

Baptism is important in the lives of God's people. In Baptism you were given the forgiveness of sins, rescued from death and the devil, and given salvation. All of this comes to you through God's Word with the water in Baptism. The font reminds us of the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness. It also reminds us that our old sinful self has been drowned, and a new person arises to live in faith!



**Parents:** Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the baptismal font to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, when the sign of the cross is made on the congregation, remind your child that the sign of the cross was made on them at their Baptism. It was there that they were marked as one redeemed by Christ.



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