

**DEEPER**  
**Practices for a More Deeply Rooted Faith**

Part 5—Using Your Gifts

*Based on I Corinthians 12:12-27*

**Summary of Series So Far...**

**Week 1.**

**Week 2.**

**Week 3.**

**Week 4.**

**Why is it important to use our God given gifts to serve others?**

1. It helps deepen our faith as we put it into action.
2. God's Word tells us to.

*“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ...And God has put each part just where he wants it.... In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.... So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is an important part of it.” I Corinthians 12:12-27*

*“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:14-16*

**3. We are simply better together**

*“Jesus makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” Ephesians 4:16*

**3a. Better as individuals and better as a community**

*“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help...Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

**Something to Think About:** What are your gifts and how can you use them within the church/body of Christ to help others.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## **Vacation Bible School - EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! JUNE 24 - JUNE 28 & JULY 1 - JULY 3 | WINDMILL CAMPUS**

This summer, your child will get to experience the magic of Narnia all while learning and growing in their knowledge of the Bible and God's love. VBS is open to children ages 5-11 years old. Early bird registration: March 15 thru April 5. Use code EARLYBIRD for 20% off. More information and registration at [goodsamly.com](https://goodsamly.com).

## **Blood Drive**

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 17 | 8:00 - 12:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL | WINDMILL**

Join us in saving lives at our upcoming blood drive on March 17. Donors will be entered to win 1 of 4 \$5,000 gift cards. Your donation can make a significant difference for those in need. Let's come together as a community to give the gift of life! Make your appointment at [goodsamly.com](https://goodsamly.com).

## **Spiritual Practices Workshop: Mandalas**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | 9:30-11:30 AM | SANCTUARY | LAKES CAMPUS**

Mandala means center, circle, or disc. Join us and special guest Rev. Sharlyn Menard to create your own as we learn how this creative practice can calm the mind, improve focus, and draw us deeper in faith! Please RSVP by texting 702.268.6414.

## **Church Picnic Planning Team**

Join us in creating unforgettable memories at our annual church picnic on April 14! We're seeking volunteers to join our church picnic planning team and help us organize a joy-filled event for our community. Contact Pastor Don at [dlorfin@goodsamly.com](mailto:dlorfin@goodsamly.com).

## **LSSN Easter Egg Hunt & Resource Fair**

### **COLLECT, PARTNER, OR VOLUNTEER**

**Collect** Easter baskets, plastic eggs, candy, small puzzles or toys, children's books, art supplies, and other related items. **Partner** by providing a free resource to kids and families. **Volunteer** at our Resource Fair on March 28 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Learn more at [www.lssnv.org/easter-egg-hunt-and-resource-fair/](https://www.lssnv.org/easter-egg-hunt-and-resource-fair/)

## **First Communion Classes - 4th & 5th Grade (& up)**

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 11 & 18 | 6:30 PM | WINDMILL CAMPUS**

Our First Communion classes will be held on April 11 & 18, with the First Communion ceremony on Sunday, April 21. The classes, led by Pastor Don, will cover the basic meaning and scriptural basis behind the Lord's Supper. Remember this is an important occasion in your child's journey of commitment and faith. For more information and to register visit our website at [goodsamly.com](https://goodsamly.com). Please reach out to Jamie Rosas at [Jamie@goodsamly.com](mailto:Jamie@goodsamly.com) with any questions.

## **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

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# PRAYER MINISTRY

## Grief

Chelsea - Mom's death; Marri, Jared & Nicky - Death of Vicky; Karen - Lynda Bennes' sister - peace & comfort during her final days; The family of Sarah Carter at her passing; Cyndy & family at the loss of her mother; The Lomassaro family; Sylvia Krikes and family - peace & comfort during her final days

## Health – Cancer

Brian Tripp - cancer treatment; Marva Hall Putnam - healing & support for recurrence & complications from breast cancer; Frank - cancer; Matthew - upcoming cancer surgery; Sandra - esophagus cancer; Vicky - cancer; Frank - pancreatic cancer; Sherry - breast cancer; Darla - complications from double mastectomy; Brynn Willeford's dad - home hospice; Jen Hussein; Bill H. - Cancer, understanding with faith; Stacie Schwartz - breast cancer/healing

## Health – General

Tom - serious medical condition; Raina - health concern; Sandy - healing after eye surgery; Jennell - undiagnosed pain; Wes Parker - continued prayers for back pain; Mary - having cataract surgery; Matt - prayers as he prepares to have brain tumor removed on March 18; Sharon Smith - struggling with massive infection; Geraldine - stroke; Jason - broken leg; Kyle - broken leg; Brett - shoulder; Hayden - faith and healing; Dorothy - health; Connie - healing & recovery from fractured back; Joan - Healing after surgery; Jose & Felipe - healing; Erma - broken hip, surgery & recovery; Rod S - therapy from surgery; Gail B - Heart surgery recovery; Peter B - heart tests; Eric Alonzo - 6 month old with RSV; Jill Smith - prayers for healing/strength from pneumonia and esophagus issues; Norine - to recover from her illness; Susie - healing from surgery & infection; Judy, Keith, Shane, Chad - reduce pain & healing; Kaitlyn - safe pregnancy; Mira - born 2 months prematurely; Libby - open heart surgery; Edith - stroke; Nick Nardone - health & recovery; Lizzie Ayers - healing (partner of Mike Olson)

## General Request(s)

Pray for pet charity VK manager to get several helpers to feed 2 homeless cat colonies; Chase Carter - peace & comfort; Ian & all service men/women - keep them in your comforting hands as they ship out to the Middle East; Bernice - family conflict; David & Jodi - starting a new business; Brett - success with new job; Christina - healing; Kamryn and her family; Alex - peace, schooling; Brayden - deployment Air Force

## Spiritual/Emotional/etc

Freddirick - Guidance & direction of his life; Jeanette and Pam - strength & guidance; Marri & Nicky - guidance; Hayden - faith and healing; Melinda - faith/support new job; Jane & Darren - peace in marriage; Emma M - healing, faith; Bobby & Kelly - salvation

## WAYS TO GIVE



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