

Deuteronomy 7:6-7 (We are God's treasured possession)

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. (verse from this weekend's service)

Prayers of thanksgiving:

- For the good news that Pastor Mark's medical test (angiogram) went well.
- For all who participated in, and helped with, last week's virtual Vacation Bible School. May it bear much spiritual fruit for God's kingdom.
- Joan Erickson, member of Mount Olive, who will be 90 on August 1st! Her address is: 1204 Linden, Spurgeon Manor, Room 132, Dallas Center, IA 50063.

Please pray for:

- Quick healing and strength for Gerry Meiners who is in Methodist downtown. He has been diagnosed with painful fluid around his lungs and streptococcus.
- Peace and comfort for Sue Barlow's friend, Beth, who lost both of her parents due to Covid-19 last week.
- Healing for a relative of Ken and Lori Discher's who had a bad bike accident requiring surgery for a broken hip and shoulder surgery. Thankfully no head injury.
- The Backpack Blessing project for Monroe School and Mount Olive. The final day is August 15. The list is on the website and flyers are on the table by the sanctuary.
- Our country - the pandemic, the civil unrest, the campaign and approaching election.
- Healing for: Ian Thompson; Dale Foltman; Joan Koch's brother, Bill - cancer; John Light's girlfriend - in a nursing home due to health issues; Dale Curtice; David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Doug Burke; Pat Davison; Kathryn Sprecher; and Pastor Jim Stogdill.
- The following Mount Olive school children and their families: Kaitlin (Jenn Foster Krueger); Micah (Wendy and Brian Hatcher); Matthew and Katy (Lauren and Lawrence Prunty); Lucas and Ivy (Heather and Brett Tamminga); Frankie and Ava (Connie and Frank Williams).

REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS PRAYER CALENDARS

Sunday, July 26

- **Mount Olive** - Online worship service
- **LCMS** - For busy college students, who are pulled in many directions with the demands of school, work, friends, family and other activities. Pray that they would make God a priority by setting aside time for worship, Bible study and Christian service.
- **Persecuted Christians** - Oman - Pray for the protection of local believers.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace.

Monday, July 27

- **Mount Olive** - For church leadership as they faithfully serve the congregation and school.
- **LCMS** - For the development of campus-ministry programs at institutions of higher education around the world.
- **Persecuted Christians** - Kyrgyzstan - Pray for President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - That the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed.

Tuesday, July 28

- **Mount Olive** - Members to prayerfully consider joining in the Lord's service to fill openings on the various boards and committees at church.

- **LCMS** – For the development of campus-ministry programs at institutions of higher education around the world.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Nepal – Pray that Bibles will reach the most remote mountainous regions of Nepal.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – That the Lord may grant to us good and faithful pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of His Word, and that we may receive their words with joy and thanksgiving.

Wednesday, July 29

- **LCMS** – With thanksgiving for a new school year. Pray that students and campus-ministry workers would return refreshed and with renewed dedication.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Qatar – Pray that Qataris will respond to the gospel shared through Arabic broadcasts and websites.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – That we may remember our Baptism into Christ and live boldly in our vocation as His children no matter the difficulties of this fallen world, within our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world.
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Thursday, July 30

- **LCMS** – For recent college graduates, that they would find gainful employment as well as a church home where they can learn about God’s holy Word in all of its truth and purity.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Tunisia – Pray that the Berber people will be valued by other Tunisians.
- **Weekly Prayers for the Church (LCMS)** – That the Lord may watch over our comings and goings and deliver us safely into the arms of His mercy, in the blessed rest of the faithful, to receive with all the dead in Christ the gift of life everlasting.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory.

Friday – July 31

- **LCMS** – For all students, that God would protect them and provide people to share with them the Word of God.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Bahrain – Pray that persecuted believers will continue to find strength in Christ.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – That we may be steadfast and immovable, abiding in Christ and in His Word of truth, and that we would be kept from error and delivered from temptation.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - That the Lord may bless all lawful occupations and professions, and that we may pursue honesty and virtue in all things.

Saturday, August 1

- **Mount Olive** – In-person worship service and communion
 - **LCMS** – With thanksgiving for the many dedicated church workers in the LCMS, who share in our joys and sorrows. Ask the Lord to comfort and defend them from every assault of the devil.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Vietnam – Pray that new Bibles for children and youth will be read by non-believers.
 - **Weekly Prayer of the Church (LCMS)** – That the Lord may grant us generous hearts so that we may honor Him with the worship of our hearts and bring to Him the tithes and offerings that support His work.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – That God’s people may recognize the true treasure of the cross and rejoice in the resurrection, pursuing with all their hearts, minds, bodies and souls the things of His kingdom.
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