

Mount Olive Prayer List
Week of September 6, 2020

Matthew 18:19-20

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for; it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. (verse from the weekend service)

Prayers of thanksgiving:

- Praise to God and his family at Mount Olive as Pat Davison has been greatly helped by prayer. She will have a mastectomy in late September. Then radiation therapy.
- For all who participated in for the LWML Mission Mites collection. These offerings go to fund a variety of mission grants through the national and district Lutheran Women in Mission ministry. This month the District Grant #1 is highlighted – Orphan Grain Train – Central Iowa Branch - \$10,000. *God promises in John 14:18, "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you."*
- For the gift of work and purpose for living (Labor Day).
- For the resumption of Sunday School and Adult Bible Class on Rally Sunday, September 13, 2020 (10:30 am).

Please pray for:

- Wisdom and grace for struggling marriages.
- Seasonable weather, specifically rains in the drought-stricken areas of Iowa.
- Relief from the COVID-19 pandemic and all its resultant consequences, especially as it impacts schools in the Des Moines Metro area and around the State of Iowa.
- Our country and its leaders in view of the pandemic, the civil unrest, the campaign and approaching election.
- Healing for: Ian Thompson; Bill – (Joan Koch's brother); John Light's girlfriend; Dale Curtice; David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Doug Burke; Kathryn Sprecher; Pastor Jim Stogdill, Sandi Jones, Phil Mattheis, Lucas McNeeley and Ryan and Melissa Jorgenson (mistakenly listed earlier as Pillack).

REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS PRAYER CALENDARS

Sunday, September 6

- **Mount Olive** – Mount Olive Lutheran School administrators, teachers, staff, students and families as the year has begun and continues – that God would keep everyone safe and healthy and focused on learning.
- **LCMS** – Thank God for reason. Pray that learning and intellect are always in service of God's Kingdom.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Central African Republic – Pray that displaced Christians will forgive their persecutors.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – O Lord, grant to Your people courage, that with boldness we may speak Your name in witness and warn sinners so that they may come to faith and repentance and so enjoy the forgiveness of their sins. Give Your Church wisdom and strength by Your Spirit, that she may be steadfast and unmovable in Your Word and truth.

Monday, September 7

- **Mount Olive** – God's guidance and blessings on Mount Olive church leadership as they faithfully serve the congregation and school, and that others would be prayerfully led to join them in the Lord's service.
- **LCMS** – Thank God for Jesus. He is our only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Somalia – Pray that believers will have access to Somali Bibles.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – O Lord, be present among Your people to serve us with the gifts of Your grace, and grant that we may receive them with joy. Give to us faithful pastors and church workers who will minister to us in Your name and strengthen our faith and life together as Your baptized people.

Tuesday, September 8

- **Mount Olive** – For protection and provision for members of the Mount Olive faith community, both congregation and school, who are continuing to “shelter in place” in view of the pandemic.
- **LCMS** – Rejoice that Jesus is true man, that He can sympathize with our weaknesses.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Morocco – Pray that non-Christian schools led by extremists will be closed.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – O Lord, give to us good and honest leaders who will govern according to Your Word and will. Give us grace, that we may not fail to pray for those who lead us and to act as good citizens and good neighbors to one another. Give peace to the nations, and bring an end to violence, prejudice and racism. Guide us to know and respect all life, from the infant in the womb to the youth beginning maturity, and from the mature to the aged.

Wednesday, September 9

- **Mount Olive** – Mount Olive Lutheran School chapel
- **LCMS** – Rejoice that Jesus is true God, that our Savior is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Brunei – Pray that churches and missionaries will find creative ways to bring the gospel to Malay people.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – O Lord, You send rain upon the earth and turn the seeds into plants rich with fruit for harvest. Accept our thanks and praise for Your continued goodness in providing a good harvest and food for all. Give us wisdom so that we may use Your resources wisely and extend Your care to those in need.

Thursday, September 10

- **LCMS** – Repent of all your sins and trust that God forgives your sins through the blood of Jesus.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Turkey – Pray that Christian youth will find spouses who are committed to Christ.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - O Lord, You urge us to give special care and guidance to the young and those new to the faith. Give us grace, that we may not lead them into temptation or sin but guard their faith by making known to them the full counsel of Your Word.

Friday – September 11

- **Mount Olive** – That God would show each of us ways to pray for and to reach out to others in Jesus’ name where we live, work and play.
- **LCMS** – Pray that God would empower you, by His Spirit, to live in righteousness, innocence and blessedness.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Djibouti – Pray for Christian converts who face pressure and persecution from their communities.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – O Lord, You have given the day for work and the night for rest. Bless all honest labor and industry, artists and artisans, and those in caring professions. Keep us in humility, and guard us against pride and arrogance. Give to us a spirit of generosity, that we may share with others the blessings that flow from our labors.

Saturday, September 12

- **LCMS** – Thank God that He freely gives faith and salvation through His Spirit. Pray that all would hear the Word and be Baptized according to His will.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Egypt – Pray that Christian converts will be accepted by existing churches.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – O Lord, deliver us from pandemic and pestilence, from disaster and danger, and from a sudden death, that kept in faith, we may be preserved through this mortal life and in death be received into the arms of Your mercy and into the blessed rest of everlasting life.

But as it is written, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. I Corinthians 2:9
