

## Prayer Corner

### Prayer of the Month:

#### **"There's Nothing Better Than Trusting You (Romans 5:1-5)" Kwasi Kena-Africana Worship Book (Year C)**

*Loving God, there is nothing better than trusting you. Teach us how to wake up trusting you, go to sleep trusting you and walk through life trusting you. Teach us to trust you until we've completely at peace with you. When we find that peace in you, help us to notice what else you have in store for us—an audacious hope! We thank you in advance for the hope that suffers and endures. Thank you for the hope that endures and builds character. Thank for hope that never disappoints. Lord, we came to bow before you today so that we can stand courageously tomorrow. Lord, help us trust. Lord give us peace. Lord grant us hope. Amen.*

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Gordon Edmond (Brother of Stacey Swain & Joel Edmond)
- Larry Gray
- Xavier Golden
- Melvin Henderson
- Dr. Joi Lewis
- Gary Martin
- Sharon Martin
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Carlton McQuirter (Brother of James McQuirter)
- Karen Morgan
- Calvin Morgan
- Pedro Ramos

#### **Seniors and Homebound**

- Verlene Booker
- Glenice Booker-Butler
- Margaret Carter
- Dr. Charles Crutchfield
- James Cummings
- Ginnie Dennis
- Doris Douglas
- Charlotte Drake
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Barbara Wulf



*Loving God. Loving People.*

May 11, 2025 | 10 am



### **Believing into Christ | Fourth Sunday of Easter**

#### **Welcome to Camphor!**

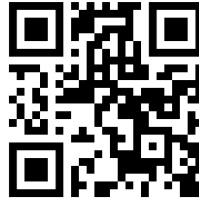
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† All stand  
\* Please be Seated  
Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

## Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread

Check out today's passage from  
"Our Daily Bread" to get centered for Worship.



### Prelude

### † Acolyte

### † Processional

### Welcome/Announcements

Mary Louise Archer

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Louise Archer

One: Come, let us give thanks for the women who have shaped our lives.

**Many: For mothers and grandmothers, for aunties and caregivers, we give God praise.**

One: She is clothed with strength and dignity; she opens her mouth with wisdom.

**Many: Her words are gentle, and her love is steadfast.**

One: Today we honor the heart of a mother—reflecting the love of God.

**Many: Let us worship the One who nurtures us all. Amen.**

### † Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Gracious and loving God, we gather today with grateful hearts, remembering the ones who have mothered us with wisdom, grace, and strength. Thank You for the women who have spoken truth in love, stood firm in faith, and walked in dignity. May their example inspire us to live with compassion, courage, and kindness. As we worship, let us feel Your nurturing presence, shaping us to reflect Your heart. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Shepherd, we pray. Amen.**

*(Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer)*

# Sermon Notes

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key verses:

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† Morning Hymn

**"We've Come This Far By Faith"**

AA/HH 412

[Refrain]

**We have come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord,  
Trusting in His holy Word,  
He's never failed me yet.  
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,  
We've come this far by faith.**

[Verse 1]

**Don't be discouraged  
When troubles come in your life  
He'll bear your burdens,  
and move all misery and strife. That's why we've...**

[Refrain]

**We have come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord,  
Trusting in His holy Word,  
He's never failed me yet.  
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,  
We've come this far by faith.**

[Verse 2]

**Just the other day, I heard someone say  
They didn't believe in God's -Word,  
But I can truly say that God had made a way,  
And He's never failed me yet. That's why we've...**

[Refrain]

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*(Worshippers May Enter)*

## Call to Prayer

Mary Louise Archer

Beloved, just as a mother listens with love, so our God invites us to speak freely in prayer. Whether you come with joy or sorrow, strength or struggle, know that you are heard. Lay down your burdens, lift up your thanks, and rest in the arms of grace. In this moment of stillness, may we draw near to the One who nurtures and restores. Let us now enter into silence.

*(Offer Silent Prayers to God)*

## Prayer of Intercession

Dr. Stephanie Burrage

## Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

## Passing of the Peace

Dr. Stephanie Burrage

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation, peace, and love. Saying, to our neighbors, **"the peace of Christ be with you,"** the response is, **"And also with you!"**

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

## Stewardship Moment

Dr. Stephanie Burrage

## Offertory

### † The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*(Worshippers May Enter)*

## Hattitude Runway

Mrs. Greta Oglesby

## This Week at Camphor UMC

### Tuesday, May 13th

6:30 pm- Finance Team Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, May 14th

10 am- UMM Weekly Bowling (Flaherty's)

4 pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6 pm- Mindful Movement (Large Sunday School Room)

### Saturday, May 17th

9 am- Exercise w/Connie (Large Sunday School Room)

1 pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, May 18th

8:45 am- Adult Sunday School (Conf. Room)

10 am- Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)

11:30 am- Congregational Care Team Meeting (Conference Room)

## Ministry Team Highlight | Social Justice Ministry

We at Camphor want to highlight the various ministries we have and provide an opportunity to learn more and join if you're interested.

### **Social Justice Ministry | Team Members - Min. JaNaé Bates, Vivian Ihekoronye, Grace Warren**

The Social Justice Ministry at Camphor Memorial UMC is committed to advancing justice and equity through faith-rooted action. In partnership with ISALAH—a statewide, multi-racial coalition grounded in the values of faith and democracy—we actively put our faith into action. Guided by the biblical call to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, the social justice ministry strive to equip our congregation to live out their faith in public life through education, advocacy, and community organizing.

If you would like to learn more or get involved, please contact Min. JaNaé Bates, Vivian Ihekoronye, or Grace Warren.



National Empowerment Group, Inc. & Cultural Wellness Center Present  
**17TH ANNUAL WOMEN "UNITE" TO WIN!**

**MINNESOTA COMMUNITY HONOREES**

- Dr. Allyson R. Brotherson, Family Physician, 30 Yrs
- Dr. Andrea Q. Langford, LMFT, BCBA, 25 Yrs
- Anissa Keys, MA, LMFT, LICSW, 19 Yrs
- Del Gates, Retired, UCARE, BCBS, 30 Yrs
- Dr. Dionne Hart, Psychiatry & Addiction Medicine, 22 Yrs
- Dr. Elizabeth Bergman, LICSW, 30 Yrs
- Jamela Pettiford, MACC, 23 Yrs
- Ngozi Akubuike, Director - Haven Int'l, 25 Yrs
- Eld. Pamela James, Community Navigator, 20 Yrs
- Dr. Sheila Sweeney PH.D, Psychotherapist & Consultant, 25 Yrs
- Shirley Benson-Rogers, MS, LPCC, LADC, 8 Yrs
- Dr. Wilma McKinnies, PH.D, Clinical Counseling, 35 Yrs
- Agnes Davis (Out of Town Rep) BS, Social Work, 30 Yrs
- Lateshia Carter, Community Systems Navigator, 11 Yrs

**Womens Appreciation Luncheon**  
*Celebrating Women WHO EMPOWER WELLNESS IN MENTAL HEALTH!*  
**JUNE 7TH, 2025**  
 DOORS OPEN & SEATING @ 9:30 AM  
 EVENT STARTS @ 10:30AM SHARP

**Empowering Words Speakers**

- SAM SIMMONS**, Organizer/Behavioral Consultant - LADC, MINNEAPOLIS, MN
- ELDER ATUM**, Founder Cultural Wellness Center, MINNEAPOLIS, MN
- DR. DERRICK CRIM**, Metro State Univ Dept. Chair Drug & Alcohol Counseling, ST. PAUL, MN
- SHARON DRIVER**, CEO S&D Ent CDC Inc, OUT OF TOWN REP, ORLANDO, FL
- LATOYA TURK**, Dir. Of Community Prevention Health & Safety, BROOKLYN CENTER, MN

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For Info: Alvena: 651.276.7703  
 Catrina: 612.250.9634

<b>Tables of 10</b> <b>\$800</b>	<b>Adult tickets</b> <b>\$65</b>	<b>Youth tickets</b> <b>\$45</b>
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MEAT OR VEGETARIAN PLATE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

**Ministry of Music**

Woman's Chorale

**† Scripture Lesson**

**Proverbs 31:25-26 (NIV)**

Mary Louise Archer

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

(Leader: The Word of God for the People of God/ **All: Thanks be to God**)

**Ministry of Music**

Woman's Chorale

**Sermon**

*The Heart of a Mother*

Dr. Stephanie Burrage

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Dr. Stephanie Burrage

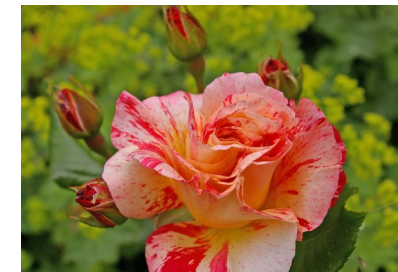
*(Those who desire prayer or anointing with oil may come at this time.)*

**† Benediction with Blessings**

Dr. Stephanie Burrage

**Let the Church say Amen**  
**Let the Church say Amen**  
**God has spoken, Let the Church say Amen**

*(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)*



*"We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond."*

-Gwendolyn Brooks



**Sannia Elzia is competing for the title of Miss Juneteenth Minnesota!**



✦ **Sannia Elzia** is proud to announce her participation in the **Miss Juneteenth Minnesota State Pageant**, competing in the Division 6 category. This pageant honors and uplifts Black women who embody strength, leadership, and cultural pride while serving as a beacon of inspiration in their communities.



The role of Miss Juneteenth Minnesota extends far beyond the crown. She must be a positive role model, someone who understands and takes pride in Black history, and a dedicated advocate for her community. Contestants must fulfill key requirements, including community volunteering, attending educational workshops, and submitting an essay on why they should be the next Ms. Juneteenth.

**Sannia is seeking support from family, friends, and the community** ✦ to make this incredible opportunity a reality. Donations of any amount will directly contribute to covering the following required expenses:

YOU'RE INVITED TO

# AMBER'S *Graduation Ceremony*

MASTER OF ARTS IN JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION  
LUTHER SEMINARY



SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025  
3:00 PM

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
333 SOUTH 12TH STREET  
DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM  
OPEN SEATING; NO TICKETS REQUIRED  
LIVE STREAM ON LUTHER SEMINARY YOUTUBE

## Youth Leadership Summit | Saturday, May 31st



Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI) is an international program sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® It is a healthy youth development program designed for boys and girls ages 11-13 years old.

Delta Phi Omega Chapter cordially invites parents to bring their youth to our Youth Leadership Summit on Saturday, May 31st from 10am - 3pm. The day will be filled with activities, self-exploration, creativity, games, music and fun! It's free to the public.

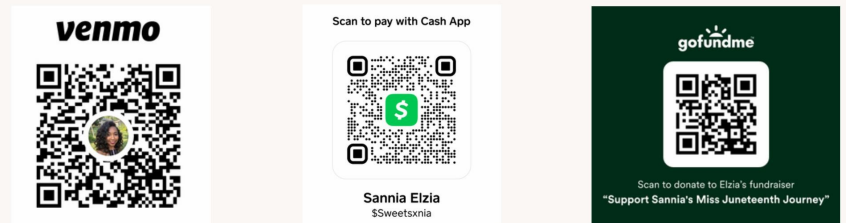
Scan QR Code to register and contact Mrs. Coral Garner with any questions or concerns via [coco.garner57@gmail.com](mailto:coco.garner57@gmail.com)

- Workshops and coaching sessions
- Professional photographs for Miss Juneteenth MN Magazine
- Hotel accommodations for pageant weekend
- Wardrobe and attire
- Operational pageant costs

The total fundraising goal is \$2,500, and every dollar counts in helping Sannia represent her community with grace, intelligence, and passion.

### How to contribute

- ◆ Every contribution, no matter the amount, brings Sannia one step closer to achieving her dream and representing Minnesota in a powerful way. Supporters can donate by:



Venmo  
Sannia-Elzia

Cash App  
\$Sweetsxnia

GoFundMe  
<https://gofund.me/52b06753>

*Join us in uplifting Black excellence and celebrating the legacy of Juneteenth by supporting Sannia Elzia on her journey to becoming Miss Juneteenth Minnesota Division 6!*

Tickets to the pageant are now on sale! The pageant takes place **June 7th, 2025**, at North Central University Trask Worship Center. If you'd like to attend the pageant, follow the link:  
[Tix - Ticket Sales](#)

For more info or alternative ways to donate, please contact Sannia via email [sannia.elzia@gmail.com](mailto:sannia.elzia@gmail.com)  
Sannia is also seeking celebratory African attire and a makeup artist for the Miss Juneteenth Magazine shoot.

Follow my journey on TikTok @sanniae or on Miss Juneteenth official IG @missjuneteenthmn





### 1st Out Golf Tournament

Friday May 16th | Hidden Haven Golf Course

Join us for the inaugural 1st Out Golf Tournament, a charitable fundraiser hosted by the Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church Men’s Ministry.

This exciting event will take place on Friday, May 16, 2025, at Hidden Haven Golf Course (20520 Polk St NE, Cedar, MN), with an 8:00 AM shotgun start. Following the tournament, participants will enjoy a luncheon and awards presentation. The registration fee is \$100.00, payable by cash or credit/debit card on-site.

Proceeds from the tournament will support The Leroy and Rev. Gloria Roach Thomas Scholarship and the Irreducible Grace Foundation | Black Youth Healing Arts Center, both dedicated to empowering and uplifting Black youth through education, healing, and community initiatives.

To register or for more information, please contact Bernard Foster at 612-207-5081 or Bernard.foster@comcast.net. You have until the tee time to register.

Registration can be completed online at the Camphor Memorial UMC website or by scanning the QR code provided. Paper registration forms are also available at Camphor Memorial UMC. When registering, please indicate whether you are signing up as an individual player or as part of a team. If registering a team, please include your team name and the names of all team members (maximum of 4 players per team).

Your participation will make a meaningful impact—mark your calendar and bring your best game!



# CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER

*Get ready for an unforgettable day with Saint Peter Claver! Delicious food, amazing company!*



**When:**

May 18, 2025

**\$25**



**Where:**

Church of Saint Peter Claver  
369 Oxford St. N., Saint Paul, MN 55104



**Time:**

11:30am - 2:30pm

