

**Northeast Kansas  
Lutheran Church Partnership  
\*LCMS\***

**SEPTEMBER, 2021**



*From the Pastor's Study*

*Pastor Kinney - August 16: Commemoration of Isaac, Patriarch*

**“Lord, teach us to pray” - Luke 11**

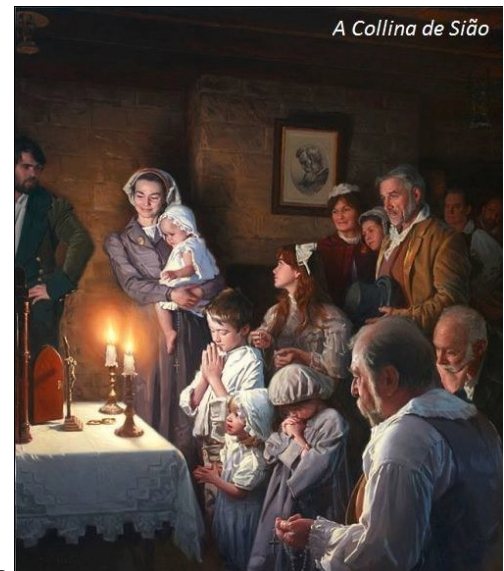


“These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deut 6)

Admiral William H. McRaven of the United States Navy once said: “If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed.” Basically, if you want to make a difference, do so in the ways that are closest and most intimate to you. For all of us, this is our household. And a primary way in which we change our household and therein change the world is by a daily routine of scripture and prayer in our homes.

Since catechesis for confirmation will soon begin, I would like to make an effort to encourage daily prayer in all the homes of the churches of the partnership. The basic outline of this is very simple: scripture and prayer. It's not complicated or academic or scientific, it is just taking advantage of the gifts that God has given us and desired for us. Starting in September, at the door of each sanctuary will be a stack of laminated booklets called *Lord teach us to pray*. This can be the outline for your family's daily prayer if you don't have one already. Take as many as you need for your family. In this you will find 3 orders of prayer, one for the morning, one for the evening, and one before bed. Feel free to use as many or as few of these as you can.

As we see throughout the Scriptures, prayer is a central tenant to the Christian life (Deut 6, Eph 6:4; 1 Tim 2; John 17; Matthew 6:9; Matt 9:38; 1 Thess 5:17). But all of us are at different points in our life of prayer. Some of you may only pray on Sunday mornings. Some of you pray before meals and before bed. Some of you probably pray more than I do. Whatever it is, daily prayer isn't going to look the same for everyone. Depending on the age, size, and schedule of the family, daily prayer will look different in every home. For example, a single man's daily prayer will look much different than that of a family with 5 children under 10 years old, which will look much different than that of a family with 4 teenage boys, which will look different than empty-nesters etc. If I were to come into your home and suggest a rhythm that doesn't fit with your established routine, that wouldn't



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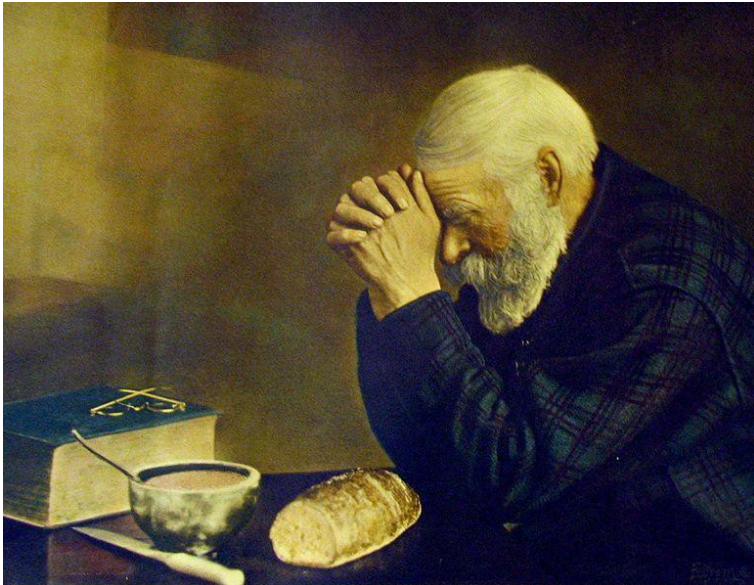
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work so that isn't what I want to do. What I want to do is encourage daily prayer and Scripture in your home in a manner that isn't burdensome. When cultivating a culture of prayer and Scripture in your home, it is not so important *how much* you do, but rather *that you are doing something*. So maybe your household is together most nights for dinner. Then I would suggest right after dinner, no one leaves the table and you pray Evening Prayer together. Or maybe you all eat breakfast together, you could do the same thing before everyone leaves for school and work. Maybe you have got practices or events most evenings and no one is together until closer to bed time. Then I would suggest gathering in the living room before bed and praying The Close of the Day.



Starting in September, every week there will be a handout at both church and midweek which you can take home and integrate into your routine of prayer. It will consist of a hymn, psalm, and catechism. Do as much or as little as you can. This is supposed to benefit your family and not be burdensome, however, it will require a commitment. Finally, as a solemn note to fathers, this is a role of leadership with which God has specifically assigned you (Eph 6:4).

Prayer is central to Christian life and the Scriptures are central to prayer. At the center of every time you pray should be the Scriptures. So when you gather as a household, pick a book of the Bible and just go. Do a chapter or a paragraph or a section each time you pray. This isn't some complicated scientific formula, it is just one of the things God has called you to do.

Besides a Bible, my biggest suggestion for a resource for your home would be a Lutheran Service Book (the hymnal from church) and a Treasury of Daily Prayer (link below). If money is tight, let me know, my family would be honored to gift one to you. At the moment, I know this seems daunting and foreign but soon it will become natural. I can even come to your house one evening and lead the first one to show you how! I don't know what the day-to-day routine of your schedule looks like but my encouragement to you is to pick up the materials for *Lord Teach us to Pray*, figure out a plan with your family, and enjoy this gift of prayer and Scripture that God has given to you.

*"Let everything take second place to our care for our children and our bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Saint John Chrysostom*

Treasury - <https://www.cph.org/p-11350-treasury-of-daily-prayer-regular-edition.aspx>  
or visit CPH.org and search "Treasury of Daily Prayer"

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**We invite all kids** to come and join us for Sunday School!  
Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at **9:15am** at **First and Zion**.  
Sunday School at **St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am**.  
**The Zion Adult Bible Class** and the **First Adult Bible Class** meet  
on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Please come join us!!



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Military:** (F) Liam Blum, Kelsey Blum, Aaron Foist; Allan Feek, Kevin Remmers; (I) Tristan Knott, Chad O'Brien, Daniel Wheeler, Paul Reynolds Jr.; (SP) Kyle Vanness, Mary Burkett, Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst.

**Care Facilities & Shut-Ins:** (F) Stan Kohlmeier, LaVonne Thieme, Gerrienne Heim, Don Heim, Rosemary Scher, Eldon Schwant; (I) Gene Rice, Emma Middendorf; (StP) Carol Bauer, Betty Allen; (Z) Judy Clay, Darlene Covert, Connie Kneisel, Lawrence Thonen, Jaynell & Donald Robidoux.

**Also in our prayers:** (F) Don Windle, Fred Feek, Carla Bishop, Roger Riekenberg, Lisa Riekenberg, Curtis Cook, Sara Clements, Crystal Kinkler, Gabriel Cook, Melonie Creek, Darrel & Sharon Cohoon, Megan McConnauey; (IMM) Betty Kolbek, Fred Meeks, Roger Pusch, Abigail McFall, Janice Backer; (St.P) Chris Torrey, Vauncille Barrett, Doug Barrett; (Z) Jackie Bianchi, Sherry Hartley.

**We Remember** the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord, and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

***Sept 2-Journey Arnesen, Sept 2-Rebel Arnesen, Sept 3-Lance Orton, Sept 4-Heaven Schuette, Sept 4-Marge Stover, Sept 4-John Priest, Sept 5-Joann Davidson, Sept 5-Mike Dunaway, Sept 5-Mitchell Stoller, Sept 5-Kris Kidwell, Sept 7-Marissa Lee, Sept 7-Myriah Lee, Sept 7-Jeff Oehm, Sept 8-Julie Burenheide, Sept 8-Judy Georg, Sept 8-Gerrienne Heim, Sept 9-LaVonne Thieme, Sept 10-Kelly Meyer, Sept 10-Donald Robidoux, Sept 11-Darryl Hoppe, Sept 12-Dean Bailey, Sept 12-Amanda Covert, Sept 12-Paul Pearson, Sept 13-Danny Bauerle, Sept 14-Janis Krug, Sept 14-Kelli Bauman, Sept 14-Kinley Schuette, Sept 14-Morgan Schuette, Sept 15-Doug Kleopfer, Sept 16-Oliver Smith, Sept 17-Traci Rahe, Sept 17-Kendall Heiniger, Sept 18-Jeff Brockhoff, Sept 18-Eve Georg, Sept 21-Kim Priest, Sept 24-Melissa Detweiler, Sept 25-Kelly Priest, Sept 25-Kerry Priest, Sept 27-Kaytlynn Bulk, Sept 27-Bill Priest, Sept 28-Selena Smith, Sept 28-Steve Goodman, Sept 29-Dwight Kruse, Sept 29-Paige Fries, Sept 29-Matt Sprick, Sept 30-Brenda Rahe***

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

***Sept 1-Debbie & Andy Trent, Sept 4-Sharon & Jim Lowe, Sept 15-Bob & Evelyn Jones, Sept 15-Mike & Marlene Bosworth, Sept 17-Jon & Brittany Middendorf, Sept 18-Bernard & Karoline Chadwell, Sept 23-Rick & Glenna Strahm, Sept 27-Shane & Christa Schuette***

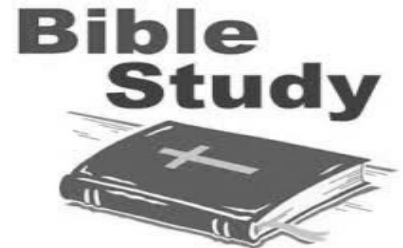
***HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

## MEETINGS

JOINT ELDERS – September 13th @ 7:00pm  
JOINT COUNCIL – September 20th @ 7:00pm

### Partnership Ladies Bible Study

*The Ladies Bible Study meets on  
Tuesday nights at 6:30pm.  
This is held at Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha.  
Please plan to join us!*



### NEW PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE

September

Our website, ([www.neklutherans.org](http://www.neklutherans.org)), contains the history of the partnership and partnership churches, a calendar of events, recent happenings and a hint of what will be happening in the future.

There is an activity page to look at and new pictures are added frequently. It has past copies of the newsletters and the calendar for you to reference. Special announcements are also placed on the website. Go to [www.neklutherans.org](http://www.neklutherans.org).



*If you have a smartphone,  
scan this square with your  
phone's camera to check out  
our new website!*

### PLEASE HELP TO KEEP US UP TO DATE:

*If you have a new phone number, address, or email address,  
please make sure you send it to the Partnership office.*



*You can e-mail the office at  
[office@NEKpartnership.org](mailto:office@NEKpartnership.org) or call 785-740-0268.  
The office would also like the names and addresses  
of any members who are at college. Thank You!*

## **SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

### **FIRST LUTHERAN**

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Sept 5th:** **Elders**–Scott Schremmer & Steve Huneke, **Acolytes**-Lily Pearson & Millie Stoller,  
**Ushers**-Les Trentman & Steve Goodman, **Greeters**-Shane & Christa Schuette, **Counters**-Ken & Joyce Meyer

**Sept 12th:** **Elders**–Shane Schuette & Dwight Edelman, **Acolytes**-Jethro Steiner & Paycen Schremmer,  
**Ushers**-Stan Remmers & Steve Aeschliman, **Greeters**-Patrick Cochran Family, **Counters**-Vicki Edelman & Steve Aeschliman

**Sept 19th:** **Elders**–Kurt Detweiler & Patrick Cochran, **Acolytes**-Hadden Bachelor & Tinner Bachelor,  
**Ushers**-John Feek & Paige Strahm, **Greeters**-Scott Schremmer Family, **Counters**-Heather Lehwald & Darrell Schuette

**Sept 26th:** **Elders**-Steve Huneke & Scott Schremmer, **Acolytes**-Tyson Detweiler & Naomi Pearson,  
**Ushers**-Jordan Huneke & Bud Bauman, **Greeters**-Carl & Ruth Swart, **Counters**-Patty & Stan Remmers

**Altar Guild for September:** Sue Schuette, Tammy Cochran, Heather Lehwald

**Trustees for September:** Shaun Pearson & Stan Remmers

### **ZION LUTHERAN**

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Sept 5th:** **Elder**-Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**-Brady Killman, **Ushers**-Bob Freese & Larry Walter,  
**Greeters**-Bob & Virginia Freese, **Lector**-David Middendorf, **Sound System**-Bob & Virginia Freese

**Sept 12th:** **Elder**-Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**-Corey Dunaway, **Ushers**-Richard Clay & Clint Meyer,  
**Greeters**-Bob & Virginia Freese, **Lector**-Richard Clay, **Sound System**-Dwight Meyer

**Sept 19th:** **Elder**-Kurt Killman, **Acolyte**-Brady Killman, **Ushers**-Leon Wissmann & Chad Hinton,  
**Greeters**-Chad & Amanda Hinton, **Lector**-Jessica Gigstad, **Sound System**-David Middendorf

**Sept 26th:** **Elder**-Dale Strobel, **Acolyte**-Remington Killman, **Ushers**-David Middendorf & Derrick VanDusen,  
**Greeters**-Chad & Amanda Hinton, **Lector**-Leon Wissmann, **Sound System**-Derrick VanDusen

**Altar Guild for September:** Darlene Atland, Barb Mueller, Jessica Gigstad

### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Sept 5th:** **Greeters**– Dennis & Kim Kleopfer

**Sept 12th:** **Greeters**– Andrew & Jessica Kleopfer

**Sept 19th:** **Greeters**– Galen & Sharon Meyer

**Sept 26th:** **Greeters**– Eldon & Rosalie Mellenbruch

**Altar Committee for September:** Rosalie Mellenbruch, Carolyn Schneider, Jeff Brockhoff

## **ZION LWML**

The regular meeting of Zion Lutheran LWML was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. President Lela Middendorf called the meeting to order with 4 members present. The last half of the Bible study from the National LWML Convention entitled "Running on Solid Ground" was continued. Some key words to remember are endurance, perseverance, steadfastness, and resilience. Jesus endured so we don't have to. Jesus does not leave us to run our race alone, and we need to remember to keep our eyes on Him!

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was given.

The Kansas Sonshine has been delivered to all members. Three large garbage bags full of donations and a baby swing have been delivered to Kaden's Kloset in Troy. Six hygiene kits were assembled and taken to the ingathering at the Kansas Assembly of Leaders meeting in Wichita last month.

Discussion was held on chancel workers and greeters, and the matter was tabled to the next meeting. .

LWML Fall Gathering will be held on October 9 at Trinity Lutheran, Atchison, and the Lutheran World Relief pickup is October 8 in Topeka.

Anne will provide the Bible Study for next meeting. The meeting was closed with a reading entitled "Don't Blow Your Blessing" based on 1 Corinthians 10:6.

The next LWML meeting will be on September 14, 2021.

Anne Arnesen, Secretary

## **FIRST LWML**

The August 4, 2021 meeting of First Lutheran LWML was called to order at 1:30 by President Martha Pearson. Brenda Meyer had the opening devotion "Carry the Torch for Christ"

Instead of our Bible lesson, Lela Middendorf told of her trip to the LWML 39th Biennial Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. The theme was "Running the Race, Looking to Jesus" Lela passed everyone the "News Release" paper telling high-lights of the convention. Lela showed many pictures that she took. She highly suggested that we watch it "Live Stream" on your computer. She shared a box of goodies she had gotten at the convention. Thank you Lela for your presentation, it was very much appreciated!

Roll call was answered by 7 members and a guest, telling their favorite hymn. Ruth Swart, secretary, read the minutes from the July meeting. They were approved as read. Thank you, Kathy, for recording them.

Carole Feek, treasurer, passed the treasurer report and reminders of coming events. Carole read an article on "How to add to your Mite Box"

Lorene Strahm made a motion to give \$100 to Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries and 4Kenya Kid. 2nd by Carole, motion passed.

Reports: There will be joint church services August 15 at the Fairview Park, followed by a potluck noon meal. Rally Day for Sunday School is August 22.

The September 1, 2021 Bible lesson, is found on page 20 of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Summer 2021.

Our meeting closed with all saying The League Pledge.

Ruth Swart, Secretary



## St. Paul Preschool

We are getting ready to start preschool on September 8th. There are 7 enrolled as of now, all 3 years of age. I have an exciting year planned for them.

We are going to start by learning about the wild west and how everything started way back then. We are going to talk about how God is our treasure and he created a world from nothing, just like how things changed from way back in the old west.

There are a couple of openings left for this school year. If you know of anyone interested, please let them know.

I am looking forward to another great school year and appreciate everyone's help and support.

Regina Rygaard, Preschool Teacher

## First Preschool

Ms. Denise and Ms. Keremy are excited to start a new year! We have been working in the classroom to get everything ready. We had fun updating our kitchen area with a new table, rug and dishes!

The first day of Preschool is August 19th for Ms. Denise's classes and August 20th for Ms. Keremy's class.

Thank you for your support at the Rodeo Parade this summer. Even though it rained, we sold a lot of hot dogs, cake, pie, and ice cream!



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**SEPTEMBER, 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10:30 Ministerial Alliance 1:30 First LWML 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 St. Paul Dorcas	<b>2</b> Week 1 Visits	<b>3</b> Pr Dunaway Day Off	<b>4</b> Pr Kinney Day Off 9:00 Meetings & Counseling w/apt 9:00 Private Confession
<b>5</b> 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study First Elder's mtg.	<b>6</b> Labor Day	<b>7</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>8</b> 6:30 Confirmation	<b>9</b> Week 2 Visits	<b>10</b> Pr Dunaway Day Off	<b>11</b> Patriot Day Pr Kinney Day Off 9:00 Meetings & Counseling w/apt 9:00 Private Confession
<b>12</b> 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study	<b>13</b> 9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Joint Elders	<b>14</b> 9:00 Circuit @Zion 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Zion LWML	<b>15</b> 6:30 Confirmation	<b>16</b> Week 3 Visits	<b>17</b> Pr Dunaway Day Off	<b>18</b> Pr Kinney Day Off 9:00 Meetings & Counseling w/apt 9:00 Private Confession
<b>19</b> 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study 12:00 Zion Elder's mtg. 7:00 First Men's Group	<b>20</b> Articles Due For Newsletter 9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Joint Council	<b>21</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>22</b> Start of Fall 6:30 Confirmation 	<b>23</b> Week 4 Visits	<b>24</b> Pr Dunaway Day Off	<b>25</b> Pr Kinney Day Off 8:00 Zion Men's Group 9:00 Meetings & Counseling w/apt 9:00 Private Confession
<b>26</b> 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study & Breakfast 9:30 Fellowship @St.Paul	<b>27</b> 9:00 Staff Meeting	<b>28</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>29</b> 1:00 AC Home w/communion 6:30 Confirmation	<b>30</b>		