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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Everyone comes before Christ carrying a heavy load. Daily we pray for the hurts and the hopes of all who are touched by the mission & ministry of St. John. This week we pray especially for:

#### Members

Thelma Heber  
Gloria Allen  
Charlotte Bibleheimer  
Lillian Dasher  
Gene & Maria Boritz  
Judy Anderson

Ruth Katzsco  
Sylvia Christenson  
Judy Haarer  
Rosenthal Family  
Bob & Leora Grinde  
Louise Owens

Alicia Slahetka  
Rosenthal Family  
Karen Henderson  
Chazz Wingert  
Bowen & Shannon Pope  
Kurt Wheeler

#### Friends

Good Samaritan Orphanage,  
in Mbeya, Tanzania  
Living Water Baptist Church  
Community of St. Dysmas  
Bishop Jerry Knoche  
Those anticipating layoffs  
Those seeking employment  
Those battling cancer  
Those fighting depression  
Those battling addiction  
Those fighting for sobriety

Virginia Congleton  
Marjorie Webster  
Edwin Webster  
Judy Merson  
Dorothy Kerwin  
Linda Siciliano  
Ruth Costa  
Cindy & Family  
Melanie, Emily & Ashley  
Kevin  
David Lohr  
George Groth  
Sonja Ashner  
Dan & Gretchen Henderson  
Kyrie King & Family  
Ellie Thomas  
Rebecca Hersh  
Chiquita Durham  
Earl Erlander  
Jeanette  
Burt Reichelt

Peggy Brannan  
Lyndsey Fields  
Peggy Warner  
Eileen Bednar  
Alice Kahl  
Lynne Lentz  
Mindy  
Melanie  
Cindy & Family  
The Marvel Family  
The Coppa Family  
Brandon, Terrel & Family  
Kevin  
Tom Klein  
Dave & Richard Piel  
Beverly & Preston Johnson  
Joey Johnson  
Mark & JoAnn Geier  
Frannie Knisley  
Corrie & Mike  
Marge Mattocks

Pat  
Nick's wife  
Iris  
Bill  
Will  
Jerry  
Sharon  
Safe travel for Judy  
Ryan  
Gene Hancock

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Teresa Levendusky, husband Ron and daughter Kathleen, co-worker of Susan McKenzie; family and friends of Zachary Egan, infant son of Sarah & Jonathan Egan; family and friends of George DeHaven, brother of a life-long friend of Lynda Piel.

### Our Vision:

**Making Disciples of Jesus Christ,  
Growing in Faith, Hope & Love**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit." *Matthew 28:19*

"faith, hope, and love abide" — *1 Corinthians 13:13*

**WEEKLY UPDATE**  
July 26, 2009



**St. John**  
Lutheran Church

### Philippians — Run the Race (Week 3 of 6 Week Series)

Do you desire joy beyond measure, perseverance in the race of life, a servant's heart, hope for the future, a peace that is beyond human understanding, and lasting contentment? Look no further than St. Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. Paul points in the direction all of these may be found; in the person of Jesus Christ.

**Today, Humility in Service** — We can look at the pecking orders in life and see them as harmless and benign. Paul did not see it that way at all. He holds up Jesus as the perfect example of servanthood. How can this insight influence our view of others? *Philippians 2:1-30*

**August 2nd, Hope for the Future** — Paul hungered to know Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection. Knowing and believing that we will be raised to eternal life in his name is essential if we are to live lives of deep surrender to God's will. How does that confidence influence how you live today? *Philippians 3:1-4:1*

**August 9th, Peace Through Prayer** — Conflict in a church can arise in many levels. Sometimes it's theology, others personality or who gets to decide for the church. Paul addressed it in the church in Philippi. What do you think happens in the heart of God in these situations? *Philippians 4:2-9*

**August 16th, Contentment in All Things** — Paul gave himself to something bigger and greater than himself. His life had significance beyond itself. He was not free from worry, pain or limitations, but he was content. What do you have in Christ that no person or situation can ever take from you? *Philippians 4:10-23*

*"Is there any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord"* (James 5:14)

### Laying on of hands and anointing the sick

During the summer months, we will gather in the sanctuary after the 10:45 outdoor service. All who desire personal prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing are invited to participate.

Our Lord, in his earthly ministry, performed many different acts of healing — forgiving of sins, casting out evil, curing physical disease. His disciples also performed similar acts. These practices continued as part of the Church's ministry of healing for many centuries. The laying on of hands was associated with prayers for the work of the Holy Spirit. Anointing with oil is a practice deeply rooted in Biblical faith, but is especially related to the healing of sickness or infirmity. In recent decades many churches have rediscovered the value of this ministry and it seems right to again offer this ministry on a regular basis at St. John Lutheran.

*Growing in faith, hope, and love*

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

**Read through Philippians** — We continue our current sermon series that takes us through Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. Follow the daily reading schedule and consider the reflection questions listed at right. The reading is short and easy, with so much to apply to our lives. Enjoy!

**Extreme Need in Africa** — Once again, last week, the people of St. John responded in love with additional gifts for GSO. Combined with gifts collected over the past quarter, this week we wired \$15,000 to help lift GSO out of its crisis. If you would like to give, please use a GSO envelope or mark GSO in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your love and generosity.

**Revolve Tour 2009** is coming to Baltimore the weekend of **September 25 – 26!** Revolve tour is an event sponsored by the Women of Faith and is geared toward girls 11 – 17. It is a Friday night and Saturday event for only \$62.00 and that includes a lunch on Saturday. We have already purchased a group of tickets, but they are going fast. If interested, contact [JeanJames2@verizon.net](mailto:JeanJames2@verizon.net) for more information.



**Women of Faith Conference** — The church office was recently notified of the availability of 1 ticket for the **2009 Women of Faith Conference July 31st-August 1st**. Contact Mickey Kibler for pricing and other details, at [Mickeyk55@comcast.net](mailto:Mickeyk55@comcast.net).



**Family Camping** — Plans are in place for the annual St. John's camping trip to Cunningham Falls State Park from **Friday, September 11th through Sunday, September 13th**. Most people will arrive at their camp sites on Friday afternoon and leave on Sunday morning or early afternoon. If you would like to participate in this year's St. John Family Camping event, look for the information sheet on the table in the church entrance or at either entrance during outdoor worship.



## SUMMER Readings Reflections

### Sunday, July 26

Philippians 2:1-4

What is the relationship between Christian love and humility? What situations draw out your selfish ambition?

### Monday, July 27

Philippians 2:5-11

Consider the character qualities of Jesus' attitude. In recent days, when have you exhibited these characteristic? When have you failed to demonstrate them? Why?

### Tuesday, July 28

Philippians 2:12-13

The church of Philippi, like us, needed to *work out* the salvation given by Christ, practicing and growing daily with God's help. How is God working his good purpose in you?

### Wednesday, July 29

Philippians 2:14-16

Track your tendency to argue or complain today. Why do you do it? How does this behavior affect God's kingdom on earth?

### Thursday, July 30

Philippians 2:17-18

Where is God leading you to pour out your life for the benefit of someone else? How will you stay joyful in Christ as you do so?

### Friday, July 31

Philippians 2:19-23

Who is a "Timothy" in your life? Find a way to show this person your appreciation today.

### Saturday, August 1

Philippians 2:24-30

Consider who you will build up in the eyes of others today. Pray these opportunities.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Sunday, July 26th</b>	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM  Noon 1:30 PM	Liturgical Worship Book Discussion Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 10:30 AM) Contemporary Worship (Outdoors, weather permitting) Living Water Baptist Church Bible Study/Fellowship (Fellowship Hall 'til about 1 PM through the Summer) Creation Meeting (Office House Meeting Room) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)
<b>Monday, July 27th</b>		
<b>Tuesday, July 28th</b>	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Lay Pastors Meeting (Room #20 'til 7:30 PM) Living Water Bible Study—thru Aug. 11 (Room #20 'til 10 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
<b>Wednesday, July 29th</b>	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 1:00 PM  7:00 PM	Men's Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8 AM — Last meeting 'til September) Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Passport to Learning Play Group (Fellowship Hall and Education Wing 'til about 3 PM) Book Discussion Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8:30 PM)
<b>Thursday, July 30th</b>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 PM	Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Staff Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about noon) Praise Team Rehearsal (Studio 'til about 9 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til 9:30 PM) Alanon (Available Classroom 'til about 9:30 PM)
<b>Friday, July 31st</b>	9:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Organist & Special Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Loft 'til 4:30 PM) LWBC Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 11 PM) Women's Ministry Team Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til 9 PM) Living Water Women's Prayer (Room #20 'til 1 AM)
<b>Saturday, August 1st</b>		
<b>Sunday, August 2nd</b>	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM  1:30 PM	Liturgical Worship Book Discussion Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 10:30 AM) Contemporary Worship (Outdoors, weather permitting) Living Water Baptist Church Bible Study/Fellowship (Fellowship Hall 'til about 1 PM through the Summer) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)

### Vacation time is upon us!

**While you are away...** the work of the church goes on. Summer vacation is a good motivation to sign up for *Simply Giving*® a free electronic transfer arrangement for the mission of St. John. It's easy and confidential for you; consistent for our ministry. Pick up an enrollment form and return envelope in the church entry or for more information about the *Simply Giving*® program, contact our Business Manager, by leaving a message at the office or email by [Murl@stjohnmd.org](mailto:Murl@stjohnmd.org).

### Our Financial Stewardship

	Actual	*Budget
Last Week's General	\$9,513	\$12,283
Year-to-Date General	\$542,426	\$572,150

\* Based on 53 Sundays