

St. John's Lutheran Church

Prayer Ministry

By Caring & Sharing We Spread the Word & Love of God to Others by His Grace

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8 (ESV)

Why do we pray?

God desires and commands us to stay in relationship with Him through prayer. Prayer is one way that we communicate with God and experience Him in a very real way. Prayer also keeps us humble before Christ, strengthens the bond between believers, and can succeed where worldly methods of success fail.

We the people of St. John's believe in the God who answers prayers. God promises to hear and also to answer prayer. The answers that God gives may not be the answers we are looking for, but in God's own time, God does provide us with answers to all our prayers.

Procedure for Adding Names to the Prayer List

St. John's is a praying community of faithful followers of Jesus, who invites us to come to Him with our prayer requests. We believe the promises of God contained in His Word regarding prayer! If you have an individual or a concern you would like added to the list, please:

- 1. Talk to the person and get their permission (in some instances we know that this may not be possible)
- 2. Ask the individual what their prayer request is...
- 3. E-mail <u>stjohnsprayerequest@gmail.com</u> with the information *or* fill out a Prayer Request form located outside the office *or* add the name to the Prayer sheet Sunday morning before the Service.
- 4. Please use the above forms of communications with updates, new requests and deletions. Be sure to share with us how God has answered prayers in your life.
- 5. Unless notified with more information, names added to the Prayer List will be automatically taken off the list after two weeks of publication.

"Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)

If you would like to become an active participant in our prayer ministry, please let us know of your interest. We invite and welcome you to join us!