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## FROM THE PASTOR

Do you know how to pray?

My answer to that question may surprise you. I do not know how to pray. Or as Paul puts it in Romans 8:26: “we do not know what to pray for as we ought.” I, like all Christians before and after me, am in the process of learning how to pray. And like a child who first speaks in babble and broken language, so are my prayers before God. Dietric Bonhoeffer beautifully expresses this sentiment:

“The phrase “learning to pray” sounds strange to us. If the heart does not overflow and begin to pray by itself, we say, it will never “learn” to pray. But it is a dangerous error, surely very widespread among Christians, to think that the heart can pray by itself. For then we confuse wishes, hopes, sighs, laments, rejoicings—all of which the heart can do by itself—with prayer. And we confuse earth and heaven, man and God. Prayer does not mean simply to pour out one’s heart. It means rather to find the way to God and to speak with him, whether the heart is full or empty. No man can do that by himself. For that he needs Jesus Christ.” - Psalms: The Prayer Book of The Bible, p. 9.

Take a moment to think about the implications of this. No one can find the way to God and speak with Him. Just like our inability to save ourselves, we are also completely unable to pray on our own. We cannot climb to heaven and demand a hearing at the throne of God. Even if we could, in the presence of God, humans always fall speechless or stumble for words. Moses at the bush, Isaiah in the throne room, Job and the whirlwind, Peter on the mount of Transfiguration, or John before Jesus in His glory. Every time humans encounter God our eloquence simply melts away. And so we find ourselves before

Jesus asking for that same grace: “Lord, teach us to pray” - Luke 11:1 Bonhoeffer observes the weight of this moment:

“The disciples want to pray, but they do not know how to do it. That can be very painful, to want to speak with God and not to be able to, to have to be speechless before God, to discover that every call to him dies within itself, that heart and mouth speak an absurd language which God does not want to hear.” - Psalms: The Prayer Book of The Bible, p. 9.

It is uncomfortable to come to the end of ourselves like this. And yet it is only here that we can begin to be formed by Jesus. Bonhoeffer continues:

“If he lets us accompany him on his way to God and teaches us to pray, then we are free from the agony of prayerlessness. But that is precisely what Jesus Christ wants to do. He wants to pray with us and to have us pray with him, so that we may be confident and glad that God hears us. When our will wholeheartedly enters into the prayer of Christ, then we pray correctly. Only in Jesus Christ are we able to pray, and with him we also know that we shall be heard.” - Psalms: The Prayer Book of The Bible, p. 9.

And so we come to the prayer Jesus taught His disciples:

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” - Matthew 6:9-13.

Many of us are familiar with these words. I have prayed them at bedtime as far back as I can remember and now pray them every night with our girls. Yet as many times as they may have been uttered, we must constantly be reminded that this prayer is an invitation to pray with Jesus. Whether our mind and heart are sharp or tired, overwhelmed

or calm, every time we begin “Our Father...” we know that we are speaking with God as Jesus prays with us.

Therefore, we should receive, handle, and pray the Lord’s Prayer like we would treat a treasure of great price. For nowhere else in Scripture has Jesus shown us the way to God as profoundly as in this great prayer. So much so that Bonhoeffer observes: “All the prayers of Holy Scripture are summarized in the Lord’s Prayer and are contained in its immeasurable breadth.” - Psalms: The Prayer Book of The Bible, p. 12.

*Pastor Brenden Harrell*

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June	02	Andrew Foley
June	05	Karen Lamoreaux
June	07	Connie Hathaway
June	12	Arthur Clavin
June	14	Sara Chaney
June	19	Randy Tate
June	19	Love Ake
June	26	Kelly Olney



June	11	Jeff & Sara Chaney
June	18	Bill & Lori Williamson
June	21	Greg & Vicki Amaral
June	23	Jeremiah & Melanie Mayes

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- June 01 2:00 pm – Elections set-up
- June 02 6:00 am – Elections (SH)
- June 02 3:00 pm – SH in use (Shelter)
- June 03 10:00 am – Small Group Bible Study
- June 03 6:30 pm – Handbell practice
- June 04 4:30 pm - Elders’ Mtg.
- June 06 Mowing: Atrops, LaBelle, Allred
- June 07 9:00 am - SS/Bible Study
- June 07 10:00 am – Communion Service
- June 08 6:00-8:00 pm – Men’s Group
- June 09 9:30 – 11:30 am – Quilters
- June 10 10:00 am – Small Group Bible Study
- June 10 6:30 pm – Handbell practice
- June 13 2:00 pm – Kristensen memorial
- June 13 Mowing – Hathaway, Mayes
- June 14 9:00 am - SS/Bible Study
- June 14 10:00 am – Worship Service
- June 15 9:00 am –Ministry Availability Due
- June 16 5:30 pm – P/S Board Mtg.
- June 17 6:30 pm – Handbell practice
- June 19 5:00 pm – Preschool Graduation
- June 20 Mowing – Williamson, Tate, Oliver
- June 21 – FATHER’S DAY
- June 21 9:00 am - SS/Bible Study
- June 21 10:00 am – Praise/Communion Service
- June 21 2:00 pm – Adult Fellowship
- June 21 11:30 am – Council Meeting
- June 22 9:00 am – July Newsletter Deadline
- June 24 6:30 pm – Handbell practice
- June 27 Mowing – Williamson, Weiting
- June 28 9:00 am - SS/Bible Study
- June 28 10:00 am – Worship Service

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**MOWING for JUNE**



**June 06 – Atrops, LaBelle, Allred**  
**June 13 – Hathaway, Mayes**  
**June 20 – Williamson, Tate, Oliver**  
**June 27 – Williamson, Weiting**

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**June 07 –Comm. Svc.**

**10:00 AM** – Peggy Payne

**Flowers:** - B. Zielke for Krista’s birthday

**June 14 –Worship Svc.**

**10:00 AM** – Kelly Olney

**Flowers:** - for Sara Chaney’s birthday

**June 24 – Praise/Comm. Svc.**

**10:00 AM** – Stephanie Clavin

**Flowers:** - Hathaways for Kelly’s birthday

**June 28 –.Worship Svc.**

**10:00 AM** – Marianne Heuchert

**Flowers:** OPEN

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**Debbie and I** wish to thank the pastors and people of LCOS for the expressions of love and prayers during what was, and continues to be, a most challenging time in our lives.

We will keep you informed as things develop.

Pastor Dave

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**ELDER’S CORNER**

**Alive in Christ**

I don’t claim to be good at it but one of the things I enjoy is gardening probably because it gets me outside and is much different than the technical stuff I did for a living. After all, God started this world with people and a garden—no computers, no smartphones, no TVs. Perhaps, one of the other benefits of gardening is that unlike people, plants don’t talk back but that doesn’t stop me from learning life lessons and even faith lessons from

plants. Some time ago after some below-freezing temperatures, I had some serious doubts whether one of my fruit trees was going to survive, even though I had been diligent about covering it on those extra cold nights. I wasn’t sure how long I needed to wait before pronouncing it dead and digging it up. The local expert at the nursery told me to scratch the skin on some of the branches and see if it was green underneath. I was happy to find out that there was indeed life in my tree. Shortly after that I ran across the story in the Bible where Jesus talks about our faith bearing fruit, using the tree as an example. What became clear to me was that when the tree bears good fruit, it is an obvious sign that it is alive and that you don’t need to walk up to it and scratch its bark to see if it is alive. Christ meant for us to bear good fruit, fruit that would last. We do this in outward, obvious ways with the help of the Holy Spirit: *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.”* (Gal. 5:22). I pray that each one of us will live our lives boldly witnessing for Christ and that others around us will not have to scratch our “bark” to see if we are alive in Christ! In Paul’s letter to the Colossians we read: *“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”*

Submitted by Art Atrops

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**Thank you** for your great support of Moses Aboka from Fikisha/Boy With A Ball Kenya. He not only got to share about how the mission is growing but also got to play Bingo for the first time! He restated how good

it is to see so many familiar faces at our church and for our continued financial and prayer support of his ministry. To add donations, even as small as \$10/month and if 10 people pledge this amount for a year, then one child can go to school for a whole year! Please write checks to church with Fikisha or Kenya in the subject line and Gary Lange makes sure they get sent to the right place or sign up for donations online at [boywithaball.com/kenya](http://boywithaball.com/kenya). Any questions, please talk with Paul and Lisa DiModica. Also, keep in mind, we are planning a trip to visit Moses and the team in Kenya in Spring of 2028!

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# SAVE THE DATES

**Circle the date on your calendar!** The Labor Day tradition is back! We will reserve the location by the basketball courts for our church family and friends for Monday, September 7. Pack up the beach chair and sunscreen to spend time playing games, building sandcastles and playing in the ocean. Any questions, ask Lisa DiModica. More information to follow as the date draws near.

**Mark your calendars** to camp with your church family at Lopez Lake September 18-20, 2026! The favorite group site, Escondido, has been reserved, thanks to the Michael Williamson Memorial Fund. Come for the whole time or just a day, or at least for the potluck on Saturday evening. For more information, ask Lisa DiModica at 805-354-4443.

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A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 13 at 2 pm for our sister Ellen Kristensen, who was called to the Lord in February at age 103.

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? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)



**SAND DOLLAR** — These delicate shells, found in shades of white, tan and soft purple, come from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. Their unique markings have long been associated with the story of Christ's birth and death. The faint images resemble a poinsettia and a lily; symbols often connected to Christmas and Easter. Five small openings are said to represent the four nails and the spear used at the crucifixion. Inside the shell are tiny shapes that look like doves, a reminder of the Holy Spirit.

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# Puzzle!

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## A Father's Love


Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

Shem, Ham & Japheth = <b>M</b>	John the Baptist = <b>N</b>
Solomon = <b>O</b>	Jacob & Esau = <b>A</b>
Jonathan = <b>I</b>	Cain, Abel & Seth = <b>O</b>
Jesus = <b>C</b>	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,
Rachel & Leah = <b>S</b>	Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad,
Isaac & Ishmael = <b>P</b>	Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = <b>S</b>

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God: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."	_____
Adam: God gave him another son because the older killed the younger.	_____
Noah: His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth.	_____
Abraham: God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons.	_____
Isaac: His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn.	_____
Laban: He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob.	_____
Jacob: Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter.	_____
Saul: His son was David's best friend.	_____
David: He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple.	_____
Zechariah: His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance.	_____

As a father has \_\_\_\_\_ on his children, so the LORD has \_\_\_\_\_ on those who fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Answer: compassion



July 13th-16th  
9:00am-11:30am

**VOLUNTEER FOR VBS!**

Family Night: July 17th  
6:00pm

Preschool-5th Grade  
\*must be potty-trained  
unless parent present



# JUNE 2026

## CHRISTIAN MINISTERS AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

DAY	TIME	GREETER	ACOLYTE	ELDERS	USHERS	LESSON READER	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD/ FLOWERS
7 Sunday	10:00 AM Communion	Sara Chaney	Lucy Chaney	Mark Hathaway/ Tom Heuchert	Bill Williamson	Brent Clavin	Dennis Payne	<b>Altar:</b> P. Payne
								<b>Flowers:</b> B. Zielke for Krista Dizon's birthday
14 Sunday	10:00 AM	Amarals	Drew Schofield	Rudy Stowell	Paul DiModica	Trista Fry	Estelle Schofield	<b>Altar:</b> K. Olney
								<b>Flowers:</b> For Sara Chaney's birthday
21 Praise Sunday	10:00 AM Communion	Bill & Marjorie Hord	Trevor Schofield	Todd Martin/ Art Atrops	Paul Mattson	Gary Lange	Julie Martin	<b>Altar:</b> S. Clavin
								<b>Flowers:</b> Hathaways for Kelly Olney's birthday
28 Sunday	10:00 AM	Kathy Lee	Ali Mayes	Dennis Payne	Mike Foley	Michael Southern	Terry Murdock	<b>Altar:</b> M. Heuchert
								<b>Flowers:</b> OPEN
<b>Please phone person* at right if you are unable to serve&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>		<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>MEDIA</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Becky Zielke 598-6924  <b>FLOWERS</b> Connie Hathaway 937-9675  <b>FLOWER MINISTRY</b> Fred Lee 530-263-1767
		*Estelle Schofield 598-6907  *Sarah Ganschow 266-0046	*Mark Hathaway 937-9675	*Todd Martin 801-3873	*Art Atrops 937-0485	*Todd Martin 801-3873	*Dennis Payne 934-1101	

1. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ANY CHANGE(s) BY TRADING WITH ANOTHER MINISTER.
2. PLEASE NOTIFY THE PERSON WHO OVERSEES YOUR ASSIGNMENT OF ANY CHANGE(s).
3. INFORM CHURCH OFFICE ONLY AFTER CHANGE(s) IS/ARE MADE TO SCHEDULE – 937-1116

June 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p><b>31</b> 9:00am SS/Bible Study 10:00am Worship Svc.</p>	<p><b>1</b> 2:00pm Elections set-up</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:00am Elections 3:00pm SH in use (Shelter)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00am Small Group Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell practice</p>	<p><b>4</b> 4:30pm Elders' Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> Mowing: Atrops, LaBelle, Allred</p>
<p><b>7</b> 9:00am SS/Bible Study 10:00am Communion Svc.</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:00pm Men's Group</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 10:00am Small Group Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell practice</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Mowing: Hathaway, Mayes 2:00pm Kristensen memorial</p>
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