



Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

In the interest of brevity, it has been requested that we keep the Prayer List in the Bulletin, and mentioned during services, for people who are experiencing immediate health issues and not those with chronic health issues. However, we want to continue to remember all who are experiencing health problems in their lives in our prayers. Therefore, we are now going to list everyone to remember in your prayers on the website and newsletter. **If you have asked for someone to be on the prayer list and they are doing better or can even be removed, please Geri know so she can keep the list updated.**

Please pray for † Joe Mellady † Annette (Knutson) Gryskiewicz † Loren Younggren † Jessie Muir † Tom Brownrigg †
† Erich Hartwig † Ruby Peterson † Kathy (Mrs. Todd) Johnson † Virginia Coffield † Chris Danzl † Julie Peterson †
† Jeff Christiansen † Jim Wallenberg † Eileen Bernstrom † Dick Olson † Owen & Janet Swenson †
† Kristi & Leo Vasquez † Dan & Deb Finney † Easton Carr † Kim Johnson † Logan Johnson † Kelsey Stenmark †
† Owen Swenson † Galen Schultz † Hunter Pinke † Ann Lasky † Colin Richards † Audrey Hartje † Landon Labine †
† Armed Forces † our Law Enforcement † our First Responders † our Health Care Workers †

Let's also pray for wisdom for all world leaders in the time of this world-wide health pandemic and for all who have contracted the Corona Virus that God lays healing hands upon them and they are able to make a successful recovery.

IN MEMORY: Please keep families and friends of the following in your prayers:

† Sheldon Carlson † Bonita Hanson † Bob Norland † Frances Anderson † Amie Dexter † Luella Quiner †
† Rodney Erickson (Sonja Clow † Erickson) †

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Cheer Items: Mendy Coffield

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DONATIONS VIA VENMO

Sion Lutheran now has Venmo! For those of you who don't know what

Venmo is, it's an app that allows one to transfer money from one person/entity to another. Very handy in our distance living, as well as sending funds to college students, buying stuff online, etc. Now you can make your donations to Sion Lutheran through this app as well.

The account name is attached below in a screenshot. If you have any

questions, don't hesitate to ask. This goes directly to Sion's Bank Account.



CHEER PERSON

Mendy Coffield is the new 'Cheer' person. She is the one who sends cards to people for get well, sympathy, baby, thinking of you, or any occasion. She would like people to notify her if a card needs to be sent. It is hard for one person to keep track of everything so it is helpful for us to give her a heads up. She can be contacted at mendycoffield@gmail.com or 218-988-2015.

Kathy's Office Hours

Kathy Levenhagen, SAM, wants to make certain that everyone is aware that she would normally maintain office hours at Sion between 2 and 5 pm, Thursdays, in the Pastor's Office, but due to COVID, her schedule is in doubt! Kathy welcomes any phone calls if you need to speak with her, even if it's just to reach out!

CONFIRMATION

Here are the pictures that were taken by Miranda Peterson of the 2021 Confirmands.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oJ0McktrwFKtVQ0Ex_fvmJBR8UCIjDUi?usp=sharing

Virtual Services

Church services will continue to be livestreamed. <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e7b8c54ae33e> and can always be accessed by going to our website at www.sionlutheran.com.

For those who want to attend in person, feel free to do so. We will follow all CDC guidelines.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12

This month and next, as our culture celebrates Mothers Day and Fathers Day, God's people can make the occasions much more substantive than just greeting cards, gifts, and dinners for a few select relatives.

Instead, we can lift up the knowledge, wisdom and perspective that we possess from not only the mother and father figures in our own circles, but all the older men and women who have enriched our communities with their lives and experiences.

The wisdom of the past has helped people of every age to navigate the challenges of their times. Many communities in the world honor, respect, and value as "elders" their oldest members. It's something we surely can use in 21st century North America. Ours is a time of unprecedented change—both in the sweep of change and in the speed at which things are changing.

Our older members can give us perspective and patience and wisdom. Here are some ideas:

Engage elders about issues facing you, your congregation and community. Listen deeply. Take notes.

Enter into their thought world: How do they frame issues? What are their underlying assumptions? What sources help inform and inspire them?

Compare their approaches to seeing the world and navigating challenges with your own. What is helpful? What can assist you?

Learning from our elder mother and father figures may be the best way to not only honor them, but also help us find our own way in life.

Rob Blezard

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Notes from Kathy

"You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever."
Psalm 16:11

When I look at the earth so lovely in springtime readiness, I reflect on what it is like to have my heart ready for the word of God. As I drive down the road, I see farmers turning the earth over making it ready for new seeds. There is new growth on the branches of trees and tips of greening grass and nests of birds holding eggs. All signs of God still creating and providing for us.

Our hearts should be no different. What do we need to turn over and remove? Where can there be new life in us? We have the potential to receive God's Word and let the promises and love soak into our souls like fresh rain and warm sunshine. May those conditions break our hearts open and find a new day and way of living this life has given us.

Like seeds, we have a great potential for receiving the word of God, for becoming who we are meant to be.

May is an excellent time to face our fears and recognize more of our potential for wholeness. It is an excellent time to encourage that growth in others. The word of God is waiting to come to birth in a more total way in each of us. We are meant for the glory of God.

Let your prayer arise to the sower of all seeds. Appreciate more and complain less. Take more time with people so you can discover their hidden gifts. Never give up on the seeds of goodness in others. It is what God has called us to do.

Hope to see you Sunday,
Kathy

OFFICE SUPPLIES

The office supplies are in need of updating. If you are shopping and can purchase these items for the office, it would be greatly appreciated.

- A stapler, one that will straighten out so it can be used on bulletin boards.
 - An electric pencil sharpener.
 - A pair of sharp scissors, adult size.
 - We also need a sturdy step ladder, just high enough to reach the top of the bulletin boards.
- Gerri and I would appreciate the donations.

Ushers:
Comm Asst:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL SERVICES ARE IN PERSON OR YOU MAY WATCH LIVE HERE						1)
2) 9:30AM Worship	3)	4)	5) 10AM Sheldon Carlson Visitation 11AM Sheldon Carlson Funeral 3:30PM Confirmation <i>(in house)</i>	6)	7)	8)
9) 9:30AM Worship	10) 3PM American Legion Auxiliary Mtg Parish Hall	11)	12) 5:30PM Council Mtg	13)	14)	15)
16) 9:30AM Worship	17)	18)	19)	20)	21)	22)
23) 9:30AM Worship 12PM Baccalaureate Lunch 1PM Baccalaureate Service	24)	25)	26)	27)	28)	29)
30) 9:30AM Worship	31)					