



Emmanuel's Voice

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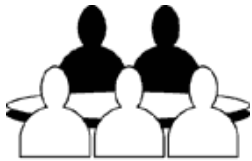
From Our Pastor:

Worship has been on my mind a lot lately. That's probably because we are quickly approaching fall and whenever we come to a change in season I start thinking about worship for the upcoming months. Also, out at the Fountains, the topic of worship has come up recently. There the question has revolved around how do we provide a worship experience that is meaningful to folks who come from a variety of backgrounds, and yet retain enough content to be true to our Lutheran identity. So that brings up the question, "What makes Lutheran worship Lutheran? What components of our worship do we need to have in order for us to be true to our identity as Lutherans?" But before we get to this question, some background on how we understand worship.

For Lutherans, worship is very important. In fact, worship is at the heart of how we understand ourselves. It is through worship that we not only hear about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, but that we experience it. Worship is not so much what we do; worship is fundamentally about what God is doing and our response to God's action. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And the particulars through which we experience this first hand are the reading and proclamation of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments. Luther called those the "means of grace." In other words these are the concrete means through which we experience the presence of God, and through which God's presence permeates all of our worship. The other elements of worship-our praises, our songs, our prayers-are all the ways we witness to the fact that God is present with us in worship.

With that in mind, the pieces we need in order to be authentically Lutheran are word and sacrament. There is much flexibility in how each gathering community can structure the rest of the worship service but those two pieces are essential. Here at Emmanuel, our identity as a congregation centers on the more traditional worship service; at the Fountains, we use more of a hybrid that enables us to stay true to who we are and yet offer something meaningful to the community there. The key is that we are coming together to worship in truth and in love, and to experience God first hand. Jesus told the woman at the well (John 4:21-24) "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Peace and blessings, **Pastor Jackie**



Council Highlights

Sunday, June 23, 2013

Present: Darin Page, Ed Kotajarvi, Harriet Demorest, Comique People and Pastor Jackie Rau.

Absent: Jambres Maximore, Barb Laho, and Pat Ochodnicky.

Opening

Meeting opened with prayer.

Property

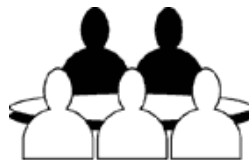
- Discussion held regarding the repair of the air conditioning unit in the church office
 - Proposal A: Authorize Ed to follow up to see if we can get the estimated cost of repair dropped.
 - Proposal B: Send both estimates to John Moilanen to determine the best price for services.
 - Proposal C: Make a decision on the repair based on cost and who can complete the repairs the sooner. A motion was and approved to authorize the cost of the air conditioning repair up to \$2500. If the cost exceeds the amount that can be authorized by the council, the request will be taken to the congregation for approval. The Page family has offered to cover any expense over the amount that the council can approve until the request can be taken to the congregation.

- Discussion held regarding resealing the front steps. The contractor who completed the initial repair has contacted the church. The repairs are supposed to last for three years. Darin will look into the date of the last repair.

Outreach

- Forgotten Harvest will be visiting on June 30th and speaking to the congregation. A Donation will be made to forgotten Harvest.
- A collection will be held for the Seminarian Fund on June 30th during Fellowship Hour.

Respectfully submitted,
Comique People



Council Highlights

Saturday, July 20, 2013

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Harriet Demorest, Comique People, Jambres Maximore, Darin Page, and Pat Ochodnicky.

Absent: Barb Laho and Ed Kotajarvi

Opening

Meeting opened with a prayer at 10:18 a.m.

By-Laws Discussion

- Discussion of the Church by laws and recommended changes with Pat Ochodnicky, chairman of the By-laws Committee. Motion to submit draft of constitution to be reviewed by the Synod.
- Council held a brief Bible study. The council discussed Acts 2:42-47 and personal favorite memories of fellowship.

Pastor

Mutual ministry has met three times and discussed the purposes of the committee. The committee plans to meet once a month. The Pastor's report was accepted as presented.

Parish Life

Council discussed the possibilities for a new chairman for the Education committee. The Council also discussed possible changes in the Sunday school format and times.

Property

- Parking lot – The lower of cost researched for sweeping the drive way was \$370, with exceptions. Motion passed to approve expenditure for sweeping the drive way before seal coating and painting.
- Roof leaks in sanctuary – A roofer will be contacted to fix the leaks in the sanctuary.

Council Highlights (cont.)

Outreach

- Prayer walk was a success.
- 25th anniversary of the ELCA is this year. September 8th has been designated project day.
- September 29 is the Synod volunteer day at Forgotten Harvest.
- Standing committee reports accepted as presented.

Unfinished Business

- Anniversary Celebration – Pastor found a band that would be excellent for our 60th anniversary celebration. Motion to approach Nathan for his band to be the center piece of our 60th anniversary celebration in mid-November.
- AED Update – AED machine will be purchased with donated money and memorial funds. Motion passed to approve the medical committee to spend up to \$1,500 for a new AED machine.

New Business

- City of Southfield calendar advertising – Notice was received to update the advertisement in the City of Southfield calendar. Council decided not to renew the advertisement in the City of Southfield calendar.
- Living Waters request for funding – Living Waters sent in a solicitation

request for a \$500 donation. Motion passed to approve \$100 donation to Living Waters.

For the Good of the Church

The Council discussed the fellowship hour set up and clean up.

Adjournment and prayer: 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jambres Maximore



a Birthday! August Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on August 25, 2013.

Anyone with an August Birthday are asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.

September Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on September 22, 2013.

Anyone with a September Birthday is asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.

Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee would like to gratefully acknowledge a gift received in memory of ELEANOR MANLEY from Will and Dolores Rajala. A gift was also received in memory of BRUCE EUBANKS from the Wardell Family.

Jill Bergstrom

Memorial Fund Committee



Emmanuel's 2013 Vacation Bible School will be Monday, August 12 - Friday, August 16, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Our theme this year is "Jesus Family Reunion: The Remix". It is open to people of all ages so if you have the time please plan to join us. On Friday evening, we plan to have a closing program and ice cream social and all are invited - whether or not you have participated throughout the week or not. It would be a great chance to see what we have done all week!



Bible Study

Monday night and Wednesday morning bible studies will start up the week of September 8th. We will be studying the formation of the bible by looking at who authored some of the individual books included in the bible, and then how the canon was put together. Plan now to join us.



It's that time of year again! It's time for Sunday School to get started again and we will start with a Rally Day on Sunday, September 8th. All teachers are invited to a meeting on Sunday, August 18th during the Fellowship hour to discuss the curriculum for the year. We will also determine the details for Rally Day, so watch the Worship Folder for details.

While the children are enjoying Sunday School, the adults can join the Adult Forum discussions.

Worship Services will begin at 10:30 a.m.



followed immediately after by our Coffee/Tea Fellowship time beginning at approximately 12 p.m.

Prayer Walk

In July another 80 "we prayed for you" cards were distributed.



Join us Wednesday, August 28 at 9 a.m. as we walk the neighborhoods of Southfield.



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 8th, in connection with our Rally Day, we plan to do a "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the service. This is a way to celebrate the beginning of the school year, and encourages children to make a connection between Sunday and the rest of their weeks, to make God a part of their everyday lives. All children are invited to bring in their backpacks that morning and bring them forward during the Children's Sermon where we will offer a blessing for them for their school year.

August/September 2013

Wednesday Prayer Meetings



Please join us at 9 a.m. every Wednesday morning as we pray for our congregation and our community.



From Our Music Director

A warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to participate in one of the choirs.

There are no auditions, all that is required is a willingness and enthusiasm.

ALL ARE WELCOMED!

Rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 5.

Rehearsal times are:

Adult Handbells

Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 6:55 p.m.

Adult Choir

Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Youth Choir

Sunday (2nd – 5th) 12:30 p.m.

Emmanuel's Voice

“O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation”. (Psalm 95:1)

Flu Shots

Flu season is approaching. To help our community stay healthy the Visiting Nurses Association will offer flu and pneumonia shots at our church on September 15th, 2013 from noon to 1 p.m.

Most insurances are excepted with little or no co-pay. The cost for non-covered persons is very affordable. So bring your family, friends and loved ones to the clinic and help keep them healthy. It's a great opportunity for everyone to get vaccinated.

Re-Stripe the Parking Lot

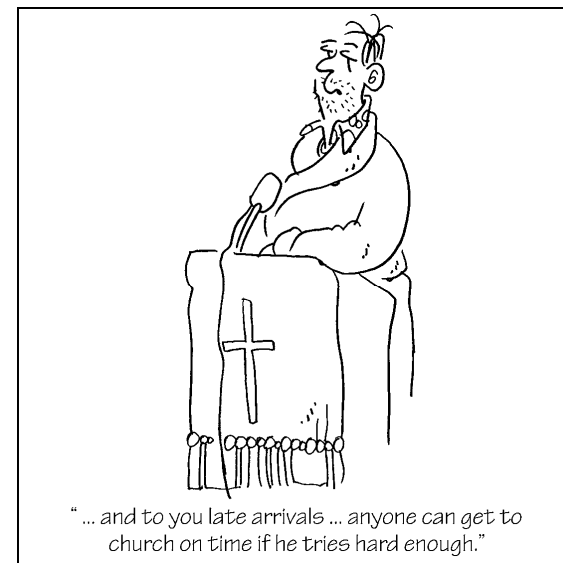
The Property Committee plans to re-stripe the parking lot on Saturday, August 31. We will meet at the church at 9:00am. Anyone who is willing to help with this is encouraged to come, if just for an hour or three hours! Help is needed laying out the pattern and doing the painting. It should only take a few hours depending on how many volunteers there are. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, please sign up if you are able to help. Contact Dennis Rau with any questions. 734-516-9732.



Fellowship Hour

Volunteers are needed to serve on the first and fifth Sundays of each month. For the month of September, we need volunteers for the first Sunday (Labor Day weekend) and the last (September 29). This includes setting up the food, preparing the coffee, tea and juice, either providing or recruiting others to bring a snack to share, and cleaning up. Please sign up on the list by the kitchen if you are able!

Cartoon Corner



“... and to you late arrivals ... anyone can get to church on time if he tries hard enough.”



What's New in the Mustard Seed Library

We have four new books in the Mustard Seed Library.

On June 30th, Marci Fitch, Volunteer Manager at Forgotten Harvest, the agency which distributes the food we harvest at the Emmanuel Community Farm, graciously came to our worship service and told us how Forgotten Harvest came into being and about the work they are doing in the Metropolitan Detroit area to alleviate hunger in our communities and bring people hope for a better future. Marci left a book with us, written by Nancy Fishman, founder of Forgotten Harvest, [Eight Lessons I Learned in the Corners of the Field: The Story of Forgotten Harvest](#) Call #248

Also new in the Mustard Seed Library is [Wide Welcome: How the Unsettling Presence of Newcomers Can Save the Church](#) by Jessica Krey Duckworth. The author believes newcomers to a church can often see disconnections between mission and action that old-timers are blind to. Duckworth thinks the solution is for old-timers to allow themselves to be impacted

on by new-comers and their love for God and the questions they bring to the church, as new-comers are also impacted by old-timers, and for a new reality then to develop of new-comers and new old-comers (impacted old-timers) to grow spiritually together to make the congregation whole and stronger in mission and action. She presents an educational process and practical tools for making disciples in the church today. Call #243

The third new book in the library is [Global Voices: Reading the Bible in the Majority World](#), edited by Craig Keener and M. Daniel Carroll R. The foreward states, "Professor Philip Jenkins has underscored the phenomenal growth of Christianity in the Global South (Latin America, Africa and Asia). He has also observed that the whole-hearted faith in the Bible embraced by Christians in these areas is the key to this growth." This is a book of essays in which writers of many cultures share the ways that reading scripture--both from the Old Testament and the New Testament--has strengthened them in faith and helped them in their identities as Christians to live and make the decisions they do--and in many of their countries they are facing very great political and economic challenges. Reading how they interpret scripture is very enlightening and hopeful for us too. Call #261

The fourth new book in the Mustard Seed Library is the book Pastor Jackie used for

discussion in last spring's Bible study groups at Emmanuel. The book is titled [Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived](#), by Rob Bell. We spent many challenging and stimulating hours in Bible study last spring sharing our thoughts and experiences as we discussed the theology and questions in this book. Call #231

The newsletters from Pastor Andrew Chavanak's church, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Falls City, Nebraska, are also in the Mustard Seed Library in a binder. They are celebrating their centennial this year.

You can check out any of the books in the library by filling out the card in the front of the book and placing it in the box on the cabinet by the door.

Happy summer-time reading.

Sharon K. Hall

Volunteer for the Mustard Seed Library

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August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 28 10 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	July 29 Bible Study 7pm	July 30	July 31 Prayer Meeting 9 am AA Meeting 8:30 pm	1	2	3 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
4 11 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	5	6	7 Prayer Meeting 9 am AA Meeting 8:30 pm	8	9 Youth Night 6:30 pm	10 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
11 12 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am VBS meeting 11:45 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	12 Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm	13 Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm	14 Prayer Meeting 9 am Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	15 Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm	16 Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm	17 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
18 13 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Sunday School Teachers Mtg. 11:45 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	19 Metro Coalition of Churches - Trinity (Clawson) 7 pm	20	21 Prayer Meeting 9 am AA Meeting 8:30 pm	22	23	24 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
25 14 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	26	27	28 Prayer Meeting 9 am Prayer Walk 9 am AA Meeting 8:30 pm	29	30	31 Re-stripe Parking Lot 9 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

Sunday Servants • August 2013

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Day	11 Pentecost	12 Pentecost	13 Pentecost	14 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green
Readings	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau			LSSM
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Jerry Hall	Rev. Alfonso Hill	Richard Chavanak	Darin Page
Music Director	Valerie Felder			
Cantors	Youth Choir	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Brittnay Jones Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell	Christina Wardell Sandra Bryant Comique People Ann Dixon	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest
Greeters Barb Laho	Dolores Ward	Dale Charneski	Gerry Henze	Eddie and LaDonn People
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Brittnay Jones Maria Wardell	Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell
Altar Care Donna Page	Donna and Darin Page			
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Comique People Pastor Jackie Rau Dennis Rau	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	August Birthdays
Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell			
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell			

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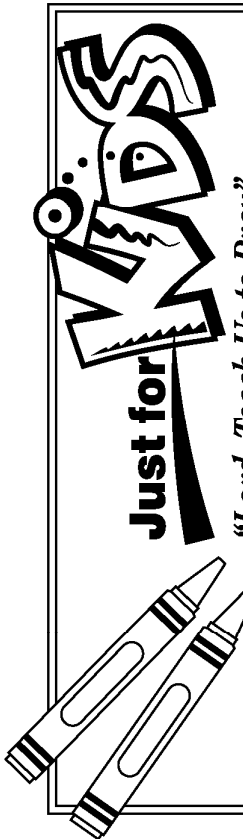
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8 16 Pentecost Rally Day Sunday School / Adult Forum TBD Blessing of the Backpacks Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	9 Bible Study 7pm	10	11 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	12 Uplift Southfield Clergy Meeting @ St. David's 12 noon	13 Youth Night 6:30 pm	14 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
15 17 Pentecost Sunday School / Adult Forum TBD Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	16 Bible Study 7pm	17	18 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	19 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	20	21 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
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29 19 Pentecost Sunday School / Adult Forum TBD Service of Worship, Healing, and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Crafts 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	30 Bible Study 7pm	October 1	October 2 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	October 3	October 4	October 5 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

Sunday Servants • September 2013

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Day	15 Pentecost	16 Pentecost	17 Pentecost	18 Pentecost	19 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Readings	Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Presiding	Pastor Jacqueline Rau				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Eddie People	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Pat Ochodnický	Sharon K. Hall
Director of Music	Valerie Felder				
Cantors	Richard Chavanak	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski	Jennifer/Lisa
Ushers Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Barb Laho Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnický Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Brittney Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Christina Wardell Sandra Bryant Comique People Ann Dixon
Greeters Barb Laho	Barb Laho Jack Klein	Wardell Family	Jerry and Sharon Hall	Janet and Ed Kotajarvi	Ed Gilbert Jack Klein
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Audio Recording	Jerry Hall	Ed Wardell			
Adult Forum	N/A	Ed Wardell			
Sunday School	N/A	Rally Day	TBD	TBD	TBD
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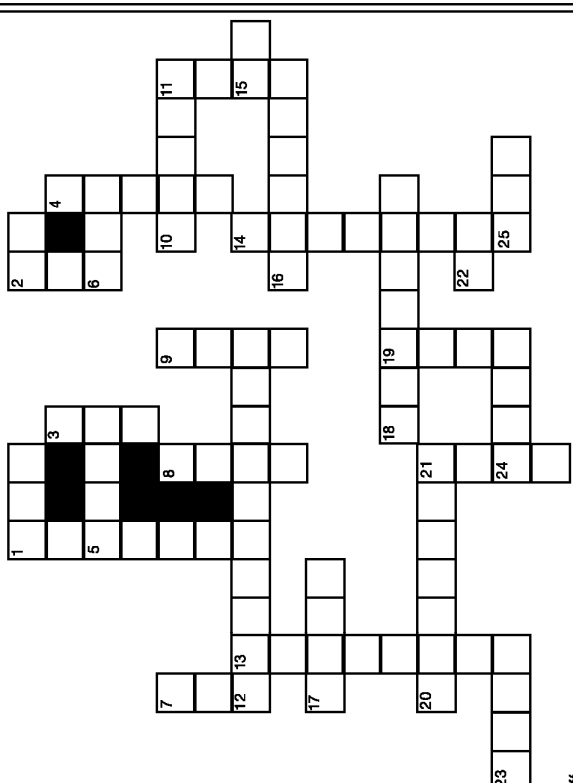
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Just for KIDS
"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

Jesus' disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray."
 Find the special prayer that Jesus taught them. Fit the words from the list into the squares on the puzzle.
 Then, transfer them to the blank lines below.

be for come name Father hallowed
 us not each sins against temptation
 we our Give your Forgive
 And who into bread Kingdom
 day also lead daily everyone



16 14 22 11 19 11 18 24
 23 15 21 25 6 10 4 20 15 6 9
 3 2A 5 20 13 2D 9 10 15
 1A 17 15 7 8 12

“ Luke 11:2-4

Answer: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.

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Address Service Requested

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Morning Prayers 9 a.m.

Beginning Rally Day, September 8:
Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Wednesday Morning Prayers 9 a.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10 a.m.

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