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WORD [WURD] OF THE WEEK - contemplating the language of faith

prayer -- [praɪr] ---dialoging with God

I used to think prayer was all about me – what I said, how I said it, when I said it. Sure, God was involved, but only as a receiver. I mean, what with all the people praying around the world, God was busy simply hearing our prayers, keeping track of them, cataloging them. What a terrible monologue God must have endured for so long, politely smiling like a loving parent enduring a terrible speech contest.

I don't honestly remember when my concept of prayer changed, but I imagine it's because God finally got through to me, busting through the chatter, challenging me to hear God, to listen for God. To talk with God. Huh.

Prayer can be tough. Listening for God can feel like an eternity, or sometimes you wish you had a little more breathing room. Praying alone and praying in community; praying in a panic or praying at your leisure; praying in anger or praying in great rejoicing – God is there with us.

Patience. Persistence. Passion. Prayer. For those of you who attended the Ash Wednesday service, you have a small, metal fish that is jingling in your pocket, lost in your purse, or in a coat pocket. It is a reminder of patience during this challenging journey, encouraging your persistence, igniting your passion in the midst of Jesus' passion for us. Let that fish remind you to pray, to be patient and persistent.

Have any suggestions of words your curious about? Contact Laura at 492-9065 or laura.aase@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING THE GIRL SCOUTS!



March 12 is the 96th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts. Please join us on Sunday, March 15, as we celebrate with many of the girls and young women of our congregation.

More information will be in next week's Messenger.

Atonement Friends,

Thank you for the lovely cards, prayers, and phone calls. Also for the altar flowers delivered by Karen Douglass. The certainly brighten my days. God Bless! - Grace Wildman

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18 Romans 3:21-31	M	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Genesis 21:1-7 Hebrews 1:8-12
F	Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 16:1-6 Romans 4:1-12	Tu	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Genesis 22:1-19 Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
Sa	Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 16:7-15 Mark 8:27-30	W	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Jeremiah 30:12-22 John 12:36-43
Su	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38		



DON'T FORGET!

On the second Sunday in March, clocks are set ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, which becomes 3:00 a.m. local daylight time. Think of it as our first big step towards longer days and warmer weather.



BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

Perhaps you missed it? No, not the fact that this has been an unusually cold winter, but the Fuel & Heat Envelope in your Offering Envelope box. You may have just forgotten to use it or you may be thinking that, with all the energy conservation things we have been doing, it's not needed any more.

If you forgot, that's easy to fix. Consider this a reminder and get the envelope out and use it.

Please don't think we no longer need your help!

- Because of the late start and the early winter, many of the energy conservation tasks are yet to be completed. For example, the thermal windows had to be special ordered and, therefore, were back-ordered. They should arrive any week now but that's too late to help *this* winter.
- We budget on the basis of an "average" winter and this has been anything but! It's been relentless "record cold" – so we especially need generous contributions to the Fuel and Heat Fund to off-set these higher than "average" costs.
- The Renovation Plan called for some of the "savings" in utility payments (resulting from energy conservation measures like the new furnace and insulated windows) to be used to pay the mortgage we took out to cover these improvements.

So, you see – we really need you to dig out that envelope and use it. If you don't have an envelope, any envelope marked "Fuel and Heat" will do just fine. Thank you!

RENOVATION UPDATE

Things have been progressing:



- Air-conditioning in the Sanctuary has been installed. (Yes, we will see warm weather again!)
- Air-conditioning in the office wing has been completed. Since this is a "heat pump" we also gain supplemental heat for the Coffee Shop, where it is much needed.
- Window replacement has begun. Pictured: the large single pane windows at the front entrance are being replaced with identical size thermal windows.

Please remember to keep your contributions coming. We have reached the point where our giving is projected to pick up the costs.



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 8, 2009

5:15 PM (Saturday)	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Deacon Jay Berry, Preaching at Fabius
8:30 AM (Sunday)	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching
10:45 AM (Sunday)	Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (3/8)

- 8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM Sunday Church School (Classrooms)
- 10:00 AM "Second Sunday - for Teens (Chapel)
- 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Drum Instruction (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY (3/9)

- 11:00 AM Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
- 6:30 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Church Council (Coffee Shop)

TUESDAY (3/10)

- 8:00 AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
- 6:30 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY (3/11)

- 10:00 AM Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
- 11:30 AM Lent Prayer Service, Lunch, Class (Sanc. & Fellow. Hall)
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Church Night (see box)
- 6:00 PM CDA Classes (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY (3/12)

- 6:00 PM A Funny Thing..... Production Meeting (Coffee Shop)
- 6:30 PM Boys Next Door Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM A Funny Thing..... Auditions (Chapel, Coffee Shop, Gym)

FRIDAY (3/13)

- 8:00 PM Boys Next Door Performance (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY (3/14)

- 10:00 PM Synod Urban Team (Conference Room)
- 5:15 PM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Fabius)
- 6:15 PM Adult and Children Classes (Fabius)
- 8:00 PM Boys Next Door Performance (Fellowship Hall)

VAN AND BUS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY BUS

- 9:00am Lodi
- 9:05am Park
- 9:20am Toomey Abbott
- 9:30am Arrive Church
- 9:45am Leave Church
- 9:55am Lincoln
- 10:15am Loretto
- 10:30am Arrive Church

WEDNESDAY VAN

- 4:45 Leave Church
- 5:05 Sabine St.
- 5:20 Driscoll Ave.
- 5:30 Church
- WEDNESDAY BUS**
- 4:30 Leave Church
- 4:40 Lodi St.
- 4:45 Park St.
- 4:50 Sedgwick/James
- 5:05 Toomey Abbott /Almond
- 5:20 Valley Vista
- 5:30 Church

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT

- 5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 Youth Worship in the Coffee Shop
- 6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 Wednesday Night Activities
 - Recreation and games in the gym
 - Adult Class: Prayers of the Passion

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30am	Deacon Karen Douglass
	10:45am	Deacon Karen Douglass
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am	Carolyn Schramm
	10:45am	Missy Wilber
USHERS	8:30am	Jeanette & Ken* Greig
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Barb Lasky & Susan Scharoun*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	Abigail Wood
	10:45am	Jose Fuentes
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Pam Haumann
	10:45am	Barb Lasky
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Carolyn Schramm & Betty Suarez
	10:45am	Missy Wilber & Stacie Draper
READERS	8:30am	Linda Owens
	10:45am	Deacon Karen Douglass
GREETERS	8:30am	Gayle Wentworth
FLOWER DELIVERY		Jeanette & Ken Greig

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atonement in your prayers.

Crouse Hospital

Dan Murphy (Friend of Willie and Sharon Monds)

Hospital in North Dakota

Joseph Christopherson (Friend of Vicar Aase)

Hospital in Virginia Beach

Tammy Treanor

At Home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Bronwyn Barr (Carole Barr's niece), Darlene Barr (Carole Barr's niece), Mary Bennett (Joslyn Court I resident), Josie Billingsley (Lynn Strumlok's mother), Richard Boynton, Rose Camerata (Eleanora Ott's neighbor), Tanya (Gebman) McGinn (Bill Kemp's daughter-in-law's sister), hunter McKeon, Beverly Oliver (friend of Beth Arthur), Barbara Ortell Compa (Bax Simmons' niece), Ethel Ulrich, Nancy Welch (Bax Simmons' daughter), Bill Wheelless, Joshua Woods (Kathy and Peter Woods' nephew), Mary Woodworth (Karen Douglass' neighbor)

Those in the Armed Services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes, Ill), Scot Carpenter (Ft. Eustis, VA), Travis Carpenter (Florida Reserve Unit), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Trevor Martineau (29 Palms, CA), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Chris Millhouse (Korea), Justin Randall (Quantico, VA), Jeff Rodgers (Iraq), Daniel Strumlok (Quantico, VA), Melissa Young (National Guard, Syracuse, NY)

Note: People who are not hospitalized are listed only once per request. If you would like a person listed for additional weeks, please call the church office (492-9065) each week by 10am Thursday.