
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST: Paul Leintz, Rhonda Silence, Meredith Eliot (Church-Davison), Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Mike Carlson, Gwen Dornfeld, Sally Dunn, The Family of Pat Backlund, The Family of Denny Pechacek, All Victims of Gun Violence, Immigrants and Refugees, Countries of Ukraine, Sudan, Israel/Palestine, and Planet Earth.

At home and Care Center: Jean Ljungkull, Nona Smith, Lou Goodell, Bev Denyes, Nancy Cihlar, and Tom Hedstrom.

MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

The First Congregational UCC adopted a 2023 Budget at the Annual Meeting on 28 January 2023, showing a need for a yearly income of \$164,110.00.

After forty-four weeks, the Budget Donations and Income should be \$135,779.76. The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$132,221.04.

-Kevin LeVoir, Treasurer

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, November 2

10:00 AM – Tai Chi
12:00 PM – Women’s AA
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons

FRIDAY, November 3

7:00 AM – AA
8:00 AM – Harbor Watch
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons
7:30 PM - AA

SATURDAY, November 4

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Piano Lessons
10:30 Surely Discipleship Group

SUNDAY, November 5

9:30 AM – Pick-up Choir Practice

10:30 AM Worship Service – Inside AND ON ZOOM
23rd Sunday after Pentecost, as we continue to dig into the Narrative Lectionary, we begin this month in 1 Kings where the prophet Elijah goes head-to-head with the prophets of Ba’al, the god of Tyre. Most people have forgotten the God of Israel and the covenant, so Elijah challenges them to a show of action. They were to set up two altars with sacrifices and see which God answered their prophets, the 400 of Ba’al or Elijah.

2:30 PM – Orchestra Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran

4:00 PM – Choir Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran

MONDAY November 6

11:00 AM - Spring forest Qi Dong
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Food Shelf
7:00 PM – Al-Anon

TUESDAY, November 7

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY, November 8

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons
6:00 PM – Sing-Along
6:00 PM - Pizza and Social Justice

THURSDAY, November 9

10:00 AM – Tai Chi
12:00 PM – Women’s AA
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons
Pastor Enno is on vacation 9th, 10th, and 11th.

FRIDAY, November 10

7:00 AM – AA
8:00 AM – Harbor Watch
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons
7:30 PM - AA
Veteran's Day (observed)

SATURDAY, November 11

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM – Piano Lessons
Veteran's Day

SUNDAY, November 12

9:30 AM – Choir Practice

10:30 AM – Worship Service – Inside AND ON ZOOM
24th Sunday after Pentecost, we listen to the prophet Hosea, who is in the Northern Kingdom warning them about the coming invasion of Assyria and calling them to return to God and God’s covenant that can protect them from the coming invasion. Hosea continually critiques their political and religious institutions but shows the heart of God in the passage we read today.

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November 5, 2023
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 23:1-12
Partners in Service

Long before he was Pope, a priest called Francis developed a prayer he called the five-finger prayer. On this All Saints Day, it's a good way to call to mind those saints in our lives and in the world who have led the way in the faith.

Hold your hands palm down in front of you, and look at your fingers one by one, beginning with your thumb, which is the closest to your heart.

Thumb: Pray for those closest to you. Pray for those in your chosen family, or for your close friends.

Pointer finger: Pray for those saints who have pointed you in the right direction. Pray for older relatives, wise teachers, good employers, and thoughtful mentors.

Middle finger: This finger stands tall. Pray for the saints in leadership in your community and the world. Pray for those in business, government, and church leadership whose decisions affect so many.

Ring finger: This finger is the weakest of all the fingers. Pray for those on the margins, pray for the oppressed or the downtrodden. Pray for the ill and the dying. Pray for the addicted and the imprisoned.

Pinky finger: This finger is the smallest. This is where you put your prayers for yourself.

In today's scripture story, Jesus teaches the crowds and disciples about servant leadership. He showed them that when we are followers of Christ, our words and actions need to be consistent. As we pray this prayer, we can get clearer about who are the ordinary, everyday saints in our lives and the world. We can better understand who those are who walk their walk and talk their talk, those saints who have something to teach us here and now.



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