



THE MESSENGER

St. Paul Lutheran Church

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Introduction

Our Father in heaven.

What is this? OR What does this mean?

With these words, God wants to attract us so that we come to believe he is truly our Father and we are truly his children, in order that we may ask him boldly and with complete confidence, just as loving children ask their loving father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be your name.

What is this? OR What does this mean?

It is true that God's name is holy in itself, but we ask in this prayer that it may also become holy in and among us.

How does this come about?

Whenever the word of God is taught clearly and purely and we, as God's children, also live holy lives according to it. To this end, help us dear Father in heaven! However, whoever teaches and lives otherwise than the word of God teaches, dishonors the name of God among us. Preserve us from this, heavenly Father!

We begin with this prayer at its beginning. Who is it that we are praying to? Is it God the Judge who can't wait to pronounce his judgement and wrath? Is it the warrior God who can destroy us with just a glance? No, No and again NO! If you remember from our discussion of the Creed, **Our Father** is the one who: 1. Made us and gives us our very self. 2. Provides, protects, and guards against Evil. It is the God who redeems and saves that I might live in his kingdom. It is the God who makes me holy and gives me a holy community called the church. (See Luther's Explanation to the Apostles Creed.) No, this God wants us to know that he is a Father and as his beloved children, he calls us to approach without fear and with confidence that we are heard. So, what should we approach this Father God with? Christ suggest 7 petitions.

The first Petition is Holy Be Your Name! Now if God is God, then his name is Holy and we can't make it holy. But Luther says, as beloved children, how we use it and live it should be holy. That it would be a precious name amongst us. And how does this come about? This happens when God's word is taught to us and we as children live out what we are taught. But, we can teach and live as though God's name is not Holy to us that he is not our father. And then the deep sigh comes from our spirit Soul, a plea so strong that the heavens quake - OH! PRESERVE US FROM THIS HEAVENLY **FATHER**! For indeed only a father, a parental God who invites us as his children beloved by him, makes us holy with his Holy Name.

Pastor Wayne

The people of St. Paul gather to worship, reach out, and serve the Lord.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

October Birthdays

October 3 – Richard Green
October 8 – Hayden Walsberg
October 8 – Brian Claypool
October 9 – Rose Mary Erickson
October 9 – Doug Highland
October 9 – Kalyn Miller
October 11 – Dennis Leach
October 12 – Caleb Leach
October 15 – Cindy Nourie
October 15 – Anita Klein
October 16 – Tyler Mills
October 19 – Linda Harms
October 20 – Jeanne Rapp
October 20 – Amanda Walsberg
October 20 – Ellen Lambert
October 23 – John Boch
October 25 – Jerry Erickson
October 26 – Luke Payton
October 27 – Josh Lueker
October 28 – Bill Frazier
October 29- Landon & Tinley Harms

October Anniversaries

October 6 – Marty & Shelly Heller (1990)
October 20 – Cody & Sadie Leach (2019)
October 24 -- Jim & Jan Cahill (1981)
October 25 – Cory & Megan Schott (2014)
October 27 – Brian & Karen Claypool (2001)
October 30 -- Jerry & Rose Mary Erickson (1971)

Rebecca Circle

The Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, October 20th, at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The hostess will be Lucy Kehinde. Marian Brown will be leading the lesson “Jesus and Nature, Teacher of Faith-Soil”. Dirt shows up in Scripture nearly as much as it does in our lives. We will pay attention not only to the environment in which Jesus lived, but the ground and soils upon which we live and depend. Devotions will be given by Mil Girard and Donna Buckler will give the offering meditation. All women of our congregation are invited and welcome to attend this meeting.

Women of the ELCA

***Gathering of the Women of the ELCA
Northeast Conference***

**Saturday, October 8, 2022
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

The Gathering of the Women of the ELCA will be held at American Lutheran Church, 1560 Career Center Road, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Registration will be from 9:00-9:30 a.m. with the ladies of the ALC serving breakfast at 9:30. The meeting and program will follow, including a Bible study led by SAM Lynne Culkin. The cost is \$10.00 per person, which includes the breakfast. The offering will be divided between C/S IL Synod and Lutheran World Relief.

LWR Blanket Collection

In addition to quilts, Lutheran World Relief accepts new and like-new blankets measuring 60”x 80”. Standard twin size blankets are acceptable. Please do not donate fleece blankets, electric blankets, or afghans/throws.” We will collect blankets on October 16 and 23, and the blankets will be blessed on the 23rd.

LWR Personal Care Kits

- ♦ 1 bath-sized towel, dark color
- ♦ 2 bath-sized soap bars (any brand)
- ♦ 1 adult-size toothbrush (or multi-pack)
- ♦ 1 comb
- ♦ 1 metal nail clipper

If you wish to donate, please bring the items to the church before October 20th. Rebecca Circle will assemble the kits to send with school kits and blankets.

Bibles & Bagels

The Bibles & Bagels group will meet on Thursday, October 13th at Edinger’s Filling Station at 9:30 a.m. Any woman who would like to participate in an informal Bible study is welcome to attend this meeting.

Sunday Pastoral Schedule

October 2—Pastor Wayne
October 9—Pastor Wayne
October 16—Pastor Wayne
October 23— SAM Marcia Buchs
October 30—SAM Marcia Buchs

Thank You!

A heartfelt **thank you** to those who donated to and assembled various kits on God's Work Our Hands Day! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus both locally and abroad!

We collected for and will donate:

- 54 birthday cake kits to be given to local families
- 52 Lutheran World Relief school kits
- 35 hygiene kits to be given to our local high school students

The Boys and Girl's Club landscape work was postponed due to weather.

Health & Wellness Sunday

Health & Wellness Sunday is the third Sunday of each month. Mary Leach or one of our parish nurses will be on hand before and after worship on these Sundays to check blood pressures and blood sugars, and to help you form questions for your health professional if needed.

Please sign up for St. Paul's Texting Service!

If you would like to receive text messages with reminders and special announcements, please sign up for the St. Paul Texting Service by completing the following:

1. Send a text to 81010
2. Text the message: @stpaul210



LEO for 2022

LEO (Let's Eat Out) gathers St. Paul members and friends on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy dinner. All are welcome to attend!

October 19—Pontiac Family Kitchen
November 16—LaMex Restaurant
December 21 —LOBO's Tap

Knitting Yarn

First Lutheran Church brought in several bags of yarn from their knitting group. You are welcome to take whatever you would like, the bags are out by the kiosk.



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29

2:00—4:00 P.M.

St. Paul Parking Lot

Please look for a sign-up sheet on the kiosk to join the trunk or treat fun!



Faith Fun Fest on September 18.



God's Work Our Hands on September 11.



LEO at Wolf Creek on September 21.