# PRAYER by Pastor Max Whitehead

Prayer. While it seems to be a common, everyday thing, prayer also can be seen as intimidating and riddled with questions. Why should I pray? How do I pray? When should I pray? What if I pray wrong?

We have been spending a lot of time in Paul's letter to Timothy with our Epistle readings the last month, and here is what Paul has to say about prayer:

"I First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the mana Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." -1 Timothy 2:1-4

In summary of these 6 verses, you are to pray for all people, and you are to pray to God - the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit, any of these titles are appropriate. It does not matter if you like the person or not, agree with them or not, or even truly know them. Perhaps now as we approach election time we must be reminded to pray for all those in positions of power that (as Paul writes) we may lead a peaceful and quiet life.

As long as you send the prayer to the right place,

there is not a wrong way to pray. I'll even go so far to say that in simply addressing God in a time of prayer is the most important part of prayer since as Paul writes to the Romans, "the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words."

When should you pray? Whenever. There is never a wrong time to pray. God's ears are always tuned to your voice. Even in the most insignificant moments: pray. Whenever you feel joy, sorrow, strength, weakness, literally anything: pray.

Which of course leads to the "why"? Not because Paul tells you to. Not because Luther tells you to. Not because your Pastor or even your parents tell you to. But because God wants you to. Because God is a jealous God and wants you to come to Him, to rely on Him, in every aspect of your life. Because God has called you His child, and as the Good Father that He is, He wants nothing more than a relationship with You.

God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth. Let us pray that all of those with ears to hear may be sent a preacher - it could be you - to speak God's love and promise to them.

And may you know that God's love and promise is for you. He has called you His own. He hears and listens to your prayers. May you trust that He will respond in all the ways He sees fit.

This is most certainly true. Pastor Max



# **Stevens Corn Maze Fundraiser**

The Stevens Corn Maze is open to the public from 1-6 every weekend until October 29.

Entrance is \$5 with all concession proceeds going to the VCIS Youth!

# Haunted Corn Maze Oct 29 7-9PM

Come wander through the Stevens Corn Maze under the darkness of night!

Directions: Stevens' Corn Maze - 2mi East of town and 1/4mi North.

(Thrivent Cards to help purchase concessions would be greatly appreciated!)





Where: Parish Hall Time: 7:00PM - 11:00PM

Give yourselves a date night and let us watch your kids! Free Will donation is encouraged to help us get to North Carolina next June.



# Wednesdays With God

7:30AM - Bible Study @ Parsons Insurance 3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS (Grades 1 - 6) 5:30PM Meal | 6:00PM Confirmation Group 7:00PM VCIS (moving back to Wednesdays)

# HELPERS SCHEDULE

# Ост 2

Reader	Brett Mellem
Acolyte	Reagan & Nora Rudd
Communion Helper	Parker Christensen
Live Stream	Janet Munkvold
Organist	Annet Kropuenske

### Ост 9

Reader	Janet Munkvold
Acolyte	Carston & Lincoln Mellem
Live Stream	Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist	Annet Kropuenske

#### Ост 16

Reader	Faydra Christensen
Acolyte	Kaleb Huber & Emily Ludens
Communion Helper	ZoeyChristensen
Live Stream	Janet Munkvold
Organist	Annet Kropuenske

### **OCT 23**

Reader	Tonya Zimmerman
Acolyte	Reagan & Nora Rudd
Live Stream	Janet Munkvold
Music	Praise Band

### Ост 30

Reader	Karen Larsen
Acolyte	Carston & Lincoln Mellem
Communion Helper	Brooklyn Ludens
Live Stream	Janet Munkvold
Organist	Annet Kropuenske

The Next Council Meeting is October 2nd at 7:30PM

# Church Cleaners (Sept 25 - Oct 8)

- Kaye Lee,
- Faydra Christensen,
- Tena Johansen

# Church Cleaners (Oct 9 - Oct 22)

- Tammy Zimmerman,
- Tonya Rudd,
- Amy Christensen,
- Kelli Zimmerman,
- Amanda Goergen

# Church Cleaners (Oct 23 - Nov 5)

- Rita Westergaard,
- Wanda Kost,
- Charlene Overgard,
- Gail Anderson,
- Kristi Johnson

#### **October Ushers**

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- Brett & Beth Mellem
- Aaron & Haylee Sherard



# October Scripture Readings



Oct. 2: Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10 Oct. 9: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19 Oct 16: Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5., Luke 18:1-8

Oct 23: Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 84:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Oct 30: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 32:1-7, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10



# **JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE**

Let us join together as one congregation, worship and feast, and give thanks for the harvest God has blessed us with throughout the ages!

When: Sunday Oct 23

Where: SVLC

# OCTOBER 2022 CHURCH CALENDAR

For complete information and additional details, please visit www.svlcvib.org/events/

#### Oct 2

9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service (Communion) 7:30PM Council Mtg

#### Oct 5

7:30AM Bible Study 3:45 - 5:00PM JR VCIS 5:30PM Confirmation Meal | Group 6:00PM 7:00PM VCIS

### Oct 9

9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service (traditional)

#### **Oct 12**

7:30AM Bible Study 3:45 - 5:00PM JR VCIS 5:30PM Confirmation Meal | Group 6:00PM 7:00PM VCIS

#### **Oct 15**

Wedding

### **Oct 16**

9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service (Communion)

#### Oct 19

7:30AM Bible Study 3:45 - 5:00PM JR VCIS 5:30PM Confirmation Meal | Group 6:00PM 7:00PM VCIS

#### Oct 23

TBD Sunday School 10:30AM Joint Worship Service (Contemporary)

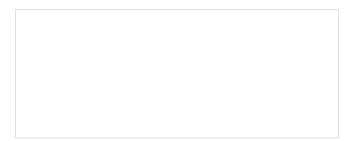
#### Oct 25

7:30AM Bible Study 3:45 - 5:00PM JR VCIS 5:30PM Confirmation Meal | Group 6:00PM 7:00PM VCIS

#### Oct 30

9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service (Communion)

The Deadline for the November Newsletter is October 25, 2022



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# **LOOKING AHEAD**



# Wednesday, Nov 2

7:30AM Bible Study 3:45PM - 5:00PM JR VCIS 5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group 7:00PM VCIS

# Sunday, Nov 6

10:30AM Worship Service (Communion) 7:30pm Council Meeting

# Wednesday, Nov 9

7:30AM Bible Study 3:45PM - 5:00PM JR VCIS 5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group 7:00PM VCIS

# Sunday, November 13

9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service (traditional)

