

**When you Pray,
God Listens
When you Listen,
God Talks
When You Believe,
God Works**

March 2026 Pastoral Call Vigil

This month we will concentrate on praying into our church, our families, our own personal situations and the calling of the new pastor. We need a healthy, vibrant church for a new pastor (and perhaps his/her family) to come into and be able to minister effectively immediately, with joy for their new ministry home.

We will be concentrating on personal consecration. Consecration is defined as: the act of making or declaring something, typically a church or temple, sacred. The sacraments are consecrated (sacred). The action of ordaining someone into a sacred office (pastor) is consecrated.

With regard to personal consecration it is defined as: having a deep personal decision to dedicate your entire life - thoughts, actions, plans, and possessions - to His purposes, walking in obedience to His Word, often starting with a prayer of personal surrender. What follows is daily personal prayer, making each prayer time a “living sacrifice to God in prayer.”

Then, daily bible reading, studying scripture, and seeking to live in obedience and service, declaring that your entire life belongs to God. It is all about dethroning self-interest and enthroning Jesus as Lord, setting yourself

apart for His holy use. God is interested in our prayers for cleansing, unity and love for one another this month. Make yourself a consecrated, "living sacrifice."

Sunday, March 1, 2026 (Seek with all our hearts)

Keep us faithful to pray and seek You with all of our hearts.

"Blessed are all who keep His testimonies and seek Him with all their hearts."

Psalm 119:2

Monday, March 2, 2026 (Wise counsel)

Pray that the Executive Committee will be able to attain godly counsel from our advisory opportunities with LCMC, Heartland District and Augustana District, Institute of Lutheran Theology, Pastor Mark and others.

"Where there is no wise, intelligent, guidance, the people fall, but in abundance of wise and godly counselors, there is victory!" Proverbs 11:14

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 (Forgiveness of one another in our congregation)

A Congregation that walks in unity walks in forgiveness for all offense. Help us Lord to know the offenses, forgive them, and reconcile with our brother/sister.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - Consecration

Lord Jesus, please remove the misunderstandings, grudges, and bitterness that I hold for anyone in my family or congregation. Forgive me Lord...forgive me...

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:12

Thursday, March 5, 2026 - Consecration

Divisiveness wounds a congregation. Consecration causes us to prostrate ourselves before the Lord for our brother or sister so that you may walk in unity with your brother/sister. Pray for restoration...

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, I will make them white as wool. Isaiah 1:18

Friday, March 6, 2026 - Consecration

We are unable to walk by ourselves, before God, without sin. But God, through Jesus, has enabled us to come before His Throne clothed in righteousness. Lord, help us to surrender our life to You and walk in Your grace as sisters and brothers, a part of a congregation that walks in forgiveness and love.

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love.” Micah 7:18-19

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - Consecration

Lord we ask You for a pastor of Your choosing. One who is a man or woman of God who walks and prays with You daily and serves with a heart fully turned toward You. Father we pray for a pastor that hears you clearly and will follow You in obedience to Your Word.

“In Him we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” Ephesians 1:7

Sunday, March 8, 2026 - Unity in Consecration

Scripture says that, “In Him we live and move and have our being.” We cannot have the life of God if we do not seek to obey God’s commands. Lord, may we purge ourselves of selfishness and self-seeking. Teach us to love one another as You have loved us. Bring unity into our church with every heart seeking one another’s best from God the Father.

“Bear with one another and forgive any complaint you may have against someone else. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13

Monday, March 9, 2026 - Consecration

We pray that each member of our Executive Committee and Call Committee will walk in humility and obedience before God, in praying for our new pastor and each other during this time of searching.

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 14:11

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 Love one another

There are times that we judge a person or situation before we fully know where they are at in their own lives. Lord help us to be open and caring for one another, loving one another and encouraging each other rather than being judgmental.

“Judge not and you will not be judged; condemn not and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven...” Luke 6:37

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 Consecration

Forgiveness is not an option. Jesus said, in the Lord’s Prayer that we must forgive others in order to be forgiven. Sometimes it is hard to forgive, but Jesus makes a way for us to forgive through obedience to His Word. Forgiveness is not necessarily a feeling. It is an act of obedience that give us peace and breaks the chain of bitterness in our hearts. Walk in forgiveness toward all.

“Then Peter came up to him and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.” Matthew 18:21-22

Thursday, March 12, 2026 Consecration

Do you have a prayer partner? One who can hear your weaknesses and faults and not judge you, but pray for you, and pray with you to help lift you up and out of the chains of bitterness and unconfessed sin? Find an accountability partner that walks in obedience before the Lord and share your heart with one another.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you might be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” James 5:16

Friday, March 13, 2026 Consecration

Lord, in coming to you, let us remember that you are not only the awesome Creator of all the earth and everything that is in it, but you are also our Father. Your love for us is never ending and steadfast toward us. Help us to never take that for granted, but walk before you in reverent fear and respect for your holiness and majesty. We lay our lives before you. Purge us of selfishness and pride. Make us fit vessels for the work that you have prepared for us as we transition a new pastor into our midst. Cleanse us Lord.

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.” Psalms 103:10-14

Saturday, March 14, 2026 Help me Lord

Is there someone that you just cannot forgive? Is there a bitterness in your life that you will not let go of? Stand before God and give Him the reason for your disobedience. ...and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others... Repent and restore your relationship with God. Then forgive others trespasses and restore the relationship.

“Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.” Proverbs 10:12

Sunday, March 15, 2026. Time in the Word and prayer

Does the gift of the Holy Spirit shine through you? Even the most quiet person can give off a “glow of the Spirit” that is evident by just looking at them. That “glow” comes from knowing Jesus and spending time in the word of God and prayer. The more you know Him, the more you will glow for Him.

“And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

Monday, March 16, 2026 Pray for the voice of God to be heard.

As we pray over those who will become the “call committee” help the Executive Committee choose those that You have already chosen for this task Lord Jesus. Let us be mindful that you care for all of our congregants and their personal needs. Let us not be offended, but be aware of Your heart in this matter. Let us not begrudge those who will work to find our next pastor, but love and encourage them and pray for them that they may clearly hear the voice of God.

“Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.” Proverbs 17:9

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 Consecration

Do you have “hidden sin” in your life? It takes many forms. How are your daily habits with the Lord? Are you reading and studying your bible? If so, why not? Are you replacing some other “thing” as your God? What takes your time away from Jesus? What is more important than spending time alone with Jesus? How about your prayer life...do you hear the voice of God giving you direction? If you don't seek Him, you will not hear Him.

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and you will find me when you search for me with all your heart. I will be found by you declares the Lord...” Jeremiah 29:12-14a

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Consecration

Is there a brother or sister in the Lord that just “rubs you the wrong way by their mannerisms?” They may not know that they even bother you... Forgive and pray for them that don't have the knowledge or maturity to change yet. Befriend them so that they have a mature person to help them see Jesus and teach them the Word of God, that they might walk the walk of a disciple. Lay down your life for others that they might find Jesus in you.

“And Jesus said, “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:34

Thursday, March 19, 2026 Transparency

We pray that the man or woman of Your choosing is a person who walks in purity, integrity and reverence before You, Lord Jesus. Let their life be open and an encouragement to our congregation. Let their life speak that You are faithful and true.

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” Proverbs 28:13

Friday, March 20, 2026 Consecration

I was born to be His dwelling place. A home for the presence of the Lord. Now let my life now be dedicated unto thee. That I might be what I was born to be...Your child. Let my sin be cleansed and purified. Lord, help me to walk in Your forgiveness, grace and mercy. Let them see Jesus, not me.

“for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

Saturday, March 21, 2026 Consecration

Pray that the Lord will forgive our self-seeking, selfishness and rebellion. Pray that He will forgive our putting other things before knowing Him. If we were to receive the justice due us...God forgive us.

“To the Lord our God belongs justice and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him...” Daniel 9:9

Sunday, March 22, 2026 Unity

Pray that our congregation will be united in the choice of a new pastor.

“Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalm 133:1

Monday, March 23, 2026 Turn away from sin

Lord help us to turn away from unrighteousness and turn to you for clarity of thought, word and deed. Keep us from sin and show us a right pathway to knowing you through Your Word.

“let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

Isaiah 55:7

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Sacrifice

Let our lives be a sacrifice, holy and acceptable, to work in your Kingdom and bring salvation to those who do not know you yet. Let everyone who comes through our doors feel the love and mercy of God poured out for them.

“for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Matthew 26:28

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Forgiveness

Lord, if any on the Executive Committee or our CLC family have a concern about loving and respecting a brother or sister in our congregation please show us personally this concern. Let us be reconciled to one another. We need to walk in purity of heart and transparency of mind to hear God clearly. Help us to obey your Word.

So, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

Matthew 5:23-24

Thursday, March 26, 2026 Humility

Lord teach us to pray as Your Word commands. With humility before You.

“If my people, who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Friday, March 27, 2026 Prayer

Pray for each other that God’s will be declared in each of your lives for use in His Kingdom.

“And all the assembly fell silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring the signs and wonders that God had done...” Acts 15:12

Saturday, March 28, 2026 Protection

Pray that God’s choice of pastor for us will be protected and delivered from evil, and all manner of threat to his loved ones.

The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your life. Psalm 121:7

Sunday, March 29, 2026 Humility

Pray that the new pastor is a humble person who reverences God.

But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. Isaiah 66:2

Monday, March 30, 2026 Giftings

Pray that the new pastor is a person who is able to rightly deliver the Word of God with conviction.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 Patience

Pray that through this process God will grant us peace and patience if the search carries.

*“But if we hope for what we do not have, we wait for it patiently...”
Romans 8:25*