



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Messenger

“PROCLAIM CHRIST, MAKE DISCIPLES, SERVE THE LORD”

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Paul's,

Often people ask *what can* I do to help around church? I often respond with the question “What can you do? What skills do you have?” A response I do not hear but I believe is so very important is prayer. We need prayer, our church needs prayer, and prayer changes how we see things. It brings us encouragement and hope.

The writings in James tells us:

James 5:13 *Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them ... 16Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

I want to encourage you to pray and look for an answer. Ask and anticipate God doing something. Seek not just your wish list, but pray and ask God that his will be done, just as we pray it in the *Lord's Prayer*.

Please pray for the Church and our ability to reach others with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus. Pray for our summer VBS, pray for preschool families, and opportunities to baptize children. I ask you to pray for health and healing for those in our congregation, and to remember to lift up our government and elected leaders that they may serve all the people under their office. Pray for your pastor, church leaders, and your DCE Jill as they make the Gospel known through worship and church programs.

Remember:

(Psalms 55:22) *Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken. (1 Peter 5:6 & 7) 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

Encourage and be encouraged in your faith!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor David Hardin