



# THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter

## ***A message from Pastor Mike.....***

*“He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” - Luke 11:1-4 -*

The individual disciple mentioned in this reading waited until Jesus was finished praying and then said, *“Teach us to pray.”* What Jesus did, in response to this request, was to teach them the form of prayer that we now know as “The Lord’s Prayer.” This is the short version from Luke. The longer version, from Matthew, is what we recite together at our prayer time each Sunday morning. This shorter version has two petitions of praise for God and then three petitions for those who are engaging in the prayer. The petitions are for daily bread, for forgiveness of sins, and for deliverance from temptations or trials. In this model prayer, there are praises, requests for provision, petitions for healing and for deliverance. The confidence to make those requests is a result of believing that God loves us and wants what’s best for us. Our relationship with God gives us the audacity, the boldness and confidence, to address the Creator and sustainer of the universe. It’s that ongoing relationship that allows us to have the hope that we’re being heard, and that what we ask for, in faith, is fully within God’s power to provide.

Prayer is sometimes painted as “crying out” to God when all seems lost. But Jesus’ teaching in these verses is that God is always ready, listening and waiting to hear from us. Jesus was often under pressure. He had the weight of the world on his shoulders, and so he prayed often! He asked God to give him the strength, and wisdom and direction that he needed. We can best face our daily struggles through daily prayer. This prayer is very short. It sounds quite simple at first glance. But we can see that it covers a lot of ground. Jesus told the disciples to pray “like this,” and we still follow that template more than 2,000 years later. These verses encourage us to think about how we approach prayer, as well as what we should actually say in prayer. For Jesus, prayer was all about relationship. We’re instructed to be in relationship with our Creator, through prayer, on a regular basis. We’re instructed to pray constantly. We’re instructed to ask, to seek, and to knock. And best of all, we are assured by Jesus himself that our God is waiting, ready, available, listening, and approachable. Let’s renew our determination to hold fast to the gift of prayer; to embrace the opportunity that we have to pray individually, and as the church. *“Lord, teach us to pray!”*



### Music Notes

We are blessed to have our usual singers, Claire Reger, Susan Runyon and Lillian Dawn with us in March. There will be a surprise guest on March 15. I'm especially looking forward to a special musical offering by Gary Troyer on Palm Sunday. Easter is coming soon! Invite your family and friends to experience the joy of the Resurrection with us!

Sheila Doak, Music Director



### Volunteer opportunity

Do you have a few hours per week to spare? We no longer can support a cleaning service and are looking for volunteers to do basic cleaning on a week-to-week basis. You can sign up when your schedule allows and clean on the day(s)/time that works for you. Buddy up with someone if you feel that it is too overwhelming for one person. Volunteer sign-up sheet will be on the table next to the coffee hour sign up. **Huge thank you to those who have volunteered!** If you have any questions, see Judie Holmer or Jackie Flemming.

**Why are trees so forgiving in spring?** They are always willing to "turn over a new leaf."

**What flowers grow on faces?** Tulips.

**Why was the gardener sad?** She hadn't botany plants yet.

**What did the grass say to the mower?** "I love you mower than you know!"

DAYLIGHT SAVING  
TIME



SUNDAY  
MARCH 8, 2026

### Reminder!

All bulletin and insert information must be submitted to the office by Thursday morning at 9am. Thanks!

## BRUNCH-OUT!!!

On Sunday, February 8, we had 9 people enjoy lunch at Los Agaves in Moline. For our next adventure, we will enjoy a lunch at China Inn Buffet. Following our Church service, on Sunday, March 8th, we will meet at 11:00 am when they open. China Inn Buffet is located at 3614 Avenue of the Cities in Moline (King Plaza). Keep in mind, that day is when we change to Daylight Savings Time and come to Church an hour earlier. We hope you will plan to join us for a wide selection of Chinese food choices, and fellowship.

Sally Bartosh



### Birthdays

- 1 Barb Hansen,  
Vera Hinrichsen
- 7 Sandy Schlorf
- 21 Nancy Mott

### February Attendance

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| February 1  | 29 |
| February 8  | 28 |
| February 15 | 26 |
| February 22 | 25 |

### PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Total Income   | \$7881.00    |
| Total Expenses | \$8959.02    |
| Net Income     | (\$ 1078.02) |

## Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ

Please fill out and return this order form with payment to the church office. Payment must be made when order is placed.

**Deadline to order: Sunday, March 8th**

**Lilies are \$17.00 each.**

TOTAL PLANTS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (REQUIRED) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christian Church

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, **please print exactly** how you would like your acknowledgement (for each plant) to read in the bulletin .

(Use the back for additional acknowledgements.)

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Questions: Call Jackie Flemming (309) 235-0914

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**Elders Prayer Bell Edition**

*“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” - Matthew 19:26 -*

Please keep these family, friends and neighbors in your daily thoughts and prayers. Send a card, call on the phone or make a visit. Let them know they are not forgotten.

Nancy Mott is recovering from knee surgery. Therapy has been going well. (Sally)

Barb Hansen continues to recover from her broken wrist. (Sally)

Sandy W. upcoming surgery (Marilyn)

Greg H. is receiving cancer treatments. (Diane B.)

Tom Mockmore is being prepared for his 7-week cancer treatment plan. (Judie)

Please continue to keep all of the families who have lost loved ones in your prayers. (15th Avenue Church family)

Lila - heart surgery, age 16. Prayers are needed for a long road ahead for this brave young person. (Lisa)

Melanie is now back home, recovering. (Diane B.)

Alice (Sandy, Mable & family)

Diane... multiple family health concerns. (Kathy)

Olivet Jagusah (Sheila and family)

Diane, a friend of Kathy's... family tension which are seriously straining relationships. (Kathy)

Prayers for Lynne and Steve Sheese' grandson, Ethan. (Steve and Lynne)

Kathy O. undergoing cancer treatments in Houston (Helen)

Don Young (Sheri & family)

Chris receiving cancer treatments. (Kathy Weston)

Mona (Alice and Mable)

Prayers for Barb for an upcoming lung biopsy. (Kathy)

Tyler (Jeanne K.)

Karen, prayers for a possible auto-immune disorder. (Kathy)

A cousin, Stacey, needs prayer following a cancer diagnosis (Jeanie)

Lili's treatments have been successful! She is now in an observation phase (family)

Judy Turner, lymphoma treatments (Craig & family)

Joetta E. tumors (in-operable) Family

Pam DeSmet (family)

Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)

Brenda O. (family)

Carla / Rosalie / Molly/ Mary/ Nickie (family)

Nancy G., cancer (family)

Dawn F. (family)

Kent Christensen (Kathy & family)

Thank you for helping us keep our list up to date.

# 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christian Church

## 2026



| Sun   | Mon      | Tue | Wed                    | Thu                      | Fri | Sat |
|---|----------|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1<br>8:30am Elder Mtg<br>9:30am Worship                               | 2<br>3   | 4   | 5<br>10am Bible Study  | 6<br>World Day of Prayer | 7   |     |
| 8<br>9:30am Worship<br>Food Pantry<br>Day Light Savings<br>Brunch Out | 9<br>10  | 11  | 12<br>10am Bible Study | 13                       | 14  |     |
| 15<br>9:30am Worship<br>10:30am Board Meeting                         | 16<br>17 | 18  | 19<br>10am Bible Study | 20                       | 21  |     |
| 22<br>9:30am Worship  | 23<br>24 | 25  | 26<br>10am Bible       | 27                       | 28  |     |
| 29<br>9:30am Worship<br>Palm Sunday                                   | 30<br>31 |     |                        |                          |     |     |

**Serving Elders**  
 1 Diane Block  
 8 Judie Holmer  
 15 Helen Popp  
 22 Mark Carlson  
 29 Lisa Hatlett  
 Visiting Elders  
 Helen Popp and Steve Swanson

**Serving Deacons**  
 HD Marty Larson, Grace Carlson, Lynne Sheese and Steve Sheese  
 Preparing Deacon  
 Grace Carlson

**Flowers**  
 1 Barb Hansen  
 8  
 15 Marilyn Mix  
 22  
 29



# March

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## SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

### *Abiding in Him*

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Day 1: Exodus 25:8-9     | Day 17: Isaiah 32:16    |
| Day 2: Exodus 29:45-46   | Day 18: John 1:1, 14    |
| Day 3: Deut. 33:27       | Day 19: John 6:56       |
| Day 4: I Samuel 1:22     | Day 20: John 8:31-32    |
| Day 5: I Kings 8:27      | Day 21: John 15:1-4     |
| Day 6: Psalm 4:8         | Day 22: John 15:5-8     |
| Day 7: Psalm 16:9        | Day 23: John 15:9-10    |
| Day 8: Psalm 61:4        | Day 24: I John 2:4-6    |
| Day 9: Psalm 65:4        | Day 25: I John 2:24, 28 |
| Day 10: Psalm 84:1-3     | Day 26: I John 3:6      |
| Day 11: Psalm 84:10-11   | Day 27: I John 3:9      |
| Day 12: Psalm 90:1-2     | Day 28: I John 3:24     |
| Day 13: Psalm 101:7      | Day 29: I John 4:12-13  |
| Day 14: Psalm 140:13     | Day 30: I John 4:16     |
| Day 15: Proverbs 1:32-33 | Day 31: 2 John 1:9      |
| Day 16: Isaiah 30:19     |                         |

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.  
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*