



THE BANNER

August 2021

Finding our Rest in Christ

"Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen." (pg. 157, Lutheran Book of Worship)

I pray this prayer almost every night before going to bed and have been praying it for many years. You can find this prayer in the order of "Prayer at the Close of the Day" in the LBW, pages 154-160. Many of us know about the changes and chances of life. Everything is going just fine then out of the blue we find ourselves in crisis, a change in health, a move, the sudden loss of a loved one, a change in financial situation, or a job change. Any of these situations can weary anyone and give you the feeling life is spinning out of control. Any of these events can keep you awake at night. Any of these changes can cause one to ask the question, "Where is God in all of this?" And of course, the answer to this is God is right in the middle of it bringing you through it.

So, I pray, "so that we are wearied by the changes and chances of life may our rest in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." Turning out the light I rest to be re-energized for the next day.

Except, after praying this, back in July of 2015, I did not rest very well. Awaken in the middle of the night with bouts of severe coughing and unable to breathe normally, I found myself, who I would have considered in the pretty good shape, unable to carry out a normal instinctive function for life, breathing. After four nights of this I went to the doctor and the next I knew I was being admitted to a hospital in Lincoln. Talking about changes and chances of life. To make a long story short, after tests on the heart and lungs, I found out I was experiencing severe

asthma attacks which left untreated any longer could have led to an irreversible condition, even death. That's pretty sobering. Thanks be to God, for hospitals, doctors, nurses, therapists, and all others work in health care for their care and knowledge as they live out this calling to bring God's healing and comfort to their patients and families. I saw and experienced God's presence and His peace through the whole time working through these people.

Yes, our Lord God did answer my prayer seven years ago. I continue to pray this before bedtime. That in this life changing experience I did find and do continue to find my rest and my peace in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God!

You can continue to hear how God has worked in the past, how He works today, and His promise for you in the future as we gather for worship every Sunday.

See you in worship.

Pastor David Klappenbach

Bible Reading Plan for the Disciples of Bethany

...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel... Philippians 1:27b

Sunday, August 1	1 Samuel 23:7-18
Monday, August 2	1 Samuel 24:1-22
Tuesday, August 3	1 Samuel 25:1-22
Wednesday, August 4	1 Samuel 25:23-44
Thursday, August 5	1 Samuel 28:3-20, 31:1-13
Friday, August 6	Exodus 34:29-35
Saturday, August 7	2 Samuel 1:1-16
Sunday, August 8	2 Samuel 1:17-27
Monday, August 9	2 Samuel 2:1-11
Tuesday, August 10	2 Samuel 3:6-21
Wednesday, August 11	2 Samuel 3:22-39
Thursday, August 12	2 Samuel 4:1-12
Friday, August 13	2 Samuel 5:1-12
Saturday, August 14	2 Samuel 5:22-6:11
Sunday, August 15	2 Samuel 6:12-23
Monday, August 16	Isaiah 6:7-11 Luke 1:46-55
Tuesday, August 17	2 Samuel 7:1-29
Wednesday, August 18	2 Samuel 9:1-13
Thursday, August 19	2 Samuel 11:1-27
Friday, August 20	2 Samuel 12:1-14
Saturday, August 21	2 Samuel 12:15-31
Sunday, August 22	2 Samuel 12:1-22

Monday, August 23	2 Samuel 13:23-39
Tuesday, August 24	Deuteronomy 18:15-18
Wednesday, August 25	2 Samuel 14:1-33
Thursday, August 26	2 Samuel 15:1-18
Friday, August 27	2 Samuel 15:19-37
Saturday, August 28	2 Samuel 16:1-23
Sunday, August 29	2 Samuel 17:1-23
Monday, August 30	2 Samuel 17:24-18:8
Tuesday, August 31	2 Samuel 16:9-18



The Laurens Area Youth Group would like to thank everyone who came to our Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser!! This town is extremely supportive of our youth and I'm proud to be apart of this loving, caring, supportive community. I also want to thank the youth who worked with me at the fundraiser! Marcus, Alex, Landen, Ethan, Levi and Clayton your scooping ability was greatly appreciated!! We made approximately \$520. We are planning to go to Urban Air for our fun event!! ~ Angie Christenson Youth Group Leader

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LAURENS-MARATHON

If you would like to donate school supplies for LM, please see the lists available on a table in the fellowship hall. You may drop off your donations at the church as the items will be delivered to the school at the beginning of the school year. First day of school is Monday, August 23rd. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

- **Pencils (#2)
- **Scissors
- **Kleenex
- **Large erasers
- **Crayons (24 count)
- **Highlighters
- **Colored pencils
- **Glue sticks & Glue bottles
- **Spiral Notebooks (wide-lined)
- **Ziploc bags (Sandwich, Quart, or Gallon size)
- **Classic colored markers
- **containers of hand sanitizer
- **containers of disinfecting wipes
- **tennis shoes for PE

Mentors Needed!

Help set a positive example for a Sioux Central Middle Schooler by providing support, friendship, and encouragement for the 2021-2022 School Year through our new Rebels Mentoring Program!

For more information please contact,

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Request to Provide Altar Flowers for 2021



If you wish to provide altar flowers for church during 2021, please complete this form. Please place it the offering plate or mail it to: Shirley McKiernan, 313 2nd

St., Laurens, IA 50554 *Thank you.*

Name of person providing flowers: _____

Date desired: _____

Do you want to provide flowers on this same date from year to year? yes no

Information needed for Sunday bulletin:

Altar Flowers in Loving Memory of: _____

From: _____

Or Altar Flowers

From: _____

Please contact Shirley McKiernan, 841-2637, if you have any questions.



In case of emergency contact
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712-841-2181 (Office)
712-841-2532 Home)
419-603-8350 (Cell)

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August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Name	Marriage	August
Peterson, Jeanette		8-03
Roberts, Steve & Marian	8-03	
Klappenbach, David & Elizabeth	8-04	
Pierce, Parker		8-05
Kemp, Michael & Pamela	8-06	
Oxenreider, Riley		8-06
Hawley, John & Diane	8-10	
Swanson, Jean		8-12
Hodgell, James & Jennifer	8-16	
Runneberg, Jerry & Mary	8-18	
Hersom, Lars		8-19
Runneberg, Peter		8-23
Reese, Sandy		8-25
Runneberg, Mary		8-31
Schmidt, Carol		8-31

**Alter Guild for August
Shirley McKiernan &
Donna Sindergard**

USHERS:

August 1-Rich Ehlers

August 15-Tom Anderson

Coffee Fellowship

August 1 Ken & Pat Boughey, Dean & Eloise Armstrong

August 8 Ken & Pat Boughey, Dean & Eloise Armstrong

August 15 Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Jim & Denise Hodgell

August 22 Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Dorothy Smith

August 29 Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Dorothy Smith

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion	2	3 8:30AM Prayer Group- 9:30AM Coffee @ BLC	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 Worship	9	10 8:30AM Prayer Group- 9:30AM Coffee @ BLC	11 7:00-Council meeting	12	13	14
15 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion		16 8:30AM Prayer Group 9:30AM Coffee @ BLC	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship	22	23 8:30AM Prayer Group 9:30AM Coffee @ BLC	24	25	26	27
28 9:00-Worship	29	30 8:30AM Prayer Group 9:30AM Coffee @ BLC	31	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Bethany Lutheran Church Adult SS- 9:15 Youth SS- 9:30 Worship-1030 </div>		

