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The Word of the Week – Prayer

This is another word that was suggested by a member of the church. There have been many volumes written on the subject. But based upon the conversation with the member, I will limit the subject to **“whose prayers does God answer?”**

1. God answers the prayers of Christ followers. Jesus is the mediator between God and man. It is only through Jesus Christ that anyone has access to living God. **“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and humanity, the Man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2.5)** And so we have confidence in Christ when we pray. **“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us— whatever we ask— we know that we have what we asked of him.” (1 John 5.13-15)** Therefore, everyone who is a **true** Christ followers will have their prayers heard and answered. God hears our prayers in every situation that we find ourselves in and will answer those prayers. **“The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry.” (Psalm 35.15)**

2. Some hindrances in a Christ follower for prayer. There are situations and conditions, however, for which a prayer may not be heard and answered. Here are some examples.

- a. Ongoing sin: **“If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” (Psalm 66.18)**
- b. Disobedience to God’s law: **“But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and stopped up their ears...‘When I called, they did not listen; so when they called, I would not listen,’ says the LORD Almighty.” (Zechariah 7.11.13)**
- c. Neglect the poor: **“If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.” (Proverbs 21.13)**

In all of these and more, repentance is crucial for prayers to be fully effective. God hears prayers of confession. Repentance opens the way for communication with God and opens the way for his response. **“Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51.9-10)**

3. What about the unbeliever? The blind man who was healed by Jesus got it right. **“We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will.” (John 9.31)** One definition of prayer is the act of aligning our will with the will of God. Prayers prayed according to the will of God are answered. Unbelievers are not interested in doing that.

There is one prayer of the unbeliever that God is guaranteed to hear and answer, and this is the prayer of humble repentance. **“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29.13)** God will always answer this prayer with forgiveness and restoration, because it was while we were enemies of God, Christ died for us. Regarding other prayers by the unbeliever, out of his compassion and mercy God **may** answer a prayer but is under no obligation to do so. One reason he might is to bring that person to repentance and salvation which only happens...

Young ADULTS

Friday April 17th, 2026 at 5:30 pm

See Pastor Matthew for details.

AS GOD HAS FREELY GIVEN TO US, SO WE FREELY GIVE

On **Saturday, April 25** we have the privilege and joy to put this into practice at the Biggest Yard Sale in Adam's County. As a church, we will be giving away free bottles of water which will have a sticker reading, "Jesus gives Living Water," and our website address. We also have a spinner game for children to play for free prizes. We need more helpers. We will be handing out water from **8 to 11** or whenever we run out of water. If you can help us even for an hour, see Pastor Gary or sign up this Sunday on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, April 18th at 7 am
At Dover Valley Restaurant



Wednesday, May 6th, 2026

Women's Fellowship

providing and serving lunch to volunteers and those families receiving items on May 6 when New Hope Ministries brings their mobile "food bank" to Trinity Lutheran Church in East Berlin.



The Chosen 4 Bible Study will meet on Thursday evenings through June 4th, with the exception of May 7th. Please see Dave Titzell with any questions you may have.

Wednesdays
April 15th, 22nd, 29th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm with Pastor Gary

Life Group

The book of 1 Thessalonians



Thursday, April 23rd
at 5:30 pm.

YOUTH GROUP



SAVE THE DATE – CELEBRATE LOVE FEAST – On May 3, immediately following our 9:00 AM Celebration of Praise Worship, we will gather in the Gathering Place for Love Feast. This is a wonderful three-fold celebration and worship. It begins with foot/hand washing, which reminds us of Jesus' command to love one another through humble service. We will then fellowship together with a common meal of several kinds of soup. The worship will conclude with the celebration of the Lord's Supper as we "remember the Lord's death until he comes." Everyone is encouraged to join us. There will be childcare available for children 6 years of age and under in the main building.



Help / Volunteers needed to help with VBS this summer see Sue Mayle for more info!!



Save the dates:

**Vacation Bible School
Bermudian Church
August 2nd – 6th,
2026**

**We will update when
registration opens!!**