

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

~ Philippians 4:6-7

Please place in offering basket.

Email prayer chain requests must be sent to [prayer.chain@charitylutheran.org](mailto:prayer.chain@charitylutheran.org).

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## Charity Family Prays for

**ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?** Please use the detachable prayer request form on the left side of this page to request prayer and place it in the offering basket. You may also have your prayer request put on the email prayer chain.

### April Congregational Prayer

Pray for God's solutions to the difficulties and challenges facing Charity at this time and trusting that His will be done.

### Anniversaries


May 3 - Curt and LuElla Dahme

### Healing

Sharon Schock, Roland Wiedrich, Alan Smith, Sharon Zimmerman, June Benedict, Jason Weaver, John Rahn, Sue Balcom, Kacie Schlecht, Marlin Fried, Dennis Torgerson, and Ray Schock.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME LISTED HERE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 258-1228.

### Our Military

Brett Miller, Jason Hoge, Garret & Lorna  Illerbrunn, Rob Duncan, Al Dohrmann, Wyatt Gross, Austin Wald, John Forde, Stephanie Hawronsky, Leroy Taylor, Michael Berman, Missy Dassinger, Donovan Clark, Zachary Watkins and Joshua Kuhn.

### Congregational Condolences

**Congregational Condolences and Sympathies** to the family of Pat Hagen. He passed away in Minnesota on April 24. Arrangements are pending.



**THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD:  
WHY IT'S NEEDED**

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 150  
1 John 4:1-11  
John 15:1-8

Pastor Kent Sperry

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**April 28, 2024  
9:30 a.m.**

The love of Christ is evidenced in the way we live our lives. Nothing good can be done apart from God. It is the Spirit of God that leads us into opportunities to share this love, as is evidenced by the way in which Philip was led to meet the Ethiopian eunuch and explain the Good News to him. It is God's desire that all people would come to know him and be a part of the true vine that is the Kingdom of Heaven.

 *Welcome to Charity Lutheran Church*

Sunday, April 28 - Saturday, May 4

SUNDAY:

9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. The Parables of Jesus | Sanctuary |  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study | Fireside Room |

TUESDAY:

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study | Fellowship Hall |  
"Starting Point: A Conversation about Faith-Andy Stanley | Carol Bjork |  
6:30 p.m. Corporate Prayer | Sanctuary |

WEDNESDAY: **WOW**

5:00-5:45 p.m. Wow Meal | Fellowship Hall |  
6:15-7:30 p.m. WINGS | Pre-K - 5th Grade |  
6:15-7:30 p.m. Confirmation | Grades 6-8 |  
6:15-7:30 p.m. High School Youth | Grades 9-12 |  
7:45 p.m. Men's Bible Study | Fireside Room | Daniel | John Seedorf or Ray Eckroth |

SATURDAY:

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study | Fireside Room | Mike Smith |

Got a Green Thumb?



Have you enjoyed the planters and flower beds at Charity? It might be time to dig in and stretch or develop your creative gardening muscles. It's not hard, and you will get guidance. We are looking for a volunteer or two to take over or assist with this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Doug Leef or Liz Landis at the church (701) 258-1228 or Laura Kourajian at (701) 471-0075.



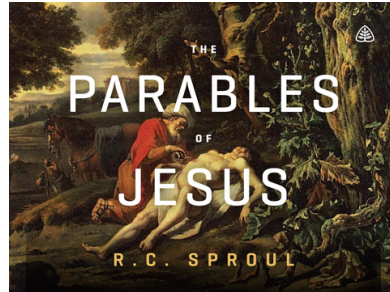
Welcome

Thank you for joining our Charity family for worship today. We hope that this time is a blessing for you and your family.

We have children's bulletins available in the sanctuary.

Sunday Educational Offering

The Sunday Educational Offering, **The Parables of Jesus** will be offered for the next 4 weeks. The lesson for April 28 will be **"The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus"** and will be facilitated by Don Nordquist. Don says this is a lesson you don't want to miss!



Visitation Ministry

We are excited to announce that Charity Lutheran's Visitation Ministry is up and running. Carol Simenson will be the Visitation Ministry Coordinator. If you would like to request a visit, please contact Liz Landis at 701-258-1228 or email her at [liz.landis@charitylutheran.org](mailto:liz.landis@charitylutheran.org). Our visitors have received training and are ready to visit you at your home, or in the hospital or nursing home.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am:

- a visitor
- a member
- received communion
- interested in Charity
- requesting a visit
- other

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**Our Vision:** Charity is a place for healing where changed lives are gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit and released to serve in the community for the glory of Christ.


**Offering:** Thank you for your tithes and offerings. You can give during the service or anytime by clicking the GIVE link on the middle navigation pane of our homepage or by text to give; 701-401-8250.

**Livestream:** Charity live-streams the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service on Facebook, our YouTube Channel or on our website by clicking on watch now.

**Graduation Sunday**

Class of   
**2024!**  
 Join us as we celebrate  
*Graduation Sunday*  
**May 19, 2024**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**WOW**

**MAY 1**  
  
**WORD ON WEDNESDAY**  
 5:00-5:45 p.m. WOW Meal  
 Chicken Tenders, Fries, Watermelon, & Dessert  
 6:15-7:30 p.m.  
 Preschool-5th grade: WINGS program  
 Middle School (6th-8th grade): Confirmation  
 9th grade-Adults: The Bethel Bible Series  
 9th-12th grade: High School Youth Group

**WHO CAN STEPHEN MINISTER'S HELP?**

**SUFFERING FROM MEDICAL CRISIS:**

- Diagnosis or treatment (cancer, Alzheimer's, heart disease, stroke)
  - You or a family member that you are a caretaker for
- Preparing or recovering from surgery
- Rehabilitation from accident or injury
- Ongoing health issues
- Hospitalization

**SUFFERING FROM GRIEF:**

- After the death of a loved one
- After the losses in life (permanent disability, loss of mobility, loss of home/pet)

**JOB RELATED CRISIS:**

- Job loss
- Long-term unemployment

**DIVORCE OR BROKEN RELATIONSHIP:**

- Before, during or after
- Break-up relationship
- Other broken relationships
  - Parents/children, siblings, friends

**MILITARY CHALLENGES RELATED TO:**

- Deployments of spouse, son, daughter, uncle, aunt, etc.
- Adjustments of person returning from deployment



**LIFE CHANGES:**

- New Baby
- Empty Nest
- Adoption
- Retirement
- Blended family.
- Relocation
- Parenting Grandchild
- Change in living arrangement
- Moving to assisted living
- Vocational change

**FAMILY SITUATIONS:**

- Single parent
- loved ones with addiction, mental health, conflicts

**FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES:**

- Bankruptcy
- Debt
- Major financial setback
- Underwater mortgage
- Increased expenses/fixd income

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**WOW**  
*Bon Voyage*

ICE CREAM SUNDAES FOR DESSERT!

OUTDOOR GAMES IN THE UPPER PARKING LOT FOR ALL AGES



Wednesday, May 8

5:00 p.m. Meal (hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans & chips)  
 6:15-7:30 p.m. Outdoor games

**Corporate Prayer**

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us. 5th Week is for World Peace.



## Announcing Vacation Bible School 2024

June 3-6

6:00-8:00 p.m.



Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about and experience the never-ending love of God.

It takes a lot of wonderful volunteers to make VBS a success. If you are interested in helping coordinate or volunteer in any capacity, please email Jennifer Braun at [jennifer.braun@charitylutheran.org](mailto:jennifer.braun@charitylutheran.org).

SCUBA is for preschool and elementary age children. (Children must be 3 years old before the start of VBS and be fully potty-trained in order to attend).



Scan the QR code to register or visit the homepage of our website and click on the scrolling slide. In order to get a shirt in your child's size we ask that you please register as soon as possible.

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### Quilting Group

The Quilting Group will meet Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us as we make graduate quilts for May 2024. We will meet from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Liz Landis at 258-1228 in the main office for more information.

### Pinochle Group

The Pinochle Group will meet Friday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. Reserve a spot by texting John Seedorf at 701-426-9768.

*welcome*

### Pastor Kent Sperry as Guest Preacher today!

We welcome Pastor Kent Sperry as our guest preacher today. He is a candidate the Call Committee is considering to be our new pastor. Pastor Kent recently left Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Beulah, where he served for the past nine years. He has nearly 30 years of pastoral ministry experience at six congregations in Illinois, California, Minnesota and North Dakota. He also has been involved in world missions work. Pastor Kent has a background in social work and has worked in drug and alcohol treatment and hospice centers. Please linger after the service and give him a warm Charity Lutheran welcome.



# Sermon Notes

The Whole Armor of God:  
Why It's Needed

1. Even though, outwardly, we seem to be a very \_\_\_\_\_ people, we live in a very \_\_\_\_\_ culture.
2. Everything has a \_\_\_\_\_ explanation, and we don't even consider those that are \_\_\_\_\_ in nature.
3. The other extreme that is sometimes observed is the tendency to see the \_\_\_\_\_ behind every \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Paul tells us that, as we \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of our souls, we cannot and must not depend upon our own \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ to do so is something that's \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We're to put on the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which he \_\_\_\_\_, that we might stand against the \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil.
7. This makes clear to us that the enemy is very \_\_\_\_\_, and that he's \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us.
8. Our struggle is not against \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It's \_\_\_\_\_ in nature.
9. We must remember that even those used by the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, eternal \_\_\_\_\_ for whom Christ \_\_\_\_\_.
10. As we, then, face this enemy, we need the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and we must make use of the \_\_\_\_\_ he's provided.