

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Nancy Vanderkin for sponsoring the bulletin this month:
"In memory of Larry Vanderkin"

Monday, September 14: Worship Committee – 6:15

Tuesday, Sept. 15: Finance Committee – 6:15

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Kayla DeChant
- Angie Federer
- Lois Bentley
- Larry Stanton
- David Schrader, son of Susan
- Mason, grandson of Susan Schrader
- Ryan Giese, grandnephew of Jeanne Ludjack
- Those impacted by the coronavirus

Remember our homebound

At Home: Doris Laurain (in Indiana)

Christian Home: Louise Miescke, Mary Ziebel, Alice Chase

Markesan Resident Home: Viola McRobert

Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton, Larry Stanton

Prairie Ridge: June Witowich, Phyllis McDowell

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Bible Quiz

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive others?

A. 7
B. 70
C. 77
D. 70 x 7
E. C or D, depending on the translation

forgive

Answer: E (See Matthew 18:22.)

Come, let us worship God!

Prelude Words of Welcome Musical Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Despite what the reality may be, God’s hope, forgiveness, and renewal never fail.

The God of hope empowers us to light a candle of hope.

The depth of love calls us to forgive one another.

The God of love encourages us to light a candle of forgiveness.

God’s Spirit helps us to let go and refreshes us again and again.

The God of new life moves us to light a candle of renewal.

Come, let us worship God whose love forgives, renews, and heals.

Opening Music

“Grace Alone”

Opening Prayer

Loving God, in this world of much brokenness, we come seeking the comfort of Your presence. Our hearts long for the joy of learning about Your eternal ways and living the life of love and forgiveness, joy and truth. Open our hearts that we may be moved by Your Spirit who seeks a home within us. We pray in the holy name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Message to/from the Children

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Music for Reflection

“Freely, Freely”

Bible Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?”

²² “No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!

²³ “Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. ²⁴ In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. ²⁵ He couldn’t pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

²⁶ “But the man fell down before his master and begged him, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.’ ²⁷ Then his master

was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

²⁸ “But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded. ³⁰ But his creditor wouldn’t wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

³¹ “When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. ³² Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

³⁵ “That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

New Living Translation (NLT)

Pastor’s Message

“Absurd Forgiveness”

Tithes and Offerings

Song of Thanksgiving

on insert

“Give Thanks”

Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Music

“My Hope Is Built”

Blessing

Today’s Worship Ministers:

All of us

A/V Technician:

Gary Schulz

Pianist:

Laura Ten Pass

Pastor/Worship Leader:

Steve Miller

Counters:

Marilyn Vander Sanden and Wayne Strehlow

