

#### God doesn't always answer my prayers. Why?

In grappling with this fair question, we first need to remember that prayer is a privilege. Because of our sin God has every right not to listen to a single word we speak to him. However, because his Son, Jesus Christ, died for us and rose again, God forgives our sins. He has made us his children by faith in Jesus, and has given us the privilege of speaking to him in prayer. Through Jesus we may come to God the Father "with freedom and confidence" (Ephesians 3:12).

Our Father in heaven promises to hear and answer our prayers. Jesus says, "Ask, and it will be given to you" (Matthew 7:7). God's ears are always attentive to our prayers. He is listening, and answering.

So why does it seem like God does not answer (at least sometimes). Since he promises to answer all our prayers—and he keeps all his promises—the problem might be with us. We need to evaluate ourselves.

Are we praying in faith? We might be approaching God on the basis of our goodness or the deeds we think will lead him to listen. Prayers not offered by faith in Jesus Christ are not answered.

Are we praying with improper motives? If we pray so that we might get something to merely spend on our selfish pleasures, the Lord will not answer. The Bible teaches, "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives" (James 4:3).

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Are we praying according to his will? If our requests are contrary to his will expressed in the Bible, then we will not receive an answer. So with every prayer, we have in mind the petition in the Lord's Prayer, "Your will be done."

If we are following what God tells us in the Bible, yet our prayers seem like they are not being answered, then what should we think? We humble ourselves before God with the confidence that he still is listening and will answer. When he does not seem to answer, he still is—probably in ways that we do not yet realize. He is our loving Father, who will bless us in the ways he knows are best. We have that guarantee because he already gave his Son to claim us as his very own. How greatly our heavenly Father loves us to call us his children and give us the privilege to speak to him in prayer!

For more Questions & Answers, go to <a href="https://www.WhatAboutJesus.com">www.WhatAboutJesus.com</a>, then *Questioning God*.





### November Birthdays

Rocco Erne	7-Nov
JoAnne Campbell	8-Nov
Kristen Moreland	8-Nov
Shawn Campbell	9-Nov
Christa Saski	11-Nov
Megan Reynolds	13-Nov
Patty Roberts	16-Nov
Rosalyn Gurney	22-Nov

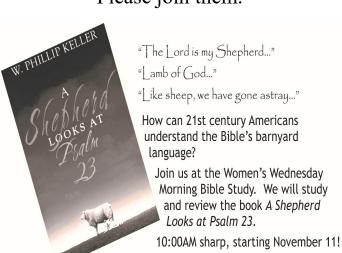
## November Anniversaries

Dean & Katy Moreland	15-Nov
Jamie & Wendy Rogers	10-Nov
Ed & Becky Tomita	1-Nov

Note: Please let Tina know if an error has occurred in the newsletter.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Starts at 10 am, everyone is welcome. Please join them.



### WORSHIP

### THANKSGIVING EVE **SERVICE**



November 25 at 6:30 pm Dessert to follow. Please bring your favorite dessert to share.

#### VOTER'S MEETING

Has been scheduled for

NOVEMBER 8TH

#### After worship

The 2016 Budget will be the main item on the agenda.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Don't miss this important meeting.

#### In November we begin two new Bible Classes

<u>Sunday Bible Class:</u>
"Families of the Bible" starts on November 22.

#### **Wednesday Bible Class**:

"A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" starts on November 11.

## Youth Group

Feeding America Youth Group Service Project November 7th 9:00 AM - Noon

Address is 300 Peterson Drive Elizabethtown.

Children 6-15 must be accompanied by an adult, children 5 and under are not allowed. Everyone is invited to participate in this service project with our youth.

# Fellowship

## Annual Basket Auction

November 15, 2015 After worship with a Potluck

Now is the time to start putting your gift baskets together for the annual auction. Ideas for baskets from past auctions include, Poker Night, Homemade BBQ Sauces, Quilting Basket, Cookout Basket, Wine Basket, Homemade Pie Basket, etc., come up with your own idea and have fun with it. Please attach a note with the contents of the basket for the auctioneer. Also, bring a dish to share at the Potluck prior to the Auction.

All baskets will have to be paid by cash or check on day of auction.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Ushers for Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please tell Earl or Brien if you are available.

#### **NOVEMBER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

November 1

Ushers: Steve Reinheimer, Pat Hogan, Cecil

Maus, Earl Enevold

**Counters: Michael Rowlette, Betty Kimes** 

Attendance: Earl Enevold Organist: Louise Skinner

November 8

Ushers: Jake Stover, Michael Rowlette, Aaron

Tomita, Brian Todd

Counters: Earl Enevold, Mindy Wood

Attendance: Valerie Erne Organist: Lynne Hogan

November 15

Ushers: Ken Wood, Rocco Erne, Rose Elliott,

Jason Johnson

Counters: Ben Emerson, Debbie Fangel

Attendance: Earl Enevold Organist: Louise Skinner

November 22

Ushers: Nathan Wood, Bill Kiefer, George Dal-

ton, Steven Amling

Counters: Michael Rowlette, Betty Kimes

Attendance: Valerie Erne Organist: Lynn Hogan

November 29

Usher: Malin Eichbrecht, Brien Grace, Ed To-

mita, Christian Stover

Counters: Mindy Wood, Earl Enevold

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## Property

#### CHURCH CLEANING

The Council is now asking for Volunteers to clean the church once a week.

If you are willing to volunteer a sign up sheet will be posted or speak to George Dalton (Stewardship Chairman) to schedule a time to clean. It would be best if volunteers would group together to share the work load and make the task easier.



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## NOVEMBER

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SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Time Change - Fall Back	2	3 Quilters 5 pm	4 Women's Bible Study 10am	5	6	7 Feeding America Youth Group Service Project 9:00 am-Noon	
Evening Service 7:00 pm						9:00 am-1000	
8 Voter's Meeting	9	10 Quilters 5 pm	11 Women's Bible Study 10am	12	13	14	
after Worship		Council Meeting 5:30pm	* Salute * OUR VETERANS				
		Martin Luther's Birthday	1111				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Annual Basket Auction and Potluck after Worship			Women's Bible Study 10am				
Youth Group Meeting							
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28	
			Eve Service 6:30 pm	Day			
			Organist: Louise Skinner	Thanks LORD			
				PSAUM 100			
29 First Sunday	30	Sundays: 10 am Worship * Evening Service 7 pm (1st Sunday of each month) Bible Study and Sunday School: 11:30am					
in Advent							
		Confirmation 4 pm Communion Sunday=					