



## HE HEARS US

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, 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 the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

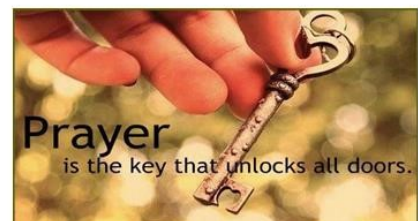
*1 John 5:14-15 NKJV*

What a glorious privilege You have given to us, Father, as we enter 2017, to be able to come to You in prayer, presenting our needs, and sharing our deepest desires for our families and for our church/school family. Thank You that we can come to You at anytime, anywhere, with anything we have on our heart and know that You will listen.

Dear Father, make us your children, people of prayer. Teach us how to pray, guide us when we pray, and encourage us as we pray. Help us learn to come to You, to lean on You, to wait on You, to open our hearts to You, to ask of You, and to receive from You.

Encourage us to knock because the door will be opened; to ask because we will receive; to seek because we will find. Free us from any doubt or uncertainty regarding Your will for our lives. Help us pray with full assurance, with boldness, and with the confidence of faith, knowing that You hear our prayers and answer them always for our good and Your kingdom purposes.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## Praise God for His Answers

- God provided us a Savior from our sin at Christmas.
- God answered many prayers that had to do with health concerns: Lourdes Carabotta is recovering from a lung infection, Robert Peterson is home after experiencing a brain bleed and was able to travel safely to Tennessee for Christmas, and Margaret Martin is miraculously recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Mission Lutheran Sunday School children presented a Christmas program on Christmas Eve. New children are now attending Sunday School.
- Chairpersons for Church Boards—Carol Cooper, Evangelism; Megan Wood, School Board; and Frank Brennan, Trustees.
- All the work the Board of Trustees is doing: stucco work, painting, and replacement of heating/cooling units in Luther Hall.
- Blessings during the Christmas season: Advent services/soup suppers; choir presentations/Christmas caroling; LWML Advent Candlelight; Angel Tree donations/presentations, and Christmas worship services.
- Praise God for lost people who came to know Jesus as Savior this Christmas season. Praise God for family and safe travels!
- Weber's puppies all went to good homes! PTL!



## Prayer Requests

- Wisdom for the doctors attending Lourdes, that they identify procedures and treatments that will improve her comfort and health. Most of all, we pray that the kidney transplant be performed soon, and that it would be successful, so this family can return to a normal family routine.
- Provide guidance and wisdom to Pastor and church leaders throughout the vision and mission strategic planning process with Pastor Patten.
- Guide Rob and Dawn Cooksey to identify and help the school board deal with the issues that impact the financial well-being of MLS.
- Pray for our nation and for all who live in it. Give all leaders and authorities God's knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. Help them to fear God and honor Him. Bring justice to our land. Let God's righteousness fill our nation. Let all the forces of darkness, division, destruction, and demons be destroyed. Let there be peace and prosperity in our nation once again. Bring Christ's love to America and the world.

## Prayer Ministry UPDATE

- Next Prayer Ministry Team gathering is Saturday, January 21st at 10:00 a.m. in Luther Hall.