



St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

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January 6, 2019 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist

The Epiphany of the Lord



WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Celebrant: The Rev Clarence Li
Preacher: The Rev. Emilie Smith
Musicians: Katherine Hume, Patti Powell
Greeter/Usher: Doug & Veronica Shillitto
Reader: Corrinne Newman
Prayers: Maggie Scott

Lay Administrator: Barbara Carver
Sacristan: Janet McIntosh
Crucifer: Kevin Rolston
Coffee: Amelia Foster, Liz Miller
Altar Guild: Muriel Prior, Linda Smith

Worship this Sunday

The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord predated the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Early followers were more concerned about what his coming into this world meant for them than how exactly he came into the world. It is like Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical number *Love Changes Everything*, the Word who became Flesh changes everything. When Christ is made known to us, something in us is going to change. The magi changed their courses when they saw the star, and those who resisted change, like Herod, were seized by fear. Epiphany is about our readiness to change our course in light of the love being revealed.

We welcome the Rev. Emilie Smith and Patti Powell this Sunday to share with us their own stories of the Epiphany through their deep connection to the Land.

As on every Epiphany, we follow the ancient tradition of blessing chalk in honour of the three magi for the use of blessing our own homes. May the love that is being revealed in our homes fill us with light, meaning, and renewed relationships.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you will find a place at our table at St. Hilda's Anglican Church. Come as you are. There are many ways and there is no one particular way to be a part of this vibrant community. Join us today with an open mind, and be prepared to discover a home for your spirit that is inclusive, incarnational, and joyful.

WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda, situated on the unceded ancestral lands of the shísháhlh First Nation, is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada & the worldwide Anglican Communion. As a community, we welcome & celebrate human diversity - including spirituality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, & abilities. We aim to create a space where people of any faith or none can question & discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter & prayer, lived out through a common commitment to be in solidarity with the poor & marginalized, & to cherish creation.

CHILDREN

Children are welcomed to gather for a Children's Commissioning at the beginning of the service and then can go to Sunday School. They return in time for Communion—the Lord's supper (grape juice is available for communing).

HOLY COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to come forward and receive communion, the divine life of Jesus which comes to us in gifts of bread and wine. Come as you are. Instructions for newcomers joining this meal for the first time are printed in the bulletin.

♿ ♻️ ♻️ ACCESSIBILITY

Parking for people with disabilities are available next to the Meditation Labyrinth. You are welcome to bring your walker or wheelchair into the sanctuary. There are also large print bulletins available in the entry.

✧ The Gathering of Community ✧

Prelude

Introduction & Welcome

All rise as able as the Sanctuary party processes in.

🎵 162 Processional Hymn Sing of God Made Manifest (vs 1)

Sing of God made manifest | in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem | where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, | signs mysterious and profound;
myrrh and frankincense and gold | grave and God and king foretold.

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Celebrant In this time and place we gather
on the ancestral lands of the shishálh First Nation.

**PEOPLE From many places and peoples
we come to this house of prayer.**

Celebrant In this time and place we give thanks
for the light of God that shines in the darkness

PEOPLE A light no darkness can quench.

Celebrant In this time and place we give thanks
for the light and peace of Jesus Christ the Word made flesh.

PEOPLE The light of all people.

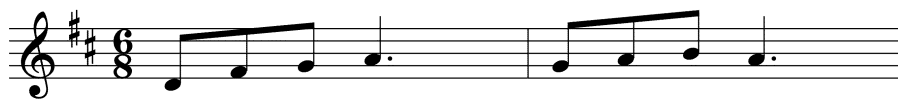
Celebrant In this time and place we pray that
the Spirit of God will be renewed in our hearts and minds

PEOPLE That we might be the light of God in the world.

Celebrant In this time and place
together, one people of God.

**PEOPLE In the name of God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Glory to God *sung twice*



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



glo - ry to God in the high - est heav - en.

cont'd over → 3

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
 peace to God's peo-ple, God's peo-ple on earth.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.

(a time of silence)

Almighty and ever living God,

ALL you revealed the incarnation of your Son

by the brilliant shining of a star.

Shine the light of your justice

in our hearts and over all lands,

and accept our lives as the treasure we offer

in your praise and for your service;

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Commissioning & Song

Children are invited to gather in front of the altar for the Blessing of Chalk and to receive a prayer of commissioning to Sunday School.

The Blessing of Chalk for the Blessing of Home

Celebrant Let us pray.

Bless, † O Lord God, this chalk

that it may be helpful to all

and grant by the invocation of thy Most Holy Name

that whosoever shall use it or inscribe with it

the names of thy Saints Gaspard, Melchior and Balthazar

upon the doors of their homes,

may through their merits and intercession,

enjoy health of body and protection of soul;

through Christ our Lord.

ALL Amen.

As the children leave, those sitting on the aisle are invited to form an arch for the children to walk through as they head out for Sunday School as we sing, Shine Jesus Shine:

♪ Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Creator's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth you word, Lord, and let there be light.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word of God ✠

After each reading, there will be a short time of quiet meditation

The First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6..... Corrinne Newman

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Read responsively Left Side, Right Side of congregation.

Refrain sung together



In our day may jus-tice flour-ish, and peace a - bound.

L Bring justice to the peoples, O Beloved, and your mercy to all generations!

May the people be known for mercy, rendering justice to the poor!

R Let their spirits soar as the eagle, let joy abide in every heart!

May we heed the cry of the poor – the young and the old,

helping to free all those in need,

awakening the souls of oppressors!

Refrain

L May we know oneness with You as long as the sun endures,

as long as the stars shine, throughout all generations!

R May we acknowledge You in the rain falling on the fields,

like showers that water the earth!

In our day may justice flourish, and peace abound,

throughout all the nations!

Refrain

L May every heart open to your Love from sea to sea,

from the River of Life out to the universe!

May fears that paralyze the people

rise up from the depths into Your Light!

R Blessed be the Beloved, the One who dwells in open hearts,

who guides us along the way.

Blessed be You, who come in Name of Love;

may your glory fill the earth! Amen and Amen!

Refrain

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 Corrinne Newman

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL Thanks be to God.

All rise as able.

🎵 **118 Gradual Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 5a & Refrain)*

All remain standing as able

The Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant May God be with you

PEOPLE And also with you

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After reading

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

🎵 **118 Gradual Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful (Refrain)*

All are seated.

Sermon The Rev Emilie Smith

Song *taught by Patti Powell*

Affirmation of Faith: We Sing of God the Spirit

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the life-giving Spirit of God.

**ALL We sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
Animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.**

**We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untameable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.**

**We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.**

**We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,**

**to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel according to your praying custom. Names upheld in the prayers can be found on the Parish List on the back page. You are also welcome to name your loved one(s) aloud or silently in your heart.

God in each one of us **RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us lay down our brokenness before God
in the presence of one another.

Most Holy God,

**ALL In the midst of this season of new life, we confess:
We have resisted the light of your love;
we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and
we have not treasured the gifts of others around us.
We stand in need of your love.**

Celebrant God forgives you and loves you,
and invites you to continue the journey.
As a woman is delivered from the pain of her labour
to the joy of cradling her child,
so are you delivered into God's grace.

PEOPLE Amen.

The Peace *Please rise as able as we share the peace of the Lord.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE And also with you.

✠ The Holy Communion ✠

The Offertory

During the hymn, the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper are presented alongside with the offering of money to symbolize the offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings we experienced.

🎵 **657 Offertory Hymn.....Loving Spirit**

Doxology

🎵 **Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honour to God's name.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharist means "thanksgiving." This is a ritual meal to re-enact the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his friends to remind them of his sacrificial love for humanity and the whole creation. All stand as able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

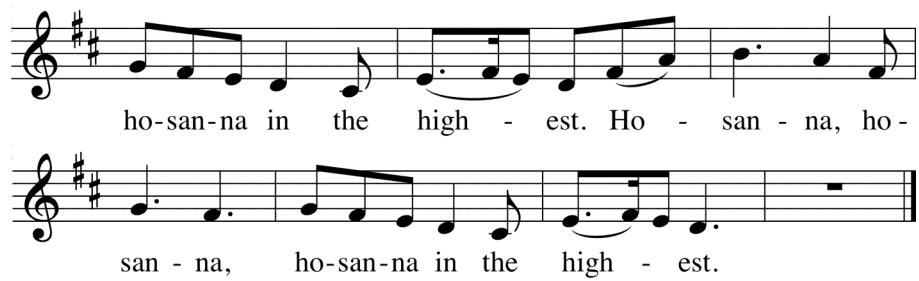
PEOPLE **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Revealing God, you send the light of a star ...

...And so you draw us to the company where your angels
gather around your eternal throne,
singing their hymn of unending praise:

Sanctus

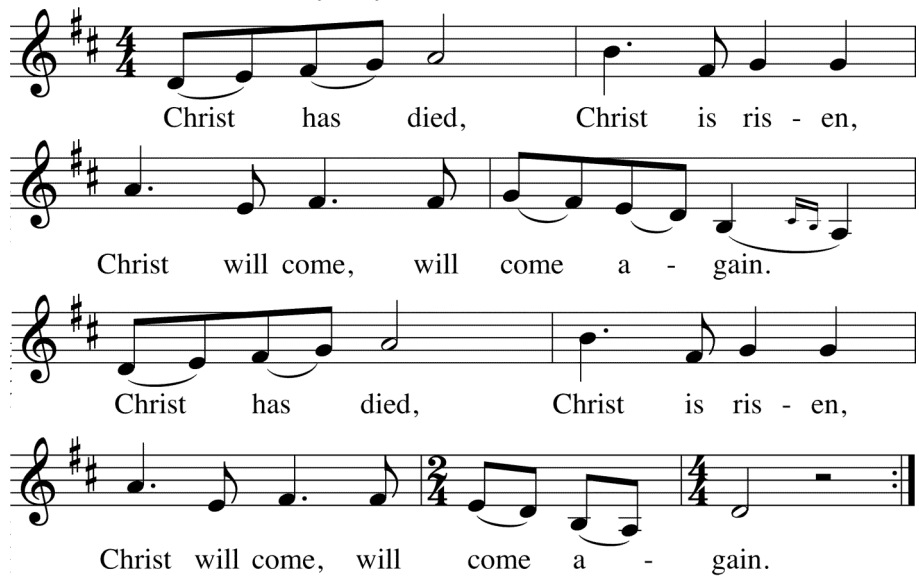
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,



ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Celebrant God of wonder, as the magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense,
and myrrh,...

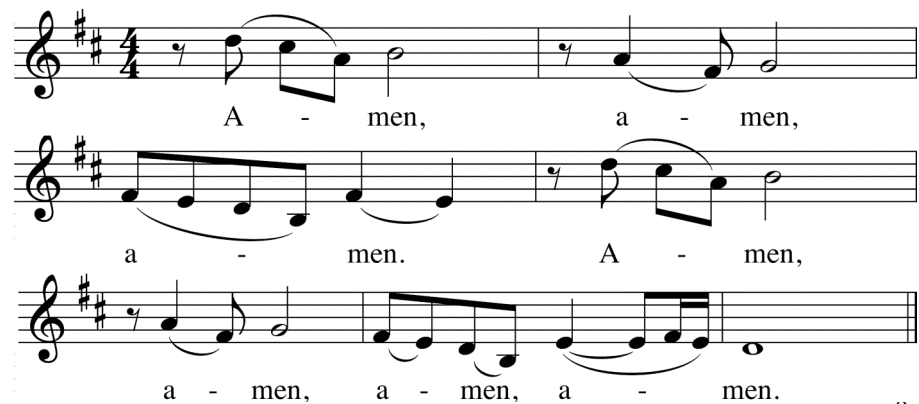
Great is the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come, will come a - gain.
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come, will come a - gain.

Celebrant God of wisdom, as the magi brought gold...

...All honour and glory are yours, now and forever.



A - men, a - men,
a - men. A - men,
a - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**PEOPLE God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the
world: grant us your peace.
Grant us your peace.

The Invitation

Receiving Communion

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread. If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes indifference and despair, if you desire the reconciliation that overcomes estrangement and alienation, then you are invited to share the cup of the new covenant.

The bread is received in the open palm. It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. Both wine and unfermented grape juice are served. If you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please inform the person administering the bread or wine when they approach you. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you are welcome to come forward and place your hands across your chest.

🎵 **161 Communion Hymn** Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant God of all the nations of the earth,

ALL guide us with your light.

**Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.**

**May we welcome him with love,
for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

All are invited to share if they know of any birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations. All stand as able

Celebrant Glory to God,

PEOPLE Whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, who draws the nations to himself,
teach us to love our enemies;
may Christ, who enters the water of baptism,
lead us to die to all but love;
may Christ, who gives new wine for the world,
turn our bitterness into joy;
And the blessing of God:
Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker
be among you and remain with you always.

ALL Amen.

🎵 **Recessional Hymn**.....*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

1. We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
Refrain O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *Refrain*
3. Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising gladly raising, worship him, God on high.
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Ref*
5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
"Alleluia, Alleluia!" sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go into the world and be the light of Christ!

PEOPLE Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



An Epiphany Blessing for Our Homes

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This may be written on the lintel above the front door into your home. A piece of blessed chalk from this Mass may be taken home with you for this purpose.

Following the writing, this prayer is to be used:

Let us pray.

O holy and everlasting God, we ask you to hear us and send your holy Angel from heaven to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this house. I call upon thy Saints – Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar – to protect my Family and my home from every harm and danger, and, I place this mark over my door to remain as a constant reminder to us and all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine Eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

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Parish Events and Notices

Vestry Meeting Reports: For all those who submit reports for the vestry, please email them in Word format to Karen at the office no later than January 23. Thanks for your attention to this.

ACW Meeting: Wednesday January 9 at 10:00 am in the Gathering Rm. All women are welcome to attend. Light luncheon to follow.

Coffee Servers for 2019: Do you enjoy having coffee/tea after the service? Would you consider volunteering to help set-up/clean-up twice a year? The 2019 list is being drawn up and we need more people to help out with the coffee. Please see Amelia Foster if you think you can help with this service.

Ndandini Scholarship 2018 Fundraising: Thanks to all donors for your generosity in helping to raise over \$3100 for Ndandini area high school student scholarships. This is a great result at a time when we have extraordinary fundraising needs at St. Hilda's. Blessings all for the difference this will make to these Kenyan students and their families.

Truth and Reconciliation Book Study: *Yours, Mine, Ours: Unravelling the Doctrine of Discovery* study resumes with Section 3 on Monday January 21 from 2-4 pm in the Gathering Room. New participants welcome. Please register with John Denham 604-885-7373.

Update on Ndandini Scholarship donation: Our partner, the Sunshine Coast Rotary Club was informed recently by the Belleville Rotary Club that the Belleville Club is no longer able to be the Canadian charity to forward the fund to the Rotary Club in Kenya. This would mean that until a new charity with the ability to forward funds overseas is found, all new donations collected for Ndandini scholarship are not eligible for a charitable donation receipt for income tax purpose based on CRA regulations. If you have given to Ndandini Scholarship recently, your donations may not be eligible for a 2018 tax-deductible receipt as a result. If this is a problem for you and you would like to redirect the funds to another cause or have your donations refunded, please contact Maggie Scott, Envelope Secretary. The Sunshine Coast Rotary Club is applying for its own charity status currently to prevent the same situation from happening in the future.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Vocal Intent Concert: Sunday January 6 at 3:00 pm at St. Bart's in Gibsons.

Readings for January 13, The Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7.....Reader: TBD

2nd Reading: Acts 8:14-17.....Reader: TBD

Psalm 29 Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's				
Sun	06	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Wed	09	8:00 am 10:00 am 2:00 pm	Wisdom Circle ACW Meeting Prayer Shawl Ministry	Sanctuary Gathering Rm offsite
Thurs	10	7:00 pm	St. Hilda's Choir	Sanctuary
Sun	13	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary

St. Hilda's Mission Principles

At St. Hilda's our aim is to create a sacred space where we can be nourished and nourish others through our practices of Worship, Hospitality, and Justice.

Hospitality: The Lord's Table is the foundation of our understanding of hospitality - a safe place where all are welcome just as they are, broken yet blessed, all seeking food that satisfies. We aim to be an inclusive, sacred space in our community. We support a variety of expression of Spirit where people are committed to listen to each other, honour each other's beliefs and perspectives, and to create a safe environment for healthy, vibrant dialogue with friends and strangers alike.

Worship: As a Christ-centred community, our parish recognizes worship as a means of inspiring connection to the Divine through prayer, contemplation, music, and liturgy, with lay and ordained participation. We offer a variety of worship services to honour the diverse worshiping style of our community. We value community more than an ascribed set of beliefs.

Justice: Our faith informs us that the foundation of our practice of justice is right relationship with all of creation. Jesus calls us to seek out, serve, and learn from those who are marginalized. We seek justice through compassionate listening, extending hospitality to all, advocacy, prayer, and caring for the earth.

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia The Most Rev Philip Richardson - Bishop of Taranaki and Primate The Most Rev Don Tamihere - Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate The Most Rev Fereimi Cama - Bishop of Polynesia and Primate
Diocese & Partners	Church of the Epiphany, Surrey - The Rev Stephen Rowe Christ the Redeemer, Surrey <hr/> Holy Trinity Mission in Bantey (twinned with St. Hilda's) Companion Diocese: Bishop Brent Alawas, & the Clergy & People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
Local Agencies	Friendly Visitors Program
Parish Ministries	Greeters & Coffee Hour Volunteers
Justice Umbrella	Kenya: students of Kyathani/Lower Yatta Secondary Schools
Prayer Requests	Carolyn: healing Mary Gordon: strength during rehab treatment for stroke George & JoAnne: comfort while awaiting prognosis Phyllis Hensch: back pain & peace of mind Larry Jones: recovery from stroke Lukas: continued recovery from infection complications
Ongoing Need	Connie, Rev. Gordon Dominey, Wayne Greggain, Bob & Jane Hammersma, Max Haugen, Claire Nelson, Robert, Jeannette Shouls, Chris Sooley

Prayer requests are listed for 4 weeks - to extend, please contact the office.