

But truly God has listened; God has heard the words of my prayer.

(Psalm 66:19)

Today I would like to begin by offering a prayer and announcing the passing of our dear sister friend Ardis Johnson. Ardis passed away into the Church triumphant on Monday with her family at her bedside. Lord, give Alan and this whole family your loving guidance in the time ahead as they grieve the death of this wonderful woman.

Ardis was such a joy. She had such life and a spark of love that always made those who were in her presence feel loved. We will miss her.

I just sent this prayer out to 190 of our congregational members using a brand new method for our Prayer Chain Ministry. This ministry is an extension of the pastoral office and will be managed through me and my wonderful Prayer Ministry team leader, Dorothy Hansen.

When there is a need for a special prayer request where we need ALL YOUR prayers and help, I will contact Dorothy to send out a special email to all of you who wish to remain a part of the prayer chain. The prayer request will come from the email address:

PrayerTeam@spiritofhopelutheran.com

There is a great chance that when you receive this first email from this address it will be sent to your JUNK MAIL. You will need to check your JUNK MAIL and move the email to your INBOX, and if it asks, let the computer know this is a SAFE email address. You should only have to do this the first time and it will then go to your INBOX from then on.

After you receive the email we ask that you take a moment in life to **STOP - and pray** for the person and situation that is being discussed. We invite you to **SHARE** the prayer request to others that might not have received the request. Prayer works! God works through each and every one of us and God LISTENS to our needs! God wants to know that we trust in God and are in need of God's loving presence and unconditional grace and mercy!

Now, if you do not wish to be a part of these prayers just click on the option on the bottom of the email and **OPT OUT** of receiving them. You will automatically be removed. If you read this newsletter article and have NOT received the email from us, please contact me or the church office and we will be sure you are added to the mailing list! **This email address is ONLY for the use of the prayer chain OR urgent messages to the congregation.**

This Prayer chain ministry is meant to get the word out quickly to as many people as we can for an urgent prayer need. Not all prayer requests that we receive will be able to be sent in this method. I will always pray for ANY need that you may have... all you have to do is ask me. I can be reached by my phone almost any time. If I don't answer... leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I can to PRAY! My cell phone number is : 909-435-5200.

Peace and Prayers to you always! Pastor Tony