



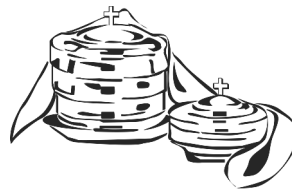
Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - surgery on 3/25 to place a stent in her leg was successful; surgery on 3/31 to correct a collapsed artery in her neck was also successful; she is now recovering
- Paul Cote - 3/23 surgery removed a cancerous tumor from his frontal lobe; now undergoing aggressive radiation & chemotherapy
- Cathy Cuvelier - prayers answered regarding a new job; thanks for the prayers; & praise God!
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Erik Grabowski - dealing with a painful heel spur on his right foot
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck; also dealing with pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Connie Henderson - undergoing an aggressive regimen of chemotherapy; a recent CTSCAN revealed that the cancer is still advancing, but chemo is definitely slowing its rate of growth
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Jim Miller - underwent successful triple bypass surgery on 3/18; now recovering nicely
- Jamie (Pat Miller's daughter) - suffering with critical pancreatitis & gall stones; prayers!
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers needed for him & his family as his condition has rapidly worsened
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis & arthritis pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thess 5:17



Autopilot

Have you ever found yourself driving along a familiar route, intending to arrive at destination B, only to find yourself arriving at destination A? You had wanted to go to the hardware store, but instead found yourself in the parking lot of an oft frequented donut shop! What happened? *Autopilot!* When you and I function on autopilot, we tend to mechanically go through the motions of something without really thinking about what we're doing. A formal clinical definition reads: "To function or do something automatically, without thinking about one's actions, generally because one has done something many times in the past" (*Farlex Dictionary of Idioms*).

Another closely related word is "perfunctory," meaning: "something done routinely with little interest or care; done mechanically or without interest or enthusiasm (and merely for the sake of getting rid of the duty); done in a half-hearted or careless manner (*American Heritage Dictionary*). "Perfunctory" is a word whose origins are found entirely in Latin. First appearing in English in the late 16th century, it is derived from the Late Latin *perfunctorius*, meaning "done in a careless or superficial manner." Perfunctory can describe something that is carried out with little effort or care, as in "He did a perfunctory job raking the leaves," but when used to describe a person it usually means "lacking enthusiasm." (*Merriam-Webster Dictionary*).

Why be concerned about autopilot? Because, if we're not careful, this mindless manner can creep into our worship—particularly during the observance of Lord's Supper. When our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the Lord's Supper he said: "Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). As we observe the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day, we are to remember the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made for *us*, and think about the excruciating pain the sinless Lamb of God (Jn 1:29; 1 Pet 1:19) suffered as He endured the agony of crucifixion. May we never take His sacrifice for granted, nor regard it lightly.

Also, as we partake of the emblems—the bread, which represents Christ's body and the fruit of the vine, which represents His blood (Mt 26:26-28)—we are to be concentrating on what they mean. This is part of worshiping God "in spirit [from the heart, with all your heart] and in truth [in accordance with the authority of God's word] (Jn 4:24).

As mortal human beings, we tend to be easily distracted and our minds often wander. But this should not be the case during the Lord's Supper. As we observe this memorial feast and partake of the emblems, we need to intentionally *focus* our thoughts on their meaning and fully *concentrate* on what we're doing. As the Lord commands: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

May we never be guilty of observing the Lord's Supper by just "going through the motions" in a careless, mechanical, superficial way—but always have proper regard and respect for the emblems and what they represent—and truly contemplate their significance to us as Christians.

— Terry Schmidt ✍



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
 Heb 11:6
Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
 Rom 10:8-10
Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
 1 Pet 3:21
Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

😊 **Welcome Visitors!** 😊

*We are glad to have you worship with us today. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card before you leave. Thank you.
 Have a great week!*



May 16th - Betty Schmidt

May 30th - Paul Cote



We will enjoy our potluck today after services. Please plan to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

"...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." — 1 Timothy 4:3

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,386

This Month: 7,194



SNACKS!

May 16: Glenda

May 23: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution for May 9, 2021

Attendance — 20

Contribution — \$454.

Order of Worship

May 16, 2021

"Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For our God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding."

- Psalm 47:6-7 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—11

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—55

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*
~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 ~

Song—289

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—301

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
The Lord's Supper:
A Memorial

Song—39

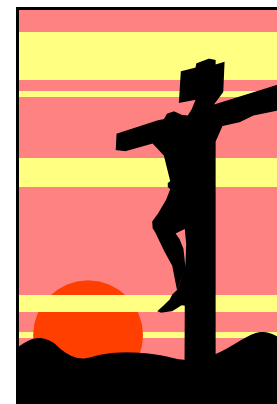
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

## May 16, 2021

#### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

6:00 — Bible Study

#### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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