

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Rev. Ken Fetter's wife, Jo, entered her Savior's loving arms after an extended illness. Please keep the Fetter family in your prayers during this time of loss. Also, Luis Caban, who recently started coming to Hillside, severely broke his back and had to be hospitalized. He has had to move to a nursing home for rehabilitation.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Erdels.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for the Snyders.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray that God would use us to bring His Kingdom here. Pray for the various building projects and workdays that are going on right now.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the current health pandemic in our world and in our country. Pray for medical staff and for our leaders as they navigate how to best help. Pray for the unrest and divisions in our country. Pray for our leaders, current and future. Pray for the political unrest. Pray for the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

Numbers

Attendance for 5/16/21 Service

In-person: 41

Online Views (through 5/18/21): 16

Giving

Online (5/10/21 to 5/16/21): \$455 for general

In-Person (5/16/21): \$1075 general, \$80 missions, \$100 foster closet

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1480

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Welcome to
Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

May 23rd, 2021

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be CONNECTED with Jesus, CHANGED by Jesus, and COMMITTED to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, hmcworship.com/im-new/

SERMON SERIES: Our sermon series is going through the book of Luke and is entitled, "*Following Jesus*." This Sunday's message is from chapter 8 and answers the question, "*What do I need to understand about my faith?*"

CONNECT: We'd love for you to connect with us online! Find a livestream of every week's service on our website, hmcworship.com. In addition to that, we encourage you to continue to reach out to your church family through letters, texts, phone calls, and on social media.

COVID-19 CHANGES: Please remember, no offering plates will be passed; instead, we ask you to give online or via the giving box near the entrance. Tables are set up in the back row for families with young children. Because of CDC updated its guidelines, we are no longer asking people to wear a mask and social distance. However, if you would still like to do either, we completely respect that, and we are asking for everyone to respect that as well. No one will judge you for your decision, either way (see Romans 14).

Announcements

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: A women's Bible study is happening on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM and is meeting at the church building. For more information please contact April Rollf.

WORKDAY: Thank you to everyone who came out to help at the May 1st workday. We truly appreciate your help. We will be having another workday on June 5th from 9am-12pm. Any and all help is appreciated! Also, if you have any time throughout the week that you would like to help out with the sanctuary project, please let Pastor Josh know. We would love to have your help!

Opportunities to Help

OPEN SORTING HOUR AT THE FOSTER CLOSET: Want to help out at the foster closet but can't commit to helping regularly? That's ok! Every Friday from 12:30-1:30 is an open sorting hour. If you'd like to help during the open sorting hour, please text Tammi Fisher at (216) 526-9974.

KID'S CHURCH: If you'd like to volunteer to help out at Kids' Church once a month, just during the sermon portion of the service, we'd love your help! No outside prep is required. Please contact Pastor Josh.

TECHNOLOGY: Do you love technology? Do you have a working finger? We're looking for someone to help us out with putting together and running the worship lyrics on Sunday morning. Please contact Pastor Josh.



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5/23/21 - Week 23 – Luke 8:26-39

What We Must Understand about Faith

In this passage of God's Word, we see Jesus and His disciples meet a man who possessed by many demons. Jesus has just been teaching His disciples about what it means to respond to God in a faithful way, and now they are experiencing it firsthand. By taking a close look at this story, we too can learn about what it means to respond to God in a faithful manor.

We need to realize that:

1. Our faith is more than _____
Luke 8:28, James 1:27, 2:19, Matt. 7:21-23
2. "Normal things" can hold our faith _____
Luke 8:34-37, John 8:34, 2 Tim. 2:14-26, 2 Pet. 2:17-19, 2 Cor. 10:5
3. Faith demands we _____ the good news
Luke 8:38-39, Matt. 9:37-38, 28:19-20, Rom. 1:16

Reflection Questions

1. Do you struggle with either over emphasizing or under emphasizing demonic activity? If so, which one and why? How can you keep a more Biblical view?
2. In this story, even the demons acknowledged that Jesus was the Son of God. Do you struggle with turning your faith into a purely intellectual exercise? If so, how? If not, do you struggle under emphasizing certain theological truths?
3. The people of the town were held captive by their business of raising pigs, which would have been a very normal business of a gentile person during that time. Do you ever feel like your faith is hindered by completely "normal" things? If so, what are those things, and why do they hinder your faith?
4. Jesus charged the man that had previously had demons in him to go home and declare what God had done for him. Who in your life could benefit from hearing what God has done in your life?