## Prayers of the Church and the Prayer Chain

Trinity Lutheran Church values the power of prayer in making a difference in people's lives. We recognize that some people may wish to have life events kept private, while others would like to share this information. For those who would like to share this information, Trinity offers a prayer chain (via telephone and email) and prayers of the church which are listed on the announcement page each weekend.

Trinity will not place a person on either prayer list without the permission of the person or someone close to them.

A log will be kept for all requests to have someone added to the prayer chain or prayers of the church. The log will include the date a request has been made, who made the request, if the request was for the prayer chain, prayers of the church or both.

Prayer requests which are included in the prayers of the church will be listed for a maximum of 4 weeks unless a new request is made to extend the time (an exception will be made for those serving in the military and our missionaries).

If a call is received to place a person on the prayer chain, the person receiving the call will do the following:

- 1. Verify that the person who is the subject of the request has given permission to have their name included in the prayers.
- 2. Will ask if the name should be given to the pastor only, included in both the prayer chain and prayers of the church or in just one of these places.
- 3. If they want the name included in the prayers of the church, they will be asked for how many weeks they would like to have the name in the prayers and reminded that they will need to inform the office if they wish to have it extended beyond 4 weeks.