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Please keep the following people &
their families in daily prayer...

(To update this prayer list, submit a prayer
request on erc.la/prayer and let us know in
the notes to also update the Prayer Page)

- RICHARD GRIFFIN: Issues with blood flow and circulation to legs & feet
- GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis
- TROY KUBINSKI: Inclusion Body Myositis
- GAY WALKER: Lung cancer
- TANYA COLLIS: Severe pain 24 hrs/day
- JADEN MALDONADO: (child)
Congenital cytomegalovirus
- TANYA MCKOWN: Lupus, Health issues
- EMMA ROMERO (Teen): Seizures
- BERTHA MARTINES: Stroke/complete healing
- FRANCES HOLTON: Full recovery of knees
- RAQUEL MALDONADO (23): MS
- WILLIAM SUAREZ: CHF
- SELENE VELASCO: needing kidney transplant



Kick off the Advent season with worship,
crafts, and joyful community!
You're invited to the Advent Tree Lighting
on **Monday, November 27th at 7pm.**
This is a fun event for everyone!

Our Christian sympathy to Emmanuel
Melena Sr and family on the passing of
Emmanuel's cousin, Freddy Cortez Reyes
Sr, on Tuesday, November 7th, at the
age of 29.

Our Christian sympathy to Bob and
Christine Olson and family on the passing
of Chris's mother, Wanda Brekken, on
Monday, November 6th, at the age of
102 yrs, 11 months, and 6 days. Services
took place on Monday, November 13th,
in her home town of Crookston, MN.

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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Additional Giving Opportunities

Vision Fund offering November 19

Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$2,781,040.44

YTD Budget: \$2,795,696.00

Last Week's Offering: \$36,889.61

2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & TRANSHUMANISM



Humanity was made in the image of God, not to be God but in his likeness (Genesis 1:26-27)

Satan tempts Eve to become all-knowing like God (Genesis 3:5)

Satan disguises submission to himself under the ruse of personal autonomy. He never asks us to become his servants. Never once did the serpent say to Eve, "I want to be your master." The shift of commitment is never from Christ to evil; it is always Christ to self. And instead of his will, self-interest now rules and what I want reigns. And that is the essence of sin. - *Dennis Kinlaw, This Day with the Master*

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Takeaways from the Tower of Babel and humanity's use of technology:

- Desire a supremacy of humanity
- Seeking glory for themselves
- A quest for independence from God
- People would rather trust the creations of their own hands than trust their creator

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence is referring to computers being programmed to mimic human intelligence

Artificial Super Intelligence is referring to a state in which machines become superior to humans across all domains of interests, exceeding human cognition

There are obvious benefits in integrating A.I. into our life: maps and directions, ending premature death, reducing hunger, sharing the Gospel etc.

As Christians, our creation mandate we read in Genesis 1 was to tame and steward all of creation - this includes technology. It is possible for A.I. to bring solutions to problems that are dear to God's heart

Understanding "ChatGPT"

Transhumanism

Transhumanism - the belief or theory that the human race can evolve beyond its current physical and mental limitations, especially by means of science and technology. - *Oxford Dictionary*

Transhumanists believe that scientific reasoning is the key to immortality, aging is a disease that must be cured at any cost. People are working towards what they would describe as "infinite life extension". At the end of the day people want the attributes of God while at the same time denying God. (Isaiah 14:13-14)

Transhumanist's way of thinking is that A.I. and technology can correct the fundamental problems of humanity. A.I. and tech have not, are not and will not solve our greatest problem. As believers we listen to Jesus's words when he tells us that our sin and corruption come from within our heart (Ma 7:21-23)

You were made in the image of God!

Humans are integrated beings because we are made in the image of God (1 Thess. 5:23)

While technology can and should be used for godly things in a godly manner, tech cannot transform or save our soul. Paul says that it is out of our imperfections and weaknesses that God gets glory and that is at the heart of the Gospel. Our weakness and inability and God's grace and ability. (2 Cor 12:9)

Time of Reflection

1 - Your use of technology is forming you. How are you becoming more or less like Christ as you use technology?

2 - Part of being made in God's image is that you were made a relational being. What relational needs do you have in this season of your life and are they being met?
