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I have often thought it curious how few people Jesus raised from the dead. He healed hundreds and fed thousands, but as far as we know he only raised three: the daughter of Jairus, the boy near Nain, and Lazarus. Why so few? Could it be because he knew he would be doing them no favors? Could it be because he could not get any volunteers? Could it be that once someone is there, the last place they want to return to is here?

We must trust God. We must trust not only that he does what is best but that he knows what is ahead. Ponder these words of Isaiah 57:1-2: "The good men perish; the godly die before their time and no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to realize that God is taking them away from the evil days ahead. For the godly who die shall rest in peace".

My, what a thought. God is taking them away from the evil days ahead. Could death be God's grace? Could the funeral wreath be as horrible as the grave may be, could it be God's protection from the future? Trust in God, Jesus urges, and trust in me.

Several years ago, I heard then Vice President George Bush speak at a prayer breakfast. He told of his trip to Russia to represent the United States at the funeral of Leonid Brezhnev. The funeral was as precise and stoic as the communist regime. No tears were seen, and no emotion displayed. With one exception. Mr. Bush told how Brezhnev's widow was the last person to witness the body before the coffin was closed. For several seconds she stood at his side and then reached down and performed the sign of the cross on her husband's chest.

In the hour of her husband's death, she went not to Lenin, not to Karl Marx, not to Khrushchev. In the hour of death, she turned to a Nazarene carpenter who had lived two thousand years ago and who dared to claim: "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me."

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## Psalm: Psalm 66:16-20

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me...

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

## Lesson: Acts 17:22-29

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.'"

"What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you: The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-- though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

"For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals."

## Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

# SALEM FAMILY EVENTS



## The building maybe....NOT the church!!!!

Due to the Coronavirus, the building will be closed for services...that does not mean we cannot worship!! Just visit our website <http://www.salemlc-oxford.org> and click on the Virtual Church sign. The "doors" are open 7 days a week...virtually!! New service each Sunday posted no later than 8:00am and they stay up until the following Sunday! As best we know now, this will remain in effect until **at least June 7<sup>th</sup>** when we will revisit this plan. In the meantime, visit us on the Internet and be safe from catching anything except the Holy Spirit!!!



There are some adults in the congregation that have never been confirmed. Both Pr. Rob and the council have decided to offer an **Adult Confirmation Class** to any in the congregation that would (1) like to become confirmed or (2) like to have more information on Lutheranism, the Bible, and faith in general. If any of these options appeals to you, please see Pr. Rob!



The latest newsletter was sent out just before Easter...if you haven't seen it and we have your email address, look for it in your spam folder. Finding it there, mark it "not spam" and future editions will go to your inbox.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Food Shelf** - they are in desperate need at local food shelves...if anyone can donate to Family Pathways at this time, please do so! You can donate either (or both) foodstuffs or dollars. For food, simply drop off at Family Pathways' building across from the North Branch movie theater. For dollars, simply mail a check to: **Family Pathways,**

**6413 Oak St.**

**North Branch, MN 55056**



**Prayer List – Updates – please send name to either Pr. Rob [robkrajewski72@gmail.com](mailto:robkrajewski72@gmail.com) or, Jerry Youngquist [jerry.youngquist@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.youngquist@gmail.com)**



Please send your offering to the parish's street address –

**Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford  
26950 Furman St. NE  
North Branch, MN 55056**



# GRINABLES

- Therapist: I've concluded that you are incapable of describing your feelings. Patient: I can't say that I am surprised!
- People say, "I'm taking it one day at a time." You know what? So is everybody. That's how time works.
- Ann: I heard that you are a hypochondriac. Stan: Well, my doctor says I'm not, but I spent 3 days reading about it on the internet and I have all the symptoms.
- I'm sick of following my dreams. I'm just going to ask where they're going and hook up with 'em later.
- Q: What do you get when you combine an insomniac, an agnostic, and a dyslexic? A: Someone who lays awake at night wondering the true meaning of Dog.
- Did you hear about the two psychiatrists who passed each other on a walk? One said to the other, "You're fine, How am I?"