

## Prayer Concerns

- **Family of Toni** – peace in their grief -- 2/30/12
- **Barbara** – Terminal cancer – 12/30/12
- **Tom** – suffering from colon cancer – 12/30/12
- **Guy** – suffering from brain cancer – 12/30/12
- **Joyellyn** – suffering from multiple health issues and chronic pain – 12/17/12
- **Tommy** – 15yr old with Hodgkin's Lymphoma – 12/5/12
- **Pat** – thanks for healing thus far and for continued healing -- 12/5/12(updated)
- **Andrea** – cancer has progressed, more chemo – 11/30/12
- **Rev. Walter & Mary Beth** – adjusting to life in extended care– 11/18/12
- **Cole** – has benign optic nerve tumor, receiving treatment – 11/11/12
- **Osie** – Recovering from 2 major surgeries – 11/11/12
- **Barbara** – terminal cancer, needs comfort & support – 10/24/12
- **Anita** – continued healing & return to good health– 10/14/12 (updated)

*Prayer Concerns will now be kept for 90 days only.*

*Entries may be updated prior to that. Please contact Jerry*

*Youngquist by Wednesday evening with any prayer concerns or  
Calendar Events – 651-237-1003*

## Guest Pastors – New Pastor:

As of January 14, 2013 – Our agreement with St. John's comes to an end and Pastor Rob will be called to become Salem's new pastor. Our deepest gratitude to St. John's for generously filling our pulpit supply needs and to our most gracious heavenly Father for his quite obvious divine intervention placing Pastor Rob in the path of our congregational life's journey.

## Quote-ables:

Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays. \_\_ Soren Kierkegaard



## Grin-ables:

“In the heart of Minnesota's walleye country, a pastor told his congregation, “Jesus says, ‘Be ye fishers of men.’ All ya gotta do is catch ‘em... He'll clean ‘em!”

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

- C: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- P: *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*
- P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.
- C: *The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*
- P: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C: *He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.*
- P: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- C: *The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*
- P: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
- C: *The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.*
- P: May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## First Lesson – Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

## **1st Lesson - (cont'd)**

I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

## **2nd Lesson - Romans 6:1-11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel Lesson - Luke 3:15-22**

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire..."

## **Gospel Lesson (cont'd)**

...His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

## **The Baptism of Our Lord: Mat. 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

## **Catechism Lesson: The Ten Commandments**

### **The Second Commandment:**

*"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."*

### **What does this mean?**

*We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.*

## **Calendar**

Next Communion: January 20, 2013

Annual Meeting: February 3, 2013