

Prayer Concerns

- **Pete** – malignant tumor discovered, starting chemo– 01/11/13
- **Jan** – facing major surgery – 01/14/13
- **Derek** – has debilitating condition of the liver and ulcerative colitis – 01/13/13
- **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

Quote-ables:

Science can purify religion from error and superstition.
Religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes
– Pope John Paul II



Grin-ables:

A farmer ran into his pastor after missing the morning service. “I’m sorry we missed you this morning,” the pastor said. “Well, Reverend, I had some hay to put up,” the farmer replied, “I figured it was better to sit on a bale of hay thinking about God than to sit in church thinking about hay!”

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

P: Behold, the LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion,
“Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”

C: *And they shall be called The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
and you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.*

First Lesson – I Corinthians 12:4-11

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men.

1st Lesson - (cont'd)

We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless.

Gospel Lesson - John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Calendar

Annual Meeting: February 3, 2013

Lent:

- Lenten services will commence on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13** and continue each Wed. through March 20. These Wednesdays will feature a "Soup n Sandwich" supper starting at 6:00pm and conclude with a Lenten service starting at 7:00pm. The council will meet at 5:00pm prior to the supper February 13 and March 13. These Wednesday Lenten services will end after the March 20th (none during Holy Week. There will be a service on Good Friday... more information to follow.

Epiphany Moments:

God in the everyday

At this time of the year, life can seem a little lonely or dreary. The Christmas trees have been taken down, lights packed away, and wrapping paper trashed. Children have played with their new toys until they don't seem new anymore, and the new year has come and gone. You already may have broken a resolution.

But the joy of Christmas isn't over yet because we can choose to recognize the mercy of God in the everyday stuff. With open hearts and expectant outlooks, believers can have epiphany moments any day.

Try looking at life through the eyes of a child who is so excited about the Christmas story that he can't contain himself. Or see the events of the day through the eyes of a traveler who has journeyed many miles to find something very small, new, and precious.

In fact, Jesus commanded that His followers have this kind of wide-eyed faith. ____ Rev. Billy Graham

Catechism Lesson: The Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment:

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment:

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.