

Prayer Concerns

- Family of Ruby – loss of loved one – 4/21/13
- Family of Alice – loss of loved one – 4/21/13
- Bonnie – brain tumor found (non-cancerous) – 4/21/13
- Gracie –suffered sports injury – 4/7/13
- Family of Mark – loss of son killed by hit/run car – 04/03/13
- Eden – struggling with pain issues – 4/18/13
- Lila – suffering various health issues – 3/29/13
- Steve – diagnosed with brain cancer – 3/17/13
- Cole – benign optic tumor – 3/10/13 (Updated)
- Bob – cancer of the liver and spreading – 03/01/13
- Patrick – cancer diagnosis, pray for help – 02/24/13
- Baby Marek – cancer took leg now in lung – 02/17/13
- Father Marek – diagnosed with cancer – 02/17/13
- Bill S. – Recurrence of stomach cancer – 02/11/13
- Bill – brain aneurism – 02/03/13
- Joyellyn – suffering from multiple health issues and chronic pain – 03/10/03 (updated)
- Andrea – cancer growing, trying homeopathic– 3/10/13 (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 (press 1)

Quote-ables:

“Today you are You, that is truer than true There is no one alive who is Youer than You.”

—Dr. Seuss (*Happy Birthday To You*)



Grin-ables:

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24-34

P: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

C: *Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.*

P: There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

C: *These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.*

P: When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

C: *When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.*

P: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

C: *May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,*

P: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

C: *I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

**ALL: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

1st Lesson – Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” But Peter began and explained it to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me...

1st Lesson – (cont'd)

..Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

2nd Lesson – Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

Gospel – John 16:12-22

[Jesus said] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

Announcements-

One person from the membership of Salem LC is required to join the now-forming Constitution Review committee. Consisting of 4 members (2-council, 2-general), its job will be making recommendations to revise the church's constitution if and where necessary. If you Are interested, contact Jerry Youngquist or another council member.

Calendar

The next council meeting will be at 6:30pm, May 14, 2013
The next communion will be Sunday, May 19, 2013