

Prayer Concerns

- **Jan – on chemo, pray for successful outcome – 05/14/13**
- **Dave J. – had stent installed, health concerns – 05/12/13**
- Betty – knee surgery, pray for speedy recovery – 5/08/13
- Bernie – complications from tick bite – 05/05/13
- Megan – cancer improving, pray it continues – 4/28/13
- Mike – cancer discovered, pray for courage – 4/28/13
- Matty – had surgery, pray for successful outcome – 4/28/13
- Pauline – pray for successful eye surgery – 4/25/13
- Ben – on heart pump, needs new heart – 4/25/13
- Bonnie – brain tumor found (non-cancerous) – 4/21/13
- Gracie – suffered sports injury – 4/7/13
- 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
- Bill S. – recurrence of stomach cancer – 02/11/13 (updated)
- Joyellyn – suffers from multiple health issues/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:

“Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.” —Corrie ten Boom

Grin-ables:

Bulletin Bloopers:

- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Hymn 47: "Hark! an awful voice is sounding"



Lesson – Acts 2: 1-18, 20b-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. At this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. They were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mockingly said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy... before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.”

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Gospel – John 14: 16-19, 25-27 and John 17: 21-23a

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

[A little later, Jesus prayed,] “May they all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one.”

Catechism Lesson: The Lord’s Prayer

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God’s kingdom come? God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Second Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God’s will done?

God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when...

Catechism (cont’d)

...He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Announcements-

The Constitution Review Committee has filled and will begin its work soon.

Special Note:

It has long been both a want and a need to do all that is possible to promote the growth, both spiritually and physically, of Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford. The list of specific needs and wants begins with the installation of a new and permanent pastor. That is done. Next on the list is making an effort to attract new members to our congregation. Of these prospective new members, a good percentage consisting of younger families is high on the list. To support this, the council has elected to begin conversations with the congregation pertaining to changing the hour of Sunday worship. This change (in whatever specific form it takes) will accommodate two goals. (1) Make attending services at Salem both easier and more attractive to younger families and (2) facilitate the rebirth of Sunday school at Salem. The council thereby asks all in attendance to discuss such ideas with your friends here and, if you know any of those who, for whatever reason, used to come to Salem but no longer do, confer with them as well. Talk to council members and share your thoughts. The council would like to have action on these items in place by September of this year... so there is some time for deliberation and the sharing of thoughts.

Pastor’s Note:

If you are reading this bulletin as a visitor to Salem and are considering a church home, one in which the Holy Gospel is preached honestly and faithfully and the Lutheran sacraments administered rightly, Pastor Rob would love to talk with you about membership in our small but growing church family. See him after the service or call using the phone number found in the heading of this bulletin.

Calendar

The next communion is June 16, 2013

The next council meeting will be at 6:30pm, June 11, 2013