

Prayer Concerns

- **Maddy – continued recovery prayers – 08/04/13**
- Jan – continued prayers – 08/04/13 (renewed)
- Guy – pray for continued recovery from brain cancer – 07/28/13
- Dan – diabetes, pray for strength and recovery – 07/14/13
- David – spots found on liver, pray for strength/courage – 07/14/13
- Pr. Rob's extended family – various things – 07/13/13
- Cory – multiple fracture (leg) pray for speedy recovery – 07/08/13
- Cole – optic nerve tumor, pray for strength, healing – 07/04/13
- Margaret – cancer may be returning – pray for strength – 07/04/13
- David – pray for recovery from bad fall - 06/23/13
- Chuck – recurring cancer, pray for recovery– 06/21/13
- Warren – several medical issues, pray for recovery – 06/20/13
- John – pray for continued recovery – 06/11/13
- Dallas – relief and cure of multiple health issues – 06/10/13
- Judy – pray for comfort and healing – 06/09/13
- Rob – lung cancer discovered, pray for courage – 05/26/13
- Patrick – healing from throat-cancer treatments – 05/30/13

Prayer Concerns will be kept for 90 days . Entries may be updated prior to that. time. Contact Jerry Youngquist – 651-237-1003 (press 1)

Quote-ables:

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength."

---Corrie ten Boom

Grin-ables:

Bulletin Bloopers:

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals..
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



Responsive Reading: Psalm 33:12-22

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

North: The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;

South: He sits enthroned and looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth

All: He fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

North: The king is *not* saved by his great army;
a warrior is *not* delivered by his great strength.

South: The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

All: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who are in awe of Him;
on those who hope in His steadfast love,

North: He delivers their soul from death
and keeps them alive in famine.

South: Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

All: Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
We hope in the Lord; His steadfast love is upon us.

Lesson – Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commanding him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the...

Lesson – (cont'd)

...saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Gospel – Luke 9:10-20

And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, *seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.* “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags...

Gospel (cont'd)

...that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Catechism Lesson: Holy Baptism

First

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19)

Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

Third

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)

Calendar

- ❖ The next council meeting will be at 6:30pm, August 13, 2013