

## Prayer Concerns:

- Ellen – Cancer – Pray: Complete remission – 03/25/18
- Lisa – Addison’s Disease – Pray: Successful treatment/outcome – 03/20/18
- Ginger – Cancer surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/18/18
- Gwen – Back surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/11/18
- Cathy – Heart issues – Pray: Complete diagnosis & repair – 03/11/18
- Lila – Suffered series of small strokes, pray for resolution & fix – 02/18/18
- Derek – Continuing Crohn’s issues, pray for resolution & fix – 02/18/18
- Zella – Heart issues; pray for diagnosis & cure – 02/11/18
- Joanne Koecher – Cancer returned; pray for complete remission – 02/02/18
- Bill M. – Injury to ribs & head in a fall; pray: full recovery – 01/26/18
- Julie T. – Had lung transplant; pray: successful post-op – 01/26/18
- Butch – Recent Parkinson’s diagnosis; pray: successful control – 01/25/18
- Dale – Cancer; pray: successful treatment(s) – 01/07/18
- Keith – Cancer returned; pray: strong & successful treatment – 01/07/18
- Edith H. – Advancing dementia; pray: strength for family – 01/03/18



## Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

### A Tabulated List of Grace

A couple who resorted to do-it-yourself marriage counseling resolved to list each others’ faults and then read them aloud. The wife gave her list and he read: You snore; you eat in bed; the list continued. When the husband gave her his list, she smiled. He’d written his grievances, but next to each he’d written— *I forgive this*. The result was a tabulated list of grace.

Imagine you are before the judgment seat of Christ. The book is opened and the reading begins--each sin, each deceit, and each occasion of greed. But as soon as the infraction is read, grace is proclaimed. Jesus says, *I forgive this*. Registered forgiveness! No humiliation! No shame! Because in heaven you will be in your sinless state--happy to let God do in heaven what he did on earth. He will be *honored* in your weakness!

## Responsive Reading: Isaiah 25:7-9

**ALL:**            **The Lord will destroy the shroud that is cast over all peoples!**

North:            He will remove the sheet that is spread over all nations.  
South:            *He will swallow up death forever.*

North:            Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces.  
South:            *The disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth.*

North:            It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God!  
South:            *We have waited for him, so that he might save us!*

**ALL:**            **This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!**

## Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-4, 7-9,11a

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ. In him we were also chosen!

## Gospel: Mark 16:1-6 & John 20:15-18

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

As they walked, they had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they arrived and looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him." ...

## Gospel...(cont'd)

Then Mary Magdalene turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, *"Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?"*

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, *"Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."*

Jesus said to her, *"Mary!"* She turned and said to him in Hebrew, *"Rabbouni!"* (which means Teacher).

Jesus then said to her, *Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.*



## Make a Note-able(s)...

**FRAUD & SENIORS** – The MN Dept. of Commerce has created a “Hang Up on Fraud” toolkit. This kit provides information to empower older adults to protect themselves against fraud and scams – whether over the phone, online or in person. To order one of these kits, there are three ways through which you can do it.

❖ **Email:** [consumer.protection@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.protection@state.mn.us)

❖ **Call:** (651) 539-1600 and ask for one.

❖ **Visit (online):** <http://www/mn.gov/commerce>

## Pique-Your-Interest-able...

➤ St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wyoming, MN is having its annual **Spring Fashion Show** Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. For more information and tickets see Anita!

➤ **St. John's Lutheran Church** in Stacy is pleased to announce that Pastor Ben Hollingsead has accepted a call to be their Senior Pastor! We remember Pr. Ben preaching here at Salem a few times as he was interning at St. John's. He will begin preaching there April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Announce-able(s)...

We will be having a Spring Cleanup/BBQ/and bonfire May 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> (in case of rain...yes, these are Saturdays). Let's clean up the building & property and have some fun and good food while we're at it! ☺ More later....

## Catechism-able...

### Part 3 – The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed by thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven*

*Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

**The Introduction:** *Our Father, who art in heaven.*

**What does this mean?**

God encourages us to believe that He is truly our Father, and that we are truly His children, so that we may boldly and confidently pray to Him, just as beloved children speak to their dear father.

**Easter**  
**He IS Risen!**

The graphic features the word "Easter" in a large, bold, grey font. A white cloth is draped over a cross behind the letter 't'. Below "Easter" is the phrase "He IS Risen!" in a smaller, bold, black font. The background has a subtle sunburst effect.

*Don't forget the Easter Brunch immediately  
following the service!!*

## Calendar...

Next Council Meeting – April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

Next Communion – April 15<sup>th</sup>