

Prayer Concerns:

- Bill M. – Continuing difficulties; pray: full recovery – 04/10/18 (upd)
- Lila – Continued improvement; pray for return to normal – 04/10/18 (upd)
- 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
- Derek – Continuing Crohn’s issues, pray for resolution & fix – 02/18/18
- Zella – Heart issues; pray for diagnosis & cure – 02/11/18
- Julie T. – Had lung transplant; pray: successful post-op – 01/26/18
- Butch – Recent Parkinson’s diagnosis; pray: successful control – 01/25/18



God will mend
your broken
Anything
if you
give him all your
pieces.

Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

Let Him Fix It

I’m sure you’ve had an appliance you may have tried to fix, but with no success. So you took it to the specialist. You explained the problem and then...offered to stay and help fix it? or hovered at the workbench asking questions about the progress? How about threw a sleeping bag on the floor so you could watch the repairman at work? If you did any of these things, you don’t understand the relationship between client and repairman. The arrangement is uncomplicated. Leave it with him to fix it!

Our protocol with God is equally simple. Leave your problem with him. God doesn’t need our help, counsel, or assistance. Please repeat this phrase: I hereby resign as ruler of the universe. When God is ready for us to re-engage, he will let us know. Until then, replace anxious thoughts with grateful ones. God takes thanksgiving seriously!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

ALL: **The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.**

MEN: He has me lie down in green pastures.

WOMEN: *He leads me beside quiet waters.*

MEN: He refreshes my soul.

WOMEN: *He guides me along the right paths.*

ALL: **Even though I walk through the valley of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.**

MEN: With your rod and your staff, I am comforted.

WOMEN: *You prepare a table before me.*

MEN: You anoint my head with oil.

WOMEN: *My cup overflows.*

ALL: **Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ...*

Gospel...(cont'd)

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."



Yes, it's only April **BUT time flies!** Summer is just around the corner and, it's time to start planning the annual picnic. The first planning meeting will be on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00pm at church. Committees will be set up at this time. If you can make it, GREAT! If not and would like to be a part, just call Diane at (651) 237-1003 or email at Diane.Youngquist@gmail.com to tell her of your interest.

Make a Note-able(s)...

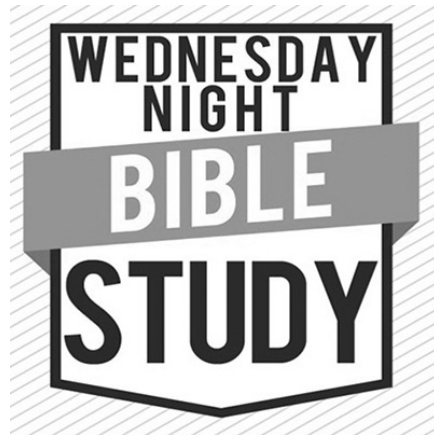
The Men's & Women's group/Bible study sessions have resumed! The women's group has received rave reviews and there is no reason the new men's version will do any less...Interested? See Pr. Rob. Pr. Ellen, or Pr. Paul!

Announce-able(s)...



Spring is FINALLY Springing!!!

We will be having a Spring Cleanup/BBQ/and bonfire May 19th or 26th (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....



1st Communion ...

Anyone older than 2nd grade who has not been prepared to receive communion come talk with Pastor Rob about celebrating this sacrament.

Catechism-able...

The Lord's Prayer

The Third 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 indeed without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it will also be done among us.

How is this done?

God's will is done when He hinders and destroys every evil design and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature that would keep us from hallowing His name and prevent the coming of His kingdom. And God's will is done when He strengthens us and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith to the end of our earthly lives. This is His good and gracious will.

Grin-able(s)...

Top 10 reasons God made Eve

1. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.
2. God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.
3. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.
4. God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor, Dentist or haircut appointment for himself.
5. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.
6. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.
7. As the Keeper of the Garden, since he didn't have metal sheds or greenhouses, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.
8. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.
9. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone!"
10. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, "I can do much better than that!"



Calendar...

- ☐ Next Council Meeting – May 8th @ 6:30pm