

## Prayer Concerns:

- **Brian – Auto accident – Pray: Speedy recovery – 08/02/18**
- **Josh - Construction accident, badly hurt. Pray complete healing -- 07/31/18**
- Bob C. – Terminal cancer – Pray for peaceful passing – 07/21/18
- Butch – Moved to assisted living; pray: successful transition – 07/14/18(upd)
- Dave J.– Hip surgery – Pray: Quick return to normal living! – 07/10/18
- Lori – Early cancer diagnosis – Pray: Speedy/complete cure – 07/09/18
- Scott – Kidney/pancreas transplant – Pray: No rejection – 07/09/18
- Amanda – Undisclosed medical issues – Pray: Resolution – 07/08/18
- Kevin – Recovery from prostate cancer– Pray: Total remission – 07/07/18
- Deb – Recovering from appendicitis – Pray: Complete recovery – 07/07/18
- Keith – Esophageal cancer, new treatment – Pray: Effective treatment – 07/07/18
- Larry – Cancer found, chemo, surgery – Pray: Remission– 07/07/18(upd)
- Mariah – Tumor removal was complete; no residual cancer– 06/30/18(upd)
- Vern – Heart issues – Pray: Successful treatment – 06/30/18
- David – Mental illness issues – Pray: Successful treatment/control – 06/22/18
- Alyce – Surgery– Pray: Successful outcome & speedy healing – 06/14/18
- Jeff – Farm accident/broken ribs et al – Pray: Speedy heal/recover – 06/03/18
- Mike – Possible cancer – Pray: Accurate diagnosis, resolve – 06/03/18
- Derek – Continuing struggle w/Crohn’s – Pray: cure – 06/03/18
- Hans & Ellen – Both w/medical issues – Pray: Resolve, cure – 06/03/18
- Joanne – Terminal cancer – Pray: Peaceful transition – 06/03/18
- Landon – Personal issues & addiction – pray: healing & recovery – 05/09/18
- Becky – Broken femur, surgery to fix; pray all goes well and soon – 05/08/18

## Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

Today’s thoughts are tomorrow’s actions.  
Today’s jealousy is tomorrow’s temper tantrum.  
Today’s bigotry is tomorrow’s hate crime.  
Today’s anger is tomorrow’s abuse.  
Today’s lust is tomorrow’s adultery.  
Today’s greed is tomorrow’s embezzlement.  
Today’s guilt is tomorrow’s fear.

Could that be why Paul writes, “*Love ... keeps no record of wrongs*” (1 Cor. 13:5 NIV)? Some folks don’t know we have an option.

What if you did that? What if you took every thought captive? What if you took the counsel of Solomon: “*Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life*” (Prov. 4:23).

Change the thoughts, and you change the person. If today’s thoughts are tomorrow’s actions, what happens when we fill our minds with thoughts of God’s love? Will standing beneath the downpour of his grace change the way we feel about others? ... uh, YES!

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:10-15

**ALL: O Lord, you provide for us.**

Group 1: You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills;

Group 2: *They give drink to every beast of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.*

Group 3: Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;  
they sing among the branches.

Group 4: *From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.*

Group 1: You provide plants for us to cultivate.

Group 2: *You provide drink to gladden our hearts.*

Group 3: You provide oil to make our faces shine.

Group 4: *You provide bread to strengthen our being.*

**ALL: O Lord, you provide for us.**

## Lesson: Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-10, 15-21

Be imitators of God, as beloved children and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true) and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Look carefully at how you walk - not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time.

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

## Gospel: John 6:24-26, 34-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [with them any longer], they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him [in that town], they said to him, “*Rabbi, when did you come here?*”

Jesus answered them, “*Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. [Yet], do not [strive] for [this] food that perishes, but for the food that endures for...*

**Gospel:** John 6:24-26, 34-35

*eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."*

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



## Announce-able(s)...

**Gratitude** – "A huge Thank You to everyone who contributed to Bill's celebration of life. This church family has blessed us in many ways and we are very grateful." \_\_\_The families of Joan and Bill

## Military Bible Stick program

Thanks to all who supported this worthwhile program! We collected a whopping \$515.00!! Salem's generosity abounds yet again (or still)!!



## Family Pathways --- Summer needs

Pathways is starting their annual School Supply drive (and the local stores have supplies readily available). Also, their Food Shelf is looking for food or monetary donations to help it through the 'lean' summer months. Foodstuff donations are collected in the narthex food basket. School supply donations will be also be collected in the narthex on the table just under the "window". NOTE: School supply donations should be in by next Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>).

## Gideons ---

A representative from The Gideons Society will be here next Sunday offering an opportunity to support this most worthwhile organization's efforts at supplying the world with the Word of God by way of His Holy Bible.



## Catechism-able...

### Daily Prayers

*The ensuing prayers were suggested by Luther for use by Christians each day.*

### Morning Prayer

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, you dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I as you to protect me this day also from sin and every evil, that in all I do today I may please you.*

*For in to your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel watch over me, that the wicked foe have no power over me. Amen.*



## Grin-able(s)...

- ❖ What's the best thing about Switzerland? – *I don't know but the flag is a big plus.*
- ❖ I invented a new word. – *Plagiarism!*
- ❖ What did the bald man exclaim when he received a comb for a present? – *"Thanks, I'll never part with it!"*



A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."



## Calendar...

- ❑ Next Council Meeting – August 14<sup>th</sup>
- ❑ Next Communion – August 19<sup>th</sup>