

Prayer Concerns:

- **Sharon & Ron Voss – Health issues – Pray: Healing – 08/24/18**
- **Lila – Dizziness & falls – Pray: continued recovery from stroke – 08/24/18**
- Randy – Open-heart surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 08/14/18
- Rose H. – Auto accident – Pray: Recovery from injuries – 08/13/18
- Ellen – Surgery complications – Pray: Repair & quick recovery – 08/12/18
- Brian – Auto accident – Pray: Speedy recovery – 08/02/18
- Josh - Construction accident, badly hurt. Pray complete healing -- 07/31/18
- Rob 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
- Keith – Lung cancer found, 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

Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

Taking Out the Trash

Who wants to live with yesterday’s rubble? Who wants to hoard the trash of the past? You don’t, do you? Or do you? I’m not talking about the trash in your house, but in your heart. Not the junk of papers and boxes but the remnants of anger and hurt. Do you rat-pack your pain? Amass offenses? Record slights?

A tour of your heart might be telling. A pile of rejections. Accumulated insults. No one can blame you. They’re innocence takers, promise breakers, and wound makers. They’re everywhere and you’ve had your share. Jesus answered Peter’s question in Matthew 18:21-22 when he asked: *“Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?”* *“No, not seven times,”* Jesus said. *“Seventy times seven!”*

Do you want to give every day a chance? Jesus says to get rid of the trash. Give the grace you’ve been given!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:17-19

Jan-Mar: When the righteous cry for help...
ALL ...the LORD hears them!

Apr-Jun: When His people are troubled...
ALL ...the LORD rescues them!

July-Sep: When His children are brokenhearted...
ALL: ...the LORD is near them!

Oct-Dec: When they are crushed in spirit...
ALL: ...the LORD saves them!

ALL: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

Lesson: Ephesians 6:13-18

Take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

When many of his disciples heard what Jesus was saying, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

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Gospel... (cont'd)

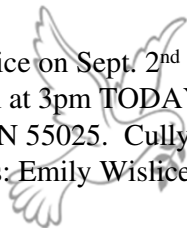
Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."



Announce-able(s)...

Upcoming Baptisms --

- ❖ Baptism of LilyMae and Kylar Egan during the service on Sept. 2nd
- ❖ All are welcome to celebrate Cully Wilson's baptism at 3pm TODAY, Sunday, Aug 26th, at 5848 213th N. Forest Lake, MN 55025. Cully Thomas Wilson, son of Ashley and Nick Wilson. Godparents: Emily Wislicenus and Blake Walker.



Sunday School Kickoff --

Keep in mind... Sunday School kicks off September 9th!! (Yes, NEXT week!! :-) BTW, if you are interested in helping teach, please talk to Pr. Rob soon!

Thanks to Della — who so generously donated the blue tablecloths in the Fellowship Hall — This was done in memory of Bill Miller.

Generosity — Salem has again shown its generosity by having collected \$202.00 for the Gideons! Thanks to all for the support!



Resumes on Wednesday,
Sept. 12th (future dates:
Sept. 26th, Oct. 10th, 24th,
& Nov. 7th)

Lutheran-ables...

How to heap grace on your enemies' heads like hot coals

It is said that by doing good to one's enemies one will heap burning coals on their heads. It is often overlooked that the source for this mandate, Romans 12:19-21, concludes, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Only gracious kindness can overcome anger and the desire for revenge, and true kindness is never malicious or destructive.

1. **Keep in mind that you and your enemies are intimately connected** --- What diminishes or hurts one of you diminishes and hurts all the others. Your own self-interest is the same as their self-interests.
2. **Resign from anger. Train your heart to see your enemies as teachers and partners in your life** --- Make the spiritual commitment to give up regarding those who mean or do you harm as objects of hatred or revenge. Only when you can see them objectively and dispassionately will you be able to break the cycle of anger and become a source of grace to them. (Cont'd next week)



Grin-able(s)...



"Keep Christmas in your heart all year long.
It will leave less room for cholesterol!"

Calendar...

- ❑ Next Council Meeting – September 11th
- ❑ Next Communion – September 16th