

Prayer Concerns:

- Joanne Koecher – Cancer returned; pray for complete remission – 02/02/18
- Family of Ellie – prayers for full recoveries from snowmobile mishap – 01/28/18
- Bill M. – Suffered 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
- Becky – Broken femur; pray: complete healing – 01/07/18
- Keith – Cancer returned; pray: strong & successful treatment – 01/07/18
- Edith H. – Advancing dementia; pray: strength for family – 01/03/18
- Amara – Chemo; may it be successful in eradicating any cancer cells – 12/31/17upd
- Eileen B. – Chemo; may it be successful in eradicating any cancer cells – 12/31/17upd
- Joey – Several medical issues; pray: diagnosis & recovery – 11/28/17
- Hazel -- Entered hospice; pray: peaceful passing – 11/25/17
- Sue L. – Lung infection; pray: speedy and complete cure – 11/17/17
- Greg – Skin cancer; pray: successful treatment, remission – 11/17/17



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

Sleeping Trouble

Millions of Americans have trouble sleeping! You may be one of them. Only one other living creature has as much trouble resting as we do. They are woolly, simpleminded, and slow...sheep. Sheep can't sleep! For sheep to sleep, everything must be just right. No predators. No tension in the flock. Sheep need help. They need a shepherd to *lead them* and *help them lie down in green pastures*. Without a shepherd, they cannot rest.

Without a shepherd, neither can we! Psalm 23:2 says, “*He, (the Shepherd) makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.*” Who’s the active one? Who’s in charge? The Shepherd! With our eyes on the Shepherd, we’ll get some sleep. Isaiah 26:3 reminds us of the promise, “*You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You.*”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19:1-4

- ST-M: The heavens declare the glory of God.
- ST-W: *The skies proclaim the work of his hands.*
- ST-M: Day after day the skies pour forth speech.
- ST-W: *Night after night they reveal knowledge.*
- Sil: he heavens have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.
- ALL: Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1, 4-8, 10-12

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land and said to him, “*This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not crossover into it.*”

Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. He was buried in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

2nd Lesson: 2 Kings 2:11-13

As Elijah and Elisha were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “*My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!*” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two. Elisha then picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-8

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, his clothes becoming dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

There appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "*Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.*" He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "*This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!*"

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Attention-ables...

THANKS to the NEW council members! Last Sunday was the annual meeting during which an election to the council was held. Results: Vicki Bengtson, Joan Butler, and Kevin Almendinger were reelected, Jerry Youngquist came on to finish Emily's final year (she resigned for "children-duties", Lee Debele and Pam Olson joined as new members.

Make a Note-able(s)...

All are welcome at the next council meeting at 6:30pm Tuesday (Feb. 13)!

Lent is upon us! February 14th is Ash Wednesday! We will have a special worship service following a "Soup n Sandwich" supper. The supper starts at 6:00pm and the worship starts at 7. Subsequent Wednesdays will be teaching services starting at 7:00pm (2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, & 3/21). The topic to be discussed at these services is Church History from 300AD through Reformation to today. These Wednesdays will all feature the Soup n Sandwich suppers at 6:00pm.

Be sure to sign up to volunteer to bring/serve these Wednesday suppers! There will be a sign up sheet on the tables in the Fellowship Hall.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rush City is having its Annual Buffalo Dinner on Feb. 24th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. This is always a wonderful supper!

Catechetical-able...

Part 1 – The Ten Commandments

The Introduction – "*I am the Lord your God*"

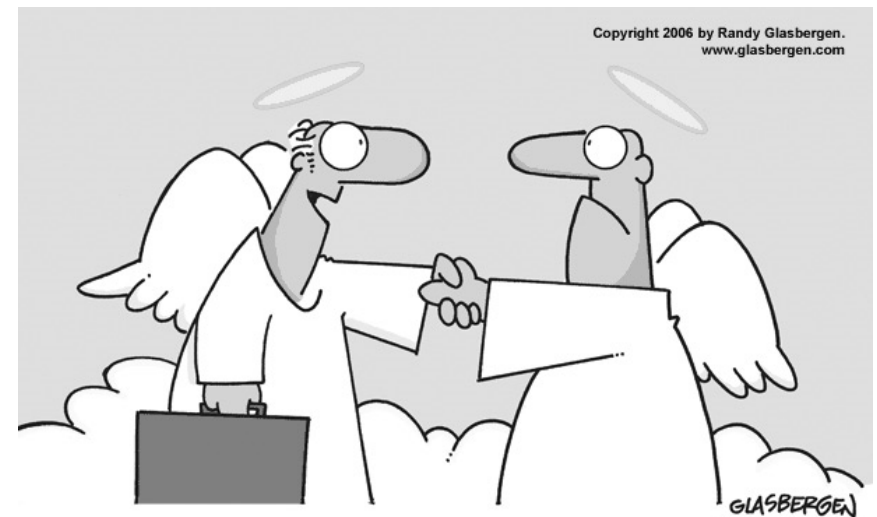
The Eighth Commandment – "*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*"

What does this mean? – We should fear and love God so we do not betray, slander, lie, or gossip about our neighbors, but defend them, speak well of them, and put the most charitable construction on all that they do.

Grin-ables...

More Bulletin Bloopers (from 'other' churches ☺)

- ❖ Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.
- ❖ Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- ❖ Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheep.
- ❖ Hymn: "*I Love Thee My Ford.*"
- ❖ Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers. Bring your own hot dogs and guns.



"For 35 years I tried to sign you up as a client. Now that we're both here, I've got the rest of eternity to keep trying!"

Calendar...

- Next Council Meeting – February 13th @ 6:30pm
- Next Communion – February 18th