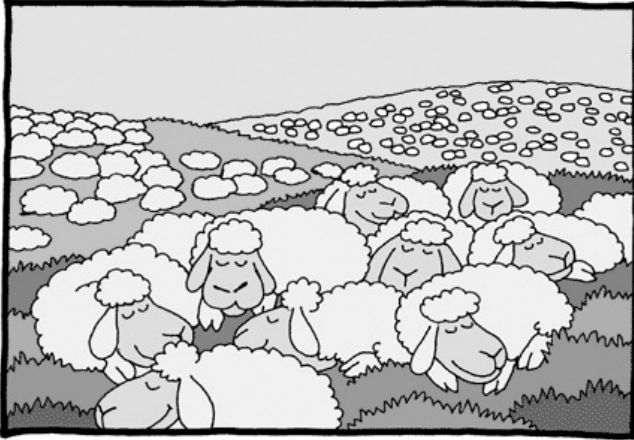


Prayer Concerns:

- Zella – Heart issues; pray for diagnosis & cure – 02/11/18
- Joanne Koecher – Cancer returned; pray for complete remission – 02/02/18
- 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



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

A Pasture for the Soul

When God gave the Ten Commandments and it came to Sabbath rest, His message was clear: If creation didn’t crash when I rested, it won’t crash when you do! You know we need to rest. For a field to bear fruit, it must occasionally lie fallow. And for you to be healthy, you must rest. When David says in the 23rd Psalm, “*He makes me to lie down in green pastures,*” he’s saying, “*My shepherd makes me lie down in his finished work.*”

With His own pierced hands, Jesus created a pasture for the soul. He pried loose the huge boulders of sin. In their place He planted seeds of grace and dug ponds of mercy. Can you imagine the satisfaction in the heart of the shepherd when the work is completed and he sees his sheep rest in the tender grass? Can you imagine the satisfaction in the heart of God when we do the same?

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25: 1-2a, 4-6, 8-10

ALL: To you, Lord, I lift my soul.

Men: Make me to know your ways, O Lord.

Women: Teach me your paths, O Holy One.

Men: Lead me in your truth, Father.

Women: Instruct me toward righteousness, my God.

ALL: O my God, in you I trust.

Men: Good and upright is the LORD.

Women: He instructs sinners in the way.

Men: He leads the humble in what is right.

Women: He teaches the humble his way.

ALL: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.

Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “*As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.*”

God said, “*This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.*” ...

Lesson...(cont'd)

God said to Noah, *"This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."*

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

[After Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan,] the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."*



Evangelism Trip -- Haiti

*The following is paraphrased from a letter by Natasha White
(Hans Erdman's granddaughter)*

This year God has called our church (Friendship Church) to evangelize, show the Jesus film, put on a student youth conference, lead children's programs and partner with our Haitian host, Dr. Paul, in putting on medical clinics. Additionally, I will be giving my testimony, helping to serve in church services and going to hut to hut spreading the gospel. Our hope and prayer is that their hearts would be open to hear and receive the good news of Jesus Christ.

In addition to prayer I need to raise \$2,100.00. Won't you consider contributing? If you feel God is leading you to be a part of this ministry through either prayer and/or financial support, please make your check out to "Friendship Church" and send it to:

Natasha White
22347 Hunter Ridge Circle
Jordan, MN 55352

For more information on this trip, go to www.friendshipmn.org/haiti

Lenten Upcome-ables...

We have the Wednesday eve's supper and learning services. We will collect food for Family Pathways through the month of March (March is Minnesota Food Share Month) and this month's donations will be matched to a percentage). Finally, people can start planning on signing up and donating to help w/ the purchase of flowers for the Easter Garden (donate in memory of someone); we will have the list out starting in March.

Catechetical-able...

Part 1 – The Ten Commandments

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

The Ninth Commandment – *"You shall not covet thy neighbor's house"*

What does this mean? – We should fear and love God so that that we do not plot to take our neighbors' possessions, inheritance, home, or obtain them through deceptive means, but assist and serve out neighbors in keeping what is theirs.

Grin-ables...

More Bulletin Bloopers (from 'other' churches ☺)

- ❖ Today... Christian Youth Fellowship Sexuality Course, 8 p.m. Please park in the rear parking lot for this activity.
- ❖ Jean will be leading a weight-management series Wednesday nights. She's used the program herself and has been growing like crazy!
- ❖ If you are going to be hospitalized for an operation, contact the pastor. Special prayer also for those who are seriously sick by request.
- ❖ Church sign: "Jesus Saves!" Safeway sign across the street: "Safeway saves you more!"



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**"I don't know how you got my number up here,
but I do not need any afterlife insurance!"**

Calendar...

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