

Prayer Concerns:

- Joyellyn – Issues regarding recent screening; pray for happy outcome – 02/22/18
- Lila – Suffered series of small strokes, pray for resolution & fix – 02/18/18
- Derek – Continuing Crohn’s-related issues, pray for resolution & fix – 02/18/18
- 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



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

God is Uncontained

Most people have small thoughts about God. In an effort to see God as our friend, we have lost His immensity. In our desire to understand Him, we have sought to contain Him. The God of the Bible cannot be contained. With a word He called Adam out of dust and Eve out of a bone. He consulted no committee. He sought no counsel. He has authority over the world and...He has authority over *your* world. He is never surprised. He has never, ever uttered the phrase, “*How did that happen?*”

God’s goodness is a major headline in the Bible. If He were only mighty, we would salute Him. But since He is merciful *and* mighty, we can approach Him. If God is at once Father and Creator, holy—unlike us—and high above us, then we, at any point, are only a prayer away from help!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:passim

1-3	The Israelites willfully put God to the test
4-6	<i>They kept on sinning.</i>
7-9	They did not believe.
10-12	<i>They rebelled against him in the wilderness.</i>
13-15	They grieved him in the wasteland.
16-18	<i>They vexed the Holy One of Israel.</i>
19-21	They rebelled against the Most High.
22-24	<i>They did not keep his statutes.</i>
25-27	They were disloyal and faithless.
28-31	<i>They forgot the faithfulness of the Lord.</i>



Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

The LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “*I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.*”

Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “*As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.*”

As Abraham fell facedown, he laughed and said to himself, “*Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?*”

Then God said, “*Yes, your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac (which means ‘he laughed’). I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.*”

Gospel: Mark 8:31-34

Jesus began to teach the disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. Turning [from Peter] and looking at [the rest of] the disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, *"Get behind me, Satan! You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.*

He then called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

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.

"Will you please support me in prayer and, if you feel God is leading you to do so, financially? I need to raise \$2,100.00. Will you consider contributing? If you choose to help, please make your check out to "Friendship Church" and put it in the offering plate before the end of February (Salem will collect the checks together and mail them to me at the end of the month). Thank you very much."

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

Lenten Season-ables...

As we move through Lent here at Salem, we invite you to participate in the Wednesday evenings soup-and-sandwich suppers at 6pm and/or the learning-services at 7pm. Also, we will again collect food and money for Family Pathways through the month of March (March is Minnesota Food Share Month; donations made this month will be matched to a percentage). Please 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. Finally, don't forget about our Good Friday service on March 30th at 7pm.

Lex Pregnancy Resource Center

We raised \$190.00 to support their ministries and they are so very grateful!



Catechetical-able...

Part 1 – The Ten Commandments

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

The Tenth Commandment – *"You shall not covet thy neighbor's wife, his workers, or his livestock, or anything that is your neighbor's."*

What does this mean? – We should fear and love God so that that we do not ruin our neighbors' relationships with their husband or wife, workers, or livestock, or try to lure them away but encourage them to remain and serve each other faithfully.

Grin-ables...

More Bulletin Bloopers (from 'other' churches ☺)

- ❖ The lady at the Bible Study was tearful and crying constantly. She also appeared to be depressed.
- ❖ The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.
- ❖ Questionnaire: *"What is your Church Preference?"* Answer: *"I prefer a red brick church."*
- ❖ There is a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to be baptized on the table in the narthex.



"I'm the Apnea Fairy. I have orders to give you a wake up call at 10:30, 10:47, 10:53, 11:02, 11:17, 11:26..."

Calendar...

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