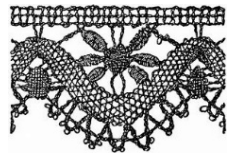


Prayer Concerns:

- 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
- Shirley L. – Knee surgery; pray: successful outcome – 01/03/18
- Edith H. – Advancing dementia; pray: strength for family – 01/03/18
- Amara – Beginning chemo; may it be successful in eradicating any cancer cells – 12/31/17upd
- Eileen B. – Beginning chemo; may it be successful in eradicating any cancer cells – 12/31/17upd
- Deborah – unresolved medical issues; pray: resolution/healing – 12/08/17
- Daniel – cancer; pray: successful treatment, remission – 12/08/17
- Joey – several medical issues; pray: diagnosis & recovery – 11/28/17
- Paul – left hip replace; pray: success & speedy recovery – 11/26/17
- Hazel -- just 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
- Sandy – problem issues; pray: help & answers – 11/8/17
- Carol – undiagnosed pain; pray: relief, comfort, healing – 11/8/17
- Shirley – cancer; pray for her & her family – 11/8/17
- Bonnie – bone cancer discovered; pray: successful treatment, remission – 11/8/17
- John – kidney to be removed; pray: success going forward – 11/6/17
- Derek – renewed difficulties with Crohn’s Disease; pray: speedy recovery & resolution – 11/1/17
- Jim O. – another fall, broken hip; pray: speedy healing – 10/18/17(upd)



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

God’s Higher Purpose

In the famous lace shops of Brussels, Belgium, certain rooms are dedicated to the spinning of the finest lace with the most delicate of patterns. These rooms are completely dark except for a shaft of natural light from a solitary window. Only one spinner sits in the room and the light falls on the pattern while the worker remains in the dark.

Has God permitted a time of darkness in your world? You look but you cannot see him. You see only the fabric of circumstances woven and interlaced. You might question the purpose behind this thread or that. But be assured, God has a pattern. He has a plan. The Bible says in Romans 8:28, *“In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* He is not finished. But when he is, the lace will be beautiful!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29:3-5, 7-9

- Jan-Mar: The voice of the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- Apr-Jun: The voice of the LORD is powerful.
- Jul-Sep: The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- Oct-Dec: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- Jan-Mar: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- Apr-Jun: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- Jul-Sep: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
- Oct-Dec: The voice of the LORD strips the forest bare.
- ALL: And in his temple all say, "Glory!"**



Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, *“Let there be light”*; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. Then, a voice came from heaven, *“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”*

Make a Note-able(s)...

Parish-wide-able...

Sunday, February 4th – Annual Meeting – yes, it's that time again. This meeting is for all members and those considering membership! The meeting discloses the financial condition of the church as well as discusses the status of ongoing ministries and other activities here at Salem. The church council will have some seats available.

If you are interested in being a part of the guidance of this church and its membership, please consider putting your name *"in the hat"* to join the council. Qualifications? Be a member for at least 1 year and be 18 or older. The council meets every month on the second Tuesday @ 6:30pm. If you are interested, see Pastor Rob or Kevin Almendinger (council president).



Can-you-help-ables?...

There are some ministries here at Salem that need some love (by way of volunteering). They are:

- Supplying & Serving treats
- Usher duties
- Lector (reading the lesson on Sunday)
- Date Nights

These are relatively simple tasks, take little time and little effort. Is it *your* turn? Can it be *YOUR* turn? Sign up sheets on the bulletin board.



"DOG is GOD spelled backwards.
That's pretty much all the religion
I know, but it works for me."

Catechetical-able...

Part 1 – The Ten Commandments

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

The Fourth Commandment – *"Honor your father and your mother (that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.)"*

What does this mean? – We should fear and love God so that we do not show contempt for our parents and others in authority, nor provoke them to anger, but respect, obey, serve, love, and honor them.

Grin-ables...

More Bulletin Bloopers (from 'other' churches ☺)

- ❖ Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- ❖ There will not be any Women Worth Watching this week.
- ❖ If you choose to heave during the Postlude, please do so quietly
- ❖ The Honeymooners are now having bile studies each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ On a church postcard: *"I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I would like a personal call."*

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"You used to be a real estate agent. Can you find me a cloud with hardwood floors and more closet space?"

"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!
I can't think of anything that rhymes with
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"

Calendar...

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