

## Prayer Concerns:

- Kevin – No cancer found – Pray: Total remission – 07/06/18 (upd)
- Deb – Breathing difficulties – Pray: Resolve & recovery – 07/03/18
- Bill M. – Hospice – Pray: Peaceful passing – 07/06/18 (upd)
- Mariah – Tumor removal was complete and that there is no residual cancer– 06/30/18(upd)
- Larry – Iron deficiency, cancer found – Pray: Resolve & repair -- 06/03/18(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/continuing medical issues – Pray: Resolve, cure – 06/03/18
- Joanne – Terminal cancer – Pray: Peaceful transition – 06/03/18
- Landon – Personal issues & addiction – pray: healing & recovery – 05/09/18
- Becky – Broken femur, surgery to fix; pray all goes well and soon – 05/08/18
- Joyellyn – Health-issues struggle; pray: speedy resolution – 04/28/18
- Butch – Moved to assisted living facility; pray: successful transition – 04/22/18(upd)
- Lila – Continued improvement; pray for return to normal – 04/10/18 (upd)

## Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

### Untangling Life’s knots...

It’s your best friend’s wedding. “I’ll take care of the reception,” you’d volunteered. You planned the best party possible. You hired the band, rented the hall, catered the meal, decorated the room, and asked your Aunt Bertha to bake the cake. Now the band is playing and the guests are milling, but Aunt Bertha is nowhere to be seen. Everything is here but the cake. You sneak over to the pay phone and dial her number. She’s been taking a nap. She thought the wedding was next week. Oh boy! Now what do you do? Talk about a problem! Everything is here but the cake ... It’s exactly the dilemma Jesus’ mother, Mary, was facing. Back then, wine was to a wedding what cake is to a wedding today. Her solution poses a practical plan for untangling life’s knots. “They have no more wine,” she told Jesus ([John 2:3](#)). That’s it. That’s all she said. She didn’t go ballistic. She simply assessed the problem and gave it to Christ. It’s so easy to focus on everything but the solution. Mary didn’t do that. She simply looked at the knot, assessed it, and took it to the right person. “I’ve got one here I can’t untie, Jesus.”

What causes us to think of prayer as the last option rather than the first?

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 18:28-33, 46

**ALL:**                    **The way of our God is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true.**

1-6:                    Lord, it is you who light my lamp.  
7-12:                  *You, my God, lighten my darkness.*  
13-18:                By you, Lord, I can run against a troop.  
19-24:                *By you, my God I can leap over a wall.*  
25-31:                You are a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

1-6:                    *You are a rock, O my God!*  
7-12:                  You are who equipped me with strength  
13-18:                *You made my way blameless.*  
19-24:                You made my feet like the feet of a deer  
25-31:                *You set me secure on the heights.*

**ALL:**                    **The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation!**

## Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-9

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, “*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.*” Then I said, “*Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.*” But the LORD said to me, “*Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.*”

Then the LORD put forth his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “*Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.*”

## Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Jesus then left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “*Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?*” And they took offense at him.

Then Jesus said to them, “*Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.*” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. ...

## Gospel (cont'd)...

Then he went about among the villages teaching. Then, he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

He said to them, *"Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."*



## Announce-able(s)...

### Military Bible Sticks Campaign...

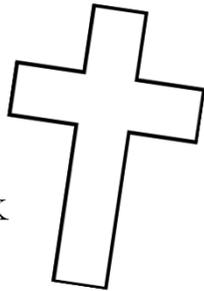
The campaign goes through July 15<sup>th</sup>! Envelopes for your donations are at the aisle-end of the pews. **Please donate!**

### Family Pathways --- Summer needs

Family Pathways Food Shelf is looking for food or monetary donations to help it through the 'lean' summer months.

### Generous service donation...

The large cemetery cross is in need of a refresh. Tate Sandblasting Co. has offered to come pick up the cross, bring it to their shop, sandblast it, refinish it and return it so if anyone sees the cross missing, that's where it is! THANK YOU, TATE'S SANDBLASTING!!!



### Annual Picnic...

If you have ideas or suggestions that would make the picnic even better than the spectacular event it has been, call Diane at (651) 237-1003 or email at

**Diane.Youngquist@gmail.com**. One picnic meeting remains

**July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm**



## Catechism-able...

### Holy Communion

#### *What is Holy Communion?*

Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

#### *Where is this written?*

Matthew, Mark, Luke and Paul say: *"In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.' Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, she for your and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"*



## Grin-able(s)...

- **Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?...** (He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.)
- **I invented a new word ...** (Plagiarism!)
- **Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?" ...** (Because every play has a cast.)
- **Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar. ...** ("Get out of here!" shouts the bartender. "We don't serve your type.")
- **Once my dog ate all the Scrabble tiles.** (For days he kept leaving little messages around the house.)
- **Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? ...** (There's no menu: You get what you deserve.)
- **A woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!" ...** ("Don't worry," said the doc. "Those are just contractions.")
- **A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey and ... cola." ...** ("Why the big pause?" asks the bartender. The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure; I was born with them.")



## Calendar...

- Next council meeting – July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Next Communion – July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Picnic – August 5<sup>th</sup>