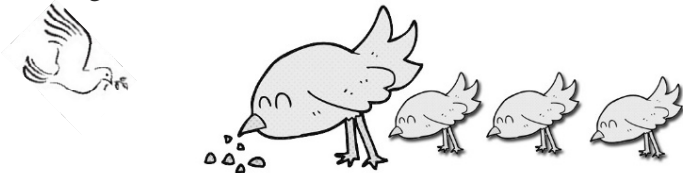


Prayer Concerns:

- Alyce – Surgery– Pray: Successful outcome & speedy healing – 06/14/18
- Mariah – Cancer/Hysterectomy– Pray: Found it all, recovery – 06/07/18
- 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
- Larry – Not eating, unknown reason – Pray: Diagnosis, resolution – 06/03/18
- Kevin – Cancer – Pray: Quick remission, 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
- Jennifer – Personal issues; pray: diagnosis & remedy/control – 05/08/18
- JoAnne – Pray for help & comfort in hard times – 05/02/18
- Joyellyn – Health-issues struggle; pray: speedy resolution – 04/28/18
- Butch – Moved to assisted living facility; pray: successful transition – 04/22/18(upd)
- Floyd – Knee-replacement surgery; pray: speedy/full recovery – 04/22/18
- Bill M. – Continuing difficulties; pray: full recovery – 04/10/18 (upd)
- Lila – Continued improvement; pray for return to normal – 04/10/18 (upd)
- Lisa – Addison’s Disease – Pray: Successful treatment/outcome – 03/20/18
- Ginger – Cancer surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/18/18



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

No Pecking Orders with Jesus

Love does not boast, it is not proud (1 Corinthians 13:4 NIV). Jesus has no room for pecking orders. His solution to man-made caste systems? A change of direction. In a world of upward mobility, choose downward servility. “*Regard one another as more important than yourselves*” (Philippians 2:3 NASB). Jesus flip-flopped the pecking order.

Would you do what Jesus did? He swapped a spotless castle for a grimy stable. He exchanged the worship of angels for the company of killers. If you knew that only a few could care that you came, would you still come? If you knew that those you loved would laugh in your face, would you still care? The palm that held the universe took the nail of a soldier. Why? Because that’s what love does! He loves you that much! Drink deeply of God’s love for you--and ask him to fill your heart with a love worth giving!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 20:1-6

ALL: **The LORD answers you in the day of trouble!
In the name of God, you are protected!**

Women: *May he send you help from the sanctuary.*

Men: *May he give you support from Zion.*

Women: *May he remember all your offerings.*

Men: *May he regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.*

Women: *May he grant you your heart's desire.*

Men: *May he fulfill all your plans.*

Women: *May he give us reason to shout for joy.*

Men: *May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.*

ALL: **Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer them from his holy heaven**

Lesson: I Samuel 16:7, 10-13

[Samuel was sent by the Lord to Bethlehem. He was to anoint a new king for the Israelites. He went to Jesse, and] Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “*The LORD has not chosen any of these.*”

The LORD said to Samuel, “*Do not look on their appearance or on the height of their stature, because I have rejected them; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.*”

Samuel said to Jesse, “*Are all your sons here?*” And he said, “*There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.*” And Samuel said to Jesse, “*Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.*”

He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “*Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.*” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-33

Jesus said, “*The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout...*”

Gospel (cont'd)...

and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, *"With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."*

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

Announce-able(s)...

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. Two Picnic meetings remain.

1 – June 20th @ 4:00pm

2 – July 25th @ 4:00pm



Vacation Bible School...

Those with children, please consider forming a Vacation Bible School program here next year. If you would like your children to participate in one, St. John's in Stacy will be starting theirs soon. Call for information: (651) 462-5115.

Haiti Mission Trip...

Presentation next Sunday!

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!!!



Catechism-able...

Baptism

The Daily Purpose of Baptism

What is the significance of baptizing with water?

It signifies that the old Adam in us, together with all sins and evil desires, should be drowned by daily repentance and sorrow for sin, and be put to death, and that the new person should come forth every day and rise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

Saint Paul says in Romans: *"We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."* (Romans 6:4)



Grin-able(s)...

Dummies

I heard about this kindergarten teacher who wanted to teach her students about self-esteem. She said to her class, *"Everyone who thinks they are dumb, please stand up."* She didn't think anyone would stand and she'd make the point how nobody was dumb. About that time, little Johnny stood up. She didn't quite know what to do so she said, *"Now, Johnny, do you really think you are dumb?"* He said, *"No ma'am, I just hate to see you standing there all by yourself."*

Meals on Wheels

I heard about this cat and mouse, they died on the same day and went to heaven. After a couple of weeks went by, St. Peter asked the mouse how he liked it so far. The mouse said, *"Oh, St. Peter, it's great but it's so big! Do you think I could get some roller skates?"* St. Peter said, *"No problem"* and got the mouse some roller skates. A couple of weeks later St. Peter saw that cat and asked him how he liked it. The cat said, *"Oh, Peter, I love it! And just when I thought it couldn't get any better than this, well, that's when I discovered the "meals on wheels"!!"*

Hearing aids

I heard about this elderly man who had a serious hearing problem for many years. One day he went to the doctor who fitted him with a new type of hearing aid to where he could hear 100%. A month later he went back for a checkup. The doctor said, *"Man, your family must really be happy, your hearing is perfect!"* He said, *"No, I haven't told my family. I just sit around listening to the conversation and I've changed my will three times!"*