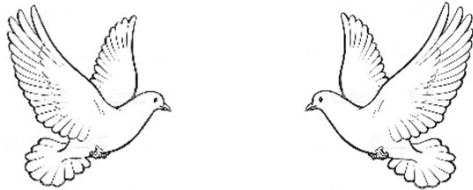


Prayer Concerns:

- David – Mental illness issues – Pray: Successful treatment/control – 06/22/18
- 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)



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

You Are Not a Victim of Your Thoughts

Life has a way of unloading her rubbish on our doorstep! Your husband works too much. Your wife gripes too much. Your boss expects too much. Your kids whine too much. The result? Trash. Loads of pessimism, guilt, anxiety--it all piles up. And what about the Pharisees? They killed Christ in their hearts before they killed him on the cross.

Today’s thoughts are tomorrow’s actions. Could that be why Paul writes, “*Love...keeps no record of wrongs?*” (1 Corinthians 13:5). We do have a choice. Paul says we do when he writes, “*We capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ*” (2 Corinthians 10:5). Selfishness, step back! Envy...get lost! You are not a victim of your thoughts. If today’s thoughts are tomorrow’s actions, what happens when we fill our minds with thoughts of God’s love? Will standing beneath the downpour of his grace change the way we feel about others? Absolutely!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

ALL: **The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.**

PC: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

PC: *He leads me beside quiet waters.*

PC: He refreshes my soul.

PC: *He guides me along the right paths.*

ALL: **Though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil.**

PC: He is with me;

PC: *He comforts me with his rod and your staff.*

PC: He prepares a table before me.

PC: *He anoints my head with oil.*

ALL: **Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Lesson: II Corinthians 6:1-2, 4b-13

As we work together with [Christ], we urge you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “*At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.*”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger – through this all, we have commended ourselves to you by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God. [We have worked] with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; [we have done so] in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. [We manage it all with faith and trust!]

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

[One] day, when evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, “*Let us go across to the other side.*” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was...

Gospel (cont'd)...

already being swamped. He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Announce-able(s)...

Military Bible Sticks...

Next Sunday (July 1st) we will have a presentation on the Military Bible Sticks program we have been supporting. The opportunity will present itself in which we can continue supporting this worthy program.

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 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...

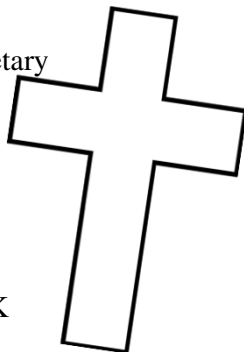
Presentation **TODAY!** After the service...

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...

The Office of the Keys * (i.e. the power of forgiveness in Christ) What is the Office of the Keys?

It is the unique power which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners, and to retain the sins of the impenitent, so long as they do not repent. As Christ Himself declares: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." (John 20:23) "Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 18:18)

* Note: This small section on the Office of the Keys serves as a bridge between the sections on Baptism and Confession. Though not authored by Luther or contained in the Book of Concord, it has been included in many editions of the Catechism since Luther's death.

Grin-able(s)...

Advisory to ushers...

I heard about this elderly lady who came into church one Sunday morning. A friendly usher approached her and asked, "Ma'am, where would you like to sit?" She said, "I would like to sit in the very front row." He said, "Oh, no ma'am, you don't want to do that! Our pastor is very boring and he'll put you to sleep; let me seat you somewhere else." She was appalled, she said, "Young man, do you know who I am?" He said, "No ma'am, I do not." She said, "I am the pastor's mother." He hung his head in embarrassment and finally he looked up and asked, "Ma'am, do you know who I am?" She said, "No." He said, "Thank God!"

Atheist in a boat...

I heard about this atheist who was spending a quiet day on the lake when, all of a sudden, his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness Monster! One easy flip and high into the air went the fellow and his boat then it opened its mouth waiting to swallow. As the man tumbled head over heels toward the gaping mouth he yelled, "God, help me!!!" All at once, time stood still. The whole picture froze. God said, "But I didn't think you believed in me!" The atheist said, "God, please give me a break...two minutes ago, I didn't believe in the Loch Ness Monster either!"



Calendar...

- Next council meeting – July 10th
- Next Communion – July 15th
- Annual Picnic – August 5th