

Prayer Concerns:

- Natasha – Mission trip to Haiti – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/02/18
- 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



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

Trust Your Perfect Guide

The story is told of a man on an African safari deep in the jungle. The guide had a machete and was whacking away the tall weeds and thick underbrush. The traveler, wearied and hot, asked in frustration, “*Where are we? Do you know where you’re taking me? Where is the path?*” The seasoned guide stopped and looked back at the man and replied, “*I am the path.*”

We ask the same questions, don’t we? We ask God, “*Where are you taking me? Where’s the path?*” Oh, He may give us a hint or two, but that’s all. If he did give us more, would we understand? No, like the traveler, we are unacquainted with this jungle. So rather than give us an answer, He gives us a far greater gift...Jesus gives us Himself. He says in Matthew 28:20, “*I am with you always to the very end of the age.*” We need that reminder!

Responsive Reading: Exodus 20:1, 3-4, 7, 12-17

- LDR: Then God spoke all these words:
- North: You shall have no other gods before me.
- South: You shall not make for yourself an idol.
- North: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God.
- South: You shall keep holy the Sabbath.
- North: You shall honor your father and your mother.
- South: You shall not murder.
- North: You shall not commit adultery.
- South: You shall not steal.
- North: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- South: You shall not covet your neighbor's possessions.
- ALL: If we keep these commandments, we will show love to our God who has blessed us.**

Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-19, 22-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “*I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.*”

The Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. To those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Even God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.



Gospel: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"

But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



Lenten Now-ables...

As we are now move through Lent here at Salem, we invite you to participate in the Wednesday evening's soup-and-sandwich suppers at 6pm and/or the learning-services at 7pm. These "learning-services" are about church history i.e. from c.300AD – c.1000AD.

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.

Commission-able...

Natasha's mission trip to Haiti is now officially commissioned TODAY! They will be leaving on Tuesday, March 6 and be gone for ten days. Be sure to add these young folks into your prayers for their safety and success!

Catechetical-able...

Part 1 – The Ten Commandments

What does God declare concerning all these commandments?

He says: "I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

(Next week we will begin a series on the Apostles' Creed)

Grin-ables...

Church Signs (funny:)



Calendar...

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