

## 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 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. – 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; pray: success 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

### Use a Portable Prayer

Some people excel in prayer. They are the SEAL Team 6 of intercession. They would rather pray than sleep. Why is it I sleep when I pray? It's not that we don't pray at all. We all pray some. Surveys indicate one in five *un*believers pray daily. Just in case, perhaps? When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He gave them a prayer...a quotable, repeatable, portable prayer. Could you use the same?

*Father, You are good.*

*I need help. Heal me and forgive me.*

*They need help. Thank you.*

*In Jesus' name, amen.*

Here is my challenge for you: Every day for 4 weeks, pray 4 minutes. Then get ready to connect with God like never before!

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 107: 1-3, 17, 19-22

- ALL:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
- Men: He redeemed them from trouble.  
Women: He gathered them in from the lands
- Men: Some were sick through their sinful ways.  
Women: Some endured affliction because of their iniquities.
- Men: They cried to the LORD in their trouble.  
Women: He saved them from their distress.
- Men: He sent out his word and healed them.  
Women: He delivered them from destruction.
- ALL:** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Ephesians 2:4-10

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, has made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- and has raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. We are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Numbers 21:4b-9

The Israelites became impatient on the way through the wilderness and spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

The LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

Then, the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the..."

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson...(cont'd)

*serpents from us."*

So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "*Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.*" So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## Gospel: John 3:14-21

Jesus taught, "*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

*Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

*This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. All who do evil, hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."*

## Lenten Now-ables...

As we are now moving 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); a signup sheet is in the narthex. **Finally, don't forget about our Good Friday service on March 30th at 7pm. This service will involve our young adults!**

**Then, on Easter Sunday, we will be having an Easter brunch following the service (at 9:30 AM)!**

## Announce-ables...

Thrivent Policy owners: March 31 is the last the last date that you can donate your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars to any charitable organization you wish. If you need help call Thrivent or you can donate online.

## Catechism-able...

### Part 2 – The Apostles' Creed

(Please refer to the Creed printed inside the front cover)

#### The First Article (concerning creation):

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

**What does this mean?** I believe that God has created me and all that exists, that He has given me and still preserves my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my reason and all my senses, together with food and clothing, home and family, and all my property.

Every day He provides abundantly for all the needs of my life. He protects me from all danger and guards and keeps me from every evil.

He does this purely out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, thou I do not deserve it. Therefore I ought to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

## Grin-ables...

### Church Signs



## Calendar...

- Next Council Meeting – March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm
- Next Communion – March 18<sup>th</sup>