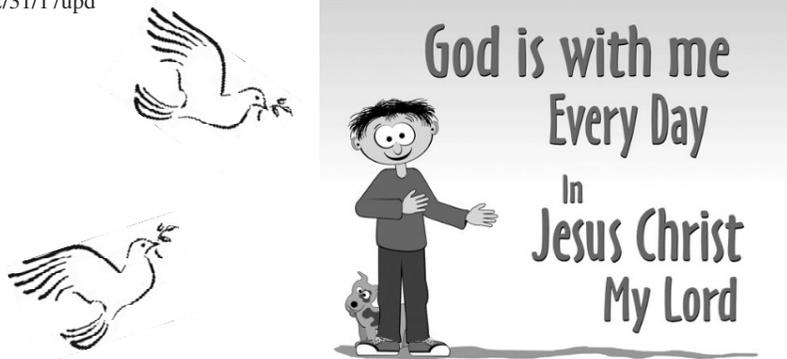


## Prayer Concerns:

- **Emily – Pregnancy/labor issues – Pray: All is/will be well – 03/11/18**
- **Gwen – Back & next surgeries – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/11/18**
- **Cathy – Heart issues – Pray: Complete diagnosis & repair – 03/11/18**
- 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
- 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

### Whispered Reminder

In Matthew 6, Jesus prayed: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

A prayer that begins. . . May I not view you as a distant father, but as one who has come to earth and understands the challenges and temptations of my life. Be near me today, whisper reminders that you’re close. My friends need you today as they make difficult decisions in their workplace and in their families. Show them you are closer than even their earthly fathers. Thank you for hearing me and listening to my pleas. It’s in Jesus’ name I pray this, amen.

Here’s my challenge for you! Every day for four weeks, pray four minutes; and get ready to connect with God like never before!

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:10-16

**All:** **I seek you with all my heart;  
do not let me stray from your commands.**

**Women:** I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.

**Men:** *Praise be to you, LORD;  
teach me your decrees.*

**All:** **With my lips I recount  
all the laws that come from your mouth.**

**Women:** I rejoice in following your statutes  
as one rejoices in great riches.

**Men:** *I meditate on your precepts  
and consider your ways.*

**All:** **I delight in your decrees;  
I will not neglect your word.**

## Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.*

*“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*

## Gospel: John 12:24-26

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

## 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.1500AD.

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)!**



## Make a Note-able(s)...

**FRAID & SENIORS** – The MN Dept. of Commerce has created a "Hang Up on Fraud" toolkit. This kit provides information to empower older adults to protect themselves against fraud and scams – whether over the phone, online or in person. To order one of these kits, there are three ways through which you can do it.

❖ **Email:** [consumer.protection@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.protection@state.mn.us)

❖ **Call:** (651) 539-1600 and ask for one.

❖ **Visit (online):** <http://www/mn.gov/commerce>

## Pique-Your-Interest-able...

- **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.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wyoming, MN is having its annual **Spring Fashion Show** Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. For more information and tickets see Anita!

## Announce-ables...

We will be having a Spring Cleanup/BBQ/and bonfire May 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> (in case of rain...yes, these are Saturdays). Let's clean up the building & property and have some fun and good food while we're at it! ☺ More later....

## Catechism-able...

### Part 2 – The Apostles' Creed

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

#### The Second Article (concerning redemption):

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord...the living and the dead.*

**What does this mean?** I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, and has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil, not with silver and gold, but with His and precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity. **This is most certainly true.**

## Grin-ables...



(See Matthew 10:29-31)

**WE ONLY HAVE TO NUMBER THE HEAD HAIRS, RIGHT?**

Re: Matthew 10:29-31



**A priest and a rabbi are in a car crash** and it's a bad one. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither one of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "So you're a priest. That's interesting; I'm a rabbi. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace." The priest replies, "Oh, yes, I agree. It's a miracle that we survived and are here together." "And here's another miracle," says the rabbi. "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune," he says, handing the bottle to the priest. The priest nods in agreement, opens the wine, drinks half of it, and hands it back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes it and puts the cap back on. "Aren't you going to have any?" asks the priest. "Not right now," says the rabbi. "I think I'll wait until after the police make their report."

## Calendar...

❑ Next Council Meeting – April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

❑ Next Communion – April 15<sup>th</sup>