

Prayer Concerns:

- Lisa – Addison’s Disease – Pray: Successful treatment/outcome – 03/20/18
- Ginger – Cancer surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/18/18
- Emily – Pregnancy/labor issues – Pray: All is/will be well – 03/11/18
- Gwen – Back surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/11/18
- Cathy – Heart issues – Pray: Complete diagnosis & repair – 03/11/18
- 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 **A PRAYER "IS" SPEECH... NOT A SPEECH :)**

Prayers Don't Get Graded

Jesus downplayed the importance of words in prayers. We tend to do the opposite. The more words the better! We emphasize the appropriate prayer language, the latest prayer trend, the holiest prayer terminology. Against all this emphasis on syllables and rituals, Jesus says in Matthew 6:7, “*Don't ramble like heathens who talk a lot.*” There's no panel of angelic judges with numbered cards.

Wow, Lucado, that prayer was a ten. God will certainly hear you! or Oh, Lucado, you scored a two this morning. Go home and practice!

Prayers aren't graded according to style. If prayer depends on how I pray, I'm sunk. But if the power of prayer depends on the One who hears the prayer, then I have hope.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

ALL: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Lector: Let Israel say...

ALL: "His steadfast love endures forever."

1-10: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

ALL: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

11-20: This is the gate of the LORD;

ALL: the righteous shall enter through it.

21-31: I thank you that you have answered me.

ALL: You have become my salvation.

Lector: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Lector: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

ALL: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

1-10: The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

ALL: Bind the festal procession with branches.

11-20: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.

ALL: We go up to the horns of the altar.

21-31: You are my God, I will extol you.

ALL: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it, and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"



MapleFest – Glenna Farms – TODAY!!!!



Enjoy a fun and interesting time at Glenna Farms in Wisconsin! The free pancake breakfast is over with at 1:00 PM so, if you are planning to go you should head over there right after today's service! There is much to see and do and learn there plus a gift shop featuring some excellent jams and jellies and sausages, etc!

Welcome New Members!

David and Emily Egan are proud and happy to announce the arrival (last Sunday morning) of their son **Kylar** and their daughter **LilyMay** Egan (their brand-new twins!!) All are healthy although the babies are petite coming in at just under 5 pounds each. **CONGRATULATIONS DAVE & EMILY!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Make a Note-able(s)...

FRAUD & 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

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

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

Pique-Your-Interest-able...

- St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wyoming, MN is having its annual **Spring Fashion Show** Saturday, April 14th at 1:00 PM. For more information and tickets see Anita!
- **St. John's Lutheran Church** in Stacy is pleased to announce that Pastor Ben Hollingsead has accepted a call to be their Senior Pastor! We remember Pr. Ben preaching here at Salem a few times as he was interning at St. John's. He will begin preaching there April 8th.

Announce-able(s)...

We will be having a Spring Cleanup/BBQ/and bonfire May 19th or 26th (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...

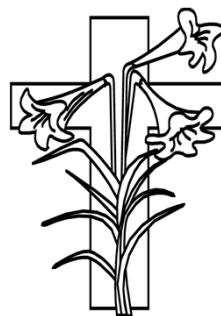
Part 2 – The Apostles' Creed

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

The Third Article (concerning sanctification):

I believe in the Holy Spirit, ...

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith. In the same way, He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in unity with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church, He daily forgives abundantly all my sins and the sins of all believers; and at the last day, He will raise me and all the dead and will grant everlasting life to me and all who believe in Christ. **This is most certainly true.**



- ❖ This is the **LAST SUNDAY** in which to donate to the Easter Garden!!!
- ❖ Sign up to support the Easter Brunch!!!
- ❖ Communion will be served on both Easter Sunday and on April 15th.
- ❖ Special thanks to Duane for his efforts with the furnace!!

Calendar...

- ❑ Next Council Meeting – April 10th @ 6:30pm
- ❑ Next Communion – April 15th