

Prayer Concerns:

- **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)
- Jack – Kidney replacement surgery; pray: successful outcome – 04/22/18
- 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)
- Lisa – Addison’s Disease – Pray: Successful treatment/outcome – 03/20/18
- Ginger – Cancer surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/18/18
- Gwen – Back surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/11/18
- Cathy – Heart issues – Pray: Complete diagnosis & repair – 03/11/18
- Derek – Continuing Crohn’s issues, pray for resolution & fix – 02/18/18



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

In the Storm

After Jesus’ disciples fought a raging storm for nine cold hours, at about 4:00 AM the unspeakable happened. They spotted someone coming on the water. “A ghost!” they said, crying out in terror. (Matthew 14:26 MSG). They didn’t expect Jesus to come to them this way.

Neither do we. We expect him to come in the form of peaceful hymns on Easter Sundays or quiet retreats. We expect to find Jesus in morning devotionals and meditations. We never expect to see him in a divorce or a foreclosure. We never expect to see him in a storm. But it’s in a storm that he does his finest work, for it is in storms that he has our keenest attention.

Jesus replied to the disciples’ fear with an invitation worthy of inscription on every church cornerstone and residential archway, “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!” (Matthew 14:27).

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-3, 14-15

ALL: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel.
MEN: You who lead Joseph like a flock,
WOMEN: You who sit enthroned between the cherubim.
ALL: Shine forth before [all of your people].

ALL: Awaken your might.
MEN: Come and save us.
WOMEN: Restore us, O God.
ALL: Return to us, God Almighty!

ALL: Watch over this vine.
MEN: The root your right hand has planted,
WOMEN: The branch you have raised up for yourself,
ALL: Keep us safe and give us life!

ALL: Look down from heaven and see!
MEN: Make your face shine on us,
WOMEN: Lead us home.
ALL: Raise us such that we may be saved!

Lesson: II Kings 2:1-6, 11-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha went on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “*Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.*” But Elisha said, “*As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.*” So they went down to Bethel.

The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “*Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?*” “*Yes, I know,*” Elisha replied, “*so be quiet.*” Then Elijah said to him, “*Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.*” And he replied, “*As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.*” So they went to Jericho.

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Then Elijah said to him, “*Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.*” And he replied, “*As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.*” So the two of them walked on.

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ...

Lesson (cont'd)...

Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

Gospel: Luke 24:49-53

[Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, after having appeared to his disciples and teaching them, he said,] "And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Announce-able(s)...

Baptism...

The parish is invited to celebrate the baptism of Arthur Negen on Sat, May 19th, at 11:00 AM. Arthur is the new son of Jeremy and Erica Negen; Erica is Pam and Mitch Olson's daughter. If you choose to come, please let either Pr. Rob or Pam know.

Spring Cleaning...



Spring is FINALLY Springing!!!

We will be having a Spring Cleanup/Potluck/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! ☺

Salem History page...

The last page of the Sunday bulletin has long contained a summary of Salem's history. The information, while accurate, is outdated. What is needed is an updated summary. If you are interested in writing one, please do so and give your submission to Jerry Youngquist who will bring it/them to the council for approval. Once approved, it will replace the current page along with accreditation if desired. ☺



Catechism-able...

The Lord's Prayer

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God indeed tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and protect us from this, that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins, but pray that when we are tempted in these ways, we may finally prevail and gain the victory.

Grin-able(s)...

Nature-loving clergy

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So each one goes into the woods, finds ^[SEP]a bear, and attempts to convert it. Later, they all get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his first Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy Word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

Hearing help

"What's wrong, Bubba?" asked the pastor.

"I need you to pray for my hearing," said Bubba.

The pastor put his hands on ^[SEP]Bubba's ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, "So how's your hearing?"

"I don't know," said Bubba. "It isn't until next Tuesday."

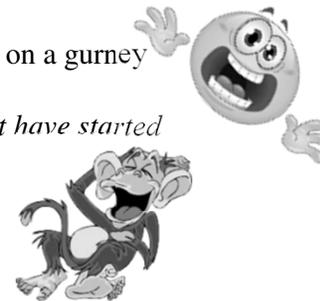
Doh!

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A. "It's Christmas, Eve!"

Q. How does Moses make his coffee?

A. "Hebrews it."



Calendar...

- Next Council Meeting – June 12th @ 6:30pm
- Next Communion – May 20th