

## Prayer Concerns:

- **Our Jewish brethren in PA who suffered such egregious loss**
- **Kelly K. – Possible cancer or pneumonia – Pray – Neither, heal all – 11/02/18**
- **Deb A. – Cancer – Pray – Successful treatment & remission – 10/28/18**
- David C. – Cancer – Pray – Successful treatment & remission – 10/15/18
- Patty J. – Heart surgery – Pray – Success and speedy recovery – 10/14/18
- Larry N. – Lung infection – Pray – Clear up & quick recovery – 10/14/18
- Gavin – Concussion from football – Pray– Speedy recovery – 10/10/18
- Duane – General health issues – Pray– All gets well soon – 10/12/18
- Randy – Suffered setback – Pray -- Resolution/healing – 09/26/18 (upd)
- Joanne – Unresolved medical issues – Pray: Speedy resolution – 09/17/18
- Amanda – Moved to Assisted living – Pray: Smooth transition – 09/16/18 (upd)
- Derek – Pain, appendectomy – Pray: Resolution, healing – 09/15/18
- Hurricane victims – Pray -- Speedy resolution to all difficulties – 09/15/18
- Renee – Medical event & hospitalized – Pray: Resolution/cure – 09/14/18
- Ron H. – Cancer – Pray -- Successful treatment/recovery – 09/09/18
- Sharon & Ron Voss – Health issues – Pray -- Healing – 08/24/18
- Lila – Dizziness & falls – Pray – Cont'd recovery from stroke – 08/24/18
- Rose H. – Auto accident – Pray – Cont'd recovery from injuries – 08/13/18

“Now let us have a little talk with Jesus. Let us tell Him all about our troubles. He will hear our faintest cry...”



## Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

### Let God Have You

How long has it been since you let God have you? I mean really *have* you? How long since you gave Him a portion of undiluted, uninterrupted time listening for His voice?

Apparently, Jesus did. He made a deliberate effort to spend time with God. Spend much time reading about the listening life of Jesus and a distinct pattern emerges. He spent regular time with God, praying and listening. Mark 1:35 says, “*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.*” Luke tells us, “*Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.*” Let me ask the obvious. If Jesus, the Son of God, the sinless Savior of humankind, thought it worthwhile to clear His calendar to pray, wouldn’t we be wise to do the same?

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:1-4, 8

Jan-Feb	Happy are those whose way is blameless.
Mar-Apr	Happy are those who walk in the law of the LORD.
May-Jun	Happy are those who keep his decrees.
Jul-Aug	Happy are those who seek him with their whole heart.
Sep-Oct	Happy are those who also do no wrong.
Nov-Dec	Happy are those who walk in his ways.

**ALL:** **O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! I will observe your statutes and walk in your ways!**



## Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.



## Announce-able(s)...

### Last chance-ables...

**Operation Christmas Child** – Next Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>) is the last Sunday for this drive. Emily will collect

### Crystal Ball-ables...

**Thanksgiving** – Service @ 7:00pm followed by pie social --- Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Advent** – Wednesdays (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 5, 12, 19) teaching services, "The Church in the Modern World."

## Lutheran-ables...From "The Lutheran Handbook II"

### How to tell the difference between cheap grace & regular grace

The Lutheran understanding of grace is often summed up by Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast." The term "cheap grace" applies when a person knowingly uses God's grace as a justification for sin—by commission or omission. The following rationales usually signal the presence of cheap grace:

3. "It's easier to ask for permission than forgiveness" – If so, you're probably looking for a helping of cheap grace. Isaiah 66:2 says God looks to the "humble and contrite in spirit." God doesn't call us to go through the motions of asking forgiveness as a formality. People aren't truly "contrite" if they knew in advance they were about to do something wrong.
4. "Sin Boldly" – Many well-meaning Lutherans invoke this partial quote by Martin Luther to justify their sins. In fact, Luther intended to refute cheap[ grace when he said, "Sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly, for He is victorious over sin, death, and the world." Your identity in Christ is the critical thing; glossing over sin with half-truths only obscures this.....(cont'd next week)

## Grin-able(s)...

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green. Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green two feet from the hole. The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home next time!"



## Calendar...

- Next Council Meeting – November 13<sup>th</sup>
- Next Communion – November 18<sup>th</sup>