

Prayer Concerns:

- Emry Kay –More info, see “Announce-ables” this bulletin – 10/03/18
- Betty K. – Unresolved infection – Pray: Resolution/healing – 09/30/18
- Randy – Suffered setback – Pray: Resolution/healing – 09/26/18 (upd)
- Joanne – Unresolved medical issues – Pray: Speedy resolution – 09/17/18
- Karen – Surgery – Pray: Speedy and full recovery – 09/16/18
- Amanda – Moving to Assisted living – Pray: Smooth transition – 09/16/18 (upd)
- Derek – Pain, appendectomy – Pray: Resolution, healing – 9/15/18
- Hurricane victims – Pray: Speedy resolution to all difficulties – 9/15/18
- Renee – Medical event & hospitalized – Pray: Resolution/cure – 09/14/18
- Ron H. – Cancer – Pray: Successful treatment/recovery – 09/09/18
- Moorman family – Lost everything/fire – Pray: Strength & Courage – 08/26/18
- Sharon & Ron Voss – Health issues – Pray: Healing – 08/24/18
- Lila – Dizziness & falls – Pray: continued recovery from stroke – 08/24/18
- Rose H. – Auto accident – Pray: Continued recovery from injuries – 08/13/18
- Brian – Auto accident – Pray: Speedy recovery – 08/02/18
- Butch – Moved to assisted living; pray: successful transition – 07/14/18(upd)
- Dave J.– Hip surgery – Pray: Quick return to normal living! – 07/10/18
- Lori – Early cancer diagnosis – Pray: Speedy/complete cure – 07/09/18
- Scott – Kidney/pancreas transplant – Pray: No rejection – 07/09/18
- Kevin – Recovery from prostate cancer– Pray: Total remission – 07/07/18
- Keith – Lung cancer found, new treatment – Pray: Effective treatment – 07/07/18
- Larry – Cancer found, chemo, surgery – Pray: Remission– 07/07/18(upd)



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

A Godly Touch

The power of a godly touch. Have you known it? The doctor who treated you, or the teacher who dried your tears? Was there a hand holding yours at a funeral? Haven't we known the power of a godly touch? Can't we offer the same? Some of you use your hands to pray for the sick. If you aren't touching them personally, you're writing notes, calling, baking pies. You've learned the power of a touch. But others tend to forget. Our hearts are good; it's just that our memories are bad. We forget how significant one touch can be. We fear saying the wrong thing, or using the wrong tone or acting the wrong way. So rather than do it incorrectly, we do nothing at all.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 26

- All:** **Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**
- Men:** Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.
- Women:** *For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.*
- Men:** I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- Women:** *I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.*
- All:** **I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**
- Men:** O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.
- Women:** *Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,*
- Men:** in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- Women:** *But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me and be gracious to me.*
- All:** **My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

Then the LORD God said, “*It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.*” Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “*This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*” Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.



Announce-able(s)...

Care-able...

Emry Kay is three months old. She is a little child with very big problems and, at the very least, needs our prayers. She has serious heart problems associated with Down Syndrome. Read a more complete story at the Caring Bridge website (www.caringbridge.org/visit/emrymeyer).

Eat-ables...

On Sunday, Oct 7th, 11-1:30, the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rush City will have their annual Turkey Dinner. This follows a Gospel-music service at 9:30. There will also be a Dollar Store and a Bake Sale.

Interest-ables...

The Pregnancy Resource Center in North Branch, *Options for Women*, will host their annual banquet on Thurs, Oct 11th, at 6pm, at **Access Church**. A free will offering will take place to support the ministry that *Options* provides to area women. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet taped to the door in the narthex.

Halloween-able...

Please talk with Pastor Rob about interest in a Halloween party and *All Saints/Souls* prayer service the evening of October 31st

Charit-ables...

+ **Operation Christmas Child** – Sharing Christmas w/needy children – See the Flyer in the Narthex!

+ On Sat, Oct 13th, for interested persons, we can help pack meals for the needy with **Life Rice** in conjunction w/ **World Food Day**.. More information and a sign-up will be coming - Watch for it!

Kroppkakor Supper

The Annual Kroppkakor Supper will be held on Saturday, October 27th at Spring Lake Lutheran Church in North Branch beginning at 3:30 PM and running until 6:30 PM.



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

The Top Three Uses of the Law

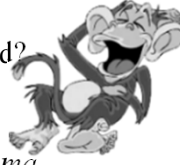
"You shall have no other gods." – That's the First Commandment. There are more than 600 additional commands in the first five books of the Old Testament. Additionally, there are dozens of rules in the New Testament, such as Jesus' request, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 12: 34), and "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Lutherans have always understood that the law has particular functions, also called "uses."

1. The first use of the law (Latin term: *usus civilis* ("civil use")). At face value, laws simply let us know what is required of us in terms of conduct. The law, therefore, is first given in order to maintain discipline so our sinful impulses are kept in check, order is maintained, and human community can be possible. (*cont'd next week*)

Grin-able(s)...

Letters to the Pastor ---

- Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, *Arnold. Age 8, Nashville*
- Dear Pastor, Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? Sincerely, *Christopher. Age 9, Titusville*
- Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. *Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma*



Calendar...

- Next Council Meeting – October 9th
- Next Communion – October 21st