

Prayer Concerns:

- **Gavin – Concussion from football – Pray– Speedy recovery – 10/10/18**
- **Duane – General health issues – Pray– All gets well soon – 10/12/18**
- 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)
- Lori – Early cancer diagnosis – Pray: Speedy/complete cure – 07/09/18
- Scott – Kidney/pancreas transplant – Pray: No rejection – 07/09/18



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

Judgment is God’s Job

There is power in revenge. Intoxicating power. Haven’t we tasted it? Haven’t we been tempted to get even? As we escort the offender into the courtroom, we announce, “*He hurt me!*” and jurors shake their heads in disgust. “*He abandoned me!*” we explain, and the chambers echo with our accusation. “*Guilty!*” the judge snarls as he slams the gavel. “*Guilty!*” the jury agrees. We delight in this moment of justice. We relish this pound of flesh. I don’t mean to be cocky, but why are you doing God’s work for Him? “*Vengeance is Mine,*” God declared. “*I will repay.*” Proverbs 20:22 says, “*Don’t say, ‘I’ll pay you back for the wrong you did.’ Wait for the Lord, and He will make things right.*” Judgment is God’s job. To assume otherwise is to assume God can’t do it. God has not asked us to settle the score or get even. Ever!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:3-5, 9-10

ALL: You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

NE: In you our ancestors trusted.

NW: They trusted, and you delivered them.

SW: To you they cried, and were saved.

SE: In you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

ALL: You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

NE: It was you who brought me forth from the womb.

NW: You kept me safe on my mother's breast.

SW: On you I was cast from my birth.

SE: Since my mother bore me, you have been my God.

ALL: You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

1st Lesson: Amos 5:14-15

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

2nd Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16

Because we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens (Jesus, the Son of God), let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses; instead, we have one who - in every respect - has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel: Mark 10:23-31

Jesus said to his disciples, “*How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!*” The disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “*Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.*” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “*Then who can be saved?*”

Jesus looked at them and said, “*For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.*” Peter began to say to him, “*Look, we have left everything and followed you.*” ...

Gospel...(cont'd)

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."



Announce-able(s)...

Communic-able...

- **Watch** for the Salem Newsletter (lots of important dates coming up!!)
- Silas Akason – Baptism – October 27th

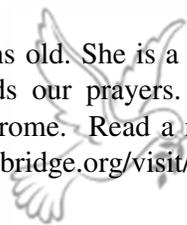


Appreci-able...

As is getting pretty obvious, our (Salem's) furnace has gone to furnace-heaven. Big thanks to Lee for his efforts in finding and securing a good deal on a new furnace to be installed Tuesday!

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).



Charit-ables...

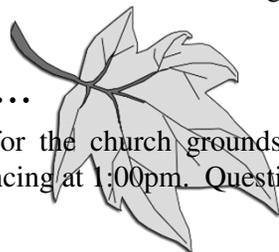
+ **Operation Christmas Child** – Sharing Christmas w/needful children – See the Flyer in the Narthex!

Eat-ables...

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.

Autumn cleanup-able...

The annual Fall Cleanup for the church grounds is now scheduled for Saturday, October 27th commencing at 1:00pm. Questions? See Lee!



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." (*cont'd from last week*)

2. The second use of the law. Latin term: *Usus Pedagogicus* ("pedagogical use"). The law teaches us (a) that we always fall short of keeping it, (b) that we are sinners, and © that we need someone to save us from sin and its consequences. That is, the law's second use drives us to Christ and His cross. For Lutherans this use is the most important use because it leads to salvation.

3. The third use of the law. Latin term: *Usus tertius* ("third use"). Most Lutherans believe that after one becomes a Christian, the law is still necessary. "Third Users" believe that apart from the first use a third use must be applied in order to establish a Christian pattern of life. "Non-Third Users" argue that the third use is redundant and unnecessary, saying the first use gives Christians all they need in this regard. ...(*cont'd next week*)

Grin-able(s)...

Sunday School---

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?" "NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" "Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?" In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"



Calendar...

- Next Communion – October 21st
- Fall Clean-up – October 27th