

Prayer Concerns:

- **Family of Jim Deitner – Pray for their peace & comfort in their loss**
- Randy – Big improvement – Pray: Continued success – 09/02/18 (upd)
- Moorman family – Lost everything/fire – Pray: Strength & Courage – 08/26/18
- Jim & Shari – Serious motorcycle accident – Pray: Speedy healing – 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: Recovery from injuries – 08/13/18
- Ellen – Surgery complications – Pray: Repair & quick recovery – 08/12/18
- Brian – Auto accident – Pray: Speedy recovery – 08/02/18
- Josh - Construction accident, badly hurt. Pray complete healing -- 07/31/18
- Rob C. – Terminal cancer – Pray for peaceful passing – 07/21/18
- 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
- Amanda – Undisclosed medical issues – Pray: Resolution – 07/08/18
- 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)
- Mariah – Tumor removal was complete; no residual cancer– 06/30/18(upd)
- Vern – Heart issues – Pray: Successful treatment – 06/30/18
- David – Mental illness issues – Pray: Successful treatment/control – 06/22/18
- Alyce – Surgery– Pray: Successful outcome & speedy healing – 06/14/18



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

You Have Clout with God

You may find yourself in an impossible situation. You feel outnumbered and outmaneuvered. You want to quit. Could I ask you to memorize this promise and ask God to bring it to mind? Write it where you'll find it. Tattoo it, if not on your skin at least on your heart: "*When a believing person prays, great things happen*" (James 5:16).

If you've taken on the name of Christ, you have clout with the most powerful being in the universe. When you speak, God listens. Jesus said, "*When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action*" (Matthew 18:19). Prayer is just the first step. God has power you've never seen, strength you've never known. He delights in answering prayer! And because his promises are unbreakable, our hope in unshakable!

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 35:4-6a

ALL: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God."

North: The eyes of the blind shall be opened!

South: The ears of the deaf unstopped!

North: The lame shall leap like a deer!

South: The tongue of the speechless sing for joy!

ALL: Yes, He will come and save you.

Lesson: James 2:13-17

Judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "*Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,*" and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice; a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

He said to her, "*Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.*"

But she answered him, "*Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.*"

Then he said to her, "*For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter.*" So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ...

Gospel... (cont'd)

Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." Immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."



Announce-able(s)...

Special Event --

New Christian Movie!! – "Miles Between Us" – To be shown at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 5879 Wyoming Trail, Wyoming, MN (www.sharingchristслоve.org) today at 1:00pm.

Immediately following this showing will be a Q & A with its producer and an ice cream social (w/free-will offering).

Sorry about the short notice!!

Grief Counseling –

A 12-week "GriefShare" course is offered to those folks who have recently lost family members or close friends. The course is being held on Thursdays from 4 to 6pm at:

**First Baptist Church
304 Main Street S.
Cambridge, MN**

For more information please call:

**Donna Reiter
Pastor to Senior Adults
(763) 689-1173**

Sunday School Kickoff --

Thanks to Gina, Deb, and Terrienne who have volunteered to be our regular Sunday School teachers this year. Helping out as needed will be Emily, Jenny D., and Jenny A.



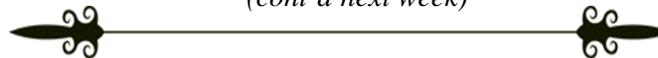
Lutheran-ables...From "The Lutheran Handbook II"

How to receive God's grace daily--- God's grace exists in a dual, paradoxical state that many Protestant theologians describe as being transcendent and immanent---that is, above and beyond the realm of human understanding, but also ever-present and constantly available to human beings. One suggested analogy involves the human as a radio, "tune in" to God's grace the same way a dial is set to a constant, pre-existing signal.

Be Aware:

- ✓ For Lutherans, God's grace is both hidden and revealed at the same time.
- ✓ God's grace is clearly visible, however, in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For confirmation of God's love for you, direct your attention to the cross.
- ✓ Receiving God's grace is not contingent on the results of a pass-fail behavior test.
- ✓ The Rev. James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool, explains grace thusly: "The best thing about grace is that God loves you just as you are. That is truly wonderful, that is good news for any human being on the face of this planet."
- ✓ Attempts to earn or acquire God's grace categorically result in failure. Grace can only be received as a free gift from God through Jesus Christ.

(cont'd next week)



Grin-able(s)...

A preacher's little boy inquired, "Daddy, I notice every Sunday morning when you first come out to preach, you sit up on the platform and bow your head. What are you doing?"

The father explained, "I'm asking the Lord to give me a good sermon." The little boy said, "Why didn't he?"

The child was a typical four-year-old girl - cute, inquisitive, bright as a new penny. When she expressed difficulty in grasping the concept of marriage, her father decided to pull out his wedding photo album, thinking visual images would help. One page after another, he pointed out the bride arriving at the church, the entrance, the wedding ceremony, the recessional, the reception, etc. "Now do you understand?" he asked. "I think so," she said, "is that when mommy came to work for us?"



Calendar...

- ☐ Next Council Meeting – September 11th
- ☐ Next Communion – September 16th