

## Prayer Concerns:

- **Family of Rob C. – Pray: Strength & Peace in their loss**
- **Renee – Medical event & hospitalized – Pray: Resolution/cure – 09/14/18**
- **Ron H. – Cancer – Pray: Successful treatment/recovery – 09/09/18/**
- Randy – Big improvement – Pray: Continued success – 09/02/18 (upd)
- 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: Recovery from injuries – 08/13/18
- Brian – Auto accident – Pray: Speedy recovery – 08/02/18
- Josh - Construction accident, badly hurt. Pray complete healing -- 07/31/18
- 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

### The Gift God Has Given You

A cynic asked an elderly woman about the security of her salvation. He said, “How can you be so sure that after all these years God won’t let you sink into hell?” Her answer: “He would lose more than I would. All I would lose would be my own soul, but He would lose his good name.”

What a gift God has given to you! You’ve won the greatest lottery in the history of humanity, and you didn’t even pay for the ticket. Your soul is secure, your salvation guaranteed. Your name is written in the only book that matters. This is the message of God, the promise of grace. The Bible says “there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ” (Romans 8:1). This is a promise from God. And because God’s promises are unbreakable our hope is unshakable!

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 22: 1, 14-18

**ALL:** My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

1-7 I cry by day, but thou dost not answer,  
and by night, but find no rest.

8-15 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint.

16-23 My heart is like wax,  
it is melted within my breast.

24-31 My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue cleaves to my jaws.

**ALL:** Thou dost lay me in the dust of death.

1-5 Yea, dogs are round about me.

5-10 A company of evildoers encircle me.

11-15 They have pierced my hands and feet.

16-20 I can count all my bones.

21-25 They stare and gloat over me.

26-31 They divide my garments among them.

**ALL:** My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?



## Lesson: Isaiah 53: 3-7

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

## Gospel... (cont'd)

Jesus went with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." Then, he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." He sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

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## Announce-able(s)...

### Feast of St. Francis of Assisi-

...*"All ye birds of the air, bless the Lord"*



Saint Francis once spotted a great number of birds of all varieties - doves, crows and others. Swept up in the moment, Saint Francis left his friends in the road and ran after the birds, who patiently waited for him. He greeted them in his usual way, expecting them to scurry off into the air as he spoke. But they didn't move. Filled with awe, he asked them if they would stay awhile and listen to the Word of God. He said to them: *"My brother and sister birds, you should praise your Creator and always love him: He gave you feathers for clothes, wings to fly and all other things that you need. It is God who made you noble among all creatures, making your home in the air. Without sowing or reaping, you receive God's guidance and protection."*

We, at Salem, will hold a Pet-Blessing Service in accord with the subject feast on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. All animals are invited ☺

## Charit-ables...

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

## Halloween-able...

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



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

**How to proclaim the Gospel to someone who needs to hear it** - Christian belief puts overwhelming stress on the Word and preaching the gospel to others through a verbal declaration. For Lutherans, this declaration is the thing sinners afflicted by the law hunger and wait and listen for; learning how to declare it in life situations, therefore, is a critical skill that requires both practice and boldness.

- I. Assess the human need at hand.** Is the person hungry? Lonely? Depressed? Diseased? Spiritual needs can become manifest through physical behavioral or psychological symptoms. Most often the affliction is the result of some law or other having remorselessly gone to work on the person.
- II. Avoid neglecting the physical opportunities to bring the gospel.** Although He delivered many sermons and teachings and was Himself God's forgiveness and salvation for sinners, Christ's ministry was physically dynamic: He washed feet, cleansed lepers, healed the sick, and raised the dead. When such physical acts accompany an authentic delivery of the gospel, the impact is more than double.

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## Grin-able(s)...

A Sunday School teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children began discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

Little Bobby was spending the weekend with his grandmother. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful. His grandmother remarked...

*"Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?"* Bobby said, "Yes, God did it and he did it left handed." This confused

his grandmother a bit, and she asked him *"What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"* "Well," said Bobby, *"We learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"*



## Calendar...

- Next Council Meeting - October 9<sup>th</sup>
- Next Communion - October 23<sup>rd</sup>