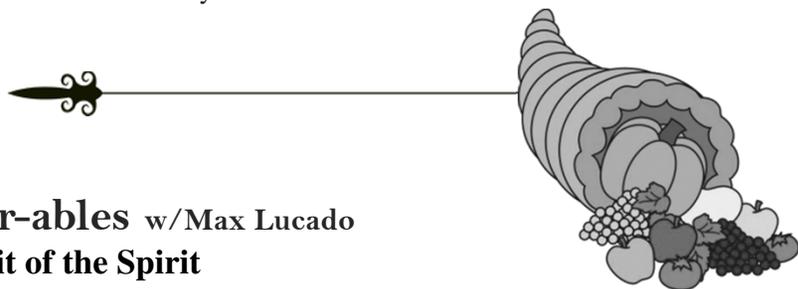


Prayer Concerns:

- **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)
- Mariah – Tumor removal was complete; no residual cancer– 06/30/18(upd)
- Vern – Heart issues – Pray: Successful treatment – 06/30/18



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

The Fruit of the Spirit

The Bible says, *“If God were to withdraw his Spirit, all life would disappear and mankind would return again to dust”* (Job 34:14-15). And Ephesians 1:13 says that the Holy Spirit enters the believer upon confession of faith. From that point forward the Christian has access to the very power and personality of God. They begin to think the way God thinks, love the way God loves, and see the way God sees. And this power includes the gifts of the Spirit: *“love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”*

As our relationship with God is secured and unmarred by rebellion, sin, or stubborn behavior, we can expect a harvest of fruit! We need not force it, but we can expect it. It simply falls to us to stay connected. And because God’s promises are unbreakable our hope is unshakable!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19:7-10

ALL: The law of the LORD is perfect...

North: It revives the soul.

ALL: The decrees of the LORD are sure...

South: They make the simple wise.

ALL: The precepts of the LORD are right...

North: They cause the heart to rejoice.

ALL: The commandment of the LORD is clear...

South: It enlightens the eyes.

ALL: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether...

North: They are to be desired more than gold, even much fine gold;

South: They are sweeter than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

ALL: Be in awe of the LORD and endure forever.

Lesson: James 5:13-16

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up. And anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Gospel: Mark 9:42-48

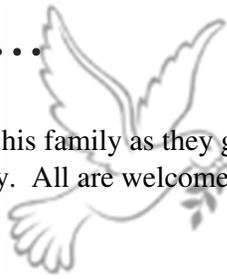
Jesus was teaching: *“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.”*

He went on, *“If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.”*

Announce-able(s)...

Remember-ables...

Today, we remember *Gerald "Jerry" Koecher* and his family as they gather to celebrate his life and place his ashes in the cemetery. All are welcome to join after the service.



Charit-ables...

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

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi–

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

Halloween-able...

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

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...

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!

Living Well with Diabetes Workshop

This 6-week **FREE** workshop is designed for people with Type 2 diabetes to help them identify tools and develop skills to manage their diabetes on a day-to-day basis. It includes information about monitoring blood sugars, understanding symptoms and complications of diabetes, meal planning and reading labels, understanding how physical activity affects the body, dealing with stress and relaxation techniques, plus much more!

This workshop will be held at the Chisago County Community Center also known as the Senior Center beginning in late October.

Register Today - Space is limited!

Visit www.yourjuniper.org & "Find a Class"

Or Contact: Alyssa Fritz

Email: alyssa.fritz@chisagocounty.us

Contact Phone: 651-213-5241

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.

V. Follow through – Just a Christ build a relationship with you, try maintaining a relationship with those to whom you declare the gospel whenever possible. Multiple declarations will probably be required, especially to those unfamiliar with the language of faith.

BE AWARE –

- Sinners also need to hear the law, but clearly defined. Proclamation of the gospel is most effective when preceded by clarification that names the old Adam or Old Eve in them.
- Blanket proclamations of judgment, hellfire, condemnation, along with scriptural citations, shaming, or using the voice and cadence of a televangelist (particularly by drawing out the name "Jeeezzzzussss") will almost always achieve a negative result. (*Cont'd next week*)

Grin-able(s)...

One balmy day in the South Pacific, a navy ship espied smoke coming from one of three huts on an uncharted island. Upon arriving at the shore they were met by a shipwreck survivor. He said, *"I'm so glad you're here! I've been alone on this island for more than five years!"* The captain replied, *"If you're all alone on the island why do I see THREE huts."* The survivor said, *"Oh. We'll, I live in one, and go to church in another."* "What about the **THIRD** hut?" asked the captain. *"That's where I USED to go to church."*



A fellow went to the doctor who told him that he had a bad illness and only a year to live. So he decided to talk to his pastor. After the man explained his situation, he asked his Pastor if there was anything he could do. *"What you should do is go out and buy a late '70 or early '80 model Dodge Pickup,"* said the Pastor. *"Then go get married to the ugliest woman you can find, and buy yourselves an old trailer house and put it halfway up a mountain."* The fellow asked, *"Will this help me live longer?"* "No," said the pastor, *"but it will make what time you do have seem like forever."*



Calendar...

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