

Prayer Concerns:

- **Charley – Tonsillectomy – Pray – Successful outcome – 01/06/19**
- Bernice F. – Brain cancer – Pray – Successful treatment/remission – 12/30/18
- Tim F. – Prostate cancer – Pray – Successful treatment/remission – 12/30/18
- Family of Kent – Peace & comfort in their loss
- Karl – Cancer found – Pray – Full recovery & remission – 12/30/18
- Kevin – Starting chemo – Pray – Effective treatment – 12/30/18
- Jack – Depression – Pray – Adjusted medications – 12/23/18 (upd)
- Kay S. – Infection/inflammation – Pray – Successful treatment – 12/20/18
- Judy – Cancer surgery – Pray – Full recovery & Remission – 12/09/18
- Butch – Brain disease – Pray – Peace & Comfort – 12/09/18
- Keith – Cancer – Pray – Peaceful passing – 12/09/18
- Pr. Paul – Prostate cancer found – Pray – Successful treatment – 12/07/18
- Marsh family – Ashton here 4 mo. early – Pray – Survival – 12/07/18
- Randy L. – Struggling after a fall – Pray – Speedy/Full healing – 12/07/18
- Irma – Broken pelvis – Pray – Restoration & healing – 12/02/18
- Pr. Terry – Heart Attack – Pray – Full & speedy recovery – 12/02/18
- Pr. Larry – Pacemaker – Pray– All goes well now -- 12/02/18
- Russell – Lyme’s residuals – Pray – Recover & Heal – 11/23/18
- Jessica – Back surgery – Pray – Complete & Speedy recovery – 11/23/18
- Linda – Broken ribs – Pray – Healing & Recovery – 11/23/18
- Becky – Knee surgery – Pray – Continued recovery – 11/23/18 (upd)
- Larry N. – Recover @ home– Pray – Clear up & quick recovery – 11/11/18 (upd)
- Terry – Addiction challenges – Pray – Successful treatment – 11/11/18
- Gloria – Cancer – Pray – Comfort & Peace – 11/11/18
- Maddie – Medical issues – Pray – Resolve & recovery – 11/11/18
- Kelly K. – Possible cancer & pneumonia – Pray – Neither, heal all – 11/02/18
- Deb A. – Cancer – Pray – Successful treatment & remission – 10/28/18
- David C. – Cancer – Pray – Successful treatment & remission – 10/15/18

Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

Unceasing Prayer...by Max Lucado

Unceasing prayer may sound complicated, but it needn't be that way. Do this. Think of prayer less as an activity for God and more as an awareness of God. Seek to live in uninterrupted awareness. As you stand in line to register your car, think, *“Thank you, Lord, for being here.”* In the grocery store as you shop, think, *“Your presence, my King, I welcome.”* As you wash the dishes, worship your Maker. Brother Lawrence called himself the *“lord of all pots and pans.”* He wrote, *“The time of busy-ness does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon knees at the blessed sacrament.”*

So talk to God, always. Besides, it makes more sense to talk to God than mumble to yourself!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

ALL: **The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.**

MEN: He has me lie down in green pastures.

WOMEN: *He leads me beside quiet waters.*

MEN: He refreshes my soul.

WOMEN: *He guides me along the right paths.*

ALL: **Even though I walk through the valley of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.**

MEN: With your rod and your staff, I am comforted.

WOMEN: *You prepare a table before me.*

MEN: You anoint my head with oil.

WOMEN: *My cup overflows.*

ALL: **Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the
days of my life and I will dwell in the house of
the LORD forever.**



Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7, *passim*

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: *“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you. Do not fear, for I am with you. I will bring everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made home to me.”*



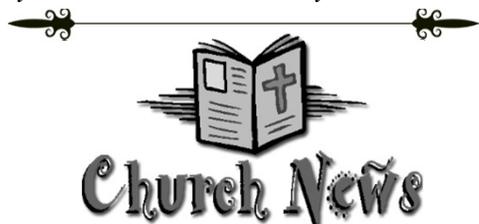
Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah. John answered all of them by saying, *“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”*

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been...

Gospel... (cont'd)

baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



Women's Bible Study Group – Pr. Ellen has begun a new session of her growing-more-popular study group. These sessions are held Every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM with the next one on 23 January and followed by another on February 6, then February 20th. These are informal gatherings for women of all ages and all are welcome!!



Parish Tithing – Also referred to as “Benevolences” this is where we share with various charitable institutions that we support and/or are associated with. Prior to the church annual meeting is the best time to get your input and ideas on where to donate as a congregation. Please share your ideas with a council member before Feb. 3!

Church Council Membership – The time is fast arriving where the **Annual Meeting (February 3)** will seek new members for the church council. This year there are **3** seats becoming available. Anyone who has been a member for at least 1 year and is over 18 can become a council member. Won't **YOU** please consider it? It's fun, interesting, and puts you in the driver's seat of Salem's future!

Church Membership – If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please see Pastor Rob! We're sure interested in you! Please fill out one of the cards in the pew card-holders and place it in the offering plate as it comes by ☺.

Offering Envelopes – Church-members can pick up their boxes in the narthex. If yours is not there, see Shirley Guillard.

Ministry Sign-Up – There are several ministries such as serving after-service treats, being an usher, and/or reading the Scripture lesson... the sign-up sheet for these valuable services are on the office door –

Please Sign Up! ☺

Lutheran-ables...From “The Lutheran Handbook II”

How to adopt an evangelistic lifestyle without alienating people

Some Christians believe that adopting an evangelistic lifestyle means they must seek to drag people to church, a tactic that can backfire when applied injudiciously. Adopting an evangelistic lifestyle simply means living a life that reflects that the teachings of Jesus are active in your mind and heart.

VI. Maintain a vigorous prayer schedule – An important foundation for an evangelistic lifestyle is regular conversations with God, which centers you for daily living.

BE AWARE –

- Many people may have experienced “*evangelistic*” people as unnecessarily negative and judgmental. Use grace and forgiveness to counteract this negativism.
- How you act may be more important than what you say.

—(cont'd next week)

Grin-able(s)...

More One-liners...

- Campers: Nature's way of feeding mosquitoes...
- Always remember that you are unique; just like everyone else
- Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- There are three kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't.



Bad Puns...

- ❖ How much money does a pirate pay for corn? --- *A buccaneer*
- ❖ Don't interrupt someone working on a puzzle. *Chances are you'll hear some crosswords.*
- ❖ Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? --- *Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.*
- ❖ What's the difference between a Hippo and a Zippo? -- *A Hippo is really heavy and a Zippo is a little lighter...*
- ❖ Why can't you run through a campground? --- *You can only “RAN”, because it's past tents...*



Calendar...

- ☐ Next Communion – January 20, 2019
- ☐ Next Council Meeting – February 12, 2019 @ 6:30 PM