

"WHO ARE WE TRYING TO IMPRESS?" Text: Luke 14:7-14

Luke 14:1 – "One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, He was being carefully watched."

AMP: ". . . [hoping to entrap Him]."

THE MEAL CONTINUES!

I. Jesus Knows Us Inside and Out!

Lk. 14:7 – "When He noticed how the guests picked the places of Honor at the table, He told them this parable:"

NOTE: The Table would have typically been in a "U-Shape", with the Host at the head. Honor was a 'big thing' for the Pharisees!

(See Mt. 23:5,6)

II. What Is True Humility? – Lk. 14:8-10 –

Wedding Feast: Jesus chose the most important and biggest event that a community would have.

True Humility: Recognizing that our worth comes from God Alone! Humility is NOT self- degradation.

Lk. 14:11 – "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

III. Who Are We Trying to Impress– Lk. 14:12-14 – Service is More Important in God's Kingdom than Status!

Vs. 14 – "Although they cannot Repay you, you will be Repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

See the Beatitudes – Matt. 5:3-5

– Announcements –

Offering Box: An Offering Box is placed at the back of the sanctuary for today's service.

Coffee Hour: We are looking for 8 volunteers to bring 2 dozen goodies for Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 21st. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are able to help. Thanks!

Easter Lilies in Memory of Loved Ones: On Easter Sunday, April 4th, we have the opportunity to place Easter Lilies in the sanctuary in memory of departed loved ones. Please contact the florist of your choice.

M/O Easter Cantata: This Cantata will be presented on Sunday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m. (God willing.) Anyone high school age or older is encouraged to participate. Rehearsals are as follows, starting at 7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 09 at Peace Christian Reformed Church Tuesday, March 16 at Grace Lutheran Church Tues./Thurs., March 23 & 25 at Salem Reformed Church

Swan Lake Christian Camps: Please see the Information Cabinet for dates on summer camps. The Women of the Church are willing to help with a portion of the expense for our children to attend. Contact one of the W.O.C. Officers for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

***Frieda Nusz**, as she is a patient in the Freeman Regional Hospital.

***Phyllis Woehl**, as she continues treatment in Sioux Falls for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

*We pray for all of our **Care Center Residents and Assisted Living Residents** as well as the **Staff** who work so hard in caring for them.

***Terry Saylor**, ***Phyllis Woehl**, ***Jimmy Woehl**, ***Bill Headley**, ***Walter Saylor**, ***David Walloch**, ***Glenda Walker**, ***Lee & Pat Pommerville**, ***Milo & Marilee Hauck**, ***Les Mehlhaff**, ***Myron Holzwarth**, ***Robert Gramkow**, ***Bill Huber**, as these individuals are in various stages in their battle against cancer and/or other health struggles. We praise the Lord for His Power that is mightily at work within each one, giving them strength day by day!

***Travis Gramkow** (U.S. Navy – Virginia), ***Aaron Helgerson** (U.S. Navy – Florida), ***Katie (Schultz) Paulsen** (U.S. Air Force – Brussels, Belgium), ***Troy Heckenlaible**, **Derek Fischer**, **Dan Wonnenberg**, **Katie Huber**, **Trevor Bertsch**, **Dustin Gall**, **John Neth**, **Chad Boettcher** (Army National Guard), ***Lee Heckenlaible**, **Carmen Taylor**, **Jennifer Masterson**, **Brett Andersen**, **Evan Wintersteen** (Air National Guard), ***Corbin Auch**, ***Travis Brandt**, **Tyler J. Brandt**, ***Jayme Schaaf**, ***Jake Haider** (U.S. Army), ***Alex Olson** (U.S. Navy), – **we pray for God's protection over all in who serve in our Military!**