

- Announcements -

Junior Choir: We will be in need of a Director and Accompanist for our Junior Choir (Grades 4–8) this coming Fall. Please contact Mark Guthmiller or Jennifer Herrboldt if you are interested.

VBS Offerings: Our evening VBS Offerings will be given to Tyler & Kylee (Kessler) Hollinsworth, to help off-set some of the medical expenses they have accrued, after having their newborn son, Oliver, in the NICU for the first month of his life.

Local Mission Opportunity: We have multiple opportunities for loving, Christian adults to make a difference in our community. Do you have an hour or more that you would be willing to volunteer to spend time with someone? This is your opportunity to share the love of God with others who would so appreciate a few hours of your time. What is needed from you on this mission trip? A loving and willing heart to spend time with others. Possibly watching TV, playing games, reading or writing letters, going for a drive, going for a walk, visiting, sharing a meal, or just being present for a time.

2021 VBS: The dates for VBS are scheduled for May 31 – June 4, 2021, from 6–9 PM each evening, with a program on Sunday, June 6th. Contact Sherry Freier or Nicole Kisely for more information. Please fill out the information sheet located in the Narthex and give to church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

*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.

***Jean (Huber) Reiners, *Betty Hoff, *Frieda Nusz, *Terry Sayler, *Phyllis Woehl, *Bill Headley, *David Walloch, *Nancy McCoy, *Glenda Walker, *Lee & Pat Pommerville, *Milo Hauck, *Les Mehlhaff, *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 Wonenberg, 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!**

THE LORD IS MY ROCK" Text: Psalm 78:32–39

Immutable Defined:

God is unchanging in His Being, Perfections, Purposes & Promises
*Also referred to as God's Immutability.

Ps. 78:11 – "They forgot what He had done, the wonders He had shown them."

Ps. 78:35 – "They remembered that God was their ROCK, that God Most High was their Redeemer."

Two Ways that Rock is Used in the Book of Psalms:

I. A ROCK FOR security and shelter–

Rock #5553 – a rugged/steep rock; a Fortress or Stronghold

Ps. 71:1–4 – "Be my Rock of refuge, to which I can always go."

NOTE: Spiritually – You have to know where to go and how to get there!

PPWW = Prayer / Praise / Word / Worship
(See Ps. 71:3; I Cor. 10:3,4; Acts 17:28; Eph. 6:10)

II. A ROCK FOR STABILITY and STRENGTH–

Rock: #6697 – a sharp rock; boulder that is large & solid . – used for strength and immobility!
– also implies immutability.

NOTE: Look at the Back & Forth changes of Israel in Psalm 78!
Thank God for **Ps. 78:38 – "Yet He was merciful; He forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them. . . ."**

Example:

1) There are times when we are hidden in the Rock of Ages, and we just get to watch the raging storm go by!

2) There are times when the storm is raging, and we are standing out there in the midst of it, but we are standing on the Rock!