

- Announcements -

M.O.R.E. Volunteer Appreciation Social: This will be held on Sat., Aug. 14th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Peace CRC. Come enjoy a time of fellowship, bingo and refreshments. Please RSVP by August 9th to Melanie Wilcoxon @ 261-3052 or Jennifer Masterson @ 310-5160.

Bulletin Board/Flowers: Please consider taking a month to do the bulletin board in the Social Hall for the remainder of the year. We also need someone to place flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday's for some of the remaining months of the year. Both sign up sheets are on the Bulletin Board in Narthex.

Floor Construction: Thanks for your patience and understanding during our ongoing floor project in the Social Hall, Kitchen and Sunday School Wing. THANKS to the volunteers who have been helping!

Adult Sunday School: This class will be viewing a DVD Series titled "The Ark of Noah, More Than A Story" by Pastor Jim Scudder, Jr. for the next couple of weeks. All are invited to stay for class after church.

Sunday Morning Prayer: Please consider joining us in Prayer on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., as we lift up our requests to the Lord.

Sunday Greeters: We are looking for Greeters for our Sunday Worship Services. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you are willing to help.

Hospice Volunteers: AseraCare Hospice is looking for volunteers in the Menno/Olivet area. Please call Michelle Helm at (605) 338-2066 for more information and/or see the Flyer posted on the Information Cabinet.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

***Congratulations to Dale Jr. & Jennifer Kessler**, as they were united in marriage here yesterday afternoon. We rejoice with them and their family!

***The Family of Darlene Heckenlaible**, as she passed away on July 17th in Oregon. Her Memorial Service will be on Monday, August 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Aisenbrey Funeral Chapel in Menno. Darlene was the sister of Glenn Heckenlaible and the late Verna Zeeb.

*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.

***Oliver Hollinsworth, *Sheila (Bender) McKenna, *Betty Hoff, *Lee Guthmiller, *Marjorie Saylor, *Jean Reiners, *Bill Headley, *David Walloch, *Jessica Schaeffer, *Nancy McCoy, *Glenda Walker, *Lee/Pat Pommerville, *Les Mehlhaff, *Delmar/Betty Janke, *Robert Gramkow**, 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 Wonnemberg, 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 EVIDENCE OF FAITH"

TEXT: Hebrews 11:8-16

- A. ABEL shows us how to ENTER the Life of Faith.**
- B. ENOCH shows us how to LIVE the Life of Faith.**
- C. NOAH shows us the WORK of the Life of Faith.**
- D. ABRAHAM shows us How To Be a FRIEND of God through Faith.**

ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE OF A LIFE OF FAITH:

I. The JOURNEY of Faith!
Hebr. 11:8

II. The PATIENCE of Faith! Rom. 4:18-21

A. Recalling Abraham / Sarah's Journey

Abraham and Sarah had waited 25 yrs. for the Promise Fulfilled!

III. The EVIDENCE of Faith! Hebr. 11:11

A. The Birth of ISAAC

Gen. 21:5 - "Abraham was 100 yrs. old when his son Isaac was born to him."

B. What Will You Do with the PROMISE Received?

Hebr. 11:17 - "By faith Abraham, when God TESTED him, offered Isaac as a SACRIFICE ."

(Also see Deut. 8:10-18)

C. What Did ABRAHAM Do?

NOTE: The Supreme Test = Obedience with SACRIFICE

See Gen. 22:1-8

Vs. 6 - "Abraham took the WOOD for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac,"

****A Picture of CHRIST carrying His CROSS to Calvary!**

See Gen. 22:9-14

Vs. 11 - "But the Angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, 'Abraham! Abraham!'

The Angel of the LORD = PRE-INCARNATE CHRIST