

– **Announcements** –

Confirmation Classes: Classes will begin Wed., Sept. 1st. The 6th/7th Grade Class will meet from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m., and the 8th Grade Class will meet from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Floor Construction: Thank you for your patience and understanding during our on-going floor project in the Social Hall, Kitchen and Sunday School Wing. **THANKS** to the volunteers who have been helping! God Bless You!

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.

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.

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.

THE PRAYER OF FAITH

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

***Congratulations to Chris & Heidi (Walter) James,** as they were united in marriage last Saturday, August 14th. We rejoice with them and their Family!

***Amos Schultz,** as he was placed in Hospice Care at the M/OCC this past week. We pray also for his wife, Geraldine, and their Family.

***Logan Schmidt,** as he was recently accepted into the U.S. Navy and is scheduled to leave for basic training the end of November.

***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, *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), **Tyler J. Brandt** (U.S. Army – Korea), ***Troy Heckenlaible, Derek Fischer, Dan Wonnemberg, Katie Huber, Trevor Bertsch, John Neth, Chad Boettcher** (Army National Guard), ***Lee Heckenlaible, Carmen Taylor, Jennifer Masterson, Brett Andersen, Evan Wintersteen** (Air National Guard), ***Corbin Auch, *Travis 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!**

"WHAT'S THE BIG PICTURE?"

TEXT: Hebrews 11:20-22 and Genesis 50:22-26

I. ISSAC

Hebr. 11:20 – "By faith Isaac BLESSED Jacob and Esau in regard to their future."

II. JACOB

Hebr. 11:21 – "By faith Jacob, when he was DYING, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and WORSHIPED as he leaned on the top of his staff."

III. JOSEPH

Hebr. 11:22 – "By faith Joseph, when his _____ was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones."

A. Joseph Demonstrates a LIFETIME of Faith!

1. Resisted Potiphar's Wife's ADVANCES – Gen. 39

2. He Remains Faithful in PRISON – Gen. 40

3. He Stayed Humble with Great Gifts: DREAMS – Gen. 41 4. He Administered a FOOD Relief Program – Gen. 41 5. He Showed MERCY to His Brothers – Gen. 42-45

B. Joseph Demonstrates Faith at the END of His Life!

Hebr. 11:22a AMP – "By faith Joseph, when he was dying, referred to [the PROMISE of God for] the exodus of the sons of Israel [from Egypt], . . ."

1. He Speaks about the EXODUS from Egypt!

(Gen. 15:12-14; Gen. 50:24)

HOW Does Genesis End? With the Expectations of God's VISITATION.

WHO Does God Raise Up as their Deliverer? MOSES .

WHAT Happens 1,500 Years Later? INCARNATION OF CHRIST.

2. He Speaks about His BONES!

Hebr. 11:22b AMP – ". . . and gave instructions concerning [the burial of] his bones [in the land of promise]."

NOTE: 4xx's in Scripture, the Bones of Joseph are Mentioned!

(Gen. 50:25,26; Exodus 13:19; Joshua 24:32)

WHAT was Joseph doing by giving these instructions? REMOVING HIMSELF FROM EGYPT'S SUCCESS AND ATTACHING HIMSELF TO GOD'S PEOPLE/LAND.

Example: Apostle Paul in Philippians 3 –

Quote by Corrie ten Boom: "Never be afraid to trust an UNKNOWN future to a KNOWN God!"