

– **Announcements** –

**Pastor Mike/Ann Trip:** Pastor Mike and Ann will be gone for a couple of days, leaving this afternoon and returning home on Tuesday evening.

**The Banquet:** Our church provided the meal at 'The Banquet' in Yankton this past Thurs. evening, where 282 meals were served. We did not prepare the meal, but provided the funds to prepare/serve the meal in To-Go containers.

**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.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

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

\***Tyler Brandt**, (grandson of Pauline Brandt) as he has been deployed to Korea for a year tour of duty.

\*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 Helgersen** (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 Wonnenberg**, **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!**

**"BY FAITH, JACOB WORSHIPED THE LORD"**

**TEXT: Hebrews 11:20-22 and Genesis 48:1-14**

**E. ISAAC, JACOB, JOSEPH show us the BLESSINGS of the Life of Faith.**

**I. ISAAC**

**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."**

**A. God's WAYS Are Not Man's WAYS! Is. 55:8,9 –**

**Gen. 48 – Manasseh was the FIRST BORN. NOTE: The Blessing was IMPORTANT!**

**B. Seek SPIRITUAL Blessings Before Worldly Success! Matt. 6:33 –**

**NOTE: Ephraim/Manasseh were the sons of the 2ND most powerful man in all of Egypt!**

**Gen. 3:14 – "He redeemed us in order that the BLESSING of Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by FAITH we might receive the promise of the Spirit."**

**C. The BLESSING! Gen. 48:15,16 AMP –**

**"The God who has been my SHEPHERD . . ." "the ANGEL who has redeemed me, . . ."**

**Gen. 49 – Jacob blessed each of his sons before he died!**