

- Announcements -

Hospice Volunteers: Would you like to be a hospice volunteer in this area?

Please see the flyer on the Information Cabinet in the Narthex for more information. You may also contact Michelle Helm, AseraCare, at (605) 338-2066 for more information.

Healing Hope Ministries: Healing Hope helps families and their support systems find hope and healing after the loss of a child. We provide encouragement, compassion and support through retreats and education. Through love, we meet people where they are, hold a safe space and listen with non-judgemental ears. It is our desire to light a path for hope and healing. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

Historical Note: Salem Reformed Church dedicated their new parsonage 50 years ago TODAY, Dec. 5th, 1971. The new parsonage was built at a cost of \$38,000. The old parsonage was sold for \$6,000, and still stands in Menno today, located at 208 S. High Street.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

***Kayleen Aisenbrey**, as she is scheduled for surgery on Mon., Dec. 13th. This is for possible removal of a kidney due to a tumor.

*We rejoice with **Emily/Devin Mehlhaf** at the birth of their daughter, **Cassandra Corene Mehlhaf**, on Tues., Nov. 30th, weighing in at 7 lbs., 3 oz. ***Aaron Call**, (nephew of Ann/Pastor Mike) as he remains in the hospital in critical condition, in Tempe, AZ, unresponsive at this time.

*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**, ***Marvin Goehring**, ***Amos Schultz**, ***Bill Headley**, ***David Walloch**, ***Jennifer Bierle**, ***Nancy McCoy**, ***Glenda Walker**, ***Lee/Pat Pommerville**, ***Les Mehlhaff**, ***Delmar/Betty Janke**, 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), **Patrick Ireland** (U.S. Army Chaplain - Ft. Bliss, TX), **Tyler J. Brandt** (U.S. Army - Korea), ***Logan Schmidt** (U.S. Navy - Illinois), ***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), ***Alex Ulmer** (U.S. Marines) - we pray for God's protection over all in who serve in our Military!

"BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH!"

TEXT: Matt. 25:1-13 NIV

NOTE: Jesus says 4x's in Matthew 24 that we won't know the day or hour of His Return!

3 Elements of a Jewish Wedding

1. The ENGAGEMENT-

NOTE: The CONTRACT between the 2 Fathers of Bride & Groom. **2. The Betrothal -**

NOTE: The official ceremony. VOWS were exchanged and a covenant was made. (See Matt. 1:18,19)

3. The Wedding Celebration / BANQUET - NOTE: When the GROOM comes to get his BRIDE

10 Virgins: They represent PEOPLE, not just women. Outwardly - they all looked the SAME.

Inwardly - they were very DIFFERENT

Example: Judas Iscariot -

Theme of Parable: Every person is responsible for his/her own SPIRITUAL condition.

Sellers of the Oil: The SCRIPTURES, the Prophets, the Apostles, the Teachers. (See Is. 55:1)

What's the Exchange? YOUR VERY LIFE

Matt. 25:11-13 - "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But He replied, 'I tell you the truth, I DON'T KNOW YOU' Therefore KEEP WATCH, because you do not know the day or the hour."

The Only Way to be Ready on the EXPECTED Day, Is to be Ready EVERY Day!