

- **Announcements** -

**Meals-on-Wheels:** Our church will be delivering meals during the month of **December**. Please remember the dates you signed up for. Thanks for helping others in this way!

**Prelude Music:** During the Season of Advent, the accompanists will provide prelude music before our worship services. Please use this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

**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

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 **Jessica/Justin Zeeb** at the birth of their daughter, **Aletta Jody Zeeb**, on Friday, December 3rd!

\***Dylan Hofer**, (8 yr. old grandson of Jim/Deb Christensen) as he was recently diagnosed with a rare sarcoma of the skin on his arm. Treatment options are being planned at the Mayo Clinic.

\***Calvin Hagge**, as he has transitioned to the M/O Care Center this past week.

\***The Family of Aaron Call** (nephew of Ann/Pastor Mike) as he passed away this last Tuesday, December 7th.

\*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 Wonenberg**, \***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!**

**"BELIEVE IT OR NOT, HE'S COMING!"**

**TEXT: II Peter 3:1-10 NIV**

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

**Peter Proves His Case For the 2nd Coming of Christ:**

**I. From SCRIPTURE -**

**II Peter 3:2a -**

**A. From the Old Testament PROPHETS:**

**Is. 13:9-11a - "See, the Day of the LORD is COMING- "**

**Mal. 4:1,2 - "Surely the Day is COMING; "**

**Zech. 14:4 - "On that DAY His feet will stand . . . ."**

**B. From Christ and the APOSTLES: II Peter 3:2b -**

**NOTE: 23** of the 27 N.T. Books refer to the 2nd Coming of Christ! (4 that don't are: Galatians, Philemon, II & III John)

**II. From HISTORY - II Peter 3:3-6 -**

**A. They Close Their Minds to CREATION by God's Word!**

**B. They Close Their Minds to Noah's FLOOD = Catastrophe!**

**II Peter 3:7 - "By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for FIRE, being kept for the Day of Judgment and Destruction of ungodly men."**

**III. From ETERNITY (God's Perspective) - II Peter 3:8,9 -**

**NOTE:** For us, we've waited 2,000 years! For those in Peter's Day, that had only waited 30 years, which would equal 3/4 of an hour.

Why the Delay? "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to PERISH, but everyone to come to repentance."

ii Peter 3:10 - "But the day of the lord WILL COME like a thief."