

-Announcements-

Women's Bible Study: A study on the Book of Ruth will be offered on Wed. mornings at 10am, starting on Jan. 11th, and on Sunday mornings at 9:15am, starting on Jan. 15th. This is a 7-week study by Kelly Minter. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend and want to order a workbook.

Daily Devotionals: Please take advantage of a Daily Devotional that we have available for you to read at home. The choices are: Portals of Prayer, Our Daily Bread, or Tabletalk. This is a great way to start out the new year of 2023! You may pick up a copy in the Narthex.

Prayer Requests: There is a "Box" on the Information Cabinet in the Narthex to leave prayer requests. These requests will be prayed for during our Thursday Noon Prayer time and/or our 8:30 am Sunday Morning Prayer Time.

Church Phone Directory: Please contact the church office with any address or phone # changes. Jennifer is working on updating our church directory.

Inclement Weather: We are coming to the time of year when weather conditions may affect our ability to have worship services. If services need to be canceled, we will attempt to notify the congregation through the Prayer Chain, the Sunday School Phone Tree, and the Church Website.

Flowers in the Sanctuary: Please sign your name to the Flower Committee sheet in the Narthex if you would be able to place the flowers in the sanctuary for a month or two during the year of 2023. Thanks!

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

*Prayers for all who are traveling during this Christmas Season to visit family and friends. We pray for safe travels!

*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.

***Marvin Goehring, *Lonnie Herrboldt, *Willow Mae, *Larry Zeeb, *Marilee Hauck, *Ken Wintersteen, *Bill Headley, *Diane Bendt, *Jan Nebelsick, *Oliver Hollinsworth, *Connie Schaeffer, *Lonnie Graber, *Stan Hoefs, *Jennifer Bierle, *Glenda Walker, *Delmar 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 Helgersen** (U.S. Navy - Rhode Island), ***Katie (Schultz) Paulsen** (U.S. Air Force - Texas), ***Patrick Ireland** (U.S. Army Chaplain - Ft. Bliss, TX), ***Tyler J. Brandt** (U.S. Army - Georgia), ***Logan Schmidt** (U.S. Navy - Ft. Travis, CA), ***Troy Heckenlaible, Derek Fischer, Dan Wonenberg, Katie Huber, Trevor Bertsch, Chad Boettcher** (Army National Guard), ***Lee Heckenlaible, Carmen Taylor, Jennifer Masterson, Brett Andersen, Evan Wintersteen** (Air National Guard), ***Corbin Auch, *Travis Brandt, *Jayme Schaaf** (U.S. Army), ***Jake Haider** (U.S. Army - Florida), ***Alex Olson** (U.S. Navy), ***Alex Ulmer** (U.S. Marines), ***Cameron Christensen** (U.S. Army - Belgium, Germany) - **we pray for God's protection over all in who serve in our Military!**

"CONSECRATION FOR THE NEW YEAR"

TEXT: Joshua 24:1, 14-27

JOSHUA'S CHALLENGE TO THE PEOPLE:

I. _____ **THE LORD WITH ALL FAITHFULNESS!**

Josh. 24:14 - "Now fear the LORD and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and _____ the LORD."

Example: _____ - we bear a heavy responsibility in leading our Families in the Worship of God!

II. **LEADING BY _____ !**

NOTE: The word "SERVE" is used _____ x's in various forms in Vs. 14,15! Every area of life must be _____ to the Lordship of Christ!

NOTE: Joshua's concern was that the people would turn _____ ! (See Josh. 24:31 and Judges 2:10,11)

Example: Look at the false gods he's telling them to throw away! "*Beyond the River*" - referring to the Euphrates River, the gods of Ur of the Chaldees. The _____ god and the sun god. "*gods of Egypt*" - the gods of sun, rain, _____, natural disasters, and the Pharaoh himself. "*gods of Amorites*" - the gods of fertility and _____ pleasure.

III. **WE WILL _____ THE LORD!**

Josh. 24:15b - "But as for me and my _____, we will serve the LORD."

A. **This is a _____ Choice!**

B. **This is a _____ Choice!**

C. **This is a _____ Declaration!**

NOTE: _____ x's in Josh. 24:16-24, Joshua boldly challenges the people of Israel!

Renew Your Covenant With the Lord Today!
January __, _____