

-Announcements-

Special Congratulations: Congratulations to **Willem (JR) van Zyl**, who became a USA Citizen this past Friday!! JR comes from South Africa. His wife is Chandra (Schultz) van Zyl, and they have three precious daughters: Hadley, Malaina, and Rilynn. God Bless You, JR, for all of your hard work and diligence in becoming an American citizen!

CE Committee Meeting: The Christian Education Committee will plan to meet after church on Sunday, February 19th.

68th Annual Groundhog Day: The Olivet United Methodist Church invites you to their pancake/sausage meal on Wed., Feb. 1st, serving from 11am to 7pm. Free will donations will be accepted for the meal.

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.

Opportunities to Serve: We are in need of individuals willing to place the flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings during months of May through December. Please sign the appropriate sheet on the Information Cabinet in the Narthex if you are willing to help. Thanks!

4-O's Women: We will meet at the church at 11:15 a.m. on Tues., Feb. 7th, to travel to Freeman for lunch at Subway and then visit the Heritage Hall Museum. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are planning to attend.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

***Brian Mehlhaf**, as he recovers from back surgery this past Monday.

***Josh Wilcox**, as he recovers from shoulder surgery this past Monday.

***Landon Nusz**, as he has been a patient at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls most of this past week.

*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.

***Erna Zeeb**, ***Marvin Goehring**, ***Ruth Breeding**, ***Lonnie Herrboldt**, ***Willow Mae**, ***Larry Zeeb**, ***Marilee Hauck**, ***Ken Wintersteen**, ***Bill Headley**, ***Diane Bendt**, ***Jan Nebelsick**, ***Oliver Hollinsworth**, ***Lonnie Graber**, ***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, and giving them strength!

***Travis Gramkow** (U.S. Navy - Virginia), ***Aaron Helgerson** (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 Wonnemberg**, **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**, ***Jayne 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!**

"PRODUCTIVE AND USEFUL"

II Peter 1:1-11

I. GOD GIVES US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO _____ .

II. STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO GROW! (___ Virtues to be Pursued)

A. _____ :

AMP/NLT = _____ Excellence

B. _____ :

- growth in our knowledge of God and His _____ .

C. _____ :

**- originally this term was used in reference to _____ .
(I Cor. 9:27)**

D. _____ :

- to stay faithful over the long _____ .

E. _____ :

- living a _____ life. Reverence! (I Tim. 4:8)

F. _____ :

- 'phileo' ; _____ is the City of Brotherly Love

G. _____ :

- 'agape' ; the unconditional love of God

_____ is the Foundation; _____ is the Culmination!

II Peter 1:8,9 NLT - "The more you grow like this, the more you will become productive and _____ in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop these virtues are blind or, at least very shortsighted. They have already forgotten that God has cleansed them from their old life of sin."