-Announcements-

<u>Women's Bible Study:</u> 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.

<u>Christmas Eve Offering:</u> The offering received on Christmas Eve was \$6,905.00! The Abbott House received \$3,452.50; Swan Lake Christian Camp received \$2,071.50; and Healing Hope Ministries received \$1,381.00.

<u>Prayer Requests:</u> 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. <u>Inclement Weather:</u> If services need to be canceled, we will notify the congregation through: Prayer Chain, SS Phone Tree, Church Website.

<u>Flowers in the Sanctuary:</u> 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

*Marvin Goehring, as he has been in the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls most of this past week, due to complications from his chemo treatments.

*Erna Zeeb, as she has been in the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls most of this past week, after falling and dislocating her elbow.

Larry Zeeb, as he has been struggling with health issues and has recently spent time in the hospital.

*Ruth Breeding, as she has been in the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls most of this past week.

*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, *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 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 Wonnenberg, 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!

"BORN AGAIN - TO GROW"

TEXT: II Peter 1:1-11

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Il Peter 1:1 - "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have a faith a precious as ours:"
NOTE: We receive salvation as a free gift! This gift is treat is as such.
Il Peter 1:2 - "Grace and peace be yours in through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."
HOW DO I GET TO WHERE I AM, TO WHERE GOD WANTS ME TO BE?
I. GOD GIVES US WE NEED TO GROW!
Il Peter 1:3 - "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness."
A. HIS POWER!
B WE NEED FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS!
C. THROUGH OUR OF HIM!
Jeremiah 9:23 -
Il Peter 1:4 - "Through these He has given us His very great and precious, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."
II WE CAN TAKE TO GROW!