<u>– Announcements –</u>

<u>Confirmation Meeting with Parents:</u> There will be a meeting of the Confirmation Students (Grades 6–8) and Parents after church on Sunday, August 27th. Confirmation classes will begin on Wed., September 6th.

<u>Sunday School Kick-Off</u>: Save the Date!! Sunday School Classes will resume on Sunday, September 10th, starting at 9:15 a.m. Praise Music will be at 10:15, with Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

<u>Sunday School Teachers Meeting:</u> The Sunday School Teachers will plan to meet on Wed., August 16th at 6:00 p.m.

<u>Christian Education Committee:</u> The CE Committee Members will plan to meet on Sun., August 20th, following the morning worship service.

Sunday Flowers: Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are able to place flowers in the Sanctuary during an upcoming month in 2023. We need Help for the months of August thru December.

<u>S. S. Teacher & Helper Positions:</u> We need several teachers/helpers for the 2023/2024 Sunday School year beginning in September.

- 1 Co-Teacher w/Nicole Schaeffer for the 6/7 Grade Class.
- 1 Helper w/Cindy Herrboldt & Melanie Walter for the 4/5 Grade Class.
- 1 Helper w/ Emily G., Ashley H., Cassie W. for the 2/3 Grade Class.
- 1 Helper w/Julie Crick & Mary Heckenlaible for the 1st/K Class.
- 2 Helpers w/Denise Handel & Jenna Miller for the 3yr/Pre-K Class.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH *Congratulations to Tyson & Becca Hasz on the birth of their baby girl, Eliza Ann Hasz, born 7/17/23; weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz.

*Shaylee Schoenfish (Baby) as she is scheduled for a surgery on her eye at the Mayo Clinic on July 28

*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.

*Deanna Stepanek, *Gene Bender, *Troy Heckenlaible, *Bruce Kunze, *Eloise Hora (Baby), *Gary Sayler, *Dustin Christensen, *Kathy & Jerome Nusz, *Kobee Sherman, *Jim Massey, *Lonnie Herrboldt, *Larry Zeeb, *Ken Wintersteen, *Bill Headley, *Diane Bendt, *Jan Nebelsick, *Oliver Hollinsworth, *Lonnie Graber, *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 Wonnenberg, Katie Huber, Trevor Bertsch, Chad Boettcher (Army National Guard), *Lee Heckenlaible, Carmen Taylor, 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 who serve in our Military!

"WHO'S FOLLOWING YOU?"

TEXT: Psalm 23:1-6

Ps. 23:6 - "Surely _____ and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

Follow – to ______; to chase, to hunt; to run after and overcome.

Surely – a particle of ______; certainly, truly.

II Tim. 2:13 - "If we are faithless, He will remain _____, for He cannot deny Himself."

I. TWO _____ ON VERSE 6a -

A. GOD _____ and PURSUES US!

Examples of God's Pursuit of Man:

- 1) _____ & _____ Gen. 3:8,9 "_____ are you?"
- 2) _____ Ex. 3:4b "God _____ to him from with the bush."
 3) -
- 4) The _____ Mk. 6:48 "... about the 4th watch of the night He _____ to them, walking on the lake."
- 5) _____ & Disciples John 21:4,5a ". . . He _____ out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any _____ .' "

B. WHAT _____ ARE YOU LEAVING BEHIND?

NOTE: What blessing does a sheep leave behind? ______

Example: As a Believer, What Am I Lo	eaving Behind? or Frustration?
Contentment or?	Love or?
Forgiveness or	?
OUR BEST EXAMPL	E =!
Acts 10:38	