**Announcements**

**VBS Survey:** Parents of VBS Children – You were emailed a survey this last Wednesday, asking about your preference of VBS Dates for 2024. Please make sure to respond as soon as possible.

**Men Standing Together:** Sat., October 21st at 6:00 p.m. in our Social Hall. We are excited to have Jared Wockenfuss, Scotland, as our guest speaker. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Supper will be provided. Invite your friends! Let’s have a great turnout!

**Weekend to Remember:** This Marriage Retreat is scheduled for Nov. 3-5, 2023 in Sioux Falls. Check out their website for more information – [***www.familylife.com***](http://www.familylife.com)

**Operation Christmas Child:** Each shoebox is full of toys, school supplies and hygiene items and sent with prayer that the child who receives it will experience God’s love through their simple gifts. If you are interested in participating please have your shoebox filled and at the church by November 12th. Please include $10/box for shipping and handling. Thanks!

**Youth Rally:** Save the Date! Sun., Nov. 12th @ 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Luke Winger from Mountain Lake, MN. All ages are welcome! Refreshments will follow!

**The Preacher’s Daughters:** They will be in concert on Monday, November 6th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Scotland Community Church. A love offering will be received.

**Blood Drive:** The Fall Blood Drive in Menno will be held Monday, Oct. 9th from 1-6 p.m. at Peace CRC. Please contact Janelle Bender at (605) 660-8338 to schedule an appointment.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

**\*Amy Fischer,** as she was transferred this past week to the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Omaha, NE.

**\***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, \*Amy Fleecs, \*Monica Cokens, \*Kayla Settje, \*Bruce Kunze, \*Eloise Hora**(Baby)**, \*Dustin Christensen,  \*Kathy & Jerome Nusz, \*Kobee Sherman,**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!**

**"THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS"**

**TEXT:**  Mark 8:30-38

**THEME:  "We Preach Jesus!"**

**NOTE:** They understood the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , that Jesus is the Messiah! But they didn’t understand God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**I. JESUS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THEM!**

**Mark 8:30 – *“Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about Him.”***

**AMP: *“Then Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ warned them . . .”***

**NOTE:** Because the Disciples didn’t understand the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ message! The full message of the Gospel must include the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**II. JESUS THEN BEGAN TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THEM!**

**Mark. 8:31,32 –**

**NOTE:** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ news was just announced by Peter. Now it is followed by what the Disciples would consider the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ news.

1. **He Began To Teach**
2. **Mark 9:30-32**
3. **Mark 10:32-34**
4. **Mark 10:44,45**

**III. JESUS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THEM!**

**Mark 8:32b,33**

 **Matt. 16:22,23 – *“. . . You are a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ block to Me;***

 ***You do not have in mind the things of God, but the***

 ***things of men.”***

**WHAT ABOUT YOU?**