**Announcements**

**Potato Topper Supper:** You are invited to the Friedens Reformed Church, Tripp, SD, on Wed., Sept. 13th, for this event. They will be serving from 5-8 p.m.

**Assistant Pastor Sub-Committee:** A Sub-Committee has been formed to continue to study and research the possibility of having an Assistant Pastor here at Salem Reformed. Please Note: This is not a search committee. The Sub-Committee consists of Ken Stepanek, Steve Preszler, Shirley Mettler, Ron Schaeffer, Ben Crick and Pastor Mike. Please contact one of the committee members with questions, comments and/or suggestions. Thanks!

**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 Oct. thru Dec.

**M/O Care Center Painting Supplies:**  Would you like to contribute to the ongoing painting needs at the M/O Care Center?  Here's How:  Just go to the Menno Lumber Yard and tell them that you'd like to make a donation to the Painting Fund at the M/O Care Center.  Thanks!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF  -  SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**Sunday School @ 9:15 AM   Worship Service @ 10:30 AM**

**Pot Luck Dinner to Follow**

**Games for the Children & Youth to Follow**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

**\*Bruce Kunze,** (Emily Mehlhaf’s Dad) as he fell this past week and broke the L1 Vertebrae in his lower back. He is currently in Sanford hospital.

**\***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.

**\*Lucille Preheim, \*Kenneth Preheim, \*Gertie Mettler, \*Bruce Kunze, \*Eloise Hora**(Baby)**, \*Dustin Christensen,  \*Kathy & Jerome Nusz, \*Kobee Sherman, \*Lonnie Herrboldt, \*Larry Zeeb, \*Bill Headley, \*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!**

**"THEN THEY UNDERSTOOD"**

**TEXT:**  Mark 8:13-21

**THEME:  "We Preach Jesus!"  - I Cor. 1:23;  II Cor. 4:5**

**NOTE:**  Look at the contrast between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Blindness of the Pharisees and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Blindness of the Disciples.

**Characteristics of Those Who Desire Christ:**

**I. THEY SEEK \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WITH HIM!**

**Mark 8:14 –**

**NOTE:** That’s why they got into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**They Chose Jesus – Seeking Fellowship with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .**

**NOTE:** Not all of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kept following Jesus.

 (See John 6:48-66)

**II. THEY TURN AWAY FROM THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Mark 8:14-16 –**

 **A. Be Careful! Be On Your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !** (See Matt. 16:6)

 **Leaven:** a type of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; also means influence

 0nly used in a positive way \_\_\_\_ x’s in the New Testament.

 All other times it is used to speak of evil.

**NOTE:** Leaven of the Pharisees = Corrupting Influence of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 And Self-Righteousness.

 (See John 9; Matt. 3:9,10)

 **B. What Are We to Flee From?**

 **1. I Cor. 6:18 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **2. I Cor. 10:14 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **3. I Tim. 6:10,11 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **4. II Tim. 2:22 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**III. THEY RECEIVE GREATER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Mark 8:17,18 –**

**Don’t You Remember?**

**Matt. 16:12 – *“Then they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . . . . .”***