**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.

**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:** 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. Luke uses his experiences learned from 4 years living in China, 25 years as a nationally competitive cyclist, and blends them with his juggling and balancing skills to encourage and inspire people to grow in their relationship with Jesus. ALL ages are welcome!

**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.

**Christmas Eve Program:** Emily Guthmiller/Ashley Holzwarth will be directing the Program this year. **PLEASE** let Emily, Ashley, or the Church Office know if your child/youth will not be able to be in the Christmas Program. Thank You!

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

**\*Erna Zeeb,** as she recovers at the M/O Care Center following a recent shoulder surgery.

**\*Amy Fischer,** as she continues to receive therapy at 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, \*Lucille Prehiem, \*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!**

**"TAKE UP YOUR CROSS"**

**TEXT:**  Mark 8:30-38

**THEME:  "We Preach Jesus!"**

**THEN COMES THE CHALLENGE!**

**Mark 8:34 – *“Then He called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Him along with His disciples and said: ‘If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”***

**I. YOU MUST \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ YOURSELF**

**AMP: *“. . . set aside \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interests”***

**I Cor. 6:19,20 –**

**John 3:30 – *“He must increase, but I must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”***

**II. TAKE UP YOUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**AMP: *“. . . expressing a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whatever***

***may come.”***

**WHAT WAS THE CROSS FOR JESUS?**

**The Cross Was a Deliberate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !**

1. **To Give His Life as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for many.**

**Mark 10:45**

1. **To Seek and Save the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .**

**Luke 19:10**

1. **To Carry the Cross to Calvary and be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ There!**

**Galatians 3:13**

**III. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ME**

1. **Why These \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Being a Disciple?**
2. **Your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Depends On It!**

**Mark 8:35**

1. **What Is More \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Than Your Life?**

**Mark 8:36,37**

1. **Christ Will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ In Power and Glory!**

**Mark 8:38**