**Announcements**

**2024 VBS Dates:** Mark Your Calendars – The Dates for VBS will be May 27-31, 2024. The VBS Program will be Sunday, June 2nd, 2024.

**Chili Cook-Off:** The Olivet Christian Church will be hosting their Chili Cook-Off THIS EVENING at 5:00 p.m. at the Menno Gym. Guest Speaker will be Joel Westra. Bring a crockpot of your favorite chili/soup and enjoy an evening of worship, food and fellowship.

**Bulletin Boards:** We are looking for volunteers to decorate the bulletin board in the Social Hall, starting with December and going through next year. Please sign the sheet on the Information Cabinet in the Narthex if you would be willing to take a month or two.

**Christmas Eve Program Practices:** Program Practices for grades K-8 will be on Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, following the worship service. A lunch for the children/teachers will be served prior to practice. The last practice will be Sun., Dec. 24th during the Sunday School Hour. This practice will also include the Pre-School Class. Please contact Emily Guthmiller or Ashley Holzwarth with any questions.

**Cards For Sale:** The Women of the Church have boxed cards for sale in the Social Hall for all occasions – Sympathy, Christmas, Baptism, Get Well, Birthday, Thank You, and All Occasions. The price is on the back of each box, and there is also a box on the cart to put your money in. Thanks!

**Christmas Eve Program Parts:** These parts were given out to your children/youth (K thru 8th Grade) today during Sunday School. Please work with your child/children on memorizing their parts. Thanks!

**Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday @ 7:00 PM**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

**\*Family of Amy Fleecs,** (Amber Cross’s Mom) as she passed away last Sunday. Her funeral service was in Omaha, NE yesterday afternoon.

**\*Family of Doug Stoebner** (Roberta’s Husband) as he passed away last Thursday morning. Funeral Service is tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church.

**\*Family of Darrel Johnson,** Freeman, as his funeral was yesterday.

**\***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.

**\*Jan Nebelsick, \*Jackie Scott** (Jayme Kocourek’s Mom), **\*Amy Fischer, \*Leland/Lori Goehring, \*Lucille Prehiem, \*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 CITY OF TRUTH"**

**TEXT:**  Zechariah 8:1-8

**I. WHY DO WE STAND WITH \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?**

 **A. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tells Us To!**

**Gen. 12:1-3 –**

**Deut. 7:6-9 –**

 **B. We Have Been So Blessed By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !**

 **John 4:22b NLT – *“. . . for salvation comes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

 ***the Jews.”***

 **C. What About the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ People?**

 **Gaza Strip: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. miles; \_\_\_\_\_ million population**

 **Controlled by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **West Bank: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. miles; \_\_\_\_\_ million population**

 **Controlled by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**II. GOD’S PLANS INVOLVES ISRAEL - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / &**

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTE:** Zechariah is prophesying to a people newly returned

from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

 **What Are Some of the Blessings?**

1. **God’s Divine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Zech. 8:1,2**

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**Zech. 8:3**

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**Zech. 8:4,5**

 **D. God’s Divine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Zech. 8:6**

**III. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?**

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ For the Peace of Jerusalem**

**Ps. 122:6,7**

 **B. Stay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Israel and Jerusalem**

 **Luke 21:29-31**