**Announcements**

**FCA Spring Banquet:** This will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 6PM at the Menno City/School Auditorium. Our guest speaker will be Coach John Stiegelmeier, former SDSU Jacks Football Coach! Please **RSVP** to the Church Office or Text Ivory Wintersteen @ (605) 680-2595 if you are planning to attend.

**VBS Registration:** Mark your Calendars! Our VBS is scheduled for May 27th-31st! The VBS Program will be on Sunday, June 2nd. Helpers and Students can begin to register NOW, at the following website:

***salem.myanswers.com***

Please Note: There are also boxes to check on the registration site if you are willing to help in certain areas before the VBS week. Please check this out and see where you might be able to assist! Thanks!

**Opportunities to Serve:** We are in need of individuals willing to place the flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings during the months of May through December. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex. Thanks!

**Church Pictorial Directory:** We are making a new pictorial directory and want **YOU** to be included – it won’t be complete without you! A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better! Please make an appointment to have your picture taken! Committee Members will be in the Social Hall on the following Sundays to assist you: March 17th, 24th, and 31st! The dates for picture taking are May 2,3,4, 2024. Committee Members are Stephanie Wagner, Mary Heckenlaible, Cassie Wielenga, and Shirley Mettler.

**M/O Community Easter Cantata:** The Cantata will be performed on Sunday, March 24th @ 7PM at Salem Reformed Church. This year’s selection is “Worthy: Song of the Ages”. A freewill offering will be taken to help support the projects of the M/O Ministerial Association. Please plan to attend and bring your friends along!

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

**\*Metha Hess,** as she was moved to Swing Bed at the Freeman Hospital on Tuesday of this week for a time of rehab and recovery.

**\***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. **\*Metha Hess,** **\*Julie Crick, \*Julie Auch,** **\*Larry Klaudt, \*Jan Nebelsick, \*Jackie Scott**, **\*Bruce Kunze, \*Eloise Hora**(Baby)**, \*Dustin Christensen, \*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), **\*Parker Schultz** (U.S. Air Force – Alabama), **\*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), **\*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!**

***“Persecuted For Christ”***

**Text: John 15:18-27**

**Lenten Series:** Working Through John 15

**NOTE: Vs. 18-25 –** These verses are not only a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about what is coming against them, but also a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the disciples to love one another.

**WHY WILL / DOES THE WORLD HATE YOU?**

**I. BECAUSE WE DON’T \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE WORLD!**

 **John 15:18,19 -**

 **WORLD: *“cosmos” –*** the evil system of the world controlled

 by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself and acted out by ungodly men.

 **LOVE: *“phileo” –*** friendship; based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , emotions

**II. BECAUSE THEY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ JESUS!** (He’s Your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ )

 **John 15:18,20,21a -**

 **A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sin**

 **John 15:18**

 **B. His Name Is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Every Name**

 **John 15:21a**

 **Acts 4:18; 5:40,41**

 **C. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Were Persecuted for Christ**

 **John 15:20**

**III. BECAUSE THEY DON’T \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GOD!**

 **John 15:21,23 –**

 **John 8:44, 54**

 **A. We See a Total \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a Total Revelation**

 **John 15:22-24, 25**

 **Romans 1:20**

 **B. True \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Discipleship**

 **1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Abiding in the Vine!**

 **2. A Willingness to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Persecution!**

 **John 16:1,2 -**