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**Announcements**

**Painting Volunteers:** We are in need of several helpers to paint the basement walls at the parsonage. This probably won’t happen for a couple of weeks yet. If you are willing to help, please sign the sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Steve Preszler if you have further questions. Thanks!

**Card Ministry:** Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are willing to take over the ‘Card Ministry’ for the W.O.C. Special thanks to Donna Friesen for doing this the last several years!

**2025 VBS Dates:** Mark your Calendars – The Dates for VBS will be May 26-30, 2025, with the Program on Sunday, June 1st. We are looking for VBS Directors!  **Please contact the church office if you are interested.** The VBS Kit for 2025 has already arrived!

**Flower Committee:** Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are willing to place flowers in the Sanctuary for a month or two in 2025. We are needing someone to do this in February.

**Women of the Church Salad Supper:** We are looking for 4 ladies who are willing to be on the planning committee for the Spring Salad Supper. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex.

**Inclement Weather:** We are coming to the time of year when weather conditions may affect our ability to have worship services. If services need to be canceled, we will attempt to notify the congregation through the Prayer Chain, the Sunday School Phone Tree, and the Church Website.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

**\*Virgil Souhrada,** as he recovers from knee replacement surgery this past Thursday, January 30th.

**\*Pat Pommerville,** as she remains in the Yankton hospital after having an emergency surgery a week ago.

**\***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.

We also pray for **\*Eloise Hora, \*Pat Pommerville, \*Tiffany Pommerville, \*Robbie Ness, \*Barb Ulmer, \*Jennifer Bierle, \*Corey Kubal, \*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!

**\*Carmen Taylor** (Deployed, Air National Guard)**, \*Travis Gramkow**(U.S. Navy - Virginia), **\*Trevor Bertsch** (Deployed, Army National Guard)**, \*Parker Schultz** (U.S. Air Force – Texas), **\*Aaron Helgerson**(U.S. Navy - Rhode Island), **\*Katie (Schultz) Paulsen**(U.S. Air Force -Germany), **Tyler J. Brandt**(U.S. Army - Georgia), **\*Logan Schmidt**(U.S. Navy - Ft. Travis, CA), **\*Troy Heckenlaible, Derek Fischer, Dan Wonnenberg, Katie Huber, Chad Boettcher**(Army National Guard), **\*Lee Heckenlaible, 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!**

**“Jesus Christ – Our Advocate”**

**TEXT: I John 1:5-2:2**

**#1 - THE TRUTH OF WHO CHRIST IS!**

**#2 – RECOGNIZING THE REALITY OF SIN!**

**#3 – WHO IS THIS SIN - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?**

**I. MY DEAR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I John 2:1 –**

 **A. MY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN**

**NOTE:** We see this phrase used \_\_\_ x’s throughout this Epistle. It is a term of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !

 **B. IF ANYONE DOES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **I John 2:1a – *“My dear children, I write this to you so***

 ***that you will not sin. BUT if anybody does sin, . . .”***

**NOTE:** ***“But if anybody does sin, . . .”*** In the original Greek, it could actually read, ***“But if anybody does sin, and you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,”***

**II. OUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I John 2:1b –**

 **Advocate:** One who comes alongside to help; a Defender

 Some have called Jesus, “Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Defense Attorney!”

 **A. WHO IS THE PROSECUTOR? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Rev. 12:10,11 NKJ -**

**III. HE IS THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SACRIFICE (The Propitiation)**

**I John 2:2 –**

 **A. Propitiation:** to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; to make appeasement

 See Heidelberg Catechism Question #11

 See II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; I Peter 2:24; I John 4:10

 **B. For the Sins of the Whole \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTE:** This is for those who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and believe that

 Christ Alone is the only way for salvation. **John 14:6**