**Announcements**

**Special Thanks:** Thanks to Sherry Freier for placing the flowers in the Sanctuary during the month of May.

**Vacation Bible School Week:** Please use **EXTRA CAUTION** as you are coming to and going from VBS this week! There will be lots of precious children running around outside!

**Sunday School:** The Adult S.S. Class will continue meeting through the summer months after church. They are currently working through the Gospel of John. Please consider joining this class as they study God’s Word.

**Crossroads Prison Ministry:** You are invited to a Crossroads Gathering at Peace CRC in Menno, Sat., May 31, from 10-11:30 AM. Whether you’re a current mentor or simply curious about how to get involved, this is a great opportunity to learn more.

**Ark Encounter Bus Tour:** We are taking names of people, from our congregation, who would have interest in a bus tour going to the Ark & Creation Museums in July/August of 2026. We do not have any details at this time for pricing, itinerary, length of trip, etc. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are interested.

**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS! AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

**\*Brockton Kocourek,** as he leaves this week for Basic Training with the Army National Guard, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

**\*Troy Heckenlaible:** We rejoice with Troy Heckenlaible, as Troy is retiring after serving in the Army National Guard for 23 years!

**\*Congratulations to Cindy & Cory Heckenlaible,** as Cindy gave birth to a baby boy on Sun., May 18th – **Carson Cory Heckenlaible!**

**\*Congratulations to Kaylee & Jake Wiskur,** as Kaylee gave birth to a baby boy on Wed., May 21st – **Carter John Wiskur!**

**\*Scott Ruml,** as he is scheduled to have a heart valve replacement surgery on July 1. He will be having several tests leading up to this surgery.

**\*Glenn Kirschenman,** as he recovers from recent knee replacement surgery.

We also pray for **\*Brenda Mehlhaf,** **\*Jan Nebelsick, \*James Hess, \*Roger DeRoucey, \*Eloise Hora, \*Tiffany Pommerville, \*Barb Ulmer, \*Jennifer Bierle, \*Corey Kubal, \*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), **\*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, Chad Boettcher**(Army National Guard), **\*Carmen Taylor, \*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) **- we pray for God's protection over all who serve in our Military!**

**“Soldiers of Christ Arise!”**

**TEXT: II Timothy 2:1-7**

**II Tim. 2:1 AMP - *“So you, my son, BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (strengthened inwardly) in the grace (spiritual blessing) that is [to be found ONLY] in Christ Jesus.”***

**FOUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF LIVING A STRONG CHRISTIAN LIFE!**

**I. AS A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **II Tim. 2:2 –**

**NOTE:** You are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Living Chain, the Body of Christ, and you must pass it on!

**II. AS A GOOD \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **II Tim. 2:3,4 -**

1. **ENDURE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTE:** This means that you are on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ! You are not on Furlough somewhere.

1. **CIVILIAN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**III. AS AN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **II Tim. 2:5 –**

**NOTE:** The Greek Olympic Games can be traced back to the year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC, and continued for 12 centuries, until \_\_\_\_\_\_ AD.

**IV. AS A HARD WORKING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **II Tim. 2:6 –**

**II Tim. 2:7 AMP - *“Think over the things I am saying [grasp their application], for the Lord will grant you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and understanding in everything.”***