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Dear friends,
Greetings in the Lord! I was thinking about my Grandma Mae the other day and remembered her telling me that God knows all about me. "What do you mean, Grams?" I asked.
"God knows all about us. He knows where we live, how much money we have in the bank, what our favorite foods are, what our secret sins are, and how hard we try to be good. He knows our anger and fears, our strengths and weaknesses, our dreams and our doubts, our burdens and our blessings." Then she added, "We may or may not be willing to make full disclosure of ourselves, but God knows the whole story already." My grandmother was smart and I loved her for talking to me like this.
Because of her and lots of others, I know God as my dearest friend. I know that God's presence is always with me and His power to face whatever comes my way will always be there. He won't deaden my pain or give me a detour around trouble, but He will lead me through trouble and grant me wisdom and courage when I face the worst there is in life.
This is my belief, my faith is present because my dear grandmother and others dared talk about it with me. Have you shared your faith with your kids and grandkids? This thing called Faith is perhaps the greatest gift I have received. What is surprising is that I didn't even know it when it came my way.
What do you think?

Peace and love,
Pastor Jim

Pray for: **Our Elders; Catherine, Ozzie, Iris, Betty & Sandy Anderson. Healing for; Pastor Carl Heidel, Mary LeBlanc, Dave Eller, Joey Krog, Grace Porter, Barb Nelson, Gavin, Gail Peterson, Nancy Olson, Shirley Adamic (Hoffman), Joyce Nybloom, Mandee Carlson. The Family of Aubie Paulson. All our students and teachers returning to classrooms.**

SOUL SISTERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, at 6:30 pm

Bring a light snack if you wish and join in discussion and planning for Meatball Supper.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/HELPERS NEEDED

Please attend a meeting after church on September 14 to find out how you can help with this important ministry for our kids. If you cannot attend this meeting, but would like to help, please contact a Council member.

Rally Day Sunday 9/21

to kick off the start of Sunday School. **Sunday School** will begin 9/21/25 and continue the **1st & 3rd Sundays during church service**. Children will be released just prior to the 1st lesson and return in time for communion with their family.
Also on 9/21 **treats will be served in the Hall** after worship. **This will also be your first opportunity to have photos taken for church directory.**

DATE CHANGE

CONFIRMATION RESUMES

Wednesday, September 24, at 6:00 pm.

If you know any 8th graders who are not already attending, please encourage them to join us.

Church Council meets on 2nd Monday of each month. Next meetings September 8 & October 13, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Council members are Shari Lowden, Mike Lowden, Dave Eller, Doug Soukkala, Milissa Soukkala, Donita Korpela and Justin Grill. Please them know if you have any questions or concerns.

MEN'S CLUB

meets on **Wednesday mornings** at church with **coffee and conversation beginning at 9:00 am and Bible Study or devotions beginning at 9:30 am**. This is a great time for fellowship.

FOOD SHELF IN NEED OF SOUP

Let's not forget our brothers and sisters in need. Cans of soup and other Food Shelf donations can be dropped off at church any Sunday. Thank you to our Salem volunteers who serve at the Food Shelf.

AA meets every Monday in the Hall Beginning at 6:00 pm.

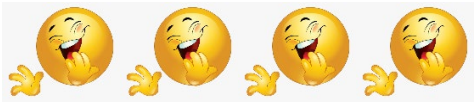
SALEM HALL RENTAL

The Salem Hall is available to use! Contact Dave or Jody Eller at 218-389-6291 or 218-355-0864 and tell your friends! Suggested donation is: $50.00 for 4 hours or less. $100.00 for over 4 hours.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

for

COMMUNION SETUP and COMMUNION SERVING, LESSON READERS, USHERS, MAKING COFFEE and BRINGING TREATS for Fellowship time after church. Thank you to all who help out in so many ways!



Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt." said Kyle.

"I see." Ms. Terri said. "That must be Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus, but who is the fourth person"

Kyle explained, "Oh, that's Pontius, the Pilot!"