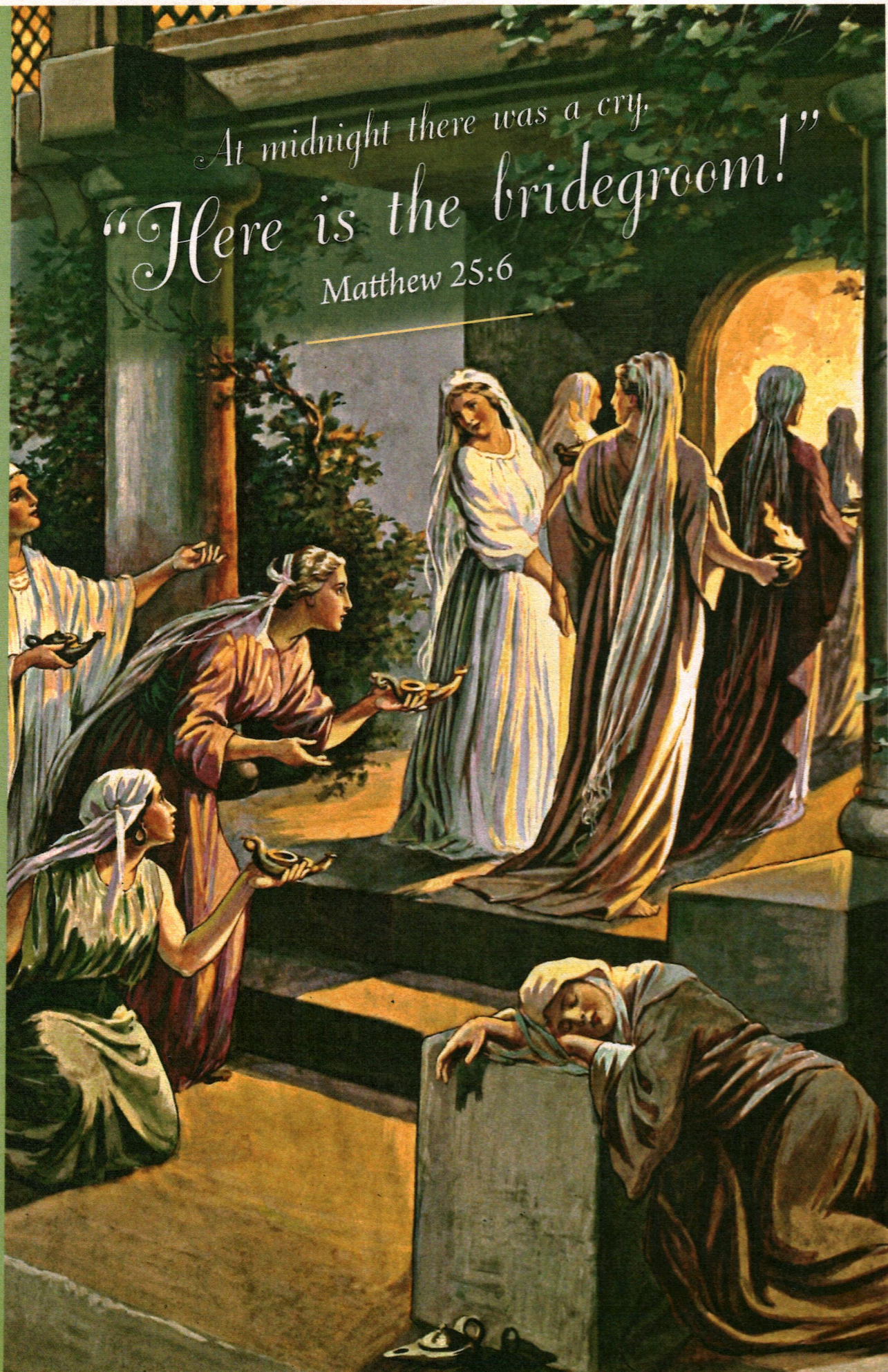
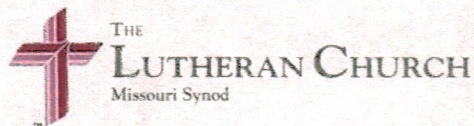


At midnight there was a cry,
"Here is the bridegroom!"
Matthew 25:6





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“Where the Love of Christ is Shared ”

Visitors: Please introduce yourself to the Elders. We hope you will fill out one of our cards in the pew so we can be of service to you.

November 12 , 2023

About the Cover: The Bridegroom is here! Five were prepared with oil in their lamps, but another five were unprepared and left in the dark. Christ's parable of the ten virgins is a call to vigilance for the Lord's return. We do not know the hour when He will come back again. However, in our Lord's Word, we have everything we need to be ready for that day. His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (see Psalm 119:105). Jesus, the Church's Bridegroom, has died, risen, and is coming back again for His Church.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

AS WE GATHER

It's not a big surprise that no one has accurately predicted the end of the world—not that it hasn't been attempted. From religious sects to cult leaders to apocalyptic predictions made when we entered a new millennium, a fascination grows around those who claim they have it all figured out. We are wise though to take the Lord at His word concerning the Last Day. From Amos in the Old Testament proclaiming the day of the Lord, to Paul writing the Thessalonians about Christ's return, to Jesus' parable of the ten virgins, the Lord does not give us a date or a time of the end of this world as we know it. What He continues to give us, though, are promises of His faithfulness, His continued care and providence, and His assurance that when that day comes, it will usher in a glorious blessedness in His perfect presence that will last forever.

+ PREPARATION +

LSB 515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

st. 1

INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10*

Leader Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?

Congregation Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

Leader But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

Congregation For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

Leader At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

Congregation The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

LSB 515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS st. 2

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13*

Leader If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.

Congregation We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.

Leader As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.

Congregation We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.

Leader As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.

Congregation We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.

LSB 515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

st. 3

Leader But let justice roll down like waters,

Congregation and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Leader And so we will always be with the Lord.

Congregation Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Leader In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to “watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a servant of Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and
| honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

O | LORD of hosts,*

blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

Hymn Sing

SALUTATION

Leader The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4

¹Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
O LORD, make haste to help me!

²Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire my hurt!

³Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, "Aha, Aha!"

⁴May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

⁵But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

Reader These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**Congregation They have washed their robes and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Reader Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

Congregation in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not

precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Matthew 25:13

Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1–13

Leader The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord,

open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN SING

SERMON

Matthew 25:1-13

"The Wise And The Foolish"

"Not Extra Virgin Olive Oil, But Virgins With Extra Olive Oil"

APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Hymn Sing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Revelation 22:20

Leader As the Lord invites us to come to Him with petitions and supplications, we commonly close our prayers with "Amen." Derived from a Hebrew verb, *amen* means "certainty" or "to confirm." As Martin Luther put it, *amen* means, "Yes, yes, it shall be so." As we await the day of the Lord, we pray in confidence as Scripture closes with the words: "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" We, in our wait, come to our Lord in prayer, proclaim our "amens," and confidently invite Him to come.

Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that united, together we as Your Church and as Your people confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Amen.

Congregation Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us

from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises to come. Amen.

Congregation Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader Heavenly Father, You have already called faithful servants from this life as they are in Your glorious care and await the resurrection. For we who remain on this earth, give comfort and hope to those who grieve, [*especially . . .*]. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will and lasting peace in light of affliction, [*especially . . .*]. For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience. Amen.

Congregation Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader Heavenly Father, as we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," awaiting His return, we know that in the meantime He even comes to us now through Your Word and Means of Grace. In the body and blood given and shed for us in, with, and under the bread and wine given and received, forgive us our sins and nourish our faith in our waiting that our hearts and lives be reflective of the grace You freely give. Amen.

Congregation Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSE *Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18;
Matthew 25:13; Revelation 22:20–21*

Leader But let justice roll down like waters,
Congregation and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.

Leader And so we will always be with the Lord.

Congregation Therefore encourage one another with these
words.

Leader Watch therefore,

Congregation for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Leader He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am
coming soon."

Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

Congregation Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

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JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4.

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Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

News and Notes :

Stephen Ministry – Anyone needing a Stephen Minister please contact Glenn Stocker. Stephen Ministry is beginning a New Class to train Care Givers. It will be on Thursday evenings beginning in November. Please put a note in the offering plate to indicate your interest or Call Don Moore (509)388-5848 Help provide support for hurting people.

Secret Sisters- Marcia Shotwell is starting up the Secret Sisters after the New Year . If you would like more information, please contact Marcia Shotwell.

Men's Night out : Men's night out is back on. Starting November 20th at 5 pm at tailgaters. See you there.

Gift Bags for Senior Veterans : Jean Sinclair and Sandy Phelps have 50 bags (25 from Peace & 25 from Bethlehem). They are going to Chuck Austin Place, a low-income vet housing. Please bring the veterans bags back to the church by December 10th. Thank you to all who participated. The veterans will know we are Christians by our love. If you have any Questions, please contact Jean Sinclair or Sandy Phelps.

Ushers/ Acolyte's

We are in need of more Usher's and Acolyte's. If you feel like you can help, please speak to an Elders, A sign-up sheet is in the Social room on the large Bulletin board.

Thank you

Thanksgiving Service. Thanksgiving service is going to be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on November 22, 2023, at 7pm. I

Staff and Pastor's Christmas Gifts

We are accepting donations for the staff and Pastor's Christmas Gift. If you would like to donate, please give gifts to John Cox, Steve Hert, or Sharon Green.

Thank you.

Important Dates

Congregation Meeting Sunday November 19th after service. This is to approve the 2024 Budget.

Quilters : The Peace Lutheran Quilters are asking if you have any Aunt Lydia's Crochet Thread Classic 10 that you're not using please consider donating to the quilters.

Thank you!

Thank you .

The Smeback Family wishes to thank all who are keeping Steve Smeback in your prayers.

Birthdays for Week of Nov 12th

Karen Reynolds 11/13

Anniversaries for Week of Nov 12th

None this Week

Attendance:

11/5/2023 55

Offerings:

\$ 3,420.00



The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids
Matthew 25:1-13

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Membership Covenant

In order for the congregation and the Leadership to deal effectively with issues in the congregation, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- 1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.**
- 2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastor, leadership, committees, and congregational meetings.**
- 3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to leadership, the leadership person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"**
- 4. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a leadership team member, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.**
- 5. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the leadership member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the leadership member shall say, "I'm sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."**
- 6. If permission is given, the leadership member shall report the information/opinion to the leadership team and use the members name.**
- 7. At his/her discretion, a leadership member may ask that the member refer this issue to another member for presentation.**
- 8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the leadership. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and /or President to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.**
- 9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed. While the covenant uses language regarding the leadership team, the same procedures apply to all boards and committees. May the Spirit give us grace to grow as a healthy congregation**

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- Peace and Harmony in our Church
- For patience and guidance as our Congregation seeks to receive the call of a Pastor to serve Peace and Bethlehem.
- Jamie Hart is responding well to rehab and at home . He will have his Skull reattached at Sacred Heart in Spokane on November 17th .
- Linora Rittenhouse : Is home and Doing well, and still healing.
- For Israel , their people, and their military to overcome the current terror.
- Carson and Family for loss of Jen the mother of Carson 2 sons.
- Sylvia and Family for the loss of Sylvia's sister.
- Budd Crabb is back in the hospital.
- Family of Don Fairfax he passed away.
- Family of Kim Bonson she passed away.
- Family of Del Guthmiller for he passed away.
- Family and Friends of Roger Carroll He passed away.
- Smeback Family, Steve is home after a stroke and is waiting for surgery.

For those battling cancer:

Rachel Snyder	Eric Ragot	Joe Koreis
Barbara Peter	Jaclyn Freeborn	Bob Darnell
Robert Phillips	Louise	Jackie Henneghan
Lisa McCloud	Julie Colgan	Shirley Davis
Brina Brown		