

IN OUR PRAYERS . . . Our prayers this week include those who are our Shut-Ins: Jean Hammack, Eva Mae Powell, and Randy Sandage. A visit, phone call, or card is always welcomed.

We thank the Lord for all His blessings, especially Carol VanConey, Sara Zuelly, Maddie Knepper, Dave Powell, Carolyn Roberts, Isaiah Warner, and Jim Mulzer who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

We remember our members who serve God and country in our Armed Forces, especially Hunter Greubel. May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

May the Lord continue to grant Wilson Knepper healing and restore his strength.

We remember Debbie Christensen as she recovers at home.

Leona Kleaving continues recovering at home.

At this time with the Corona virus pandemic visits are not allowed but prayers and cards are much welcomed for these members.

We pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers into His Vineyard. Especially that He would bless all missionaries, seminarians, and Daniel as they prepare to answer His call to serve.

Steve Hoesli, brother of 'Jack' Hoesli who is terminally ill. May our Father graciously strengthen and keep them firm in His Word and faith.

This morning in Sunday school we heard how the Holy Spirit works through Word and water to bring us faith in Jesus as our Savior. Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 23rd is our **Congregational & Sunday School Picnic**. Please return your sign-in form (found in your mailbox) by placing it in the offering plate **TODAY**. Now we are able to have the picnic at **Mulzer's Camp**. Hope to see everyone there for a great day of fun & fellowship!

The **Women's Bible study** will begin in September. They are studying a new book and would like to see if other members in the church would like to purchase it to read on their own if not attending the study. We can receive a bulk discount rate with more people purchasing it. The book, from CPH, is called: *Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America* by Robert Bennett. At most, the cost will be \$15.99 plus shipping. Please let Renate Warner know **TODAY** if you are interested in purchasing.

Mid-Week Bible Study starts this Thursday, August 20th at 10:00.. Pastor's mid-week Bible study is on the book of Galatians. Plans are for an evening study starting in September.

The **Thrivent shirts** are free to anyone in the Narthex. There are assorted sizes and colors. Please get yours now as there will be more at soup supper time. They are very comfortable for summer wear, and they are FREE.

Are you saving all your **Noble's grocery receipts**? Deposit them in the small box on shelf below window in library. The Guild returns these for a small benefit of one cent per dollar. Thanks, Sales Receipts Chairman, Verona Mallory

Our special mission emphasis this month is our **Adopted Missionary family - Rev. Timothy and Beth Heiney**. You may use the special offering envelope in your mailbox if you wish to support them as they proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in West Africa. Pick up their latest newsletter from the display table in the Narthex.

“Life Thought” from Lutheran’s for Life - With God’s prophets we call the culture around us to turn away from the destruction they are bringing upon themselves (Jeremiah 8:5, 11; Luke 19:43-44). With us they each remain precious to Jesus, who by His visitation in the flesh (Luke 19:44) for forgiveness delivers the Gospel that makes for peace (Luke 19:42) and righteousness (Romans 10:4). *O Lord God, intervene and redeem our people that we may behold and inhabit Your kingdom. Amen.*

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