

Sunday: 02-03-2019
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)
Souper Bowl of Caring
Reports available to the congregation
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 02-05-2019
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 02-10-2019
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)
Congregational Meeting
10:45 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, February 5, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

Fundraiser for the Landeck Church. Venedocia Lions Club sausage sandwiches, soup, and vanilla ice cream will be served in the Landeck church basement on February 10 from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm

The 2019 **Flower chart** is in the vestibule. Please sign up.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the March newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc or PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

4th-Andrew Emery 4th-Jerry Foust
11th-Evelyn Martz 12th-Madison Pugh

Upcoming Anniversaries

15th-John C. & Anne Morris 15th-Brian & April Ellerbrock



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Kylee Ball (surgery)
Peggy Burnett
Jackie Coalson (COPD)
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
Jim Davis (cancer)
Mark Davis
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)
Judy Foust
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Hurbert (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Dawson Kimmit & Kale (nightmares)
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Barbara Lewis (heart attack)
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Bob Louth
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Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Sarah Miller (health issues)
Gwen Montez (surgery)
Marian Morris
Chance Mosier (shoulder surgery)
Kim Owens
Dorothea Plikerd
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Marjorie Rhodes
Julie Rickard (mission trip)
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Herb Summersett (prostrate cancer)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – We are commissioned by God.

POINT TWO – We have deadly words of doubt to discard – “Who am I that...?”.

POINT THREE – You are never alone, and God is ever with you.

THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

No matter what his age, however, God urges Jeremiah to act and promises to be with him. In Jeremiah’s weakness, God will make him strong. In God’s way of thinking, it is not one’s inherent strength, abilities, or credentials that count, but rather God’s presence. For that reason, Jeremiah is not to be afraid to go to the people with God’s message. Indeed, in the light of the divine command (“you must go” v. 7), he should only be afraid of not acting. God not only insists “Get yourself ready,” God also informs Jeremiah that He has readied Jeremiah for the task in the womb. Likewise, God has prepared us for our tasks. Why not ask prayerfully God what He wants you to do with your life here on earth?

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