Week of 12/16/2024

Words of Encouragement

"There is still another aspect of this divine perfection, and one that is always regarded as of the greatest importance. It is generally called His faithfulness, in virtue of which He is ever mindful of His covenant and fulfils all the promises which He has made to His people. This faithfulness of God is of the utmost practical significance to the people of God. It is the ground of their confidence, the foundation of their hope, and the cause of their rejoicing. It saves them from the despair to which their own unfaithfulness might easily lead, gives them courage to carry on in spite of their failures, and fills their hearts with joyful anticipations, even when they are deeply conscious of the fact that they have forfeited all the blessings of God. Num. 23:19; Deut. 7:9; Ps. 89:33; Isa. 49:7; I Cor. 1:9; II Tim. 2:13; Heb. 6:17, 18; 10:23."

-Louis Berkhof

Calendar

- Sunday: 9:45 AM Prayer Time for the Lost at the church
- Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship Service

** Christmas Eve Service - 3:00 PM at the church **

Pray for the Unreached

Orochi People in Ukraine

Population: 700 | Primary religion: Ethnic Religions | Percent Evangelical Christian: .00%

Pray for spiritual hunger to permeate Orochi society, giving them the desire and ability to follow Jesus. Pray for the Lord to thrust out the right workers to these people who desperately need a savior. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Orochi in both Russia and Ukraine.

Prayer Requests

- Meghan Larose Please pray for a friend of mine who may have to have several toes amputated due to a bone infection. This would put him in a wheelchair. Please pray that some other alternatives will work and this will be a last resort. Please pray for healing.
- Chet Peterson Please pray for my uncle, Ray, as he goes to upcoming neurologist, cardiologist, and pulmonologist appointments to get to the bottom of a recent car accident he was involved in.
- Brenna Peterson Please pray for my friend Mary Katherine's baby who is showing signs of trisomy 18, which is severe developmental condition where most babies do not survive past birth or infancy. Please pray for her and her husband, Ricky, as they continue with the pregnancy. Praise the Lord though that even in the sadness, Mary Katherine has immense peace in her Lord and Savior.
- UPDATE: Praise the Lord! Brad passed his licensing exam. Please continue to pray for endurance and perseverance as he begins working at Blue Ridge Health. Also, please pray for him as he gathers and submits all that is required for his licensure.
- UPDATE: The results for Breanna's echocardiogram and stress test came back with no major issues. She has a follow with her cardiologist next week and will discuss next steps. Please pray as she goes to the cardiologist on the 16th for a follow-up.
- Please pray for Metta Bauman's father. He was recently placed in Hospice care.
- Breanna Peterson Please pray for my friend's husband, Justin Wong, who was recently diagnosed with mesothelioma. Thankfully it is not in his lymph nodes. Please pray for him and his family, he is married with three young children.

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Scripture Reading

Consider reading Matthew 1-2 in preparation for this week's sermon.

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