

# Parables

## STORIES JESUS TOLD

March 11, 2018

Pastor Steven Osborne

Opening Song

Welcome

Offertory - Ken Seehus with the Gideons

Meeting and Greeting

Praise and Worship

Salem Family Prayer

Message - *The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree*

Closing Song

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### **THIS MORNING WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING AVAILABLE FOR YOU:**

**Nursery Care** is provided for children birth to Pre-K during service.

**Kids Quest** is an activity for children ages four years to 6th grade during the last part of our worship service. They will be dismissed with the teacher and hear a Bible story, have a craft & snack. You can pick them up after the service in the Cana or Galilee Rooms.

**Sound Amplifiers & Large Print Bibles** are available from ushers.

**Prayer Team** is available at the back of the Sanctuary after the service.

**IF YOU'RE VISITING WITH US, PLEASE FILL OUT A VISITOR CARD AND BRING IT TO THE WELCOME CENTER. WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!**

# SERVING YOU

**USHERS FOR MARCH:** Paul Norgren (lead), Bryan Noble, Jim Proudlock, Cliff Sanders, David Van Loon

**NURSERY TODAY:** Anna Johnson & Mikki Abbott

**March 18:** Liz Johnson & Heather McGrew

**KIDS QUEST TODAY:** Moriah Cook & Kathy Norgren

**March 18:** Moriah Cook

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TODAY:** Kathy Pocernich

**March 18:** Carol Bloomquist

**WELCOME CENTER TODAY:**

**March 18:** Mark & Heather McGrew

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**MISSIONARY: Keith & Florence Gustafson** serving with the Covenant Dept. of World Missions. Please pray for Keith as he makes his final visit to Congo after Easter. The Covenant leaders will be going on this trip as well. Also pray for Willy and Nadege who just recently moved to Yakoma, Congo to start a new discipleship training center. Please pray for a fruitful ministry as they begin working with the churches in that area.

**LOCAL MISSIONS: Covenant Park Bible Camp** - Please pray for the board as they meet at Salem tomorrow evening. Pray for God's wisdom and leading as they make decisions for the camp facility as well as the upcoming summer camp season.

**SALEM MINISTRY: Property Commission** - Darrell Johnson (chair), Wally Abbott, Warren Blodgett, Tim Younggren, Roger Swanson, Jim Proudlock, Dan Pocernich, and Bryan Noble. Please pray for these members as they care for the church building and grounds.

**HOMEBOUND:** Lester Pearson & Mark Andersen

# GOD'S WORD

## *Romans 12:9-10, 12-13*

- 9 *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.*
- 10 *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*
- 12 *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*
- 13 *Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BAKE SALE TODAY!** Breads for sale: Cranberry wild rice, oatmeal, focaccia and monkey bread. All proceeds will go to cover costs for the Wednesday evening meals.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM** - Please join us on Wednesday evenings at Salem:
  - **DINNER FOR EVERYONE AT 5:30 PM** - All members & neighbors of Salem are welcome!
  - **ANCHORED** for children in Kindergarten - 6th grade. Meets weekly at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary and ends at 7:30 pm
  - **TEXT** for students in 7-12 grade and in college. Meets weekly at 6:00 pm in the TEXT room and ends at 7:30 pm.
- **ALL CHURCH POTLUCK** sponsored by the Congregational Care & Nurture Commission next Sunday, March 18 following the worship service. Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of fellowship and food in the TEXT room with games and fun in the gym. The ovens will be on to keep your food warm. Contact Kathy Hughes if you'd like to help or if you have any questions.
- **HOLY WEEK** - Join us for these special services during Holy Week:
  - **MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29** - Soup & Bread at 6:00 pm followed by Chosen People Ministries leading the service at 6:30 pm
  - **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30** - West Duluth Community Service at 7:00 pm at Salem. There will be drama, music, and multi-media.
  - **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1** - Join us for breakfast at 8 - 9:15 am with an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am in the TEXT room. Our special Easter Celebration will be at 10:00 am.
- **EASTER LILIES** - If you'd like to purchase a lily as a memorial or to honor a loved one, please see the order form in your bulletin. All orders must be turned into the church office by Sunday, March 18.
- **ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE** - Saturday, March 24. See your bulletin insert for more details.
- **CHIC FUNDRAISER** - On Sunday, March 25 the group going to CHIC will be selling donuts during the Coffee & Fellowship time in order to raise money for their trip to Knoxville, TN on July 15-20.
- **THE CHURCH DIRECTORY** is in the process of being updated. There's a clipboard with the directory attached to it at the Welcome Center so you can make any changes to your contact information if needed. Please make any changes this morning or contact Darlene in the church office.

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 11 BAKE SALE**

**8:30 am** Praise Team Practice

**9:30 am** Prayer in the Adult Prayer Room

**10:00 am** Worship

**11:15 am** Coffee and Fellowship

**6:00 pm** GG - at Van Loon's with Alan Van Loon

**6:00 pm** GG - at Salem with Dave Johnson

## **MONDAY, MARCH 12**

**6:45 pm** CPBC Board Meeting

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 13**

**9:00 am** Properties Commission Projects

**10:00 am** Staff Meeting

**6:30 pm** GG - at McGrew's with Kevin McGrew

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**

**9:15 am** CBS

**5:30 pm** Dinner for everyone - *Spaghetti*

**6:00 pm** ANCHORED - Children ages 5-12

**6:00 pm** TEXT - Students 7-12 grade & college

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 15**

**1:30 pm** GG-SAGE 55+ at Salem with Cindy Bourn

**5:30 pm** Praise Team Practice

**7:00 pm** GG - at Salem with Dean Carlson

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 16** Pastor Steven's Day Off

Confirmation Retreat through Saturday

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 18 MILITARY PRAYER**

**8:30 am** Praise Team Practice

**9:30 am** Prayer in Adult Prayer Room

**10:00 am** Worship

**11:15 am** Coffee & Fellowship

**11:30 am** CCN Potluck for everyone

**6:00 pm** GG - at Salem with Dave Johnson