

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Chance (age 4) – tubes in both ears, adenoids & tonsils removed

Daisy Lew – ICU, open heart surgery

Lowell Anderson – RCU, multiple fractures

Michelle Tanner – broke ankle & left leg again which increased her seizures (a member of our Joyful Noise class)

Roxanne Stanley – Intestinal infection

Vereda Williams – Neuro ICU at UCSF

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Alan Levy, Carole Thomas, Lillian Nielson, Ron Wardle

Hospice care: JD Jacobsen

HOME WITH THE LORD

Please remember Suzanne Brewer and her family in prayer in the recent loss of her mother, **Joan Brewer**, who succumbed to a rare form of blood cancer. Suzanne shared that her family is grateful that her mother is not in pain anymore, but they miss her terribly. Cards may be sent to Suzanne at: 11541 87th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98178.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update at www.tlc.org/profiles.**



WORLD
OUTREACH
WEEK

The Lazarus Miracle

A MODEL FOR MISSIONS

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Each of us can experience a “Lazarus Miracle” by answering Jesus’ call to missions modeled in John 11.

Mission Call #1

“Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Lord, come and see,” they replied.” *John 11:34*

Jesus calls us to _____

Mission Call #2

“Take away the stone,” Jesus said. *John 11:39a*

Jesus calls us to _____

Mission Call #3

“Now unbind him,” Jesus told them, “and let him go home.” *John 11:44*

Jesus calls us to _____

Daily Meditations

Take a few minutes each day to read Bible passages and answer questions based on this week's message.

Monday

Read John 11:1-35. What stood out to you in the sermon last weekend? Why?

Write down three things that impress you in this passage:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Recall a time when you feel as though God brought you "back from the dead." What did you learn about God's power during that time?

Who has God placed in your life that needs to know God's resurrection power in their life?

Thank God today for the ways He has resurrected your life. Thank Him for the privilege of telling others about Him. Talk to Him about the reasons you find it difficult to share your faith. Ask Him to give you the courage and the words to share with those whom He places in your life.

Tuesday

Read John 11:39-41a. Why do you think Jesus had the people roll away the stone from Lazarus' tomb?

What part did rolling away the stone play in the miracle that Jesus did?

Recall a time when God used you as part of the miracle in someone's life. How did you grow from that experience?

Thank God today that He uses you in others' lives. Thank Him for the miraculous power He has. Ask Him to give you the courage to "roll away" a stone when He asks you to. Pray that your life and words will be an encouragement to those around you today.

Wednesday

Read John 11:41b-44. This is amazing! Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead! He doesn't do the miracle on His own (though He could!); He involved Lazarus' friends. What does He have them do in this section of the story?

How does the role of Lazarus' friend apply to your life?

In what ways do you feel "bound" right now? What have you learned about God's power and the role of others in your life that can help and encourage you this week?

Thank God today for His love and involvement in your life. Thank Him for the miracles you have seen Him perform. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you feel "bound." Ask Him to bring godly friends along to help unbind you. Ask God to use you as an agent of freedom in your friends' lives.

Thursday

Read John 8:31, 15:15; 2 Corinthians 5:20a & 1 Peter 2:9. What are those who belong to God's kingdom called, according to these verses?

It is an amazing thing to realize that the King of all loves you and wants you to be part of His Kingdom and its purpose! Let that truth swirl in your head for a few minutes. Write down two ways this truth can impact your daily life.

- 1.
- 2.

Thank God today that He has a purpose for you and a place for you in His kingdom. Ask Him to let this truth impact your life daily and pray that you'll live with a kingdom view.

Friday

Read Matthew 29:18-20 & John 3:16-17. Let's focus specifically on sharing the Good News of God's transforming grace with the world.

Knowing you are part of God's kingdom and God's plan is great but it needs to go beyond head knowledge – you've got to put feet to it! What is the greatest obstacle you face when it comes to sharing your faith? How about when it comes to taking your faith global?

Write down three ways you will intentionally participate in God's kingdom and His plan to reach out to people.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thank God today for being with you each step of the way. Ask Him to show you opportunities to share your faith and pray for the courage to take them!

Saturday

Please be sure you've completed this week's devotions. Pray that God will prepare you to hear the sermon this weekend and worship with fellow believers. Ask God to soften your heart to His kingdom all around the world.



Memory Verse

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25-26