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September

What's up with confirmation? What happens during confirmation and why do we have it?" Maybe you've asked these questions. Many people, including pastors, wonder what the point of confirmation is. Something that helps me is to call it Affirmation of Baptism, which is a much more descriptive name for what we're doing. Basically, it's an opportunity to affirm for themselves the promises that their parents, sponsors and congregation made for them at their baptism. At baptism, parents make this promise: "... to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are to be examples to the them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor."

At their affirmation of baptism, confirmands are asked to make this promise for themselves: "to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully." Things that Christians do regularly. The process of preparing people to affirm these promises can take many forms, including classes and increased involvement in congregational life. The process of confirmation takes many forms and varies from congregation to congregation, but the end goal is the same: to prepare people to boldly and confidently make those promises, affirm their baptisms and continue to live out their faith in the church.

I used to think there was something wrong with confirmation, but I have developed the opinion that the problem really is within how confirmation is done. We do not have enough trust in our young people. We do not see how young people are like the rest of the church where our ministry occurs in everyday living. In life development happens in households, on the job, and in community. This is also true among young people. Faith formation may happen in the congregation, but the application is in the classroom, athletic field, band and trying to juggle a part-time job.

Confirmation occurs at the age when young people are in a time of discovery. Some get this, but sadly many do not. The intent for confirmation is to support faith formation, which translates into ministry in daily living.

While confirmation is a time-honored rite of passage in our Lutheran tradition, we tend to treat confirmation like the finish line when it is really more like the starting gate. At one time (like when I was

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confirmed), confirmation was a rite of passage. It was the time when a young person not only made a personal statement of faith, but it was also the time when we became a communing, contributing member of the congregation. They ought to be so already, confirming and affirming what God has already declared. **It would be good for us lose this “rite of passage” purpose.**

The years spent in confirmation classes are intended to continue, more intentionally, the exploration of faith, faith and life, and faith and the church so that students can make that affirmation of baptism statement of faith in the hope and trust that God will continue to lead and guide them in all the aspects of their lives now and in the future.

And for those already confirmed, to continue to hear God’s Word, continue to receive the Lord’s Supper, and dust off that Small Catechism and pray with it and read the questions and answers for yourself, you may grow too! *-Pastor Amen*

September 2023 Worship

Sunday, September 3, Pentecost 14

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Hymns: 688, 655, 861, 685, 975

Service: Setting 3

Sermon: Peaceful Glory

Sunday, September 10, Pentecost 15

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

Hymns: 725, 820, 864, 605, 649, 686

Service: Prayer and Preaching, Rally Sunday!

Sermon: Humble Greatness

Sunday, September 17, Pentecost 16

Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Hymns: 351, 512, 818, 685, 763

Service: Setting 4

Sermon: Forgiving One Another

Sunday, September 24, Pentecost 17

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Hymns: 555, 826, 853, 720

Service: Setting 4, Communion

Sermon: Vocation



Offerings for Missions

September 3: LWML Mite Box Sunday. The mites/door collections will support national and international mission grants. Read about this month’s featured grants below. Year to date we have collected \$173.45 to donate towards these grants.

September 17:

The special collection this day is taken for Disaster Relief for Maui.

Through LCMS California-Nevada-Hawaii District office.

The people of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kahului, Maui are providing immediate response, sharing needed goods and services, and assisting school families who are housing displaced people.

Two staff from Lutheran Church Charities are deployed to Maui. They will help to organize a response effort able to be sustained by Emmanuel and supported by the CNH and the greater LCMS.

Remind



The Youth programs and JAM will be using the Remind app for communication this fall. This app allows us to text large groups very easily and we will utilize it to send reminders about upcoming events and activities as well as updates about class cancellations or weather. Please follow the instructions below to sign up for Remind!

1. Open a new text message.
2. Type 81010 in the recipient box.
3. In the message type the appropriate code for the group you are signing up for:

JAM: -----@stpaul23

Confirmation: -----@bible24

Jr. SPY: -----@jrspy23

Sr. SPY: -----@srspy23

Example:

If I am signing up for confirmation I will text @bible24 to 81010.



Bible Studies and Groups

Sign up to bring treats for downstairs on Sunday
on the bulletin board in atrium!

Beginning Sunday, September 17th we will
resume Sunday morning Bible Study in the
atrium after service.



SAGES
Saints Alive!
Growing Ever Serving

Wednesday, September 27, 10:00am

Join us for a time of coffee and fellowship, a
little Bible study, a few mind games and a good
time with others who admit to not being as
young as they use to be.

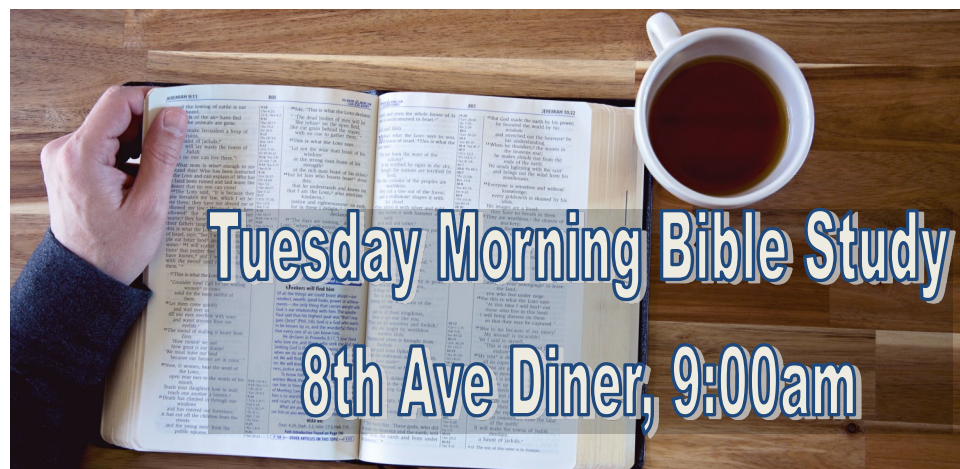


Thursday, September 7, 2:00pm

Ladies of all ages are welcome to attend as we
plan and discuss the upcoming year and update
on LWML mission projects.

Pastor will lead us in a Bible Study

The **Quilting Group** meets on **Wednesdays at 1pm**. Join in the fellowship and work on some projects. We would love for you to join us on Wednesdays for a fun afternoon of sewing and fellowship. You do not need to have quilting experience, just willing hands. Can't join every week? That's ok! Please come when you are able!





Confirmation and Jr. SPY

Sunday, September 10, 17, 24 ~ 6-8:30 PM

As the school year begins, so do confirmation classes! The same as last year, we will begin with confirmation class at 6 PM, have a meal at 7 PM, with Jr. SPY to follow each week! Confirmation classes are for those in 6-8th grade and the 5th graders are welcome to join us for Jr. SPY.

Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 10

It's time to kick off the Sunday School and JAM year and celebrate the exciting year ahead learning about Jesus! We invite you to come to church on September 10th to meet the JAM teachers, see your classrooms, and end the morning with a balloon launch.

Sr. SPY Youth Group

Wednesday, September 20 ~ 7-8:30 PM

We will be kicking off Sr. SPY Youth Group for the school year on Wednesday, September 20. Sr. SPY will be meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 7-8:30 PM. Join us for a time of Bible Study, fellowship, and games with other high school students!



Last month, Vacation Bible School: Stellar took place here at St. Paul from August 6-10. We had 67 participants who spent the week learning more about Jesus and his love through Crafts, Games and Snacks, Bible Stories, and Music! The kids had a blast raising money for Operation Kid-to-Kid who help to provide Bibles to children and families all over the world. They reached and surpassed our set goals and as a prize for the winning group, Pastor Amen and DCE Susie received pies to the faces after the closing program on Thursday.

We were also blessed with 38 volunteers that helped with set-up, clean-up and running VBS. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who made VBS possible, we truly could not have done it without you! Also, a special thank you to those who donated items, made monetary donations towards VBS, and those who prayed for VBS. We could not have done it without your love and support!

Back-to-school shopping? Shopping for your office? Keep us in mind! If you make a purchase at Office Max or Office Depot, they donate a 5% back to schools. At checkout, let them know you are supporting St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, Pipestone, ID# 70247677. You can also select the preschool when purchasing online. This is helpful for us to purchase needed items and is no extra cost to you!

Church Directory

UPDATE

The last few years have brought many changes in our world, our culture, our community, and our church. Through the many changes, however, the central truths of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ remains the same. Part of this Scriptural truth is that the church remains united as the body of Christ and that we have need to support

and encourage one another in our Christian lives.

Prior to 2019, one “easy” way this was often done was with arranging a photography company to come into congregations, take pictures, and they would produce a picture directory. Of course, they made their own living through selling various prints and products as well as charging for additionally submitted pictures not taken through them. These companies no longer offer these products and services.

This does not mean that we cannot produce such a resource. Perhaps with greater flexibility and able to share more fully with each other so that we can know each other better and be able to rejoice in the communion of saints.

While some details need to be worked out for cost and final production, we will be producing our own photo directory through Pipestone Publishing.

- * What we need first and foremost is accurate information! Please check with Alissa to make sure that we have your most accurate information. Do not assume that we have all the correct information, we have had many times where the program is simply not updated and this is unknown until needed. (Including household updates, phones, emails, summer and winter addresses, etc.)

- * Next, we need family photos! As the summer months begin, you likely will have plenty of opportunity for creating and getting appropriate family photos. These may be professionally done or with a high quality camera (or likely smart phone). The less cropping and editing, the better, let us do that please. We are asking that all photos be no earlier than April 2023 and in original form. Send photos to stpaulpipestonemedia@gmail.com.



This will be a large project and we need time and participation. There may be opportunity for photos to be taken, but this has not been determined at this time and will be limited. We are hoping for all information and submissions to be completed by September 2023 so that we have a wonderful resource to better unite, encourage, and support each other as the body of Christ.



SEPTEMBER

Sun, Sept 3 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am *Divine Service*

Tues, Sept 5 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner

Wed, Sept 6 1:00pm Quilters
7:00pm Choir

Thurs, Sept 7 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner
2:00pm LWML

Sun, Sept 10 15th Sunday after Pentecost—Rally Sunday

9:00am *Divine Service*
6:00pm Confirmation
7:15pm Jr. SPY

Mon, Sept 11 5:15pm Board of Education

Tues, Sept 12 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner

Wed, Sept 13 1:00pm Quilters
5:30pm Bells
7:00pm Choir

Sun, Sept 17 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am *Divine Service*
10:00am Bible Study/JAM
6:00pm Confirmation
7:15pm Jr. SPY

Tues, Sept 19 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner
7:00pm Board of Directors

Wed, Sept 20 1:00pm Quilters
5:30pm Bells
7:00pm Choir
7:00pm Sr. SPY

Thurs, Sept 21 10:00am *Service at Ridgeview*
1:00pm *Service at Good Sam*
3:00pm *Shut-in Service at St Paul*

Sun, Sept 24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am *Divine Service*
10:00am Bible Study/JAM
6:00pm Confirmation
7:15pm Jr. SPY

Tues, Sept 26 9:00am Bible Study at 8th Ave Diner

Wed, Sept 27 10:00am SAGES
1:00pm Quilters
5:30pm Bells
7:00pm Choir
7:00pm Board of Elders



Our Shut In Service will be held each month on the third Thursday. Join us this month on September 21 for a time of worship and communion.



Est. Monthly Need..... \$29,658.85
Previous need with loan payment..... \$31,752.28
July Offering..... \$31,008.75
July 31 YTD \$200,215.37
LWML Mites YTD \$173.45
Coins For Christ \$363.83



St. Paul Preschool

September, 2023

Welcome to St. Paul Preschool! We are so excited to begin a new year and have the chance to get to know your child. Our goal is to make your child's experience here a loving, caring and positive one. We feel privileged to have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus in our daily activities and partner with you in their learning experience.

All About Me Bags: We will be sending a paper bag home starting the week of Sept. 7th and would like your child to put 4 things inside that would tell us about themselves. Please have all the items fit in the bag. We can't wait to learn all about your child and their favorite things.

Take home folders: There will be a take home folder in your child's backpack with their name on it. When we have a note or newsletter to send home, we will put it in there. If you have something for us, please do the same. Please leave the folder in their backpacks. Thanks!

Enrollment Forms or Changes: If you have not turned in your child's immunization records, or health summary please do so soon! If you need to make any changes on your child's registration with addresses, phone numbers or daycare please let us know as soon as possible so we can update your child's file.

We will be sending home a weekly newsletter to tell you what we have been working on for the week. Please ask your child and have them practice at home. They will love this time with you! They will also be on our web page. As we begin this new school year, we pray that the loving Lord will guide all the teachers' day by day to do their best to help each child learn about Jesus' love and to gain knowledge and self-confidence.

We look forward to a fun and exciting year with you and your child!

In Christ's Love,
Shelly, Paige, Gloria, and Rose

Reminders

- All tuition is due the first day of the month. If you have not paid for September, please do so.
- MEA -----Oct. 19th and 20th ----- No School
- Fall Festival ----Oct. 30th ----- 6:00pm

Taxi Information

If your child will be riding the taxi a form provided by the Pipestone County transit must be filled out and on file with the taxi office. You may stop at the taxi office to do this. We will have the necessary forms available at our open house. You may also purchase a punch card (recommended) or tokens from them. Please note the taxi will not transport your child if they do not have the form on file. Please notify the taxi if your child will not be riding. We must also be notified of any schedule changes.

Cost of tuition is: MWF \$110/month or \$990 for the year; 5-day program \$150/month or \$1350 for the year; T/TH \$95/month or \$855 for the year. You have the option of pay in full or monthly. If you pay monthly tuition is due the 1st of every month. St. Paul Preschool's policy, set by the board, states that if a child's monthly tuition due is not paid in 30 days; the child cannot attend until it is paid. We appreciate your prompt payment. It helps us to operate our program in the most efficient manner.

St. Paul Preschool is owned and operated by St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMS.
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Teacher/Director
Shelly Tuinstra
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Assistant teachers
Paige Larsen
Gloria Evans
Rose Sorenson

Preschool board members
Meg DeGroot
Melissa McCorquodale
Heather Hiniker
Kari Haman
Elizabeth Determan

Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love
31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking
12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow
28 42 7 8 27 37

A present
1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears
19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room
40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)
34 17 41 30

To take a long walk
14 2 9 38

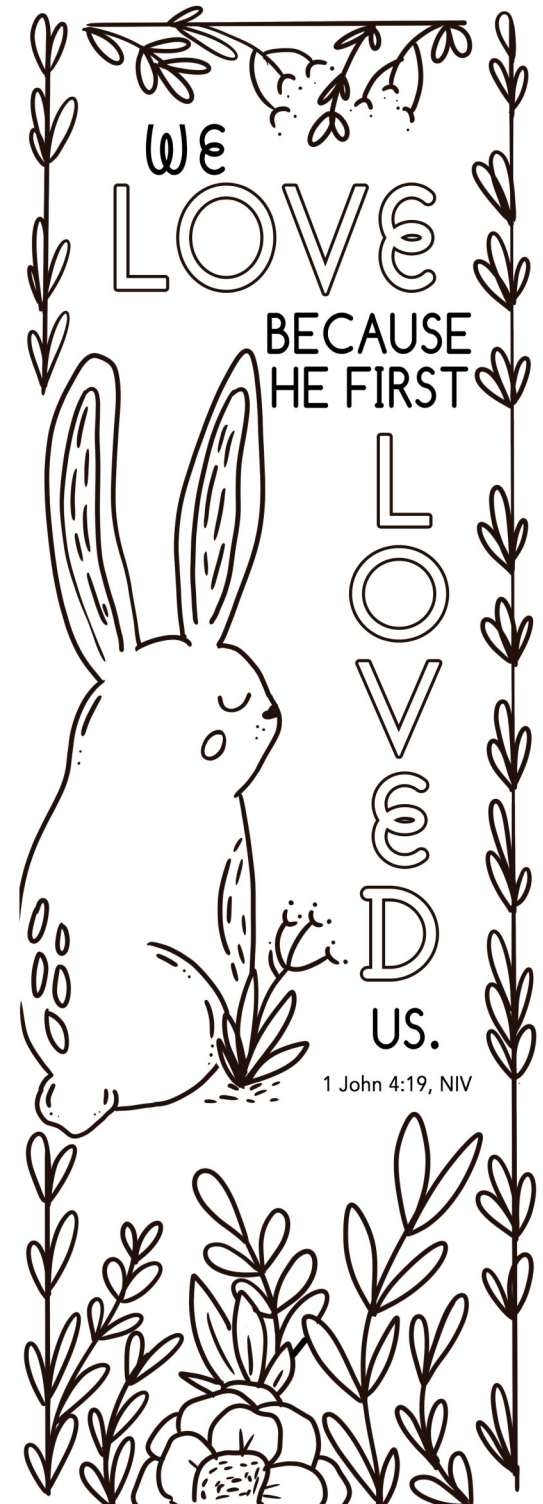
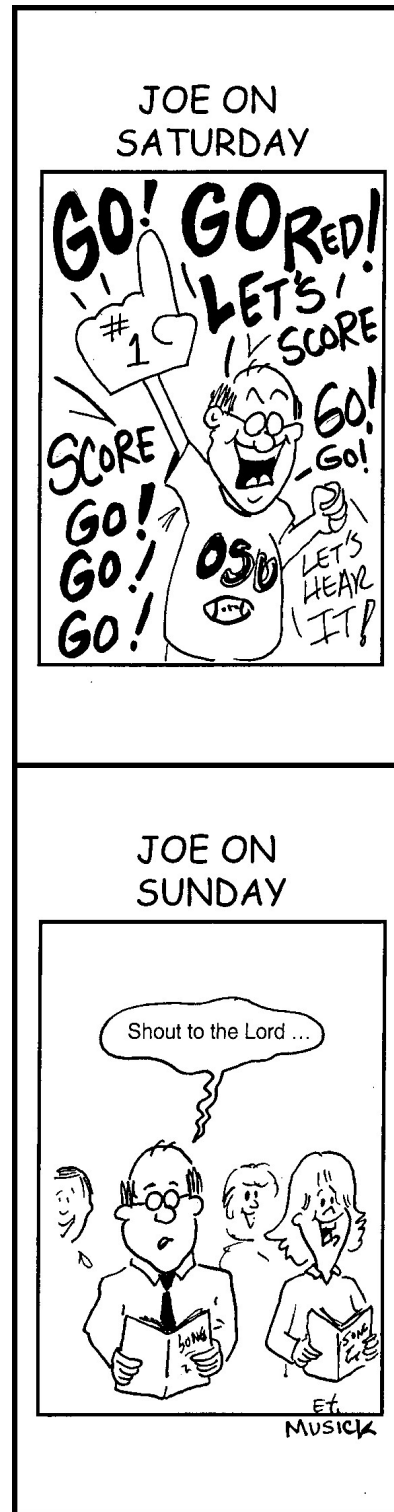
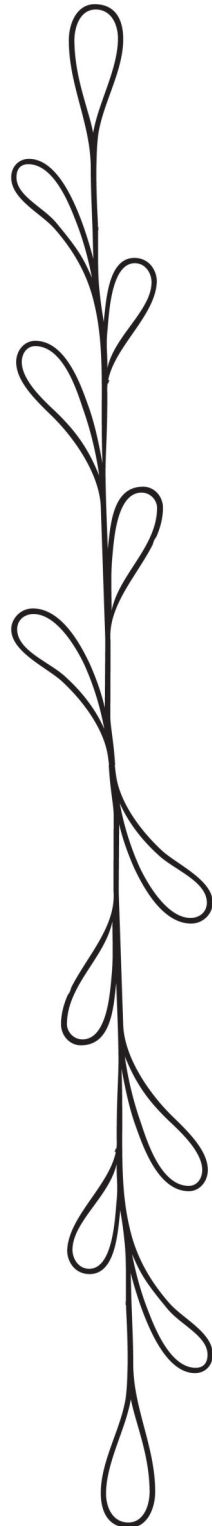
A high body temperature
45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things
13 35 21 16 26

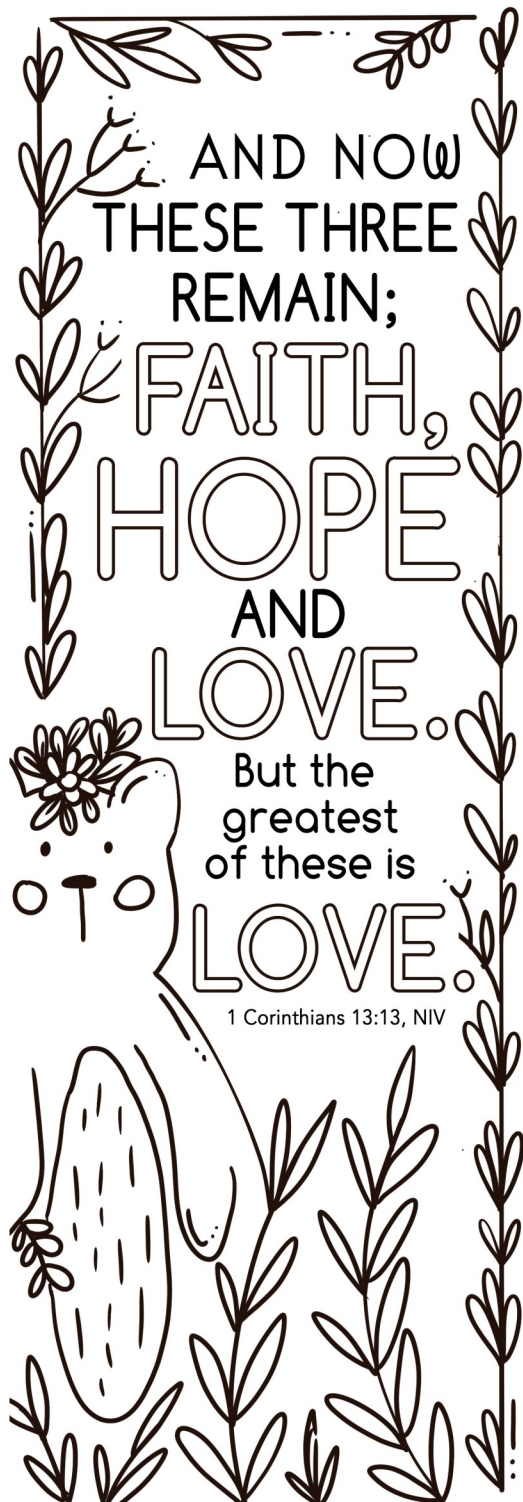
Edge of the sea
10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee
6 25 36 4

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9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51



Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV



Bible Quiz

In the Gospels, Jesus raised several people from death. Which of the following was not one of them?

- A. Tabitha
- B. Jairus's daughter
- C. A widow's son
- D. Lazarus

Answer: A (See Acts 9, Mark 5, Luke 7, John 11)



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

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The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

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What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

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God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

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God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

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The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

_ _ _ _ _

The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

_ _ _ _ _

The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV



Elders

Brad Smidt and Mike Moeller

Greeters

Sun. Sept 3 ----- Sonia Griebel and Jean Moeller
 Sun, Sept 10 ----- Becky Hoss
 Sun, Sept 17 ----- Steve and Sue Kollmann
 Sun, Sept 24 ----- Marlys Hazelton and Mary Ann Hustad

Acolytes

Sun. Sept 3 ----- TBD
 Sun, Sept 10 ----- Mackenzie Lange, Ava Jasper
 Sun, Sept 17 ----- Amara Stotz, Dane McCorquodale
 Sun, Sept 24 ----- Benett Wiese, Ireland Draper

PowerPoint

Sun. Sept 3 ----- Zachary Amen
 Sun, Sept 10 ----- Todd Thompson
 Sun, Sept 17 ----- Jacey Ilse
 Sun, Sept 24 ----- Carmen Wiese



Sponsorship for the radio broadcast is on the board in the atrium. Support of this outreach is necessary to continue this part of our mission. Thank you for your sponsorships.

Altar Flowers

Sun. Sept 3 ----- Paula Domena
 Sun, Sept 17 ----- Chris & Karla Loll

Radio Sponsorship

Sun. Sept 3 ----- Karen Amdahl
 Sun, Sept 10 ----- TBD
 Sun, Sept 17 ----- TBD
 Sun, Sept 24 ----- Mary Ann Hustad and Val Carmody

Altar Guild

Sun. Sept 3 ----- Twyla Allen and Carol Johnson
 Sun, Sept 10 ----- June Hunter and Linda Winter
 Sun, Sept 17 ----- Twyla Allen and Carol Johnson
 Sun, Sept 24 ----- June Hunter and Linda Winter

Sound

Sun. Sept 3 ----- Verdeen Colbeck
 Sun, Sept 10 ----- Neal Jennings
 Sun, Sept 17 ----- Denny Winter
 Sun, Sept 24 ----- Verdeen Colbeck