

The Royal Messenger

From the desk of Pastor Olsen:

Mercy Extended to You

A life lived in Christ begins at the waters of Baptism where Christ bestows His gifts to you solely by the work of the Word. You are made His disciple (Matt. 28:20) no matter what your age, for even the tiniest baby is made a disciple through the work of the Holy Spirit. As we grow older, we begin to learn that living out that daily baptism means receiving His gifts, gifts we so desperately need, humbling ourselves before God, kneeling at His feet in the liturgy of life not just in a worship service (Ps. 95:6,7). He is our King, but Jesus is the king who still serves His children.

The Divine Service is a wonderful gift catechizing both young and old of our proper place before God and His divine works serving us with His gifts.

The stance is shocking to many in the evangelical world or other mainline denominations since our posture does not begin with praise, but with reception. Sadly, some even in our Lutheran communities have adopted the language of a “praise service” which gives the impression that the main purpose we go to worship is to praise God. Certainly, this is an aspect, but it is a secondary aspect to receiving His gifts of forgiveness through Word and Sacrament. Sometimes in our haste to look like everyone else to bring in everyone else, we forget the essence of what brought us in the first place, the serving work of our Savior, for if He does not serve, and still serve, we have nothing to praise.



Article IV of our Lutheran Confessions reminds us of our standing before God, what is most necessary and that which the church rises and falls. “[1] Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. [2] People are freely justified for Christ’s sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. [3] God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (Rom. 3 and 4 [3:21–26; 4:5]).” (AC IV 1–3) It is always first and foremost the work of God, not our work, no matter what that work is. Clearly, we believe, teach, and confess that our works do not gain us merit, but we must be ever so careful to put our works in their proper place, secondary to the work of God, whether in daily life or in Sunday worship. Therefore, a life lived in Christ, begins with His work in our Baptism, continues through our lives through His Word and Sacrament, and continues as we then given the gift of faith, go forward in praise and thanksgiving and good works needed by our neighbor.

Steadfast Love That Never Fails

As evangelical (not to be confused with the common term “evangelicals” in protestant language) confessional Lutherans, our lives begin, and end, with the gifts that Christ gives to us out of His steadfast love. Psalm 36 speaks of this love connected to His faithfulness to us in an inseparable way.

⁵ Your steadfast love (תָּחַן) O LORD, extends to the heavens, your *faithfulness* (אֱמוּנָה) to the clouds. ⁶

Your righteousness (צדקה) is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. ⁷ How precious is your *steadfast love*, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. ¹⁰ Oh, continue your *steadfast love* to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart! (Ps. 36:5-10 ESV)

How beautiful are these words of the precious works of God for us. His steadfast love, *ḥesed*, sometimes translated as friendliness by some, carries with it a distinctiveness that only comes from God. This steadfast love, this friendliness, this kindness of God, is shown through the person and work of His Son Jesus Christ. Throughout the New Testament letters, we find Paul, Peter, John, and the writer of Hebrews declaring that Christ is faithful. (1 Thess. 5:24, 2 Ti 2:13, Heb. 2:17, 3:6, 1 John 1:9, etc.)

Where we are too often are faithless, we know that we can depend on our Savior who was, is, and always will be faithful. A life lived in Christ is a life that knows from the gift of faith that we have a God whose love is not only steadfast, but He remains faithful to His bride, the Church, (Eph. 5:23-32, Rev 21:2,9), will never leave and never forsake her (Heb. 13:5) and He will be with her always (Matt. 28:20).

Knowing Christ Through His Word

This knowing is not an intellectual exercise, for we are told that even the Devil *knows* who God is and even knows the very words of Holy Scripture, see the temptation of Jesus specifically in Matthew four. It also is not based upon our feelings or emotions for those shift more than the winds.

“Knowing” is a gift of faith, a work of the Holy Spirit that can only be given by God, serving again, through His chosen means of the Word.

Intellectual knowledge, while good, can be erased with age, disease, or inability to comprehend. A life lived in Christ must know these truths and promises beyond the frailty of our mental capabilities. It must also never rely on our feelings. Feelings quite often lie and deceive, and we know the heart as the Old Testament records, ⁹ *... is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?*” (Jer. 17:9 ESV)

Jesus expands on this in Mark 7:21-23 ²¹ *For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.*” We cannot trust our hearts nor our minds. There has to be a source beyond ourselves that comes to us, a source that is from God Himself that is not subject to sin and its destructive ways. This knowledge that we hold to is that of the inspired and inerrant Word of God.

Because He gives this magnificent blessing to His people, we know we can trust in it, feed upon it and say like Peter did, ⁶⁸ *Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,”* (John 6:68 ESV) The placement of these very words of Peter are sung by the congregation in the Divine Service right before the Gospel is read. A life lived in Christ relies on this Word and this Word alone in all its forms whether that be from the Bible or through His Sacraments, Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper.



Truly where else is there to go? We go, once again, to Christ whose mercies come to us each and every day through His promise given in the precious Holy Gospel. You cannot separate Holy Scripture from Jesus Christ, nor detach Jesus from His Word. We can only know Christ through His Word and Jesus reveals Himself in the way that He has chosen.

Jesus makes this clear to the men on the road to Emmaus. ²⁷ *And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.* (Luke 24:27 ESV) Even earlier in Luke's Gospel Jesus reads from Isaiah, but in just a few words explains how it has always been about Him and His coming.

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:16-21 ESV)

Where we find the Word of God we find Christ there. A life lived in Christ knows that He gives His gifts to us through that precious Word, a giving of Himself for our benefit, for our forgiveness. We are reminded from Luther's Small Catechism that where there is forgiveness there is life and salvation. These can only come through the very person and work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A life lived in Christ is a life that is full of hope because of His promises, His gifts, His steadfast love, His faithfulness, His righteousness, and His mercies which are new every morning. A true understanding of the Old Testament does not come without Jesus Christ for as we look back upon the promises given, the Gospel of love and mercies of God, we find Christ pouring out of Himself so that these truths may not only be read and heard but truly received by faith.

Buried deep in the Book of Lamentations, at the very center of the book you will find these words. ²¹ *But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:* ²² *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies (חַסְדֵּי) never come to an end;* ²³ *they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.* ²⁴ *"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."* (Lam. 3:21-24 ESV) Christ is here the personification of the love of God, the LORD who is your portion. Again, we have the faithfulness of God and the steadfast love of the LORD surrounded by the gift of hope. Amid all that life and the sin-



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filled nature of this life has to throw at you, a life lived in Christ finds its hope grounded in His very nature and His precious work, proclaimed throughout the entirety of Holy Scripture.

His mercies, *raḡ-*, which is often translated as compassion, never fails. NEVER! This is another promise we have from God proclaimed in His inspired and inerrant Word. We see this compassion, His mercies, on display in the Gospels through Jesus' work. Specifically, to note is Matt. 9:36. "*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion (σπλαγχνίζομαι) for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*" (Matt. 9:36 ESV) Again in Matt. 14, we hear this, "*When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*" (Matt. 14:14 ESV) When Jesus has sympathy for someone, He doesn't just see them, Jesus acts! This is the mercy, the compassion of God, as shown most significantly through the Son of God.

His compassion, His mercies new every morning, even extend to those who mocked Him and placed Him on that cursed tree, "³⁴ *And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."* (Luke 23:34 ESV) The full wrath of God, the punishment you deserve, that all mankind deserves, rest upon the weary body of the Son of God and yet in His mercies which are new every morning, in His compassion for these people, He cries out on their behalf. A life lived in Christ cannot help but see the compassion, the mercies, of our Savior and lives it out for others as He did.

Paul Speratus (1484-1541) outlines this in the ninth verse of his hymn, "Salvation Unto Us Has Come."

*Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known,
with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.* (LSB, 555)

Mercy Extended to Others

A life lived in Christ continues as we seek to love our neighbors, bring His mercies and compassion to them. For as the children of God we have a Father whose proper work and His very nature is that of mercy and compassion evidenced in the willing faithfulness and compassion of Jesus Christ for your forgiveness and the for the world. His completed atoning work on the cross, His righteousness that has been imputed to you, His merits which bring you in a right relationship with your heavenly Father, and the faith brought to you apart from your works but the Holy Spirit alone now call out to your neighbor. His gifts that have been impressed upon you now extend through you to your neighbor, both those you know and those you do not know.

A life lived in Christ begins in humility, in receiving, but it does not end there. The passive righteousness that we have been so dearly gifted by Christ and through the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, calls us forward in His steadfast love and mercies to our neighbor in an active way. God does not need your mercies or compassion or your works, but your neighbor does. All that is necessary for your salvation has been accomplished by Christ, you are justified, made righteous through His passive and active obedience to His Father.

As Lutherans we are well familiar with this passage from Holy Scripture, "⁸ *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,* ⁹ *not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*" (Eph. 2:8-9 ESV) But sadly we often forget that this is not the end. To complete the thought that we are given the next verse should be preached and taught as well. The completeness of Eph. 2:2:8-10 gives us a

proper understanding of where our works, our mercies, our compassion belong. *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”* (Eph. 2:10 ESV)

In what is most likely a fear of preaching and teaching works righteousness for our salvation from Lutheran pulpits, another right teaching has left all too long unattended for to those in the pews by not including Eph. 2:10. **There is a proper place for our works.** They come forth from faith, apart from which man cannot do good works. Jesus declares that those who are in Him not only abide but those who do not have him can do nothing. ⁴ *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.* ⁵ *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”* (John 15:4-5 ESV)

John later will expand upon this in His first letter. ¹⁶ *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.* ¹⁷ *But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?* ¹⁸ *Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”* (1 John 3:16-18 ESV) A few verses later, John will proclaim the Gospel of Christ and then what is brought forth from those who are in Christ. ⁹ *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.* ¹⁰ *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.* ¹¹ *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”* (1 John 4:9-11 ESV)

The Gospel does not tell us to do something but tells us what Christ has done for us. It is, however, the merits of Christ, His steadfast love, His mercy, His work of propitiation for our sins, which changes our hearts and our hands to reach out to others as His love has reached us. The Gospel is a completed and still present work of Christ for you and the faith that is given by the Holy Spirit is another gift of God which brings forth that same love that was given. Those whose life is lived in Christ, by the gift of faith, given and nurtured throughout their life through Word and Sacrament cannot by nature of the new man be passive. The Gospel in the baptized child of God comes forth, not forced into good works nor compelled by the Law to make you, but rather you cannot wait to do them.

Our Lutheran Confessions teach us this truth of the place of work and the connection to faith. “Oh, faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, so that it is impossible for it not to be constantly doing what is good. Likewise, faith does not ask if good works are to be done, but before one can ask, faith has already done them and is constantly active.” (FC SD IV, 10) **Ponder on these words.** Consider them because they are a right exposition of Holy Scripture. These words help us understand what we believe, teach, and confess not only as a Church body of the LCMS, but you as one who lives their life in Christ.

You have been given the gift of faith, this living, active, and mighty thing that you may use those gifts given to you by God, that His mercies which are new every morning, the compassion of Christ, the steadfast love of the LORD, would be extended to your neighbor who desperately needs them. **God does not work apart from means.** Scripture teaches and our Confessions proclaim that salvation, forgiveness, faith, the gifts of God do not come apart from His means to work through Word and Sacrament. All flows from God through the Word. God works



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outside of us, *extra nos*, bringing us His gifts, water and word, body and blood, in, with and under bread and wine, and even working through the Office of the Holy Ministry, a man ordained and called by God to give His gift of forgiveness as one who has been given authority by Christ to do so. (Matt. 16:19,18:18, John 20:22-23)

God also works through *you* to bring about His compassion for others in need. Rev Dr. Arthur Just in his wonderful book, *Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service* states this in the second to last paragraph of the entire book.



“When the Benediction is spoken, the liturgy does not end, our summons home in Christ has only begun. As we depart from the Divine Service, the gifts Christ has given us become the gifts He gives our neighbors through us, gifts of mercy, love, compassion, and forgiveness. This is *the liturgy of life*, noting more and nothing less than a recapitulation of His life in our lives because we bear His presence in our bodies.” (Heaven on Earth, pg. 279)

I truly wish I could sum it up better, but this gift of God to the Church in the wisdom of Rev. Dr. Just, points us to the gifts received by Christ, and points us outwardly beyond the walls of our “sanctnasion” to bring His mercies to others in need. A life lived in Christ is a life lived in faithfulness to God and His Word, gladly receiving His gifts and then taking His gifts out to others, actively seeking ways to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ as well as those who do not know the love of Christ.

A Living, Active Mercy – At Emmaus

We have been given such amazing gifts. **You have been given such amazing gifts.** Ponder these gifts given by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive His gifts with a humble heart knowing that you do not deserve them, but the God of all mercies has given His Son for you. Thank God for those gifts and then return His mercies, His steadfast love and compassion to others, whether that be those in your family or our congregation first (Gal. 6:10) but then beyond that your co-workers, your neighbor, your friends, even others in our community you do not know.

In the coming year at Emmaus, we will be exploring what this mercy looks like and how God can use our congregation to bring His mercies which are new every morning to others in our school and our community. There is more need than we can even begin to imagine in the Fort Wayne area, or for that matter, coming into the doors of our school each day. We pray that the faith we have been given would be a living and active faith for the sake of our neighbor, that a life lived in Christ remain both a life of receiving and a life of giving to the glory of the Son of God who willingly sacrificed Himself for you.

In His Service and Yours,

Pastor Olsen

Board of Finance Update

Hope you are having a good summer. I just want to provide a quick update on Emmaus' financials as we close out the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Overall, the preliminary financials are positive as income exceeded expenses by \$4,144. This is significantly better than the budget, which had a projected loss of \$16,764. The improvement was the result of everyone's efforts to control expenses and increase income. This includes you, the members of Emmaus, as our tithing increased \$9,400 over the prior year.

Thank you!

Gregg Kiess, Treasurer



P.S. Please note that Finance Townhall meetings will restart in September.



July Recap

The Lord blessed us with great fellowship and weather on July 19 for the Father/Son event. We had a blast at Floyd's Arcade and then enjoyed some fun in the sun at Pastor Olsen's home.

We are grateful for this time of community, laughter, and connection between fathers and sons. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this a memorable day. We look forward to more opportunities to gather together and grow in fellowship as a church family.



On July 12, former fieldworker, Noah Dunsmore, was ordained and installed as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and Christ the King Lutheran Chapel in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Pastor Olsen, along with Emmaus members Rev. Bruss and Rev. Bushur, participated in the service.

Remember Pastor Dunsmore, his family, and his congregation in your prayers!

Letter from the Principal

Dear Emmaus Lutheran Church Family,

As summer draws to a close, there is an unmistakable sense of excitement throughout Emmaus Lutheran School. While many families were enjoying vacations and making special summer memories, our campus was busy preparing to welcome students back for another year of Christ-centered learning.

Several improvement projects have made our building brighter and more inviting. The custodial teams worked diligently to have the school floors professionally cleaned and polished, giving our classrooms and hallways a fresh shine. Flooring was also replaced in two classrooms, creating beautiful, updated learning spaces for our students. In addition, several lighting issues throughout the building were repaired, making the building brighter and more welcoming.

You may also notice the new guidance around our crosswalk area. These improvements not only enhance the appearance of our campus but also help provide a safer and welcoming environment for our students, families, and visitors.

Our teachers have returned with joyful hearts, preparing classrooms, organizing lessons, and praying for the students who will soon fill the halls. Their dedication, creativity, and love for children are a tremendous blessing. We are incredibly thankful for each member of our faculty and staff who faithfully serves the mission of Emmaus each day.

As we begin another school year, we look forward to growing together as a church and school family, firmly **Rooted in Christ** (Colossians 2:6–7). We are excited to partner with our families as we nurture children academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally in God's Word.

We are also looking ahead to one of our favorite traditions—the **Church and School Picnic**—in September. It is always a wonderful opportunity to gather in fellowship, welcome new families, reconnect with friends, and celebrate the many blessings God has given to Emmaus.

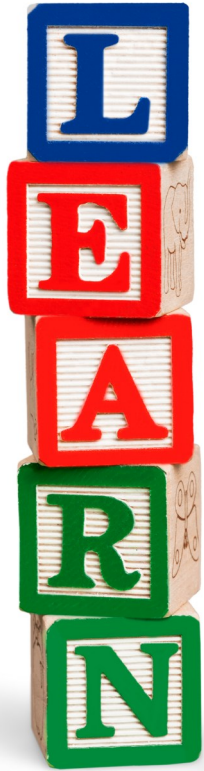
Finally, thank you to everyone who makes Emmaus such a special place. From our teachers and staff to our volunteers, church members, parents, donors, and supporters, your prayers, generosity, and willingness to serve make a lasting difference. Together, we continue to build a Christ-centered community where children are loved, encouraged, and equipped to grow in faith and knowledge.

May God richly bless our students, families, teachers, and congregation as we begin another wonderful year at Emmaus Lutheran Church and School. We look forward to all that He has in store for us!

God's Blessings,

Esther Spanos
Principal

Preschool News



Summer flew by but now we are ready to go in Preschool. **We have 62 children ready to learn about Jesus' love each and every day.** Our three year and four year old room has a lengthy waiting list but we still have room for two more students in PreK (4 and 5 year olds), so if you now of someone looking for a school, please have them contact us!

We are blessed that our teaching staff is all returning. Mrs. Meg Mackenzie will teach the 3 and 4 year old room and Mrs. Julie Mueller, Ms. Megan Rosswurm and myself will teach the three PreK classes.

Our playground will receive an updated mud kitchen this fall. We're also excited to have some new chalkboards installed on the fences so the children can explore and use their fine motor skills during recess. The bubbles we installed last spring were a big hit!

Do you love little ones and would like to volunteer an hour a week? We always love to have extra hands for reading to the little ones or helping at lunch time to open up food so that the teachers have more time to eat their lunch. See me and we will work with your schedule!

Back by popular demand, the annual Preschool **Andy's Knock-out Chicken dinner will be back on Friday, September 18!** Watch for the order forms to get your dinner that night.

Thank you for always supporting our Preschool. We are looking forward to another great year!

In Christ,
Joann Olsen

Women's Guild Update

1. **The Guild and PTL officers will meet on Wednesday, August 12th at 9:00 am.** The purpose is to plan all the details -- menu, set-up, and who is doing what chores and providing what food and paper/plastic supplies for our Church/School Picnic.

2. **Save the Date and Time:** On **Sunday, September 13**, the Divine Service will begin at **10:00 am** for this week only. Our 2nd Annual Church/School Picnic will begin serving after the service is ended. Plan to attend and enjoy delicious food, fun activities, and great fellowship.

3. Watch upcoming News & Notes for the **food menu** for the day. It will be published after our August meeting when decisions will be made.

4. The Guild will NOT have a regular September meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at 9:00am. We will be planning our November fundraiser -- Kringles sales for holiday celebrations and gatherings. Planning will also begin for our **Annual Cookie Fair to be held on Saturday, December 12.**

Emmaus Women's Guild is so **grateful** for our member families' support for all of our activities and fundraisers to help us continue to financially support church, school, and preschool.

Once again, thank you for your support!

Barb Kanning
Secretary

LWML Update

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

The 2026 LWML Indiana District Convention was an uplifting time of worship, fellowship, and mission inspiration. Despite the rain and storms outside, God's blessings poured out throughout the convention as women from across Indiana and Kentucky gathered to worship, learn, and encourage one another in Christ's service.

We give thanks for the generous offerings received at the convention:

- **LWML Mites:** \$12,962.00
- **Lutheran Child & Family Services:** \$1,666.00
- **South Sudan Seminary:** \$2,778.00
- **Katie Retreat Scholarship:** \$1,640.00

Thank you to everyone who supports the mission of the LWML through your prayers, mite offerings, and generosity. Together we are sharing the love of Christ both here at home and around the world.

The **LWML Fort Wayne South Zone** is taking some time to reset as we prayerfully evaluate how best to serve our member societies. Because of this, we do not anticipate holding a Fall Rally this year.

Emmaus Lutheran Church will host the Three-Zone Spring Rally in Spring 2027. More details will be shared as plans develop. Thank you!

In Christ,

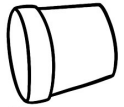
Lisa Kanning
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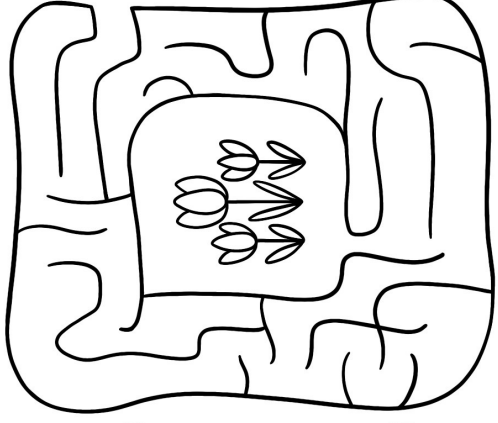
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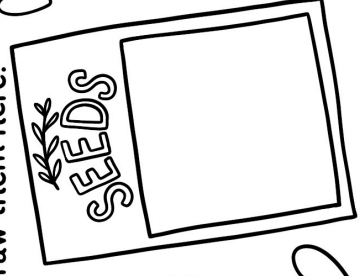
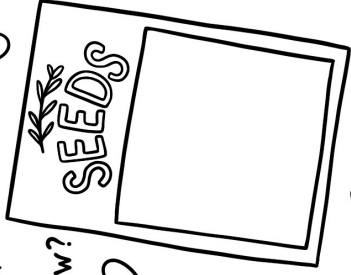
How many gardening tools can you find?



Complete the maze to water the flowers:



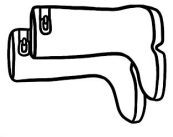
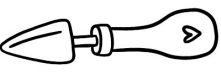
Spread some love! What seeds do you want to grow? Draw them here:



Connect the dots to help the garden grow!

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BUG DIRT SUN
RAIN PLANT WORM



Play A Game

You will need:

- 68 index cards or construction paper cut into 68 card-sized pieces.
- Marker
- Rubber band to keep your game together
- Bible



Prepare:

- Write "Old Testament" on a card. Write "New Testament" on a card.
- Write each of the 39 Old Testament books on a separate card.
- Write the 27 New Testament books on cards.

Old Testament

New Testament

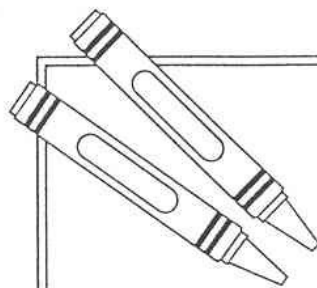
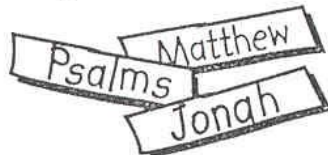
To Play:

Lay the "Old" and "New" Testament cards on the table. Shuffle the other cards well. Lay them face down on the table.

Draw a card and place it by the correct card – "Old" or "New."

Continue until all cards have been drawn. Check your Bible to see if you were correct!

For an added challenge – arrange the books in order!



Just for KIDS

The Old Testament

The Old Testament of the Bible contains the story of creation, history, words of prophets, God's law, songs, poems, stories of adventure and stories of love.

Find the books of the Old Testament hidden below. Use your Bible or the list below for the names. There are 39. You will find 3 books are listed 2 times each.

Find them → ← ↓ ↑ ↘ ↗

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August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 am Divine Service - Holy Communion	3	4	5	6 Back to School Registration 9:00 am - Noon 4:00 - 7:00 pm	7	8
9 9:00am Divine Service - Holy Communion Back To School Sun- day	10	11	12 1st Day of School School Chapel 9 am Women's Guild/PTL Mtg	13	14	15
16 9:00am Divine Service - Holy Communion 10:20 Bible Class	17 8:20 am Chapel 6:30 pm Elders	18 4:30 pm Xian Svc 6:00 pm School Bd. 7:00 pm Council	19	20	21	22
23 9:00am Divine Service - Holy Communion 10:20 Bible Class	24 8:20 am Chapel	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00am Matins 10:20 Bible Class	31 8:20 am Chapel					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 Aaron Colbert Seth & Tiffany Morgan (23 yrs)	3	4 James Rose	5	6	7	1 Paul Stockinger
9 Joshua & Christina Youngmans (23 yrs)	10 Mark & Karen Moore (35 yrs)	11	12 Robert & Jessica Barkdull (26 yrs)	13	14	15 Gwendolyn Woods
16	17	18 Aaron Rouse	19 Natasha Bradburn	20	21	22 Rebecca Bultemeier
23	24 David Reichwage Mark & Billie Uffelmann (36 yrs)	25	26	27	28 Shirley Sewell	29 Liam Diehm
30 Barb Cox	31 Jon & Kriss Bruss (35)					

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 10:45am Thirsty Thursday Bible Class	4	5
6 9:00am Divine Service - Holy Communion 10:20am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed NO School	8 4:30pm Christian Svc 6:00pm School Board 7:00pm Council	9 NO Guild Meeting	10 10:45am Thirsty Thursday Bible Class 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Adult Choir	11	12
13 10:00am Divine Service- Holy Communion 11:30am Church & School Picnic	14 8:20am School Chapel	15	16	17 10:30am Confession Study @ Zion 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Adult Choir	18 Andy's KO Chicken Fundraiser	19
20 9:00am Divine Service - Holy Communion 10:20am Sunday School & Adult Bible	21 8:20am School Chapel	22	23	24 10:45am Thirsty Thursday Bible Class 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Adult Choir	25	26
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Stacy & Terri Owens (4 yrs)	4 Joseph Moore	5 David & Deborah Stellwagen (39 yrs)
6	7	8	9 Samuel Stockinger Kenneth & Mary Scroggum (26 yrs)	10 Edward Steinbacher	11	12
13 Jason Billue	14	15 Mark Moore	16	17	18	19 Billie Uffelman
20	21 Bradley Bultemeier	22	23 Robert & Angela Bennett (37 yrs)	24	25 Ethan Morgan McKenna Youngmans	26
27	28	29	30 Carolyn Eldridge			