

Whatever You Do, Work Heartily, as for the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 3:23

This month, on September 7th, we celebrate Labor Day. Labor Day was founded in America on June 28, 1894. This came after several states such as New York and Oregon began to recognize the work of labor on a state level. God has always recognized the work of people. In Christian theology we speak not of the actual labor, but of vocation. Vocation is the work we do to glorify God and to aid our neighbor.

Work is not evil; work is not a result of sin. Even before the fall God tasked Adam both to name the creatures on the earth, and to tend to it (Gen 2:20). In the beginning God tasked man with the care of His creation. We were made by God to serve and to work even before the fall in a perfect world.

More than naming the animals Humans were tasked to tend to the Garden (Gen 2:15). This was a work of love, not of toil. Toil and strain only became a part of work after the fall as God cursed Adam and Eve because of their disobedience, because of their sin as they were kicked out of the garden and into the darkness of the wilderness (Genesis 3:16).

So, in the opening chapters of Genesis, we see the origin of vocation and work. Work is a good thing. Not as a toiling that wears us down and weakens us, but as a task we do to honor God and to serve our neighbor.

What work is best though? As a result of the fall, we often ask what work is best, which vocation is most worthy? Looking at human culture we tend to see different tasks as more or less valued. Some vocations require more education; others require more skilled labor. This is the world's view. We want our children to grow up to be...., but not.... God treasures all work and all vocations. As stated before, in God's view we are to serve Him and our neighbor in whatever we do. We are also to do all our duties to the best of the abilities which God our creator has given us.

Looking at Scripture we learn that all vocations are honorable and blessed by God. We see that criminal activity is not condoned. Thou shalt not steal is the seventh commandment, and even the thief on the cross knew that he was being punished justly for his sinfulness (Matthew 27:40).

Whatever your vocation, your role in life is to do it to the best of your God given abilities, and by it you glorify God through it. As Lutherans we praise the doctrine of Vocation and teach this in our church. On this Labor Day May God bless you in your vocation.

Pastor Yonkers

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

GENESIS 2:15, ESV

LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 7

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER:

- LWML Muffins for Mites, **Sept. 6**
- Labor Day, **Sept. 7**
- LWML Fall Rally, **Sept. 8**
- Choir and Handbells Begins, **Sept. 9**
- ILS Fall Carnival, **Sept. 11**
- Sunday School and Bible Class Begins, **Sept. 13**
- Women's Bible Study Begins, **Sept. 15**
- First Day of Autumn, **Sept. 22**
- ILS Sunday, **Sept. 27**
- Christian Education Sunday, **Sept. 27**

HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us, and we want to pray for you!* Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 7 am - 3:30 pm) when you have any medical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at 217-442-5675. In case of emergencies after hours, please feel free to contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell at 260-413-8375. **Prayer requests:** we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

WHEN THE ROAD GETS TOUGH: It had been a long trip home, and the weary traveler still had miles to go. So when a sign appeared reading, "Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles," he braced himself. Rough was an understatement. The lanes narrowed, the shoulder disappeared, and traffic slowed to a crawl. Drivers carefully weaved around potholes and construction equipment, inching forward one stretch at a time. But just as the sign promised, after four difficult miles, the road opened up and smoothed out again. Jesus offers a similar kind of clarity about life. In John 16:33 (NIV), He says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Notice He doesn't say we might face trouble. It is part of the journey. There will be stretches that feel slow, uncertain and hard. Notice that Jesus didn't say we "might" have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled by hope. The promise is just as certain as the warning sign. The rough road does not last forever, and it does not have the final say. Christ has already gone before us, and smoother ground is ahead.



WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS:

- Our first Sunday mite collection has become a wonderful way for us to support the mighty missions of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Now, we're making Mite Sunday even sweeter! Beginning on Sunday, **Sept. 6**, we invite you to participate in **Muffins for Mites!** On the first Sunday of each month, bring your spare change (or any mite offering) and make a donation to help support mission projects around the world. Then, take a delicious muffin to enjoy as a little thank-you for helping make a mighty difference! Every mite matters, and together our small gifts can accomplish mighty missions. So start saving that spare change now, and join us September 6 for our very first Muffins for Mites Sunday! Give a mite. Take a muffin. Make a mighty difference!
- Ladies, you're invited to join us on **Sept. 8** for the Champaign and Danville Zones **Fall Rally** at St. John's Lutheran Church in Champaign. Registration and light snacks begin at 12:30 pm. The guest speaker of the day is Rev. Michael Schuermann with the U of I Campus Ministry. The registration fee is \$10 to be paid on the day of the rally. If you're interested in attending or would like to carpool, please see Diana Pratt.
- Our first **monthly luncheon meeting** is **Sept. 15** at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to share, everything else is provided.
- **Ingathering:** Our September and October ingathering is for The Dwelling Place. This faith based ministry is dedicated to the already homeless or those at risk of experiencing homelessness. They strive to provide each person acceptance, grace, compassion, and friendship. Items requested include hygiene items for men and women, toilet paper, aspirin or pain reliever, men and women's gloves and hats, and both men's and women's socks and underwear. There is a tote in the coat room for donations.

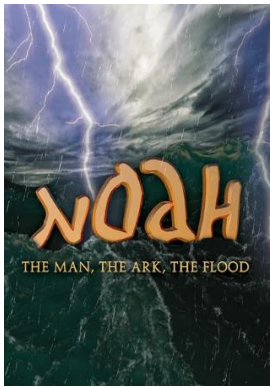
You'rx nxxdxd!

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Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx bxcausx a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxvry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxxsarry, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."

ADULT BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL:



We're looking forward to the return of Adult Bible Class on Sunday, **Sept. 13**. We meet in the multipurpose room at 8:30 am. Our class is small, making it a wonderful setting for discussion and asking questions. We will begin the year continuing our video series "**Noah: the Man, the Ark, the Flood.**" This four-part Bible study, hosted by Rev. Kurt Klaus and filmed at the

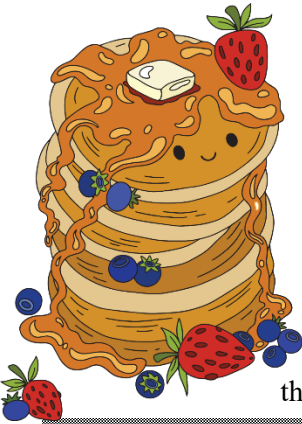
Creation Museum, explores the biblical account of Noah, the Ark, and the Flood. It examines Noah's faithfulness to God while exploring questions about the Ark, the Flood, human lifespans, the animals, and flood stories found in other cultures. The study also looks at how Jesus used the "days of Noah" as a reminder to remain faithful and ready for His coming. All are welcome! Sunday School is open to children ages 3 through young adults. Class details are still being finalized, but we look forward to another year of learning!

PARISH EDUCATION NEWS

CHILDREN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP: We're excited to get our Parish Education programs back up and running this fall! Children's Sermons are coming back to non-communion worship services on **Sept. 13**, and **Children's Church** will return on Communion Sundays, beginning **Sept. 20**. We'll also be bringing back the children's mailboxes in the chapel hallway. Parents, please help your children remember to check their boxes each week beginning in mid-September. There may be a little surprise waiting for them!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY: Join us on Sunday, **Sept. 27**, as we celebrate Christian Education Sunday! We will have a special service giving thanks for the gift of God's Word and the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge of Christ. **As part of our celebration, we will present Bibles to our 2nd graders and Small Catechisms to our 5th graders in the**

congregation. Parents, if you have a child in either of these grades, please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the hallway or call the church office so we can be sure to have a copy prepared especially for your child. Following the service, everyone is invited down to the gym for a brunch and fun activities! Come celebrate with us as we encourage and support the faith of our children and families.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SUMMARY:

Date: Aug. 18, 2026 / Next Meeting: Sept. 15, 2026

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

Josh Christensen researched some additional resources for updating the personnel manual. The bus trip to the Creation Museum is all set to go.

Christian Education

Enrollment is at 68 with 2 more starting in January. Trinity donated a Promethean Board to ILS. Dean will talk with Butch about the school's endowment funds.

Finance

Parish Education and the Women's Guild have submitted their financial records for audit. The downpayment for the church roof has been paid to Sentry. The balance due upon completion is \$49,773.33. We have \$41,224.09 remaining for the insurance claim for the hail damage. Capital Fund will assist with the remainder of the balance due.

Properties

The school cafeteria doors need to be replaced. Al received a bid from CN Custom Steel Work for \$7500. A motion was approved to pay for the doors from savings since it is a safety and security risk.

The three exhaust fans on the gym roof are inoperable. A sign has been placed over the switches in the gym to prevent anyone from trying to use them.

Evangelism

Trunk or Treat was discussed. It will be Oct. 31 from 3 – 5 pm.

Stewardship

Sue introduced her idea of Grateful Giving to help us remember to give in thankfulness to God's blessings. More details to come soon. We will begin putting children's envelopes in their mailboxes as well.

Worship

Church in the Park is Sunday. Choirs will begin after Labor Day. Need to schedule Rally Day and LWML Sunday.

Youth

No report.

Parish Education

No report for Parish Ed. Diana did report that Women's Guild is purchasing 25 chairs, a refrigerator for the cafeteria, blinds, and for a piano to be hauled away.

Mission and Social Ministry

Going well. Will talk about new missions at next meeting.

Elders

Need to look into a church work day.

President

Josh discussed holding door offerings for the cemetery on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Fall Rummage & Bake Sale is just around the corner – **Oct. 2 & 3**, and we invite you to begin setting aside items you would like to donate. It's never too early to start cleaning out those closets, cupboards, and storage rooms! Please hold onto your rummage sale donations for now! We will begin accepting donations on **September 23**. If you bring items on September 23–27, we ask that you be able to carry them in and place them on the stage. For your convenience and that of our volunteers, we kindly ask that you **wait until September 28 or later, if possible**. Beginning September 28, you can simply bring your donations to the gym door, and our volunteers will be available to take them in and place them directly in the gym for the sale. Thank you for helping make the donation process easier for everyone—and for supporting our rummage sale! Every donation and purchase helps support the ministries of Immanuel.



SCRIP ORDERS: Are you looking for a thoughtful gift, or just want to make your everyday purchases work for a good cause? The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **Sept. 8** and will be ready for pick up on **Sept. 13**. Here's how it works: you purchase a gift card at face value (for example, a \$100 Meijer card), and the church receives a percentage back (in this case, 3%). You still get the full \$100 to spend—on groceries, gas, prescriptions, or whatever you normally buy—and the church gets a boost at no extra cost to you. **Order blanks have been revised, so please be sure to use a new one from the table in the hall.** Thank you for using this simple and impactful way to give back!

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE: The current bank balance is \$47,954. The roofing portion of our project (\$214,200) has been paid to Bash Pepper since the reroofing portion of this project has been completed. Ten of the 11 skylights have been installed, and the final one will be installed soon. We are not sure of the final bill for the project yet since there might have been some additional time and material work done, but it looks like we should have the money for it and our next project which is the reroofing in September of the flat portion of the church wing which was damaged by hail this spring and is now leaking. Research is going on into future projects; if you have any suggestions, please let any of the committee members know.

CHOIR & HANDBELLS will resume practices on Wednesday, **Sept. 9**. Choir will meet from 6:00 – 6:45 pm, with Handbells at from 6:45 – 7:30 pm. If you've ever thought about joining — whether you're experienced or simply curious — we'd love to have you!

STEAK FRY

The Capital Fund Committee will be hosting the Steak Fry on Saturday, **October 10**, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. **TICKETS ARE ADVANCED SALE ONLY** and will be on sale starting August 30 after church and during the week in the church office. Meals are \$25 each with an extra steak for \$10. Volunteer and dessert signup sheets will be at the table in the chapel hallway then. Please consider helping in some way; it will take a lot of workers to make a successful event. With the state of the economy, we decided not to raise the price of the tickets even though this is a fundraising event so more people could enjoy the food and fellowship. Unfortunately, the price of rib eye steaks has risen considerably. Last year the cost was about \$1,800 for steaks alone. If there is anyone who would like to consider making a monetary donation to help pay for the steaks this year, it would be greatly appreciated.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday morning Women's Bible Class will resume on **Sept. 15** at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Come enjoy a relaxed morning of Bible study, conversation, and fellowship as we take time to dig into God's Word and encourage one another along the way. Whether you've been part of the class for years or have never attended before, you are warmly invited to join us. Bring your Bible and come as you are! For more information, please see Cindy Pasquale.

PATRIOT DAY – NEVER FORGET

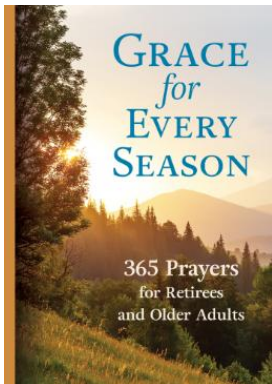
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter through every storm, and our eternal home. We come before You remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Though many years have passed, the sorrow of that day still lingers in the hearts of families, friends and a grieving nation. Lord, comfort those who continue to carry loss. Grant peace to the brokenhearted, strength to the weary and light to those walking through seasons of grief. Let Your presence bring hope where memories still ache. Teach us to care for one another with compassion and courage. Help us to be a people who offer kindness to the hurting, encouragement to the discouraged and justice to those who suffer. Stir our hearts to live with mercy, humility and love for our neighbors. Forgive us when our words are greater than our actions. May we strive each day to reflect the values of faith, unity and grace that honor You and strengthen our communities. Thank You, Lord, for Your constant care and unfailing mercy. Even in tragedy, You remain our refuge and our hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM THE CPH SHELF...

Grace for Every Season: 365 Prayers for Retirees and Older Adults

This is a brand new book from CPH. The date it is available and will ship is Sept. 22

Price: \$19.99



In later years, time takes on a different rhythm. Days may feel quieter, yet the heart still carries memories, questions, burdens, and deep gratitude. Grace for Every Season offers 365 short prayers and Bible passages that speak directly to this stage of life—retirement, aging, grief, changing routines, and new opportunities to live in faith and service.

Rooted in the trusted heritage of Portals of Prayer and shaped by faithful Lutheran pastors and writers, these devotions help you bring each day before the Lord in simple, honest prayer—resting in His promises given in Word and Sacrament.

Inside, you'll find prayers for:

- Resting in God's promises in every season of life
- Facing illness, loss, and loneliness with Christ's peace
- Praying for family, caregivers, and daily encounters
- Giving thanks for home, church, and lifelong vocations
- Supporting others through prayer and everyday kindness

Each entry includes a Scripture reading, a focused prayer, and space to reflect and add your own petitions—encouraging you to return to God's Word and respond in prayer shaped by His grace.

Use this book day by day or return to familiar prayers in times of need. Grace for Every Season becomes a steady companion, reminding you that in every chapter of life, you are held in Christ's mercy and sustained by His unchanging grace.

If you would like to order a copy of this book, please see Kim in the church office.

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Jerry said to his friend Paul, "I just came from the doctor. I don't like conversations at the doctor's office. I get so tongue tied. I forget about what I wanted to ask the doctor. I'm trying to think about what certain words mean and before I know it, I'm being ushered out of the office without talking about everything I needed to discuss." Paul replied, "I know what you are talking about. It's the same reason that I have not been getting my estate plan updated. When I get around legal people, I hear words like codicils, per stirpes and in vivo. I get so stressed about keeping it all straight that I put it all off for another year." Legal terms and carefully crafted documents all have very important purposes in our estate plans. Sometimes, the difference between a contested estate and non-contested estate may come down to the proper use of these words. In truth, that may be stressful for you. That's why it is important to start talking about your goals, thinking and praying, before facing that stress head on. That is where working collaboratively with an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Your counselor is a fellow believer who wants to stand alongside you, to assist and encourage you in expressing your wishes clearly. Once that is achieved, the counselor will assist in sharing that with your attorney so you can be confident that all your desires are known. In the process, you can gain a new friend, sharing life in Jesus. To get started, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

THANK GOD FOR TEACHERS: It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity and kindness through the way they care for their students. Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home. Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability and encouragement. Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure. As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.





A Message from... Dr. Ken Schurb Central Illinois District

Celebrating Deaf Ministry

Our Synod's Gospel outreach to deaf and hard of hearing people in Jacksonville began in 1901. Some 125 years later, Deaf Ministry in our midst continues via a District-wide deaf parish, Central Illinois Lutheran Deaf Outreach. CID's 2025 convention encouraged our congregations to celebrate this Deaf Ministry anniversary on August 23. The one-year Gospel that day is the story of Jesus healing a deaf man with His Word "be opened" (*ephphatha*). In a larger sense, sinners are born deaf to God's Good News. He opens our ears by His Word. The three-year series A Gospel for the same day recounts Jesus telling Peter that none less than the Father had revealed to him that Jesus is the Christ. Lord, open now my heart to hear, and through Your Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure retain; let me Your child and heir remain.

Ken Schurb, CID staff

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Prayer Request

Pray for Our CID Missions supported by your church's contributions to the district.

Please remember in your prayers our District's mission work in central Illinois prisons. Pastors David Dunlop, Pablo Dominguez, Paul Weber, Rodney Blomquist (District Prison Ministry Coordinator), and others eagerly tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who are incarcerated. And pray for more people to help in Prison Ministry!

NEW THIS YEAR! You can now support Dollars for Mission through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash but still want to support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available online. Use this QR Code, or visit:



<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>



Camp CILCA Outdoor Ministry
4124 Camp CILCA Road
Cantrall, IL 62625

Fall Events

Fall Work Day: Saturday, November 7, 2026

The fall Work Day at Camp CILCA will be on Saturday, November 7, 2026. On that day, we will turn the water off and prepare the camp for the winter by doing many chores, including raking leaves, cleaning buildings, moving picnic tables, and moving other items into storage, such as fire extinguishers. We will begin the day at 8:30 am. You are welcome to come anytime. Lunch is provided. Typically, we are finished working after lunch. We hope to see you there! Email director@cilca.org to let us know you are coming.

Scrapbooking Retreat: Nov. 13 – 15, 2026

Cost is \$100 for your shared room and meals. (Private rooms are available upon request for \$130.)



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?



A. James
B. John
C. Philip
D. (Simon) Peter



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September 6, 2026

“A Word from His Mouth” by Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God’s Word is of love, forgiveness, and restoration. It is also a Word of correction and discipline. Ezekiel, the prophet, spoke this Word of God to Israel. God entrusts His Word to us so that we, too, may share His Word so all may know His love and forgiveness and that we are restored to Him for all eternity.

September 13, 2026

“Forgiveness Cancels Paybacks” by Rev. William Mueller

Sermon Text: Genesis 50:15-21

The account of Joseph forgiving his brothers appears to be so nice and neat. We read it and marvel at the grace Joseph extends to his (at one time) ruthless brothers. But then we are confronted with the truth that we are also called to forgive like Joseph. How can we? We begin to discover the answer when we examine the “payback.”

September 20, 2026

“God Is Not Fair!” by Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Sermon Text: Matthew 20:15

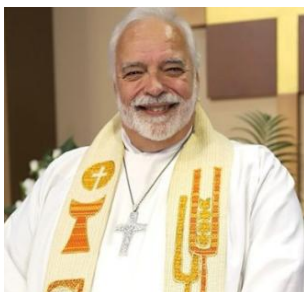
We want things to be fair. I want what I deserve, but God does not work that way. Thanks be to God that He is not fair but generous.

September 27, 2026

“The Sins of Our Youth” by Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Sermon Text: Psalm 25:7

The sins of our youth and all of our past sins can rise up to haunt us. But the Good News of Jesus our Savior gives us comfort, reassurance, and the strength to move forward in life as mature Christians.



Rev. Shoemaker



Rev. Mueller



Rev. Zeckzer



Rev. Dr. Maier

SERVE THE LORD WITH **GLADNESS**

September 2026

Communion Assistants

6 Dean Hull, Dwain Dixon
20 Don DeMoss, Josh Christensen

Ushers

Team "C" – Capt. Kurt Thornsborough, Paul Pasquale, Butch Buesing, Gary West, Allen Julian, Jim Robinson.

Lay Readers

6 Kurt and Debbie T.
13 Butch and Julie Buesing
20 Josh Christensen
27 Sue DeMoss

Gospel Reader

Kurt Thornsborough
Butch Buesing
Josh Christensen
Allen Julian

Acolytes

6 Jamie Yonkers and Owen Price
13 Carley Wright
20 Kinley Pratt
27 Eli Mann

Videographer

6 Josh Christensen
13 Dwain Dixon
20 Kim Davis
27 Dwain Dixon

Sound/Screens

Jan Mann
Jamie Yonkers
RJ Davis
Josh Christensen

Children's Church

20 Jan Mann

Children's Message

13 Diana Pratt
27 Sue Heidle

Immanuel Cares

Debbie Ferris and Juanita Rottmann

Altar Guild

Sharron Runyan and Kathy Christensen

Money Counters

Mary Powell and Holly Clem
Training: Judy Creek and Jean Lackey

Check Signers

Jo Van Hoveln and Mike Ferris

October 2026

Communion Assistants

4 Josh Christensen, Allen Julian
18 Don DeMoss, Dwain Dixon
25 Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

Ushers

Team "D" – Capt. Jetty Kennett, Chuck Vollmer, Dean and Pam Hull, Paul Teegarden

Lay Readers

4 Dwain Dixon
11 Carrie Farrell
18 Gail & Barb Garner
25 Allen Julian

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ROOTED & BUILT UP IN HIM,
STRENGTHENED IN THE FAITH AS YOU WERE
TAUGHT, AND OVERFLOWING WITH THANKFULNESS.

COLOSSIANS 2:7, NIV



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

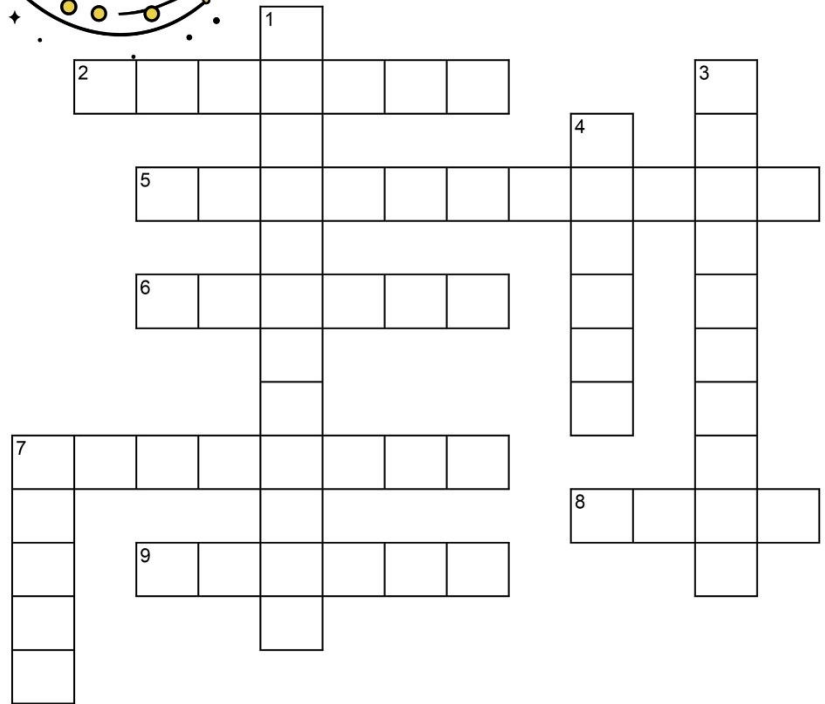


Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pureinheart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poorin spirit
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn

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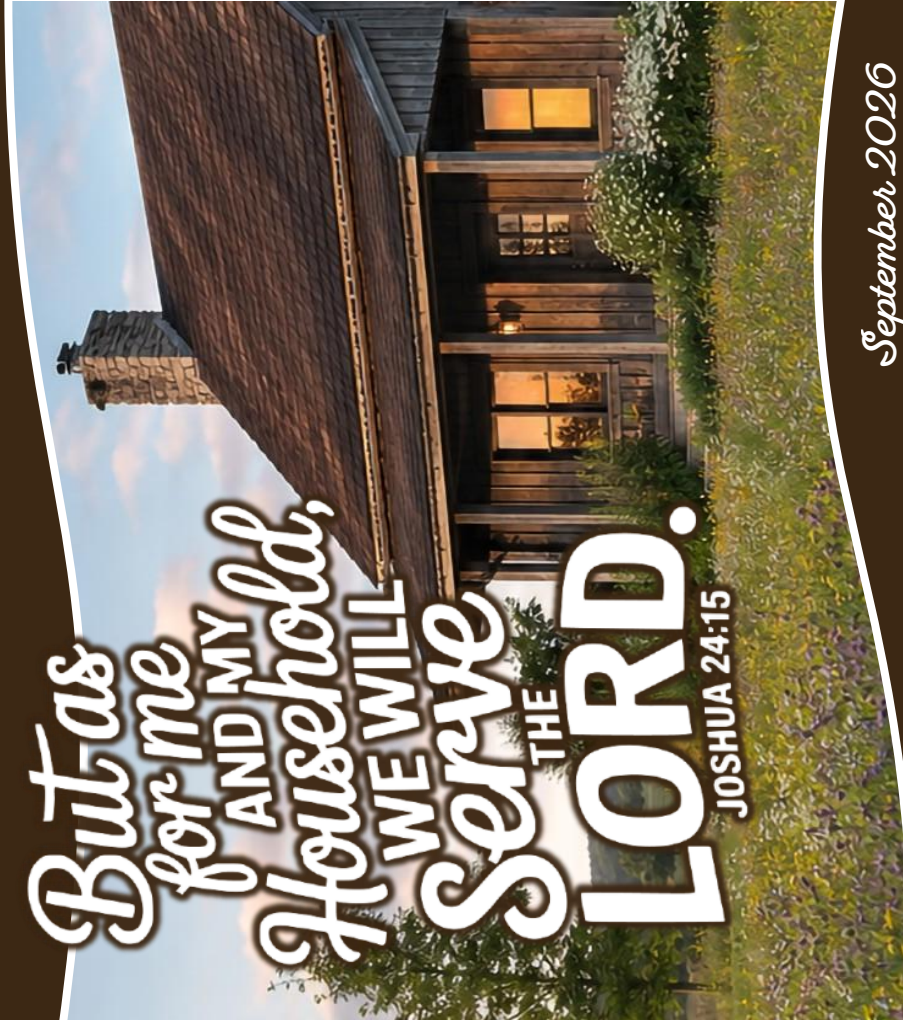


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GOD WITH US

*But as
for me
AND MY
Household,
WE WILL
Serve
THE
LORD.*
JOSHUA 24:15



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WORSHIP
with us!

