

**FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PORTAGE, PA**

**NEWSLETTER**

**July, August, & September 2024**



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Luke 18:27

“But He said, “The things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”

## Monthly Happenings

|                   |    |  |
|-------------------|----|--|
| <i>July:</i>      | 1  | Council Meeting 6:30 PM-Cancelled                          |
|                   | 4  | 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebrate our independence safely! |
|                   | 7  | Sunday Worship 9 AM  |
|                   | 14 | Sunday Worship 9 AM  |
|                   | 21 | Sunday Worship 9 AM  |
|                   | 28 | Sunday Worship 9 AM  |
| <i>August:</i>    | 4  | Sunday Worship 9 AM  |
|                   | 6  | Council Meeting 6:30 PM                                    |
|                   | 11 | Sunday Worship 9 AM  |
|                   | 18 | Sunday Pentecost Worship 9 AM                              |
|                   | 25 | Sunday The Holy Trinity Worship 9 AM                       |
| <i>September:</i> | 1  | <i>Sunday Worship 9 AM</i>                                 |
|                   | 2  | <i>Labor Day!</i>  |
|                   | 8  | <i>Sunday Worship 9 AM / Grandparents' Day!</i>            |
|                   | 9  | <i>Council Meeting 6:30 PM</i>                             |
|                   | 15 | <i>Sunday Worship 9 AM</i>                                 |
|                   | 22 | <i>Sunday Worship 9 AM</i>                                 |
|                   | 29 | <i>Sunday Worship 9 AM</i>                                 |

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**Bible Verses:**  
**Romans 8:31 "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be**

**Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, or**

**Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall, I fear? The Lord is the stronghold**

**1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with**

**Isaiah 41:10 “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen**



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Ava Stancovich

Carson Berkheimer Carolyn Pinos Walter Maul

Elzy Pauley

Dave Lamar

Kay Pohopin Emma Rosman

Tom Hodgkinson

**Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus, you have suffered all things. You know and understand their pain. We ask you to ease their suffering, to quiet their fears, and to direct their eyes to Your cross. Grant them penitent hearts and by Your grace forgive their sins. Amen.

*Please keep in your prayers the sick, lonely, and forgotten.*

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### **Lutheran Book of Prayer:**

**Luther's Morning Prayer:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**Pentecost:** Lord God, we praise You for the gift of Your Spirit, whom You poured upon fearful men to make them bold witnesses of the mighty acts You accomplished through your Holy Son Jesus, the Christ. Give us the power of Your Spirit that we may serve You without fear. Regenerate us by Your Spirit that we may live each day as new persons in Christ. Fill us with Your Spirit that we may reach out in love to all men. Work in us with Your Spirit that we may always do Your will. Help us to see our baptism as the seal of the Spirit and the pledge of greater gifts to come. By Your gracious gift of faith enable us to walk in the Spirit and to live in hope. Seal us in Spirit that we may be Yours eternally. We pray through Him who promised that You would send the Spirit in His name. Amen.

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We apologize if anyone was missed on the birthday and anniversary list. If a correction is needed or if you would like to see something else in the newsletter, please leave the information in Becky or Sharon's mailboxes, located at the back of the church.



# Allegheny Synod

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Our mission: Inviting people to love one another.

Our vision: All creation living in harmony with Christ.

If you need pastoral assistance from the Allegheny Synod, contact information provided.

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## **Lutheran Small Catechism 1979: The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**What is Holy Communion?** Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.

**Where do the Scriptures say this?** Matthew, Mark, Luke and Paul say: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.” After the same manner, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**What benefits do we receive from this sacrament?** The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, “given and shed for you for the remission of sins.” These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.



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|---------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Bible Study:</b> | Daniel 3:28  | Genesis 1:1 | Exodus 2:5-6 | Levitcus 1:1-2 |
|                     | Matthew 1:18 | Mark 1:2-3  | Luke 1:26-28 | John 1:1-5     |

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## Bible Humor:

Why did the unemployed person get excited while reading the Bible? They thought they saw a Job.

What type of car would Jesus drive? A Christler.

How do you make Holy Water? You boil the devil out of it.

What do donkeys send out around Christmas time? Mule-tide greetings.

Why did the hawk sit on the church steeple? It's a bird that prays.

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## Bible Trivia: Old or New- test(ament) your knowledge

|        |         |        |          |         |      |      |
|--------|---------|--------|----------|---------|------|------|
| Daniel | Genesis | Exodus | Levitcus | Matthew | Mark | Luke |
|--------|---------|--------|----------|---------|------|------|

|      |      |        |          |      |         |     |
|------|------|--------|----------|------|---------|-----|
| John | Acts | 1 John | Jeremiah | Ezra | Hebrews | Job |
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## Church Humor:

At a picnic for a Catholic school, the Mother Superior stacked a pile of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple, please – God is watching." On the other end of the table was a pile of cookies, on which a second-grade student had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want – God is watching the apples." *Author Unknown*

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A child replied, "They couldn't get a baby sitter." *Author Unknown*

An elderly woman died last month and having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

*Author Unknown*

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**The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be they name, they kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## ELCA Daily Discipleship:

## Mark 5:21-43      Faithfulness or Faithlessness

## *How does your faith propel you into action?*

## John 6:24-35 Life or Death

## *How do we turn to Jesus as our bread for daily living?*

## Mark 7:24-35 Trust

## *How do my actions reflect my trust in Jesus?*

## Recycle Your Cell Phones Here:

With Christmas coming soon, many of us will be receiving new cell phones. Please consider donating your old wireless phone. There is a box in the entry room of the church to put your donation in. We will take your donated old phones to the Women's Help Center, a non-profit organization in Johnstown. The phones will be recycled or refurbished. These gifts will increase the number of wireless phones available to domestic violence victims in need, provide 911 emergency phones to seniors and people at risk. Help provide lasting change for all at risk individuals.

## Can Collection:

The Knights of Columbus of Portage are continuing their aluminum can collection to help people of Ukraine while also helping to clean up our community. Cans can be dropped off at Holy Family Parish by the front entrance at the end of the month and at 161 Helmock Drive. Call 814-243-3845 for more information.

## Devotions by Beth Moore 2006: Praying God's Word Day by Day

You will never leave me, Lord. Never will You forsake me (Heb. 13:5). You are the only absolute I have in all of life. Help me cling to the one thing I can never lose.



## First Lutheran Church of Portage Newsletter

**CH \_\_ CH: What's missing?? U R!!** Our pews are empty and we are missing you. Our church family seems smaller and we miss seeing you in the congregation. If you have not been coming, please consider coming back, our family is not complete without you. See you on Sunday, all are welcome at the Lord's table.

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### **Devotions by Sarah Young 2004: Jesus Calling**

Hope is a golden cord connecting you to heaven. This cord helps you hold your head up high, even when multiple trials are buffeting you. I never leave your side, and I never let go of your hand. But without the cord of hope, your head may slump and your feet may shuffle as you journey uphill with Me. Hope lifts your perspective from your weary feet to the glorious view you can see from the high road. You are reminded that the road we're traveling together is ultimately a highway to heaven. When you consider this radiant destination, the roughness or smoothness of the road ahead becomes much less significant. I am training you to hold in your heart a dual focus: My continual Presence and the hope of heaven. *Romans 12:12; Thessalonians 5:8; Hebrews 6:18-19*

Let My Love seep into the inner recesses of your being. Do not close off any part of yourself from Me. I know you inside and out, so do not try to present a "cleaned-up" self to Me. Wounds that you shut away from the Light of My Love will fester and become wormy. Secret sins that you "hide" from Me can split off and develop lives of their own, controlling you without your realizing it. Open yourself fully to My transforming Presence. Let My brilliant Love-Light search out and destroy hidden fears. This process requires time alone with Me, as My Love soaks into your innermost being. Enjoy My perfect Love, which expels every trace of fear. *Psalm 139:1-4, 23-24; John 4:18*

"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." *John 7:38*

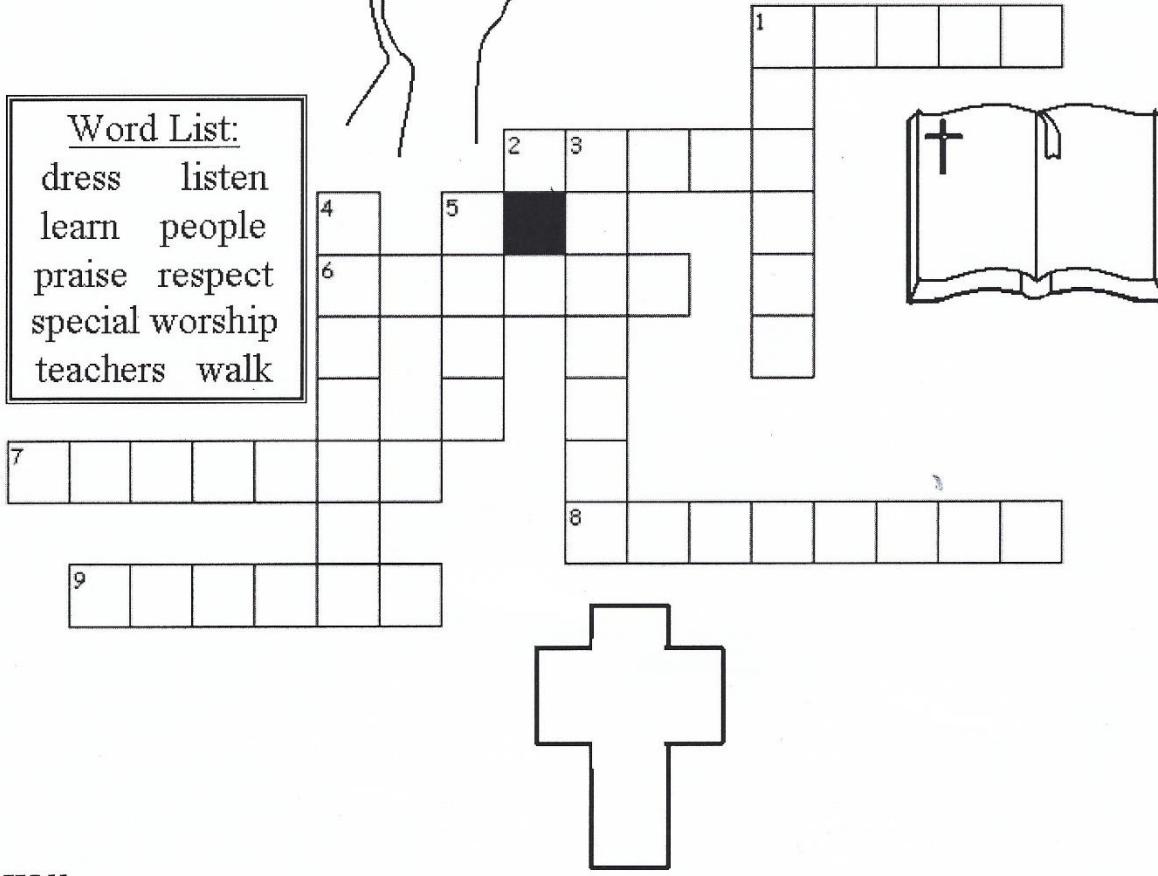
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

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***"Faith in God includes faith in his timing."***

# Church and Respect Crossword

| Word List: |         |
|------------|---------|
| dress      | listen  |
| learn      | people  |
| praise     | respect |
| special    | worship |
| teachers   | walk    |



## Across

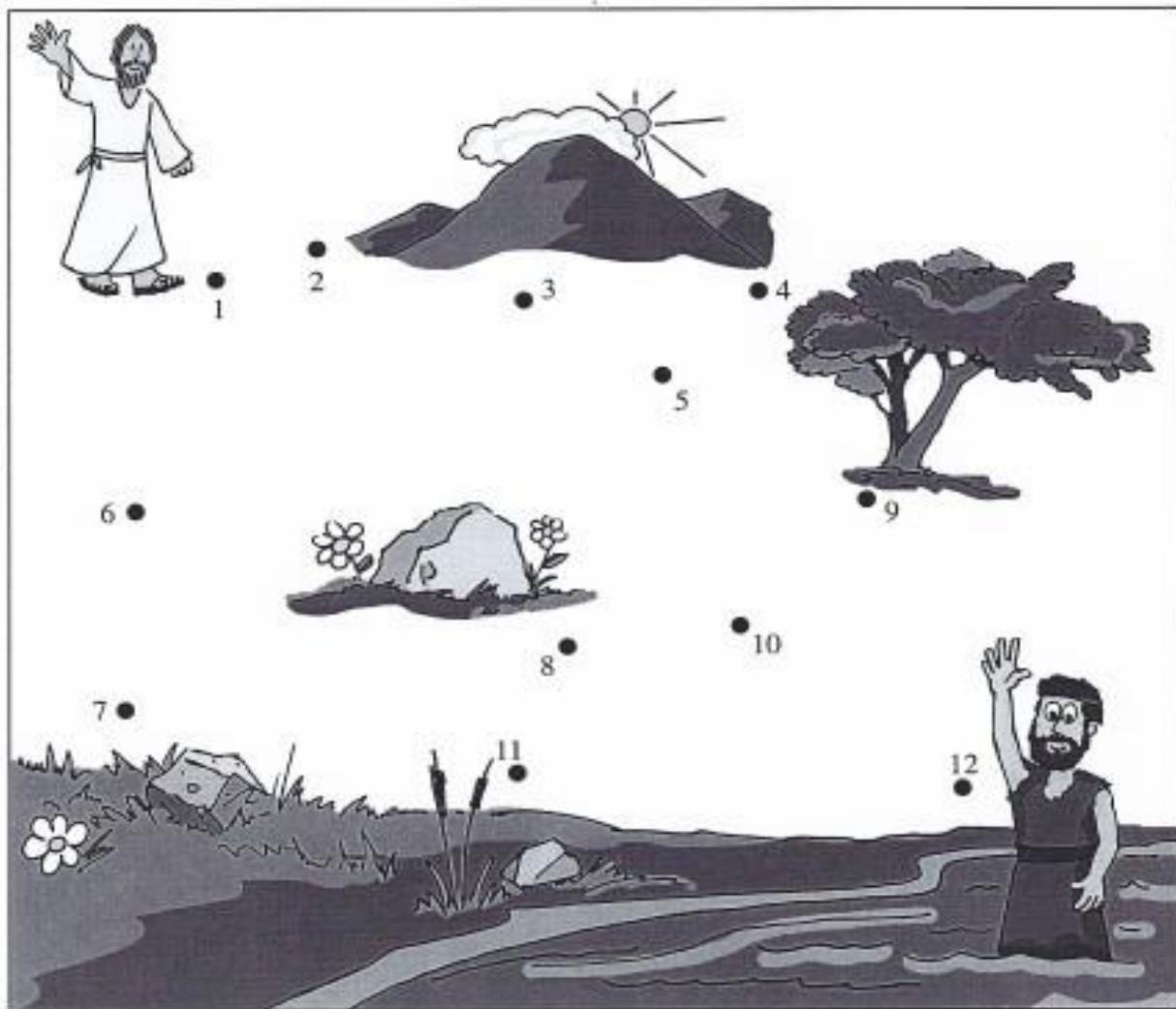
1. At church we meet with others to worship and also to study or \_\_\_\_ about God.
2. The way we \_\_\_\_ can show respect on the outside of us.
6. When we \_\_\_\_ God we are telling him how much appreciate and love him.
7. When we sing and pray to God this is the way we do this for God.
8. These people care about you and spend time preparing a lesson for you to learn.
9. The church isn't about where we meet but about the \_\_\_\_ we meet with there.

## Down

1. It's important to do this to hear what the people at church are trying to teach you.
3. Treating others the way we would like to be treated can be called this.
4. Church is a \_\_\_\_ place to worship God together no matter where it is.
5. Instead of running and being loud it's better if you \_\_\_\_ and speak nicely to others.

**J**esus went to John to be baptized.

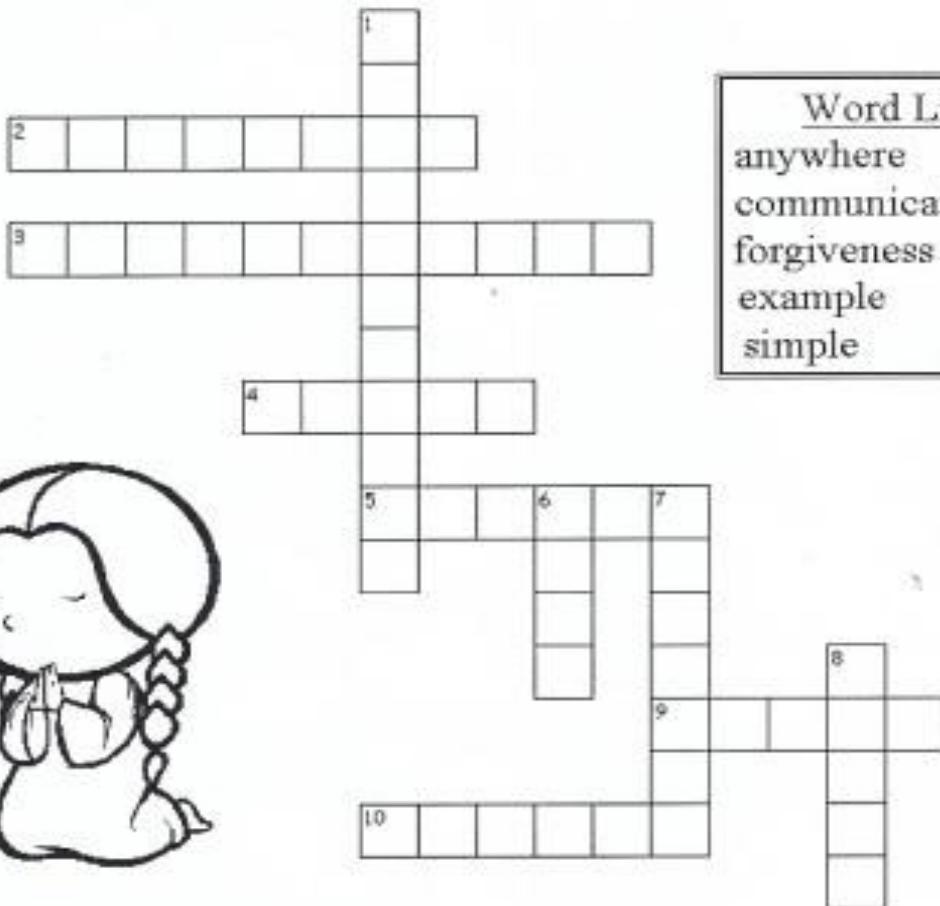
Make a path for Jesus to follow. Connect the dots.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Testament Lesson #10

## Lord's Prayer Crossword



### Word List:

anywhere power  
communicate pray  
forgiveness hears  
example praise  
simple hands

### Across

2. We can pray anytime and \_\_\_\_.
3. Prayer is the special way we \_\_\_\_ with God.
4. We fold these out of respect and to avoid distraction when we pray.
5. Instead of using fancy words when we pray it's best to keep it this.
9. Praying has a lot of this because God can do anything.
10. Include this in your prayer to God because he deserves to hear it.

## Down

1. An important part of prayer is to ask for this.
6. God wants us to do this all the time. When things are good and bad.
7. The Lord's Prayer is an \_\_\_ so we can know how to pray.
8. God always \_\_\_ us when we pray.

## Pews News

We wish to extend condolences, prayers and sympathy to the Kerch and Pauley families on the passing of their Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Aunt, Ida Kerch. Ida passed on June 13, 2024. Ida was a very active member of our church family, she taught Sunday school &, Bible school. She was a member of the Altar Guild and served on Council. Ida worked in the kitchen for funeral dinners and any dinners that the church might have had and helped with getting the beef roast ready to sell beef sandwiches at the park for the churches booth at Summerfest. Ida loved her church and served the church very well.

In other pews news we wish to thank and send our appreciation to Annie Maul. Annie stepped up to play piano for our church service after Walter Maul, our organist, stepped down. Annie is having some health problems and we send her our prayers and good wishes.

We also would like to extend our church family welcome to Theresa Arena. Theresa has come into our family to play the organ for us at our Sunday morning services. We welcome Theresa and appreciate her service to us.

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### CH \_\_CH: What is missing?? UR

If you have not been attending Church, please think about coming. Our church family is not the same without you. Please come and if you have any suggestions or ideas to make our family better or would like to start Sunday School or Bible school, youth, or catechism we welcome your ideas and time. We need the children as they are the future of our Church. We welcome everyone and would love to see you.

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Anyone who has any news that they would like to share, please feel free to put whatever in either Becky Canavan or Sharon Cordwell's mailbox in the back of the church and we will be happy to put it in the newsletter.

## FYI SECTION

Preparation for Holy Baptism is another very important part of Altar Guild. The following is taken from the "The Altar Guild" (S. Anita Stauffer) 1978

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is the rite of initiation into the family of God; it is entrance into the church of Christ. Historically there is a significant connection between Baptism and Easter, because Baptism is sharing the death and Resurrection of our Lord.

The first responsibility in preparing for the celebration of Baptism is to study the meaning of the sacrament. A clear understanding of the rite itself and an appreciation of the meaning of the symbolic items used will help Baptism recover its central place in the Christian life.

### **Baptismal Vessels**

The central vessel for Holy Baptism is of course the font. Fonts are constructed of a variety of materials in many shapes. Most have covers which may or may not be removable. Some fonts have running water and drain. Our font does not have running water and the water must be poured into a bowl prior to the Baptism. Water is carried to the bowl in a pitcher called an ewer. It is placed on the rim of the font, if possible or on a nearby credence. It is the responsibility of the altar guild to make sure that the font, bowl, and ewer are clean and polished prior to each Baptism. Our Baptismal font was built by Fred Schaffranek Sr. and his son Vic Schaffranek and was dedicated on March 1963.

### **WATER**

Water is the earthly element used for the celebration of Holy Baptism. Throughout the Bible, water is a powerful image of God's saving acts: after the creation, water nourished and continues to nourish all life; the waters of the flood destroyed the wicked and saved Noah; Israel was led through the sea out of slavery, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, and water to wash his disciples' feet. Water is a symbol of life and Cleansing. Prior to the Baptism to be celebrated, the Altar Guild should place warm water in or near the font. After the Baptism the water is poured on the ground or into a piscine. The font should be dried and the cover replaced. A baptismal towel should be placed at the font.

There are several ways of emphasizing the importance of Baptism. To emphasize the importance of the death and resurrection of our Lord, it is traditional to place the Paschal Candle near the font (except during Easter when it is placed near the Gospel side of the altar) and to light it whenever there is a Baptism. A white candle may be lit from the Paschal Candle and presented to the baptized person and to be lit on each anniversary. From earliest times the church has anointed baptized persons with oil, as a sign that Christians are anointed with the Holy Spirit. This oil is known as chrism and usually consists of olive oil or another vegetable oil mixed with balsam. Chrism is stored in a small cruet or bowl and is applied by the thumb of the presiding minister in the sign of the cross on the forehead. It is a sign of God's ownership of the baptized person.

Congratulations to all Graduates from grade school, high school or college. May God bless your future with love and prosperity. Good luck!

## KITCHEN KORNER:

All these recipes are taken from the cookbook that the church did in 1978 titled "Our Favorite Recipes". Some of you might have this cookbook but just in case you do not I will keep posting a few every newsletter. Anyone is welcome to put a favorite recipe in either Becky Canavan or Sharon Cordwell's mailbox in the back of the church and we would be happy to share it in our newsletter.

### BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

|                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 (8oz) cottage cheese                | 3 eggs               |
| 1 pkg chopped frozen broccoli, thawed | 1 cup soft butter    |
| ¼ lb cheese diced                     | salt pepper to taste |

Combine all ingredients. Mix well and place in 2 quart casserole. Bake, cover, at 350 for 1 hour.

NANCY FEATHERS

### PICKLE RECIPE

Slice pickles and put in salt water overnight (handful of salt,) Next morning, drain off brine. Put in weak vinegar water and boil until they turn color. Drain off water and put in sterilized jars.

Syrup:

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 2 cups sugar  | 1 tsp celery seed  |
| 1 cup vinegar | 1 tsp mustard seed |

Cook all ingredients. Pour over pickles in jars. Put a sprig of dill and a pinch of alum in each jar and seal. Hot jars do not matter.

ORRILLA KRUPA

### FROZEN FRUIT SALAD

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 can cherry pie filling      | 1 (9oz) cool whip |
| 1 can Eagle Brand milk        | 1 cup walnuts     |
| 1 can crushed pineapple (8oz) |                   |

Mix together and freeze in ½ gallon milk carton

RHODA PROSTEJOVSKY

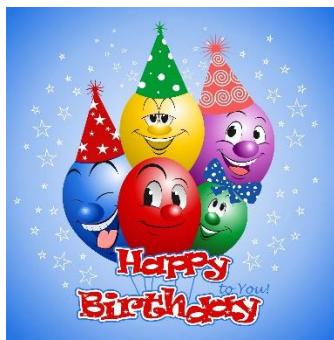
## Birthday & Anniversary

|      |    |  |    |  |
|------|----|--|----|--|
| July | 2  | Tracy Engle<br>Ashton Erndl                      | 1  | Pat & Kelly McCarty Sr<br>Tim & Frances Popish     |
|      | 4  | Kayla Krise<br>Jason Werner                      |    |  |
|      | 6  | Heather Maul<br>Heidi Lamar                      |    |  |
|      | 9  | Chris Troxell<br>Patty Hershberger<br>Steve Lutz | 13 | Dan & Sonny Kerch                                  |
|      | 10 | Jim DeMatteis                                    | 14 | Tony & Lacey Kittell                               |
|      | 11 | Brenda Gouse<br>Emily McKrush                    | 15 | Paul & Tricia Burggraf                             |
|      | 13 | Dakota Cann<br>Steve Noland Jr                   | 18 | Steve & Joelle Lutz                                |
|      | 14 | Kylee Cewensky                                   | 20 | Marty & Brenda Kerch<br>Jamie & Shelly Cadwallader |
|      | 17 | Alan Schaffranek Jr<br>Mikayla Salovich          | 23 | Terry & Nanci Steward Jr                           |
|      | 20 | Joe Litzinger II<br>Logan Cadwallader            | 25 | Dan & Kelli Robine                                 |
|      | 22 | Krystal Cann                                     | 27 | Wayne & Ruth Ann Pinos                             |
|      | 23 | Madelyn Kittell                                  |    |  |
|      | 24 | Carter Fuzie                                     |    |  |
|      | 27 | Tom Lamar<br>Becky Canavan<br>Keaton Troxell     |    |  |
|      | 28 | Henry Harrison Jr                                |    |  |
|      | 29 | Meagan Lamar<br>Jason Troxel<br>Matt Hershberger |    |  |



## Birthday & Anniversary

|        |    |                      |    |                        |
|--------|----|----------------------|----|------------------------|
| August | 3  | Austin Feathers      | 2  | Mike & Gini Gray       |
|        | 5  | Ryan Cadwallader     |    | Wade & Amanda Maul     |
|        | 8  | Colleen Erndl        |    |                        |
|        | 9  | Macy Stancovich      |    |                        |
|        | 12 | Danielle Ciokota     | 10 | Tom & Sharon Cordwell  |
|        |    | Tom Hodgkinson       | 12 | Bill & Debra Cooper    |
|        | 13 | Wanda Hershberger    |    |                        |
|        |    | Ava Cadwallader      |    |                        |
|        | 14 | Johnathan Maul       |    |                        |
|        | 15 | Courtney Cadwallader | 14 | Tom & Patty Hodgkinson |
|        |    | Ruth Ann Pinos       |    |                        |
|        |    | Joanne DeMatteis     |    |                        |
|        |    | Nathan Krisko        |    |                        |
|        | 16 | Matthew Miller       |    |                        |
|        | 17 | Izzy Leman           |    |                        |
|        | 18 | Brian Maul           |    |                        |
|        | 19 | Keira Burggraf       |    |                        |
|        | 22 | Becky Mulato         | 21 | Bill & Colleen Erndl   |
|        |    | Tyler Bobolsky       |    |                        |
|        | 23 | Kelli Robine         |    |                        |
|        | 27 | Richard Maul Jr      |    |                        |
|        |    | Amanda Maul          |    |                        |
|        |    | Ava Stancovich       |    |                        |
|        | 30 | Alfred J Maul        | 28 | Alfred N & Linda Maul  |
|        |    | Hunter Maul          |    |                        |



## Birthday & Anniversary

|           |    |                       |    |                      |
|-----------|----|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| September | 1  | Kim Pohopin           | 1  | Ray & Kayla Asfar    |
|           | 2  | Emily Knopp           |    |                      |
|           | 3  | Alan Schaffranek      |    |                      |
|           | 5  | Terry Steward Sr      |    |                      |
|           | 6  |                       | 6  | Jason & Sandy Yetsko |
|           | 7  | George Ernest         |    |                      |
|           | 8  | Paul Smith            |    |                      |
|           | 11 | Jessica Rusnak        |    |                      |
|           | 12 | Elizabeth MacLaughlin |    |                      |
|           | 14 | Renee Maul            |    |                      |
|           | 15 | Allen McQuillen       |    |                      |
|           | 17 | Philip Krisko II      |    |                      |
|           | 19 | Lynn Steward          |    |                      |
|           | 20 | Diana Lamar           |    |                      |
|           | 21 | Garrett lamar         |    |                      |
|           | 22 | Hayden Werner         |    |                      |
|           |    | Krystal Cann          |    |                      |
|           |    | Sophia Kittell        |    |                      |
|           | 23 | Matt DeMatteis        |    |                      |
|           | 24 | Matthew Maul          |    |                      |
|           | 26 | Tim Palesch           | 26 | Jason & Misty Troxel |
|           | 29 | Terri Crum            |    |                      |
|           | 30 | Patty Huber           |    |                      |
|           |    | Linda Girard          |    |                      |
|           |    | Lance Salovich        |    |                      |

