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Leaves of Life—Parish Newsletter



A prayer for the Fourth

Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad.

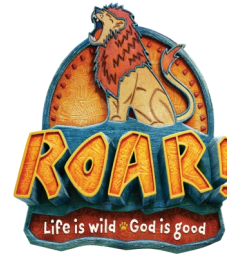
Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father's world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

—Sandy Hyland

Tree of Life Church: united in worship, sharing Jesus and serving all people.

Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

Copy form, if need, or more available at church



Shared Lutheran VBS
July 22-26, 9:00 am- noon
Children entering pre-k through grade 6

Tree of Life Lutheran Church
825 Forest Avenue, Jamestown
Contact: Darcy at (716) 664-4601
dwhitney@firstlutheranjamestown.com

Welcome to

Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church
825 Forest Ave, Jamestown NY 14701
(716) 488-4235 - FAX: (716) 488-2336

Contact info:

Office hours: 8am-noon—Monday thru Friday
(pastor in office: M-Th after 9:30)

Pastor Tara Lamont Eastman

for pastoral emergency: (716) 969-3950 (call or text)
to set up appointment: Call church 716 488-4235

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL 2ND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER

June Worship, 10:15

Summer Worship time 9:30am— July, August

TREE OF LIFE emails:

pastor@toljamestown.com

admin@toljamestown.com

income@toljamestown.com

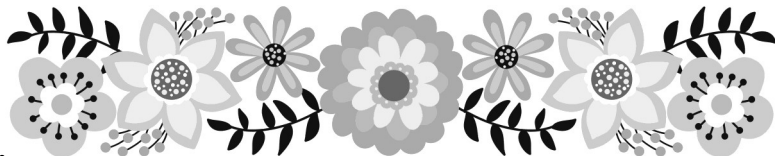
expense@toljamestown.com

music@toljamestown.com

— Pastor Tara Eastman
— Rosemary DiDomenico
— Beryl Emley
— Jan Coleson
— Eric Hester

TOL Website: www.toljamestown.com

Tree of Life is on Facebook



Child's name _____ (one child per form please!)

Grade completed _____ Birthday _____ Age _____

Parents' names _____

Home address _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Emergency contact person _____

Relationship to student _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Food allergies? Y N (List:)

Medical concerns? Y N (Explain:)

Family doctor _____ Doctor's phone _____

Siblings attending VBS (names and ages)

Church membership/affiliation _____
People who will pick up the child _____

VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor(s) designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

SERVING TREE OF LIFE

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, you are responsible for finding a replacement and calling to let the office know who is serving for you.

July

ASSISTING MINISTER

7th: Wolf-Dieter Krahn
14th : Lisa Gustafson
21st: Darcy Whitney
28th: Sue Priester
Aug 4: Susan Bailey

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

7th: Cindy S, Dodie E
14th: Mike F, Chris R
21st: Paula H, Cindy S
28th: Sandy S, Darcy W
Aug 4: Mike F, Chris R

COUNTERS TBA council

LECTORS

7th: Marlene Hanson
14th: Tom Priester
21st: Wolf-Dieter Krahn
28th: Janet Thom
Aug 4: Marlene Hanson

GREETERS

7th: Hal & Marlene Hanson
14th: Carole Dean, Dodie Erickson
21st: George Hitchcock, Cindy Swan,
28th: Darcy Whitney, need 1 more

Aug 4:

USHERS

7th: Paul & Kim H, Dan G, Judy D
14th: Darcy W, George H, Mike L, Dorie D
21st: Mike F, Dennis A, Roberto C, Paul Hopkins
28th: Al J, Matt K, , Sylvia B, Matt & Jackie Wisler
Aug 4: Paul & Kim H, Dan G, Judy D

ALTAR CARE TEAM FOR JULY

ACOLYTE: None June/July/August

FINANCIAL PICTURE

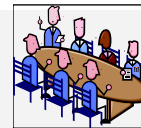
MAY:

Income: \$ 9,026.43

Expenses:
\$15,323.19

Monthly difference:
(\$6,296.76)

Cummulative diff:
(\$31,324.35)



Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

President: Darcy Whitney
Vice-Pres: Dorie Deyo
Treasurer: Deb Morlock
Secretary: Linda Johnson

Council members:

Dorie Deyo
Thure Fransen
Linda Johnson
Matt Kubinski
Debbi Morlock
Sue Priester
Cindy Swan
Darcy Whitney

**TOL CHURCH COUNCIL
WILL MEET @**

6:30PM July 8th

Special dates

US Independence day– July 4, 2019

Church Office will be closed THURS, JULY 4TH & FRI JULY 5TH



To all volunteers who give their time to help out as needed. You are truly appreciated.



The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

Proverbs 8:22, NRSV

Tree of Life News



ESTHER CIRCLE will meet for a **PICNIC** at the home **DORIE DEYO** the 2nd Wednesday of July—**JULY 10TH—AT 6PM**— see Dorie for what to bring.

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Please keep your **July/August GATHER magazine** for the August 7th meeting and we will do both sessions 2 & 3 of the Bible Study.



Sunday School donations this past year were designated for the ELCA clinic visits for children. A total of \$120 for 12 clinic visits was sent to ELCA Good Gifts.

God is everywhere

We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows himself everywhere, in everything — in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without him. It's impossible. The only thing is that we don't see it.

—Thomas Merton

"Sometimes when you're in a dark place you think you've been buried, but you've actually been planted. Bloom!"

—Christine Caine

Mission Message

SCHOOL'S OUT

How long does it take for the kids to get bored after school lets out? "Mooooom, there's nothing to do!" Well, there are two quality places for them to go where they can also travel along the road of their faith journey. Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center and Vandercamp are ministries of our Upstate New York Synod, and they are right in our backyard (for the Southwest and Crossroads Conferences, literally so!). Parents can be secure in knowing their kids are being supervised by responsible counselors, having fun, and making new friends. In a lot of congregations, teens don't have many friends their own age, peers they can share stuff with. At camp, there will be dozens! Lifelong friendships sometimes happen. For kids who might find traditional church irrelevant, camp is a place to worship under the stars by a fire, to be themselves without any judgment, to find community, to be able to discover their gifts. Love of camp now might foster a wish to become a counsellor later. To read more about camps in general, visit ELCA.org, click on "our work" and

you will see outdoor ministry listed. For more information about LCLC or Vandercamp, go to Upstate New York Synod.org, scroll down to "Faith formation", and scroll again to "confirmation and summer camps."

Both camps are supported by your congregation's mission support to the Synod. **Thank you!**

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.

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Marcia Brown,
Mission Interpreter



TOL has an email Prayer

Chain- Prayer requests can be made through the pastor 969-3950; the church office 488-4235; or direct to Dodie 665-5062 her email is dodie2417@gmail.com. If you would like to be a part of this important mission please send your email address to Dodie.

**Note: IF YOU WOULD LIKE
NAME REMOVED FROM OUR
MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET THE
CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.**

**716 488-4235—Rosemary
admin@toljamestown.com**

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Sun, July 7 – 4th Sun. aft. Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sun., July 14 – 5th Sun. aft Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Sun., July 21 – 6th Sun. aft. Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Sun., July 28 – 7th Sun. aft. Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13



NOTE: ALTAR FLOWERS AND/ OR BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

is on the office door (just across from the handicap ramp or you may **contact the church office** 716 488-4235 or email Rosemary ad-min@toljamestown.com with requested date & what you would like printed in the bulletin that week. Also, we need to know if you want the flowers delivered (\$30) or picked up (\$22) and if you have any specific request/. *It is fine for flowers and bulletin sponsorship on same day, just specify which you would like. Bulletin sponsorship is \$20.*



Pastor's message..

A prayer for the road – every road.

By: Pastor Tara L. Eastman



Psalm 143:9-12 The Message

*If you wake me each morning with the
sound of your loving voice,*

*I'll go to sleep each night trusting in you. Point out the road I
must travel;*

I'm all ears, all eyes before you.

*Save me from my enemies, God—
you're my only hope!*

*Teach me how to live to please you,
because you're my God.*

*Lead me by your blessed Spirit
into cleared and level pastureland.*

Keep up your reputation, God—give me life!

The Psalms are a place in scripture where the reader can find plenty of space of prayer that encompass all the emotions of human experience.

Psalm 51 – a prayer of contrition.

Psalm 62 – a prayer of longing for God's presence.

Psalm 67 – a prayer for blessing.

Psalm 118 – praises the goodness of God.

In the Psalms we find loss, joy, anger, frustration, defeat, excitement and everything in-between. This sacred text offers space to engage our full selves; fitted with the generations of people that have read it in the past. We can bring all our emotions and experiences to the Psalms and find a safe space of prayer and conversation with God.

Psalm 143 is a song of pleading with God, for help, for release from potential imprisonment (literal or figurative), for a return of

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verve, for freedom from attack and hopelessness. If ever there is a Psalm that speaks to the low places of life, 143 fits the bill. However, while the psalmist of this particular psalm does not have immediate repair of their difficulty; they do remember God's goodness. The writer's history and story of God's presence in the past is a thread of hope for their present and future and says this to God..." *Show me the road I must travel for you, God, to relieve my heart.*"



TOL Choir sings "God Stores" in worship.

Over the last month in worship, we have started to share our God stories with one another. Sharing spiritual autobiographies in story is a practice of connecting or re-connect us with our remembrances of God, much like the writer of Psalm 143.

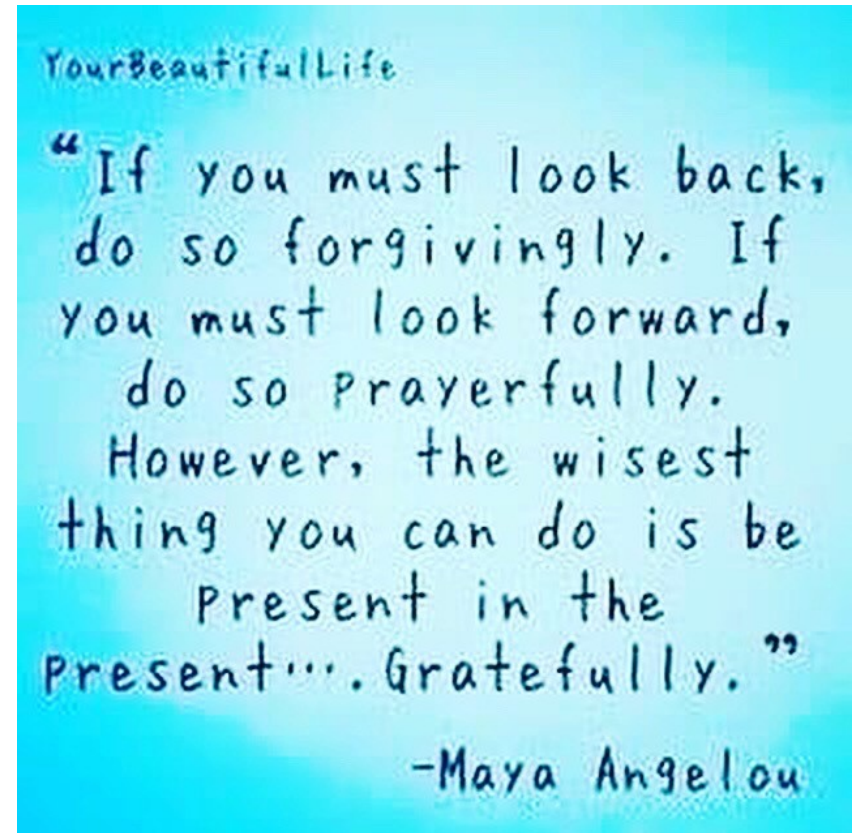
When we share our "God stories", we remember, we hope and we encourage one another in our faith. When sharing our God stories, we keep things real, we are authentic about who we are, who God is and how God is with us in all circumstances of life.

For every road we travel – God is with us.

For every situation we are in – God is present. For every emotion we feel – God is just waiting for us to share what is on our heart, mind and soul. Prayer is the safe space where we can say, *"God, show me the road I must travel for you – relieve my heart."*

HOSPITALIZATIONS

The church office no longer receives calls from the hospital when a member is hospitalized. It would be appreciated if someone from the family would call the church office when a hospitalization occurs. In addition to calls no longer being made to the office by hospital volunteers, the computer used by the clergy at the hospital to locate hospitalized members has been removed. Thank you for your assistance. **In case of hospital emergency, please contact Pastor Eastman at 716 969-3950.**



TREE OF LIFE

JULY

7/2 Pam Caccamise
 7/3 Isabella Palermo
 7/4 Sandra Bowman
 7/10 Allen Johnson
 7/12 Ben Whitney
 7/13 Brooke Raffa, Paul Arnone, Sally Brooks
 7/14 Shirley Fletcher, Kristen Rodgers
 7/15 Justin Bailey, Cindy Swan
 7/16 Elizabeth Slagle, Brody Bentley
 7/17 Joshua Gibson
 7/19 Sue Priester, Pat Hopkins
 7/22 Allie Withers
 7/25 Helen Bagnall, Erin Kling
 7/26 Ryan Burnett, Howard Holroyd
 7/27 Sharon Carlson
 7/28 Robert Hofgren
 7/29 Donna Shagla
 7/30 Kyle Bowman



PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE
KNOW if this needs update

Praying for friends
to comfort you,
faith to uphold you,
and loving memories
to heal your heart.

Our deepest sympathy to
Bishop John & family.

His daughter,
Barbara Christine Macholz Grimaldi
(Sept 15, 1986-June 14, 2019)
Passed away following a 3yr 8mo
battle with
metastatic breast cancer.

Sympathy Cards for Bishop Macholz & family

Any sympathy cards for the
Bishop should be sent directly
to the synod office. Kathy
Neugent will deliver them to
John. Address is:
Kathy Neugent
Upstate New York Synod
5811 Heritage Landing Dr, 1st floor
East Syracuse NY 13057-9360

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TOL in Pictures – June 2019

Confirmation Sunday 2019 – blessings to Adam “Samuel” Moss and Matthew “Matthias” Wisler on their confirmation.



Thanks to “Labor of Love” for the gifts of quilts to graduating seniors from the YWCA Team Program. Quilts were presented at their annual banquet.

Thanks to Kody Howard for assisting in the pantry each month by breaking down our boxes and helping to recycle them.



Above (right) photo of a prayer map for the 2019 Upstate New York Synod Assembly. Darcy Whitney and Pastor Eastman attended as this year’s voting delegates and helped with the Reconciling Works Mission table. For more info on Reconciling Works: www.reconcilingworks.org



Council Corner

Here are some highlights from our June meeting:

*Working on moving forward with our Smith Street parsonage and our 2nd Street properties.

*We are planning on worshipping outside for the months of July & August. Due to some folks having trouble getting down to the outdoor chapel, we are trying something new for the month of July and will be worshipping outside in the front of the building. More details elsewhere in this newsletter.

*We are working on better security for our building.

*Offerings are still down. Please don't forget about our church this summer! Continue to attend & give what you are able ☞

A special thank you from me to Rosemary, Jan & Beryl - thank you for being flexible & friendly, and for keeping our office running smoothly!

Have a blessed July!

Darcy Whitney, Council President

Get Ready to ROAR!



Joint Lutheran VBS will be held July 22-26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Tree of Life Lutheran Church, 825 Forest Avenue, Jamestown, for kids age pre-k through grade 6. Be ready to ROAR, because we are going where “Life is Wild & God is Good”! Registration forms are available in the church office, sanctuary, parlors, and in this newsletter.

Join us on an epic African adventure where we'll explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers us through this wild life! Each day will be filled with songs, ➡

was guiding a rope through a pulley that was attached to a horse at one end and a hay bale at the other. The horse bolted and his left thumb entered the pulley badly disfiguring it. His plans to study for the priesthood were dashed as at that time one had to have perfect hands to touch the Eucharist. Not so today. My father continued his college studies, but turned his attention to a young woman living next door to his rooming house on Seneca Street in Buffalo. They dated and in 1935 were married, moved to Lakewood and from 1938 to 1948 added the five of us to their family. We all owe our lives to that horse!

When I was 13 I attended a church camp in Angola on Lake Erie. We were all swimming and were warned about the undertow by the lifeguard. A younger boy was ahead of me and as a wave came over him we were both drawn into deeper water by the undertow. He was in over his head. It wasn't very dramatic or noticed by the lifeguard, but I reached for him, pulled him to me in a bear hug and carried him to shallower water. I don't think either one of us said a word, but he looked very relieved. I never thought much about it, but in some way I had re-paid Harold by saving this boy from drowning. If my father had become a priest I wouldn't have been near the boy to save him. Thanks again to the horse. I wonder whatever became of him? Wouldn't it be something if he became the priest or minister that my father couldn't be? Only God knows!

The foreboding God of my youth has been replaced by a much kinder one that, as can be seen in my life story, has a benevolent sense of humor.

"God Stories from Tree of Life" - from Michael Flynn

When God Came Near

I was eight and it was a warm early June afternoon. My friend Harold and I decided to throw paper plates at he Lakewood Beach Park by taking turns throwing them from the Rescue Boat House dock and retrieving them from the shore. It was my turn to collect as I watched Harold on the dock. He waved to me as I collected, but he had turned his back to the water and stood on tip-toe at the very edge, with 12 feet of water below. The next time I looked he had disappeared. I feared the worst and ran to the boat house, dropping to my knees half way there, asking God to save him. I swear both knees hit the ground but I didn't miss a step as I raced to the end of the dock. All I could see was the top of Harold's head disappear in the depths. I called to some friends to tell the fire department and raced home. I was told I was late for dinner, but had to explain that Harold was drowning. My parent's weren't sure what to believe until the very loud fire siren went off and my father jumped up and ran to the fire hall.

The adults were concerned that I would be traumatized by Harold's death, but I knew that if I had tried to save him there would have been two boys that drowned. I was told that God took Harold to heaven because he was so good. I knew what kind of mischief we both got into and if he was that good, I was likely to be next to go! Shortly after his funeral, Harold's mother gave me his prized silver dollar which I still have after nearly 70 years. I drilled a hole in it to make sure I never spent it.

When my father was helping put in hay on the family farm he



games, snacks, crafts, and Bible stories. You won't want to miss out!

For more information, please call Darcy at 664-4601 or 397-7612.



If you want to volunteer to help with VBS in any way, please contact Darcy Whitney, VBS Director, at

whitneyr49@yahoo.com. Thank you!



June assembly



June assembly



Confirmation Sunday



YWCA TEAM student banquet



Mama deer resting at church

Thank
You

- Dear Labor of Love group,

“...thank you for the donation of blankets to the Anew Center, our Domestic Violence program. Many women & children who enter the shelter come with few possessions. Your gift will be well used. ...”

- “..Thank you for gift of \$120 to ELCA Good Gifts. ..with resources like seedling and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles, blankets, you are equipping God’s people....with what they need to lead abundant lives.”

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!

The Lutheran House at Chautauqua



The mission of the Lutheran Chautauqua Association is to provide a Lutheran identity through witness, worship, fellowship and hospitality.



Chautauqua Lutheran House Tea Dates for Tree of Life Church:
As in years past, TOL will be participating with the Chautauqua Lutheran House Teas.

(called Tuesday Social Hour)

Continuing the ministry of hospitality and fellowship, a social hour is hosted every Tuesday at 3:00 PM by area Lutheran church women and men. Lutheran punch, homemade cookies and good fellowship abound. Musical talents are often shared on this occasion.

Please contact the following people to attend the tea and/or provide cookies for 7/23 and 8/20.

Sue Priester - 7/23

Dodie Ericson – 8/20

Everyone from TOL is encouraged to furnish cookies and can attend either day or both days if they wish.

For lunch plans on 7/23, please contact Sue Priester. August 20 we will leave the church parking lot about 11:00 and go to lunch at Chautauqua before we serve at the Lutheran House.

“Leaves of Life “ DEADLINE
FOR August NEWS Is Sunday July 21st

Work party to assemble

will be 9:30am at TOL

Monday, July 29, 2019





**Volunteers
needed for
worship** - *lectors,
communion assistants,
assisting minister, ushers,*

greeters, altar care team, acolytes- sign sign-up
sheet is in the narthex.



Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are designed to refresh and re-energize marital relationships. There may be struggling marriages in your midst, or perhaps some couples just need some time away to concentrate on their relationship. Strong marriages = strong churches!

Also, remember that because we are celebrating 50 years of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the registration fee for 2019 Weekends is half price: only \$50.00 instead of \$100.00, so please register NOW!

Thank you so much for your support of this vital ministry for strengthening marriage and family.

In His service, Fred & Julie Schamber
Northeast US Area Directors Lutheran Marriage Encounter
Phone 724-325-3166
Email: fjschamber@comcast.net

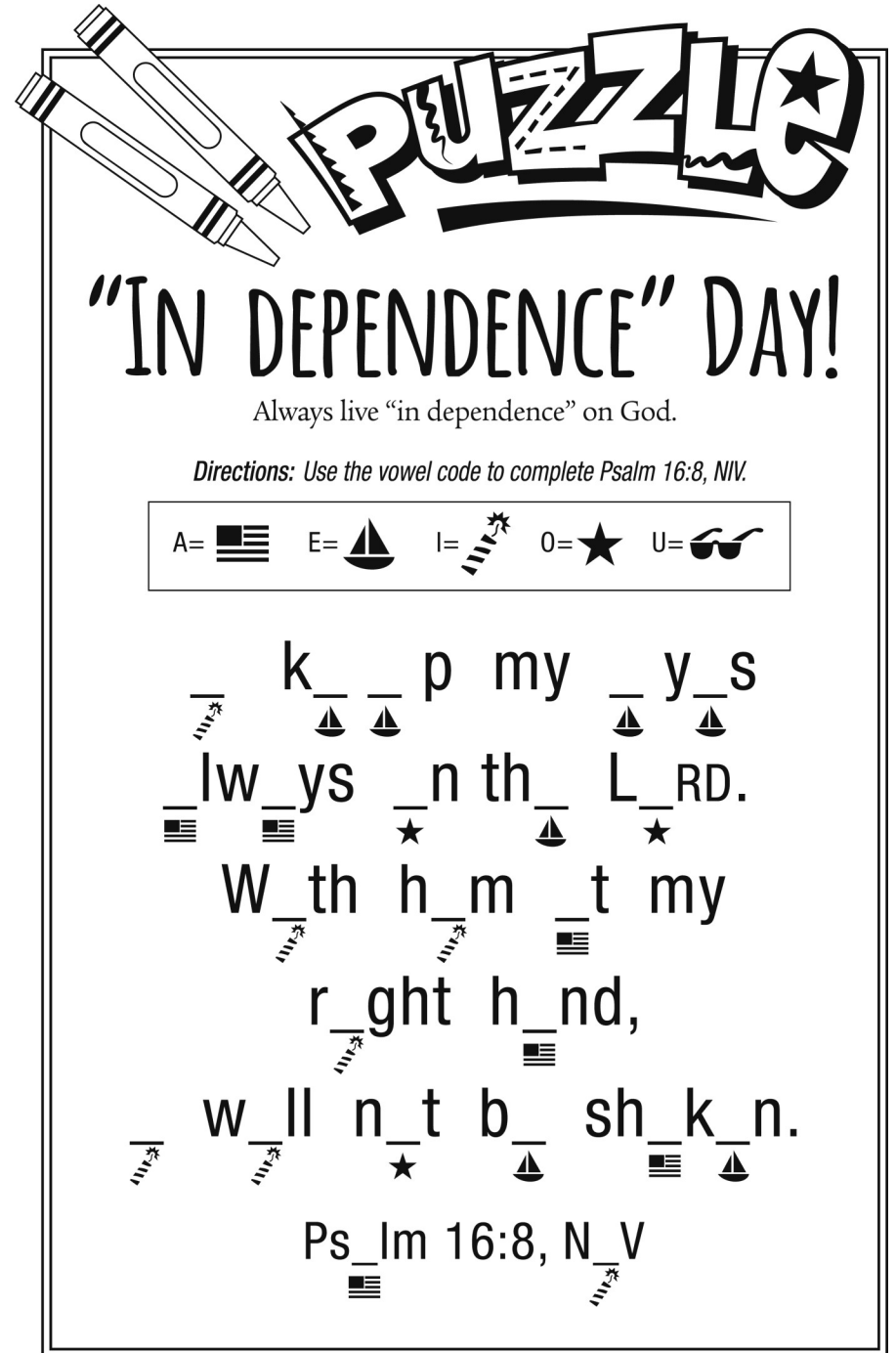
The second Sunday of the month is FOOD SUNDAY..

We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Pantry Any food will be welcome.




Worship ATTENDANCE

May 26 57
June 3 46
June 10 67
June 17 53



Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

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