



July / August 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

## **PASTOR'S PONDERINGS**

Beloved,

As the summer begins to wind down, I thought it was important to take a moment to remind us about who we are in Christ. It's easy to forget sometimes with everything that life throws at us but it is crucial that we remember. We are God's children. He loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son into the world to die on a cross for us. His death indeed saves us. But even more than that, He claims us. We are His. And nothing can ever separate us from the love of God!

With that said, this month I wanted to address something that was asked from one of our youth a couple of months ago. The question was, "Pastor, do I have to (or need to) be re-baptized?" It's a great question and here are my thoughts.

Sometimes, we as Christians encounter the lie that we should be baptized a second time under the guise, "Now that you're choosing for yourself to be baptized, it will mean more to you." But don't be fooled by this clever temptation. By being re-baptized, you don't make baptism mean more to you, you actually make baptism mean less to you. Instead of trusting in baptism as the rock-solid promise of God by which He chose you and made you His own child (see Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38-39, Romans 6:3-5, Titus 3:4-7, and 1 Peter 3:21, etc.), by being re-baptized you turn baptism into your choice and commitment toward God. But what certainty is there in your commitment? What confidence is there in your choice? Where is your foundation if your love for God becomes shaky? No longer can you look to your baptism for confidence, because in being re-baptized, you've made it mean less. Far better to stick to the teaching of Holy Scripture. God's promise made to you in baptism is sure and certain, no matter how old you were when God made that promise to you. Don't make your baptism less by going into the water a second time. In baptism, you're still all wet. Hold fast to the promise that Christ has made to you in the water and the Word.

So as your summer begins to wind down, remember your baptism dear saints. Know that God is with you and that as His child, you have certainty of your salvation (in a world where it seems like nothing is certain anymore) and you have hope (that the world needs). God bless you!

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Pastor David





# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

*Caring For Our Community Through Christ*

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### **Saturday July 20th, 4pm-7pm**

Corn Hole Competition hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Easton.

The competition will be between Christ Seaford, Bethany Salisbury, Immanuel Preston, & Immanuel Easton.

Live music will be playing for background entertainment!

If you are interested in attending or playing in the corn hole tournament, please contact Pastor!

### **Saturday August 10th, 12pm-4pm**

Preston's SummerDaze at the James T. Wright Memorial Park.

Immanuel Lutheran Church's Evangelism Committee will have a booth at Preston's SummerDaze. Stop by to say 'Hi' and enjoy the community event!

## **SPECIAL FUNDS**

### **Care & Compassion Fund**

Anonymous  
Nicole Caraballo

## Continuing the mission of Immanuel



Trustee Rick Clendaniel and his small team of helpers have recently demolished sections of sidewalk and had new replacement concrete poured. This was a much needed safety improvement for the walkway into Geiger Hall. The Trustee facilitated the move of the Geiger Hall Library contents to the second floor so that planning for the new Nursery School classroom can begin. The new Library looks great so far – with some additional organizing and new materials planned for the near future. Rick continues to monitor the completion of stained-glass repairs; we are currently waiting for materials to arrive.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) was recently hosted by Immanuel under the leadership of Board of Education chairperson, Rene Langwost. Rene and her VBS team of over 15 adults and youth presented a program from Concordia Publishing House called “Celebrate Jesus”. This team shared the good news of Jesus with the stories of the Wisemen, feeding the 5,000, and the Crucifixion and Resurrection. Over 40 children and their families from the Preston area learned that Jesus came to save each one of them. We pray for the Holy Spirit’s good work in each one. See page 5 for VBS pictures and more.

Evangelism chairperson, Cathy Baker, and her team are coordinating a possible trip to the Museum of the Bible (<http://museumofthebible.org>) in Washington, DC in October. Preliminary sign up is right now, so that concrete plans can be made. Is this an opportunity to invite a friend to learn about Jesus?

Even while all these exciting events are happening, the weekly and ordinary activities of the church continue. Financial Secretary Carol Frase and her teams of collectors and counters ensure that weekly offerings are properly accounted for. Treasurer Janice Isenberg and her team ensure that our bills are paid and the accounts are balanced. Budget preparation for 2025 will begin in August and Stewardship Chairperson Lynn Faulstick and her team are preparing the fall stewardship campaign.

Please keep the workers – leaders and teams - and the work of the Church Council in your prayers throughout the next months. Several Council positions will be vacated at the end of this year. Please pray that faithful servants will be led to step forward to continue the mission of Immanuel.



As you sing to the Lord every Sunday, admire the beautifully refreshed hymnal ribbons! A huge thank you to the ladies of our church for their hard work on this project! Pictured is Vera Rieck, Irene Wheatley, and Iris Rieck. Not pictured Lynn Short and Marsha Kenton.







## Obituary for Evelyn June Elzey



Evelyn "June" Elzey formerly of Federalsburg passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at Bayleigh Chase in Easton. She was 91. She was born on August 23, 1932 in Frederick, Virginia, the daughter of the late Thomas Nickel Jackson and Minnie Mae Ritenour Jackson. After her education, she married Paul Elzey and they made their home in Federalsburg. He preceded her in death June 25, 2018. She loved crafting, and collecting antiques. For several years, she was the owner/operator of "My Mothers Egg Basket" selling her collectibles and crafts. She also enjoyed working in her yard and flower garden, travel, and spending time with her family and grandchildren. She

was a former member of Union United Methodist Church where she served on various circles and committees. She also served as a lifetime member of the Federalsburg V.F.W. Post #5246. She is survived by a daughter, Pamela Elzey and one sister, Betty Parks, both of Federalsburg; a grandson: Nicholas Parks and his wife Marcia of Delmar, DE, and a great granddaughter Gianna Parks. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Michael Jess Elzey in 1983, Paul Eric Elzey in 1968, and five siblings: Thomas Jackson, Jr., Frank Jackson, Marshall Jackson, Nettie Windsor & Lucille Richardson. A memorial service was held on Friday, June 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Framptom Funeral Home in Federalsburg with the Reverend Denzil T. Cheek officiating. The family received friends from 10:00 to 11:00. Burial was private. Expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society by visiting [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or by mail at P.O. Box 6704. Hagerstown, MD 21741. Share memories with the family at [www.framptom.com](http://www.framptom.com). To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Evelyn June Elzey please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).



## Obituary for David Francis Nuss



David Francis Nuss, 70, entered the Lord's presence in his home May 29, 2024 surrounded by his wife Michelle and friends. David was born October 5, 1953 in Weehawken, NJ to Walter and Dorothy Nuss. His mother affectionately spoke of him as her baby boy having been born premature, she raised him despite warnings he may not survive. David grew up in Westwood, NJ with his brother Bruce and sister Cindy. David served the Lord for 45 years as a minister in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He received degrees from Concordia Bronxville followed by Concordia Senior College, and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He served various congregations in Michigan and Indiana. During this time, he had three daughters JoAnna, Jerioth, and Jessie to his first wife Pam. David then moved to Delmar, NY in 1986 where he served at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. There he met and married Michelle LaQuire. They moved to Glen Cove, NY in 1989 where David served as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. Their son Joshua was born while there. In 1993 they moved to Pawling, NY where David served at Christ the

King Lutheran Church. In 2000 they moved to Albany, NY to serve at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. Finally, David and Michelle moved to Seaford, DE to serve at Christ Lutheran Church where he retired from full-time ministry in 2023. David loved kayaking and fishing with his wife and family as well as bird watching. He could be found often playing songs for his grandchildren on his guitar and laughing with friends and church members. David loved people and always sought to care for those around Him as a shepherd of the Lord. David is survived by his mother Dorothy Nuss, brother Bruce (Mel) Nuss, sister Cindy Uzialko; his wife Michelle, daughters JoAnna (Bill) Jones, Jerioth (Clayton) Voyles, and Jessie Nuss, son Joshua (Hannah) Nuss, and 12 grandchildren. David was preceded in death by his father Walter "Red" Nuss. A memorial service will be held at 1pm on Friday, June 28th, 2024 at Christ Lutheran Church, 315 N. Shipley Street, Seaford, Delaware 19956. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in honor of David Nuss to; Love Inc, 703 E. King Street, Seaford, Delaware 19973 or Christ Lutheran Church BSSP, 315 N. Shipley Street, Seaford, Delaware 19973. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.hsdfuneralhome.com](http://www.hsdfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are in the care of the Hannigan, Short, Disharoon Funeral Home in Laurel, Delaware.





# THANKS FOR ATTENDING VBS



## VBS AT IMMANUEL 2024

June 24-27 we were blessed with about 50 children attending our VBS program. We had the opportunity to share how Jesus came for us, heals us, saves us and cares for us always! We followed the CPH program "Celebrate the Savior" Jesus Gives Us Joy!

We started each night with our traditional VBS menu prepared by our dedicated kitchen staff. We Opened and Closed each night in the sanctuary singing praise and introducing the celebration of the night. We had Story tellers explaining the Bible story of the day. In Bible Exploration (science) the children learned through experiments with Pastor David. In music the children learned songs about how Jesus brings us joy. In craft the children decorated totes and hats, made bracelets/necklaces and clay crosses. We played fun games at recreation and ate cookies and popcorn for snack.

As always, we had a great group of about 50 kids with lots of energy and smiling faces. A huge thank you to the families for bringing their children!

We had an awesome group of about 50 volunteers from church and community that did an amazing job making it happen. Thank you to all. We are so grateful for your help! It would be impossible without you!

Here are several pictures from VBS to enjoy! There are many pictures of each night on Facebook, check them out (<https://www.facebook.com/immanuel Lutheran preston/>).

Keep celebrating the Savior and have a joyful summer!

*Rene Langwost*  
Board of Education/VBS Director





# JULY

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*



|                    |     |                   |      |                   |      |                    |      |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Jennifer Flannigan | 7/1 | Darlene Wilson    | 7/9  | Julie Farnell     | 7/18 | Dana Limpert       | 7/24 |
| Kathy Schmidt      | 7/4 | Joan Gounraj      | 7/10 | John Monroe       | 7/18 | Grayson Dutton     | 7/25 |
| Laura Glessner     | 7/5 | Carole Greenage   | 7/12 | Zachary Braband   | 7/19 | Mary Lou Frase     | 7/26 |
| Crew Hopkins       | 7/6 | Veronica Phillips | 7/12 | Chelsie Frase     | 7/20 | Raiker Ann Sheldon | 7/27 |
| Nikki Morris       | 7/7 | Ronnie Tucker     | 7/12 | Susan Scudder     | 7/20 | Emilee Shanken     | 7/29 |
| Jonathon Nichols   | 7/7 | Robert Beebe      | 7/14 | Dee Lambert       | 7/21 | Ronald Andrew      | 7/30 |
| Catie Casey-Motley | 7/8 | Luke Dutton       | 7/16 | Mildred Quidas    | 7/21 |                    |      |
| Christa Delano     | 7/8 | Caleb Erskine     | 7/16 | Kyle Starken      | 7/21 |                    |      |
| John Northam       | 7/8 | Jacob Erskine     | 7/16 | Katie Taylor      | 7/21 |                    |      |
| Sheri Rodriguez    | 7/8 | Samantha Fisher   | 7/16 | Desi Casey-Motley | 7/24 |                    |      |
| Destiny Scudder    | 7/8 | Hunter Marshall   | 7/16 | Linda Fairbanks   | 7/24 |                    |      |



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|------------------------|------|
| Dennis & Caron Janko   | 7/15 |
| Paul & Jackie Nichols  | 7/20 |
| Sheri & Tony Rodriguez | 7/22 |



# AUGUST

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*



|                     |     |                 |      |                     |      |                |      |
|---------------------|-----|-----------------|------|---------------------|------|----------------|------|
| Kari Edwards        | 8/1 | Peggy Meyer     | 8/10 | Raechl Cannon       | 8/20 | Allen Reichlin | 8/30 |
| Christopher Headley | 8/2 | Jean Blake      | 8/11 | Keirsa Buckingham   | 8/21 |                |      |
| Phineas Ayers       | 8/3 | Charles Fry     | 8/11 | Sarah Dienst        | 8/21 |                |      |
| Donna Degroat       | 8/3 | Kate Frase      | 8/14 | Jessie Bartenfelder | 8/22 |                |      |
| John Schmidt        | 8/3 | Eric Karge      | 8/14 | Windsor Meyer Sr.   | 8/23 |                |      |
| Kelsey Limpert      | 8/4 | Robert Lorenz   | 8/14 | Shyann Gillis       | 8/24 |                |      |
| Thomas Starken      | 8/5 | Meredith Brooks | 8/15 | Austyn Ostermann    | 8/25 |                |      |
| Ronda Jefferson     | 8/6 | John Crampton   | 8/15 | Barbara Wright      | 8/25 |                |      |
| Shelby Hochmuth     | 8/8 | Zack Kirwan     | 8/17 | Jack Collins        | 8/26 |                |      |
| Ag Sturtz           | 8/8 | Joanne Smith    | 8/17 | Journee Scudder     | 8/26 |                |      |
| Kimberly Jantz      | 8/9 | Gary Wright     | 8/18 | Ryan Andrew         | 8/29 |                |      |


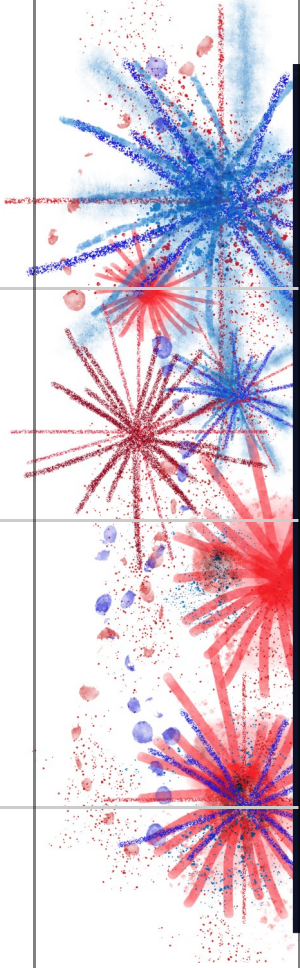


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| John & Gail Crampton | 8/5 |
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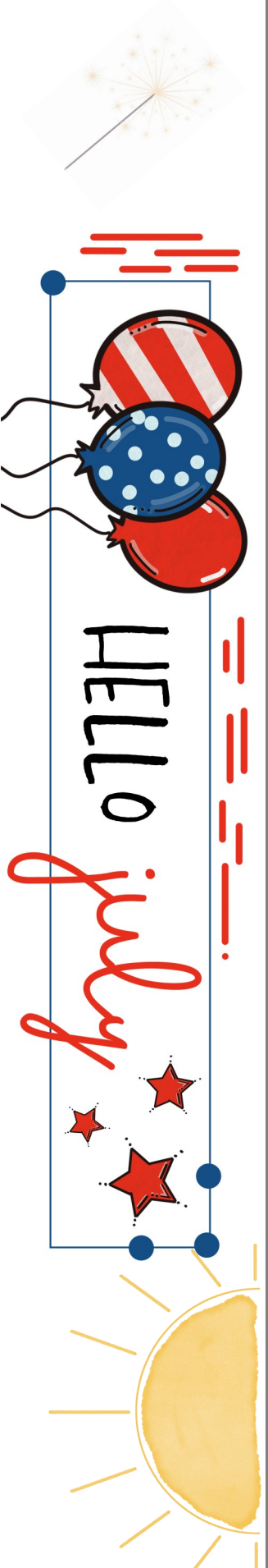


# JULY

| Sun   | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|---|
|   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4 Independence Day<br>Office Closed<br> | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>10:30a Divine Service<br>7:00pm AA Meeting   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12  | 13<br>8:30a Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast                           |
| 14<br>10:30am Worship<br>7:00pm AA Meeting        | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18   | 19  | 20<br>4:00p-7:00p Corn Hole<br>Competition - Immanuel<br>Easton |
| 21<br>10:30a Divine Service<br>7:00 pm AA Meeting | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25   | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>10:30am Worship<br>7:00pm AA Meeting        | 29  | 30  | 31  |                                       |     |   |

# THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL JULY 2024

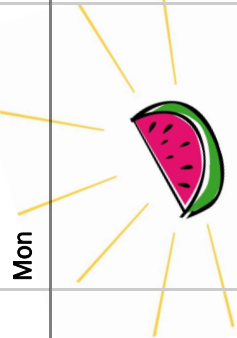
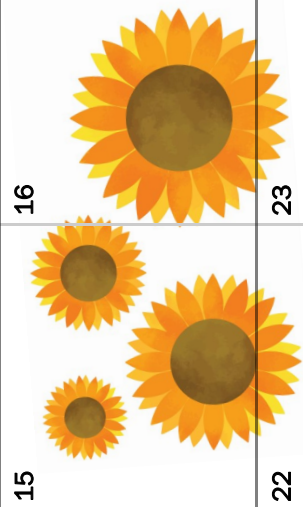
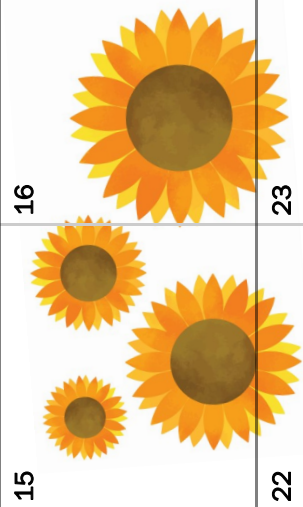
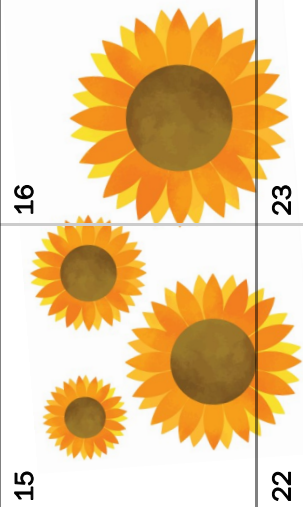
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|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--|
| July 7  | Mark Frase & Rex Rosebrock  | Todd Butler     | Dicky Wheatley | Catie Casey-Motley | David Schmidt | Janice Isenberg   | Rene Langwost | Kenny & Michelle Wheatley | Janice Isenberg<br>Shelly Kapitan<br>John Crampton |
| July 14 | Todd Butler & Rex Rosebrock |                 | Ruth Thomas    |                    | David Schmidt | Jennifer Phillips | Rene Langwost | Kenny & Michelle Wheatley | Karen Lyons<br>Jennifer Phillips                   |
| July 21 | Todd Butler & Rex Rosebrock | Hugh Smith      | Kate Frase     | Zoe Durando        | Rex Rosebrock | John Crampton     | Rene Langwost | Kenny & Michelle Wheatley | Dee Lambert<br>Glen Plutschak<br>Linda Jefferson   |
| July 28 | Todd Butler & Rex Rosebrock |                 | Cathy Baker    |                    | Jim Harris    | Ruth Thomas       | Rene Langwost | Kenny & Michelle Wheatley | David & Kathy Schmidt<br>Julie Farnell             |





# AUGUST



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|---|--|-----|--|--|--|
|   |  |  |     | 1  | 2  | 3<br>8:30a Men's Prayer Breakfast  |
| 4<br>10:30a Divine Service<br>7:00pm AA Meeting   | 5<br>7:00p Board of Elders  | 6  | 7   | 8  | 9  | 10<br>12p-4p Preston's SummerDaze  |
| 11<br>10:30am Worship<br>7:00pm AA Meeting        | 12<br>7:00pm Church Council   | 13<br>6:30pm ILNS Parent Orientation Meeting | 14  | 15<br> | 16<br> | 17<br> |
| 18<br>10:30a Divine Service<br>7:00 pm AA Meeting | 19  | 20   | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24   |
| 25<br>10:30am Worship<br>7:00pm AA Meeting        | 26  | 27   | 28  | 29<br>9:00am-12:00pm ILNS Teacher/Student Meet & Greet                                   | 30   | 31   |

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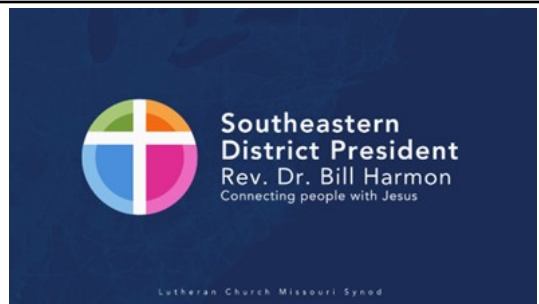
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| August 4  | John Hochmuth & Dale Kenton | Mark Frase      | Carol Frase        | Lukas Maloney     | David Schmidt | Janice Isenberg   | Rene Langwost | Kenny & Michelle Wheatley | Janice Isenberg<br>Shelly Kapitan<br>John Crampton |
| August 11 | Todd Butler & Dale Kenton   |                 | Catie Casey-Motley |                   | David Schmidt | Jennifer Phillips | Rene Langwost | Kenny & Michelle Wheatley | Karen Lyons<br>Jennifer Phillips                   |
| August 18 | John Hochmuth & Dale Kenton | Rick Clendaniel | Chrissy Frase      | Veronica Phillips | Rex Rosebrock | John Crampton     | Rene Langwost | Kenny & Michelle Wheatley | Dee Lambert<br>Glen Plutschak<br>Linda Jefferson   |
| August 25 | John Hochmuth & Dale Kenton |                 | John Crampton      |                   | Jim Harris    | Ruth Thomas       | Rene Langwost | Kenny & Michelle Wheatley | David & Kathy Schmidt<br>Julie Farnell             |



HELLO  
august



# A Note to Congregational Leaders



Dear Friends:

The peace of the Lord be with you.

Thank you for your leadership and vision as we work together to connect people with Jesus so that lives are transformed, and God's Kingdom grows. It is a privilege to work with you for the sake of God's love for all people.

With the unofficial start of summer upon us, this is a great time to check in with the church workers in your midst. When I served as a parish pastor, it was a blessing to have congregation members check in on my well-being. It meant so much to me when they asked about my family, inquired about my work, and insisted on my times of rest.

Many church workers do not take their days off or vacation time because of their commitment to the church. This is admirable and sometimes necessary; however, having time to rest, relax, and be rejuvenated is also essential to our church workers' health and ministry. Your encouragement and support for this time will be a blessing for sure!

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Lord, His church, and the workers He has called to partner with you. May He bless you, your family, and your congregation now and always.

Serving with Joy,

President Bill Harmon



Our music programs and musicians are off for the summer – but thankfully, the music of worship continues each week through our wonderful congregational hymns and our beautiful liturgies. We are grateful for our choir and handbell groups that provide an added dimension of text and tune that enhances our worship throughout the year.

As we travel through the summer months, please consider participating in choir or bells this coming season. Both groups are welcoming new members.

Senior Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. If you enjoy singing and can follow the tune, come and sing.

Handbells rehearsals also begin September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with a special orientation and mentoring session for new or returning ringers. Please let us know if you are interested attending. Contact Janice Isenberg or Lynn Short.

*Sing to the Lord a new song!*





# GOD BLESS AMERICA



## Puzzle!

### THE WATER OF LIFE

A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
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" 6+6 7-2 9+11 23-3 12-4 8-3 9+6 18-4 1+4 18+5 10-2 10+5

13-4 12+7 18+2 1+7 10-1 20-2 17+2 8+12 22+3 1+2 11+4 15-2 2+3

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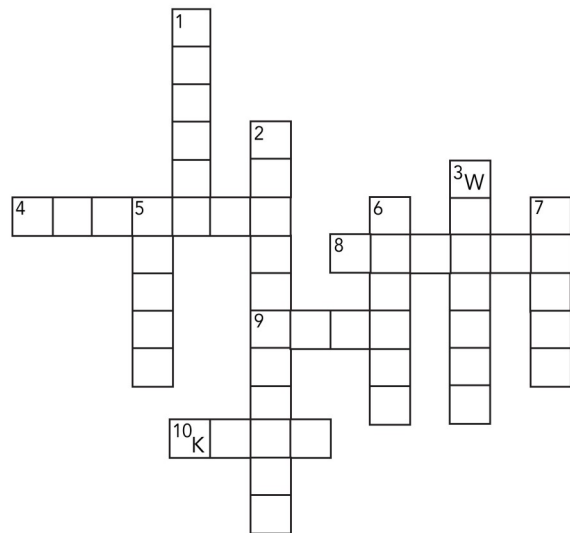
Revelation 22:17, NIV



### THE WONDER OF STARS

The heavens display evidence of God's great power.  
What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all NIV) to complete the crossword.



#### DOWN

- The sun, moon and stars do this to God. (Psalm 148:3)
- God made these as numerous as the stars. (Genesis 26:4)
- Don't do this to the stars and sky. (Deuteronomy 4:19)
- What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1)
- The moon and the stars do this at night. (Psalm 136:9)
- When we're pure, we do this like the stars. (Philippians 2:15)

#### ACROSS

- The heavens are the work of these. (Psalm 8:3)
- On what day did God create the stars? (Genesis 1:14-19)
- God calls each star by this. (Isaiah 40:26)
- A star announced the arrival of him. (Matthew 2:2)

Answers: DOWN: 1. praise, 2. descendants, 3. worship, 4. fingers, 5. glory, 6. govern, 7. shine, 8. fourth, 9. name, 10. king

Answer: "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life."  
Revelation 22:17, NIV