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Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

There is No Place Like Home

As you are all probably aware by now, Desi and I are currently going through the home buying process. This is new to us as we've been renters our entire married life together. And we have been blessed to rent two beautiful houses here in the Preston area and we are thankful to the wonderful folks who gave us the chance to live there. We love living here, we love the people, the community, and we love you, our friends and family at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are indeed home here.



Yet as we begin this adventure together, I can tell you that the home in which we will lay our tired heads is only the domain in which we dwell and keep our personal belongings. I say that because we have another home in which we dwell. It's building is brick and mortar, it's balcony holds a beautiful pipe organ, and its windows show the light of the Son with their beautiful colors. This dwelling, our home, is also where you are; where God gathers us together to hear His Word and receive His Holy Sacraments along with all the saints gone before around the throne of Jesus.

We love this home for our souls because it's where God is our cornerstone. The church is His and it belongs to Him and there He anchors Himself for us so that we might find peace for our hurting souls, comfort for our anxious hearts and minds, forgiveness for the sins that weigh so heavily upon us, and hope that is our light as we travel the road together in the darker days that are still yet to come.

This is also why we hold the liturgy so dear because when we gather together to worship, it's not our doing but God's doing for us. Everything in the service is from Him and in Him, through Him and because of Him. The only thing required of us in the service is to rest in the arms of the God of the universe who lovingly gives to us this place where heaven and earth come together.

For you see, that is exactly what church is for us: heaven on earth. I've often said that I don't know what heaven is like. I've not been there yet but I am thankful to our God who gives us just a glimpse of what it will be like and that is His people, gathered around His throne, singing His praises together

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and receiving His supper that will have no end with all heaven joining us.

And to be honest, I need the church. I need to be at home. I need to be where my Savior is for me. I need His Words, His music, His meal and water. And I need you too, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to carry my burdens as I carry yours. I need your love, grace, and gentle spirits because I cannot travel this road alone, nor was I ever meant to, and neither are you. And I thank all of you for walking along side of my family and I as we sojourn together until finally the day comes that we are all together in our true home which is in heaven, that place where joy, love, and laughter will never end.

Yes, Desi and I are in the process of buying our forever home and we are thankful that we get to add this adventure to all the ones we've taken thus far. But while this process will take time and in the end we know we will have a place to lay our sleepy heads, we find rest here in the home God has graciously given us with you. There is certainly no other place like it on earth and we'd not want to be anywhere else but here in this paradise of the East. Won't you join us?

With a Shepherd's Heart,

Pastor David

**JOY:FULLY
LUTHERAN**
1 THESS 5:16-18

REJOICE / PRAY / GIVE THANKS

Does "Joy:fully Lutheran" mean I have to smile all the time?

Many people shy away from the Church because they perceive Christians as fake and hypocritical. Being joyful does not mean being happy all the time. Nor does it mean pretending you are always okay. Joy can exist amid sorrow and struggle. Honesty about our struggle with sin and its effects in our lives drives us to the One who can and will aid in every trial and temptation, our Lord Jesus Christ. His love and His promises are our joy, even when happiness may remain beyond our grasp. Find out more at joyfullylutheran.org.



From the
President's Pen

Connie Overington will be conducting our annual Audit (as a volunteer) in the coming weeks. If you maintain any of the accounts, please drop them off at the church office as soon as possible to facilitate this review. Thanks to Connie for her willingness to do this again!

The Dembowski Estate payout of \$23,651.76 was received and the Council will be investigating some maintenance and repairs that need to be made in the near future.

The Voters' Assembly meeting was held on February 7th, after being delayed by the bad weather. Little did we know that about 3-4 inches of snow fell as we were worshipping that day, which made for an interesting ride home.

I am attaching the Minutes (page 4) of this recent meeting for those who were not able to attend. You will note that replacement of the boiler and the water seepage into the basement are on the list for possible future projects for Immanuel. Meanwhile, funds were already available for the bathroom renovations.

Please stay safe and let the office know if you need anything. The weather has been bad of late, and we all look forward to Spring.

Hoping to see you all soon!

Ruth

SPECIAL FUNDS

In Memory of Don Gutz
-Church Beautification Fund
Dale & Marsha Kenton

Care & Compassion
Shelly Kapitan

Report on SED President's Conference with Congregational Leaders

On Feb 27, I attended a Zoom Conference with over 100 congregational leaders and Pastors from the SED. The theme was: *The Great Sending: You are Sent to Serve*.

John Denninger led the meeting and reported 37,563 COVID deaths within our District. Most of the conversation was around COVID and how it has exposed underlying conditions within our congregations. Many churches are pivoting to meet the needs, but we must look outward to reach our communities that are in need.

Focus on your strengths and refine what you do best. Many churches received grants (as we did) to begin live streaming. Some reported that while in-person attendance dropped, they were picking up additional views online. One leader noted that his Sunday School had grown significantly since they started putting the classes online. Another person mentioned that they mailed out children's Bibles and SS materials to each student, then did a short blog on that topic via video on Sunday, asking the parents to help with instruction.

Budgets were all over the place. Some, like us, managed to maintain or stay ahead of budget, while others struggled. Also, churches with schools found it hard to keep or find teachers.

Some other items of note: It was predicted that 1/3rd of previous attendees will not return;

- * Families with young children were not coming back yet – possibly because their children are too young to follow social distances rules;
- * Many older members are suffering with isolation;
- * Pastors may be struggling as well – remember to care for your Pastor.

The District is working on more resources for neighborhood ministry training.

Also, the referendum vote among all LCMS congregations to allow the National Conference to be pushed back 1 year was passed, for which they were thankful. The District Convention is being moved to May of 2022 in the Richmond, VA area.

Ruth Thomas

Meeting of the Voters' Assembly

Immanuel Lutheran Church — Preston, Maryland

February 7, 2121 (postponed from Jan. 31, 2021)

- I. Open in Prayer - The meeting was called to order by Ruth Thomas, President. Rev. David Casey-Motley offered prayer.
- II. Voter Sign-in was completed. 28 Voters were in attendance. No new Voters were present.
- III. Approval of Minutes – Marsha Kenton moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2020 Voters Meeting as written. Rex Rosebrock seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Committee reports:
 - A. Treasurer – Janice Isenberg presented her report. A copy of the written report is attached.
 - B. Financial Secretary – Dee Lambert presented her report. A copy of the written report is attached.
 - C. Pastor – Pastor David Casey -Motley presented his report. His written report is attached.
 - D. Board of Elders – Richard Wheatley reported that the Elders continue to work on COVID-19 procedures. They will be announcing the Holy Week service schedule in March.
 - E. Board of Stewardship – Lynn Faulstick reported that 40 pledge cards were returned.
 - F. Board of Evangelism – No report
 - G. Trustees – Dale Kenton reported as follows on a several issues:
 - a. reviewed the renovations that would be addressed by the proposal to be voted on later in the meeting. Renovations to the Sacristy, including additional shelving and storage; to the Men's and Ladies restrooms in the Undercroft are included. The church would purchase the paint, to include the Geiger Hall upstairs restroom.
 - b. noted that the boiler is 68 years old and reaching it maximum usage. He will be securing proposals for replacement.
 - c. review the issue of the continuing water seepage into the basement undercroft. He will be working with the Town to divert water runoff from the room to the street, rather than downward to the basement.
 - H. Board of Education – Rene Langwost reported there are between 2 and 10 students in Sunday School. Teachers have a rotating schedule. Sunday School Superintendent Karen Lyons is leading the weekly opening. Donations of individually wrapped snacks for Kids Worship are requested.

V. Unfinished business

Dembowski Estate update – Ruth Thomas noted that the Estate is now settled, and Immanuel has received \$23,651.76. The amount was lower than previously expected due to the extended process and legal fees.

VI. New Business

The Council moved that the congregation accept a bid for \$10,010 from CE Baynard and Sons to renovate the church downstairs men's and women's restrooms and improve several items in the Sacristy, to be funded through Special Funds. Hugh Smith seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was approved.

The Council moved that the congregation grant the Treasurer the authority to send an additional \$5,000 from the General Fund to the Southeastern District Office. Rex Rosebrock seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (Later in the meeting it was agreed that the Treasurer should delay sending the money until it

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is ascertained if the congregation will be assessed a share of the penalties incurred for moving the date of the District and Synod Conventions. The \$5,000 would then become a part of that payment. See Section D below.)

The Council nominated Ruth Thomas as Lay Delegate to the February 7, 2021 Virtual District Forum (which has been rescheduled for later date.) Richard Wheatley seconded. The nomination was approved.

The Council moved that the congregation vote to approve the moving of the 2021 Synod and District Conventions to 2022, due to virus restriction, and elect Ruth Thomas (Lay delegate) and Pastor David (clergy) to so vote. Lynn Faulstick seconded. During discussion Pastor David noted that the Synod and District would likely incur major financial penalties and some of that could be passed to the congregations. Voting by a show of hands, the motion was approved 17-3.

Glen Plutschak noted that the outside coverings for the stained-glass windows on the Back Landing Road side of the church building have become clouded and unattractive. The Trustee will investigate replacement as cleaning has not solved the problem.

V. Adjournment and close with the Lord's Prayer. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Short
Secretary

“Therefore, sing.”

As we begin March 2021, we are reminded that it is one year since the beginning of the pandemic, which brought about the shut-down of in person church services. And when we returned, it was cautiously with limited congregational singing. While happy to be back in the Lord's house and singing a hymn or two and our liturgy each week, we continue to sing fewer hymns than previously due to virus transmission concerns. In addition, there are considerably fewer voices in the pews. How precious then, is the memory store of hymns and liturgy from past years of bountiful singing!

The hymns and liturgies we sing are a significant way to bring the Word of God to our hearts and minds and imprint it there for retrieval as we need it. Our children need many opportunities to imprint the Word of God in their hearts and minds. Singing the hymns and the liturgy at church and at home are ways for children to begin this process. It is amazing how quickly children pick up the repetitive tones of the liturgy. And in our Sunday School, we have recently begun using a new hymnal called, *One and All Rejoice* (CPH) to help children and youth learn Scripture and praise God through beautiful, age-appropriate song.

Whether you are just beginning your journey in hymns of the church or already have a bountiful store in your heart - with our usual patterns disrupted, we need to be intentional about continuing to grow closer to God through singing. Keep on singing the songs wherever you are, and however you can. Singing does not need to be pitch perfect, God knows what is in your heart and invites you to sing.

Did you catch the article in the February Lutheran Witness, *Singing the Word* by Rev. Mark Preus? If not, it's reprinted here. (pp. 6-7) It's a great read on why we sing, the importance of singing and how we can keep on singing (with a special emphasis on singing with children.) Rev. Preus says, "Therefore, sing. You are not singing for fame or the approval of men. You are not singing for money, but to the Lord." He concludes by saying, "Let us hide God's Word in our hearts through psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, so that we might teach each other the truth we need to hear at all times." Amen!

- Lynn Short

SINGING THE WORD

By Mark Preus



God spoke to Israel through Moses (Deut. 6:6-7), "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way and when you lie down, and when you rise." Fathers and mothers have a sacred duty first to hear and believe God's Word and second to talk continually of God's Word with our children and wherever we go.

One of the best ways we can commit God's Word to heart and talk about it with our children is through singing. The Holy Spirit teaches us the purpose of singing hymns in Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." How does God's Word dwell in us and among us richly? By singing hymns. And what is the reason for doing this? To teach and admonish each other.

This is the great privilege of the royal priesthood of all believers. St. Peter says that God made us priests and kings so "that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). To every poor sinner worn down by guilt and the heavy burdens of this earthly life the psalmist sings, "Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!" (Psalm 98:1). God wants us to sing about what He has done. His right arm, His only begotten Son, has won the victory over sin, death, futility, the devil and all things that confuse us, break homes and give us sorrow. The new song is Christ's resurrection from the dead. He died with our sin and rose without it. He has done marvelous things, miraculous things, which we see by faith.

TO SING OR NOT TO SING

Oh sing to the LORD a new song

Psalm 98:1a

Therefore, sing. You are not singing for fame or the approval of men. You are not singing for money, but to the Lord. You sing to rejoice in the Lord. You sing to help you and your children be faithful and thankful. You sing to keep God's Word in your heart and in your home and in your church. Be gone with excuses like, "I don't sing very well." Your almighty Maker, who created your voice, invites you to sing, not lay an embarrassing burden on you, but to take your burdens away and help you take other people's burdens away. He has done marvelous things, and He wants your heart to rest in His work while you take up the sacrifice of praise.

The words matter the most. But music also has this special privilege: God allows it to enter your heart along with His holy Word. The world is filled with bad music, much of it devised to meet a specific taste or express some worldly concern or desire. But the hymns of the church are not so. They are not geared toward any individual's taste. They are written for the purpose of teaching the Word of Christ, so that we might obtain and preserve our faith and the faith of those whom we love.

HYMNS IN THE CHURCH

Burst into jubilant song with music

Psalm 98:4b

Pastors, choose hymns carefully. Jesus taught His first pastors to sing hymns so that they could teach others (Mark 14:26). The apostles quote hymns (psalms) to people to teach Jesus. It is the pastor's responsibility to teach good hymns and psalms to Christ's sheep so that they can teach and admonish one another in the home and elsewhere. Find the best singers in your congregations, and encourage them to sing clearly and loudly to guide those who are still too timid to sing. Ask them to sit in places where everyone can hear them. This emboldens others to sing.

Next, form a simple choir to teach simple, good hymns to the congregation. Choose good, simple hymns for the children to learn like "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740) or the first stanza of "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (LSB 555). Use the beginning of Sunday school to teach a hymn to the congregation. Choose the same hymn for a

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few weeks so that the parents and children learn to sing it together. Teach them just a few stanzas, so that these can be memorized and sing around the family altar.

But most of all, pastors, sing unto the Lord that new song which you need to hear, the song that never gets old. When you are discouraged because you cannot see the fruit of your labor, when your sins rise up to frighten you and they are too much for you, then take up a hymn and be filled with the Holy Spirit by singing God's Word. A good hymn joins soul and body to cast our melancholy better than any drug man has devised. Sing the devil away with hymns like "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" (*LSB* 750), "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe" (*LSB* 666) and "I Will Sing My Maker's Praises" (*LSB* 977) (this hymn can be paired to the tune of "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" [*LSB* 685]). Defy your own sadness and fear with the truth that God has preserved for you in hymns that attack doubt, false doctrine and spiritual lethargy. Join the chorus of prophets and apostles and martyrs. You are not alone, and even when you sing alone, your singing will help you teach fathers and mothers to sing at home.

HYMNS IN THE HOME

To you, O LORD, I will sing praise Psalm 104:1b

The only song our culture universally knows is "Happy Birthday." Parents, even if you think you cannot sing, you can sing that one. Is it not a shame that so few Christians sing hymns anymore? You only need courage. Why should you be embarrassed in front of your spouse or children for singing to the Lord the new song or for teaching your children what is good and true and beautiful? You will not get help from this culture, but you will from the Word of God. God says to you, "Sing!" Do not sing some old song that is sung only for worldly reasons. Sing the new song of Christ's Word. Take courage! What do you have to be afraid of?

Christ is Lord over everything—sin, death, shame, hell, devil. He is also Lord over your fear to sing what you know is true and beautiful. Sing in the shower, laugh at yourself if you and your family think it sounds awful. Singing is a joyful thing. And it does not sound awful to God and His holy angels who taught us to sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace" (Luke 2:14). God hears what faith sings, and so does His church. It is like the picture our 3-year-old child colored that you framed and put on a wall because it is beautiful to you; your child is not embarrassed at all, and neither are you. So it is with singing to the Lord.

Start with simple hymns and parts of the liturgy. Sing "Create in Me a Clean Heart" (*LSB*, pp. 192-93) in the morning at breakfast, or "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God" (*LSB*, p. 198) at dinner. You likely know these simple little tunes well, and when you sing them at home, your children will sing them in church. I have heard a 5-year-old from the back row belting out "We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee!" from the Gloria in Excelsis (*LSB*, pp. 187-89). He inspired the grown-ups around him to join. And it was the little children who sang sweet praises to Jesus when He entered into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:16). The Sanctus, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth ... Hosanna ... blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord" (*LSB*, p.195) is a children's song.

For bedtime prayers, I recommend the hymn "Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow" (*LSB* 880). Choose just one or two stanzas. We often sing stanza 4, "Lord Jesus, since You love me" before bed. At a birthday or after a birth, it is a good Lutheran tradition to sing a stanza or three of "Now Thank We All Our God" (*LSB* 895). Before dinner you can learn to sing either "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" (*LSB* 774) or "Be Present at Our Table, Lord" (*LSB* 775). Fill your home with the name of Jesus. Demons with all their sadness, bitterness and temptations to sin flee from the voice of faith singing to the Lord.

Paul and Silas knew hymns by heart and sang them in prison. Let us prepare ourselves for every situation, whether prison or persecution, where we will need God's Word. Let us hide God's Word in our hearts through psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, so that we might teach each other the truth we need to hear at all times.

Source: THE LUTHERAN WITNESS February 2021

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Jeff Frase	3/3
Janellen Lewis	3/5
Karen Lyons	3/5
Jackie Nichols	3/7
Debbie Clendaniel	3/8
Kelsey Hochmuth	3/10
Darlena Roesti-Butler	3/10
Jill Ostermann	3/11
Gail Whealton	3/12
Jim Harris	3/14
Charles Smith	3/14
Janice Isenberg	3/15
Sonny Hopkins	3/18
Viola Schmick	3/19
Phyllis Wilson	3/20
Katie Parmer	3/21
Lindsie James	3/23
Michael Jantz, Jr.	3/23
Jessica Collins	3/24
Billy Greenage	3/24
Jeff Rosebrock	3/24
Donna Collins	3/25
Hayden Plutschak	3/25
Josh Ayers	3/26
Joanna Durando	3/26

MARCH



Molly Plutschak	3/27	
Chris Schanken	3/27	
Vera Worm	3/27	
Dale Thomas	3/28	
David Schmidt	3/30	
Jessica Witteman	3/30	Windsor & Peggy Meyer 3/9
Olga MacDonald	3/31	Hugh & Joanne Smith 3/24



DONALD WALTER GUTZ (August 21, 1947 — January 19, 2021)



Donald Walter Gutz, 73, died January 19, 2021 from complications from surgery.


Don was born in Osmond, NE on August 21, 1947 to Richard and Geneva (Arnold) Gutz whom proceeded him in death along with his brothers Leland Gutz and Steven Gutz.

He is survived by his faithful and loving wife, Sharon (Hart) Gutz, his loving daughters Heather Blake (Michael) and Desiree Casey-Motley (Rev. David) and his grandchildren: Brittany(Blake) Lyons, Jacob Casey-Motley, Catherine Casey-Motley, Elizabeth Blake, and Charlotte Casey-Motley. He is also survived by his brothers Luther (Stella), Daniel Gutz, and his sister Susan Gutz-Fletcher (Jamie), along with many nieces and nephews.

Don graduated from Wayne State University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in teaching. Don taught foreign language and English until his retirement in 2008. Don was an avid gardener; he enjoyed baking and canning his various fruits and vegetables that he grew in his garden. He also enjoyed reading and adding books to his library. His greatest joy was spending time with his loving family.

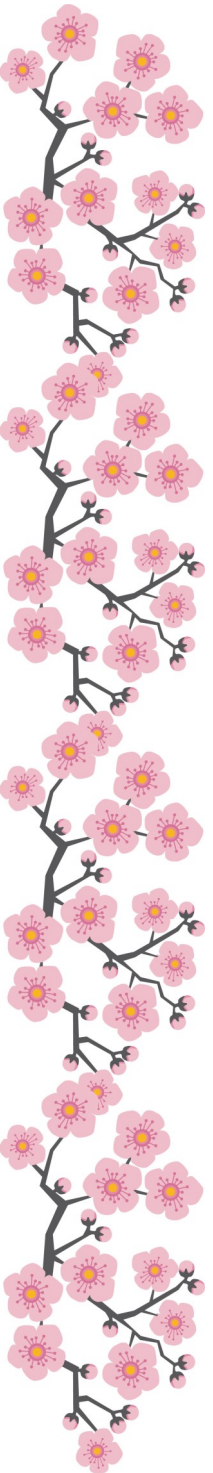
His funeral service was held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Milton, WA on January 23, 2021 at 1pm officiated by Rev. Sam Schuldheisz.

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:50am Nursery School 6:30pm Elder's Meeting	2 8:50am Nursery School 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	3 8:50am Nursery School 6:45 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon	4 8:50am Nursery School	5	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
7 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	8 Nursery School Closed 7:00 p.m. Church Council	9 8:50am Nursery School 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	10 8:50am Nursery School 6:45 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon	11 8:50am Nursery School 6:30 p.m. WINGS	12	13 Easter Egg Making 9 a.m.—??
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28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	29 8:50am Nursery School	30 8:50am Nursery School 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	31 8:50am Nursery School 6:45 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon			

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL MARCH 2021

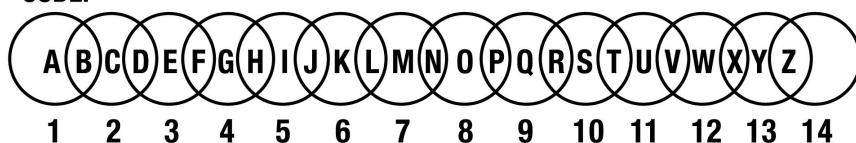
Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Greeter	Head Tellers
March 7	Mark Frase Glen Plutschak	Mark Frase	Kathy Schmidt	Lukas Maloney	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg			Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
March 14	Mark Frase Glen Plutschak		Ruth Thomas	Veronica Phillips	David Schmidt	Katie Northam			Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
March 21	Mark Frase Glen Plutschak	Glen Plutschak	Earleen Lozen	Zack Kirwan	Rex Rosebrock	John Crampton			Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
March 28 Palm Sunday	Mark Frase Glen Plutschak		Richard Wheatley	Catie Casey-Motley	Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas			David Schmidt Kathy Schmidt



Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



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3,4 8 9,10 4 5 11,12 5 7,8 4 3 1 2 4,5

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3,4 8 9,10 4 1 11,12 3 13 8 11'

EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV

Joyful Noise



Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.



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The Grapevine
March 2021

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