

JUNE



The Mountain Top Messenger

JUNE 2023

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, LCMS ASHLAND, WI

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2023				1	2	3
4 9:00am Service 10:15am Bible Study	5	6	7 6:30pm Service	8	9	10
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Elders: June 4 Darryl June 7 John P June 11 Randy June 14 John S. June 18 Andy June 21 Doug June 25 Scott June 28 John P July 2 John S July 5 Andy						

June Altar Guild

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OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism
 Natalie Francine Hanson
 05-20-2023

There is no Wi-Fi in the forest, but I promise you will find a better connection. *Ralph Smart, Author*

To eat cookies or not to eat cookies...there is no question. *from 'The Joy of Cookies: Cookie Monster's Guide to Life'*

Humor is the shock absorber of life; it helps us take the blows. *Peggy Noonan, Writer*

Isn't it great that prayer has roll-over minutes? *Gelsey Delpercio*

Well, here we are in June. It's hard to believe that it's June when you look outside, and the temperature is 46 degrees with clouds and a wind coming off the lake that bites right through you. Yesterday it was 84, today not so much.

As I was preparing for this month, I have been thinking about our sermon series on the seven churches of Revelation and on our ongoing Bible study on the Book of Revelation. I think it's been going very well, and I think it has also been very challenging and enlightening. I know personally I have spent more time with my nose in the books than I have in quite a while.

With that thought in mind, I seem to see a correlation between the weather in northern Wisconsin in the spring and our studying and involvement with God's holy word. Sometimes our involvement with the word is quite warm and we become invigorated and dive deeply into it. One good section of scripture leads to another and we can get lost in the word for hours at a time. Other times we find ourselves not so interested, our desire to read and discover more becomes cold and a little chilly. We don't have that same desire to dig deeper. We look for, and often can find some distraction. I have found that what is easy on one day is sometimes difficult the next and vice versa. It feels sometimes that the evil one, you know Satan, the devil, he does his best to draw us away from God's word. Sometimes it's as easy as a simple distraction, a text message, a phone call, it takes us out of the word and leads us down rabbit trail and away from our goal. Other times he's cleverer with his distractions. He uses family and friends, everyday things of this world to draw us away from our intended goals. He uses these things to distract us, without them or us even realizing it. It's a reminder that Peter gives us in his first letter;

⁸ *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).*

Peter hits the nail right on the head. We need to be alert, we need to be sober minded, after all we are sinful human beings and deep down, we are looking for a way to avoid getting closer to God and moving closer to the world. So what do we do?

One of our options is to follow the advice of those that you know, develop a routine. By developing a routine our study of word and scripture, our devotional time with the Lord becomes a regular part of our routine. Through that development of routine if something changes that routine, we realize we are missing something. The same idea works not only with the reading and developing an understanding of scripture but also with the development of our prayer life. Once again, we need to do our best to develop that routine so that when something tries to take us out of our routine, we realize it and can fight it. Now I know and

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understand that developing that routine isn't easy. I've been working on it for years and I am in a better position than most considering I have the opportunity to be in God's word each and every day as part of my vocation. But even with that, there are days that I struggle, sinful being that I am, I have that desire to just skip one day. What difference could it possibly make?

As Peter says, be alert, be sober minded, resist him and stand firm in the faith, why? Peter tells to let us know we are not alone, he says, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. It is a challenge, but it is a challenge that we can overcome, we have to always remember we are not in this alone. We have the Holy Spirit with us, we have our Christian families and friends with us, we have God's word with us, and most importantly we have God and our Savior Jesus Christ with us, and as Paul says if God is for us who can be against us!

I pray you have an enjoyable summer. I thank you for all of your prayers and support.

My friends, the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you the Lord look upon you with favor and to give you peace. Amen

Pastor Rick

Start a routine, it may be a hard thing to do, but you won't know until you try, even if you have to try many times. Here are a few suggestions, there are many more suggestions out there. Maybe even start with just one, add another the next week.



#1: stretch while you meditate on God's word

Start the morning habit stretching. Say the Lord's Prayer while you're moving around.

#2: get dressed

Getting dressed is another thing that doesn't seem very spiritual, but when you get dressed, you're telling yourself that you're ready to start the day and fulfill the purpose God has for you. For people that stay at home, working from home, retired, getting yourself out of your pajamas can feel like a real struggle. Getting dressed has an effect on our minds, even when we don't realize it. Something about getting dressed it mentally prepares you and helps you to be more productive.

#3: spend time with the Lord

Go into a quiet room and do your daily devotion and/or Bible reading, along with your cup of coffee and muffin. For those of you wanting to start this habit, start small (maybe just 5 minutes) and stay consistent.

#4: journaling

Paper and pen or digitally, it doesn't matter. You can do some while on a lunch break, sitting in a waiting room, in your car while waiting for someone, even during a TV commercial.

It puts your mind in a different perspective when you realize that nothing you have is just because of your own doing. It's all because of the Lord,

#5: say goodnight to God

Get in bed, relax, close your eyes and thank God for all the good things he provided you for the day. That's it and have a good sleep.



Carson Honkala
graduated with honors from
Michigan State University
Majored in Computer Science
and minors in Economics
and Data Science
He accepted a position with
3M Corporation



Dear God,

We pray for guidance and direction for these new grads. Help them to have a tender heart to recognize Your Spirit's leading and to clearly hear when and how You choose to speak. Please make their paths straight and clear, and help them to not lean on their own understanding, but in every way, acknowledge You, knowing You have their best in mind. ([Proverbs 3:5-6](#)).

Father, we pray that they will not lose heart when things look dim, but that they will hold firm to faith that Your timing is perfect, and that You are a detailed Planner. Thank You, Lord for being our Good Shepherd.

In Jesus Name, Amen



Heather Dickrell
She has graduated from UW-
Stout as of May 6th, her major
being Human Development
& Family Studies, with 4.0
GPA - Summa Cum Lauda.



Matthew Darling-Vross, graduating from Washburn High School, will be attending Lawrence University for trumpet performance and mathematics.

- Follow your heart. It knows the way.
- Before you act, listen. Before you react, think. Before you criticize, wait. And, before you quit, try.
- Always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know.
- Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.
- With love and patience, nothing is impossible.
- May you always dare to do great things with your life.
- Life is a journey and only you hold the map.
- Graduation isn't the end of a tough journey. It is the beginning of a beautiful one.

Lily Truchon is graduating from South Shore High School on Saturday, May 27. She plans to attend UW Stevens Point and will major in Biology.



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Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm
Sunday School Starting in September
Bible Study Sunday 10:15am and others starting in September

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PRAY LIST

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING
 For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during

cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Brad Prill
 Alice Balmer
 Penny Larson
 Vi Basina
 James Fletcher
 Sheryl Hildebrandt
 Harold Larson
 Diane Beiersdorff
 Linda Stenroos
 Steve Key
 Jim Solberg

Riley Bretting
 Cindy Lazorik
 Doug Preuter
 Mike Trimble
 Jamie Klema
 Mike Ariens
 Dwayne
 Carol Schuelke
 Molly Colgrove and daughter
 Karen Piff
and those in our hearts

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home
 Those who aren't able to attend common worship, that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.
Arlene Zimmerman Violet Basina Alice Balmer

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION
 For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.
David Wright Jordan Thimm Andrew Pruss

Immanuel, Mellen and Trinity, Ironwood Congregations while they seek for a new Pastor.

Lord, You still perform miracles today, and I praise You for Your promises of healing and restoration. Today, I claim those promises for those in need. You have the power to change lives through faith, prayer, and Your healing hand. I want to assist You in starting that work for others.. I ask You to surround them with peace and strength and give them the faith to believe that everything is possible through You, the Holy Spirit. Amen

2023 SUMMER VBS

August 7th - 11th

9:00am - 3:00pm



We're hoping to offer VBS at the end of summer. Camp Luther is no longer doing Church On-site VBS. We have some great choices of what the theme will be for this summer. We will have a "leaders' guide" for each section of the day, which includes:

Opening Bible Adventures Imagination Station
Lunch/Snack Games Crafts Closing



Will **you** help us make this a reality? We need volunteers to take on some of these duties. You could choose to work 9-12 or 12-3, all day, every day, 3-5 days. We hope to fill each day with loads of fun and learning about Jesus. We have one volunteer so far, and she is taking a week's vacation to help out. Check out your summer calendar and see if you could be one of these super volunteers helping us have a successful summer VBS for the kids. Once you know that you are available,

let the office know so we can add you to the list. There is a list on the small table at the entrance.

Jesus and Satan were arguing about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and finally God stepped in. "I will test you on the computer for two hours," he said. "At the end, I will judge who did a better job."



So Satan and Jesus sat down and began typing. They wrote reports. They made spreadsheets. They created labels and cards. Charts and graphs. Did a little Photoshop. Even wrote some computer code.

Both were evenly matched. But just before their time was up, lightning flashed across the sky and the power went out. Satan said every curse word he could. Jesus just sighed.

When the electricity returned, Satan rebooted his computer. "It's all gone! I lost everything!" he screamed. Meanwhile, Jesus started printing out all of his files.

"Wait!" Satan whined. "That's not fair! How did I lose everything and he did not?"

God just shrugged. "Jesus saves."

Four Ways Serving in the Church Can Change You

1. Serving directly increases our faith.

Through serving, God gave me a front row seat to seeing Him change people's lives. Serving allows us to experience His power firsthand ... Watching God work in someone else's life increases our faith. In John 2:1-11, Jesus performs His first miracle at a wedding in Cana by turning the water into wine. Other than Mary, Jesus' mother, only the servers at the wedding witnessed this miracle. The wedding attendees received the benefit of the new wine, and the wedding party saved face because of the miracle, but it was the servers who had the first opportunity to witness Jesus' power. Serving allows us to experience His power firsthand and that naturally produces faith in us.

2. Serving helps us see and experience what we're made for.

Through serving, I have learned that my fullest joy comes from serving others. Ephesians 2:10 tells us why: "... we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do." You have been gifted by God, and you are incredibly valuable to Him and the church. Ephesians 4 goes on to explain how important each individual is to the church. Instead of trying to look, speak, and act the same, we are called to train each other up using the gifts, skills, and abilities God has given us. When we do, we'll find "we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ" (Ephesians 4:7-13, MSG). You have been gifted by God, and you are incredibly valuable to Him and the church. God also uses our serving, and those we serve with, to reveal our gifts to us. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." When we are operating in our gifting to serve God and others, we experience the kind of joy we were made for!

3. Serving draws us into authentic community.

If I had to choose one word to describe how serving has affected my life, it would be "community." Not long after volunteering, I was invited to a group with a couple on my serving team. Four years later, I consider them family. God has used the people I serve with to encourage me, pray for me, and teach me. My relationship with Jesus and others has flourished as a result. In John 17, Jesus prayed for God to protect us so we would be one as He and the Father are one. This oneness is best experienced in and through participation in the church — by serving and loving one another well.

4. Serving requires obedience and redirects our focus to Jesus.

The simplest way to follow Jesus is by doing what He did. In Matthew 20:28, Jesus tells us He came to serve, not be served. By being obedient to follow Jesus in this way, we get to know Him on a new level because we experience firsthand His love for others. When we begin to care for and serve others, God redirects our focus. As my friend, Chip, says "I can't think of a better way to diminish the significance of my problems than to get the focus off of myself and to place it on others." Believing the lie that the church doesn't need you will rob you of the joys God designed for you to experience through serving. Take a risk and get involved. God will honor that step of faith and grow it into so much more!





Quarters from Heaven

My husband, Tim, and I were headed to our car after a delicious steak dinner when the subject of Grandpa George came up. Tim's beloved grandfather had enjoyed nothing more than a good steak. And a good practical joke. "Whenever my grandma scolded me, Grandpa George would stand behind her and make funny faces," Tim said. "One time he told me tuna made the best bait.

So the next time we went fishing, he tied a can of tuna to the line!" I couldn't help but laugh.

"I wish I'd known him," I said. "When did he pass away?" Tim scratched his head. "How could you forget that?" I teased. "Your own grandfather!" "Well, let's see," Tim said. "It was either 1969 or 1970...." *PING!* I glanced down. A quarter had fallen at our feet. No one else was near us in the parking lot. Where in the world had it come from? Tim picked it up. "Minted in 1970," he said. Tim paused, then cracked up. "It was 1970," he said, looking up at the sky with a big grin. "Thanks, Grandpa George!" —*Ellen Clairmont, Grass, Michigan*

FATHER'S DAY POEM

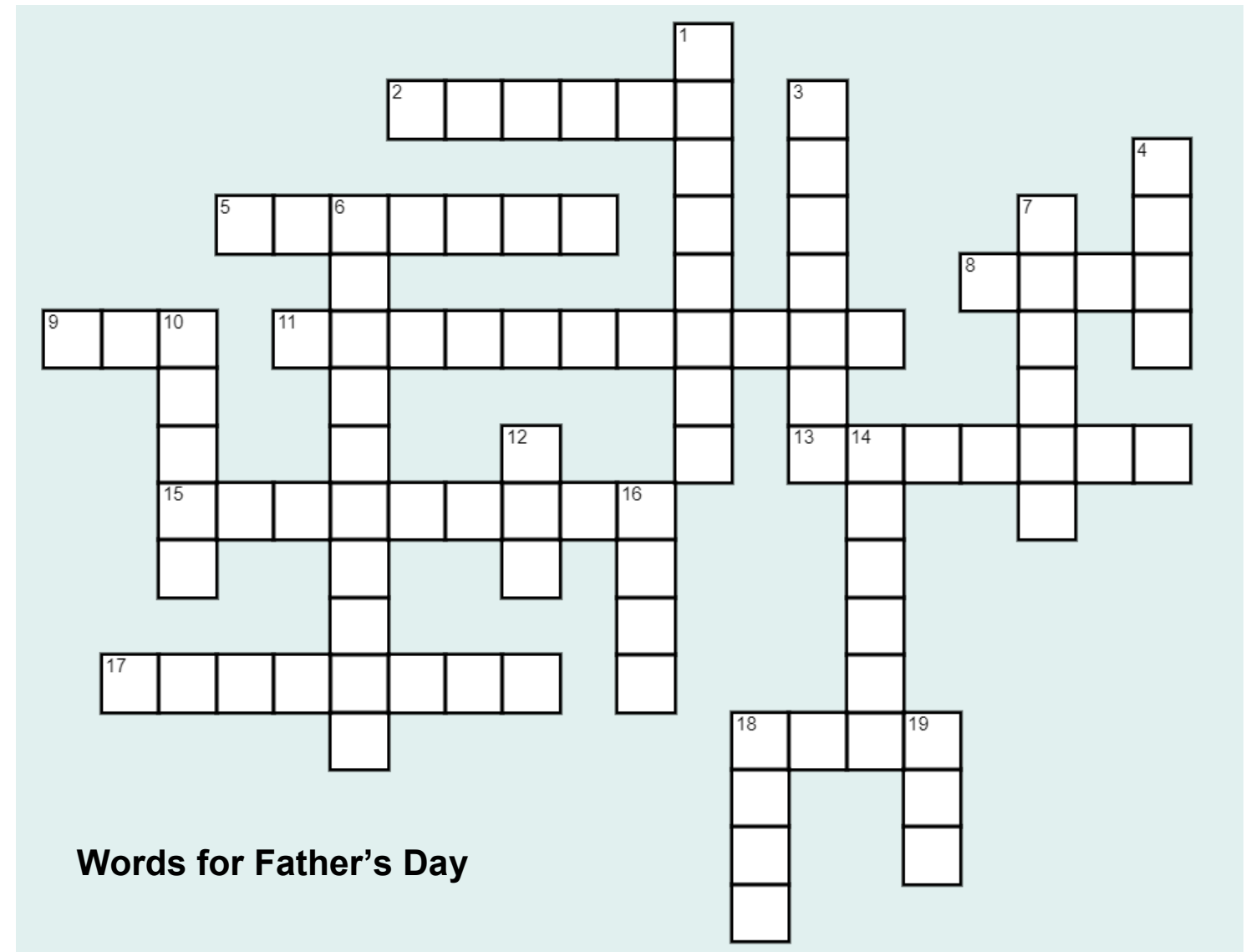
A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail...



Seven days without laughter makes one weak. Mort Walker, creator of "Beetle Bailey" comic strip
Once you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed. Charles M. Schulz, cartoonist and creator of Peanuts



Words for Father's Day

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| ANGLERS | BARBECUE | CARD | CAMP | JOHNSON |
| DAD | DAUGHTER | GOLD | GRANDFATHER | HARVESTMEN |
| JUNE | NIXON | OFFSPRING | POEM | SON |
| SPOKANE | PUTTER | SUNDAY | | |

Which actor played the father of the bride in the movie 'Father of the Bride'?

Which country music artist sang 'My Little Girl'?

Which famous footballer is the father of twins Eva Maria and Mateo?

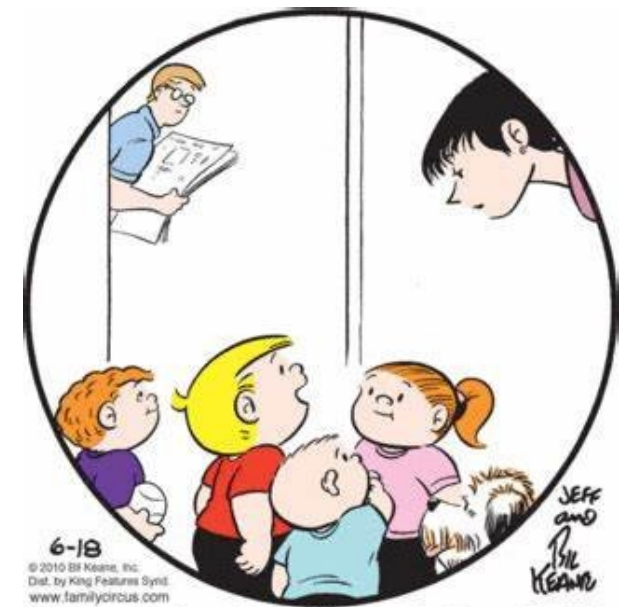
What is the name of the dad in the Addams Family?

In which state was the first Father's day celebrated?

Who sang 'My Father's House'?

Who did Albert Einstein called the 'father of modern science'?

What is the most popular Father's Day gift?



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"We voted and on Father's Day Daddy gets to play with us ALL DAY!"



Sewing Circle was once again busy this past year. Along with the pile of quilts on the table, they gave ten quilts to the The New Day Shelter, plus about ten more smaller quilts to our children getting baptized. Thank you ladies for your time and talents. Although, I have heard they have a lot of fun, with laughter and stories while working on their projects. Sounds like something that would be fun to join. You don't need to know how to sew, there's duties for everyone, plus some great teachers. They will start up again in the fall. (Not pictured Bonita Buss, Ellie Munson)

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found an elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet-who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down, I asked if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown." --Patsy R. Dancey

A family was celebrating their daughter's fifth birthday at a local restaurant when the little girl's father noticed her looking sadly at a moose head on the wall. Someone had placed a party hat on its head. Her father knelt beside her and explained why some people hunt animals. "I know all that," the child sobbed. "But why did they have to shoot him at his birthday party?" --Jerry Bundick



2022-2023 Dartball Season.

Seven teams met almost every Monday from October to March, alternating between churches. Zion, Salem Baptist - 2 teams, Sanborn Methodist - 2 teams, St. Paul, Marengo, Messiah, Washburn Zion placed third during the regular season and FIRST at the end of the season tournaments. This is another group that has lots of fun and enjoys the fellowship of other churches. They will start up again in October. You wouldn't want to miss it. Join the fun.



Sandy Frisco was the lucky one to guess correctly when our snow pile would disappear this year. It was May 17th. It was surprising how fast it went down considering it was so high and deep. Let's wish the next pile won't be so big.

March/April Mission Project Night Night

21 Books
23 Stuffies
18 Blankets

Great job everyone!
Thank you.



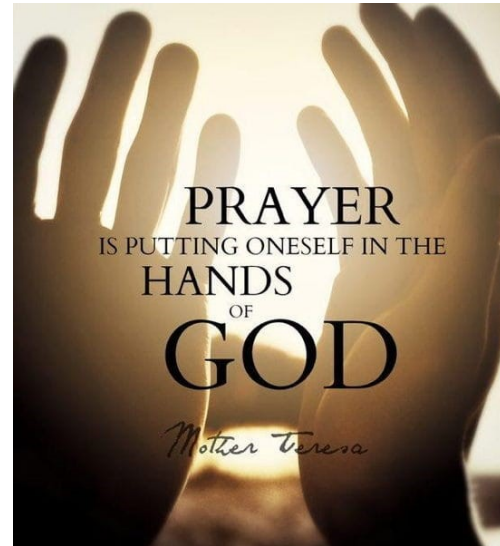
May/June Mission Baby Chicks

For impoverished families, a brood of chicks can become a daily reminder of God's faithfulness, as their eggs provide nutritious food as well as income.

For \$14, we can supply a dozen chicks, help a family set up a coop, or offer basic veterinary care.

Faith is having the patience to wait, knowing that all things will be done in God's time. I only wish I owned one of his watches. Kathy Buckley, comedienne

The most aggravating thing about the younger generation is that I no longer belong to it. Albert Einstein, physicist



Prayer

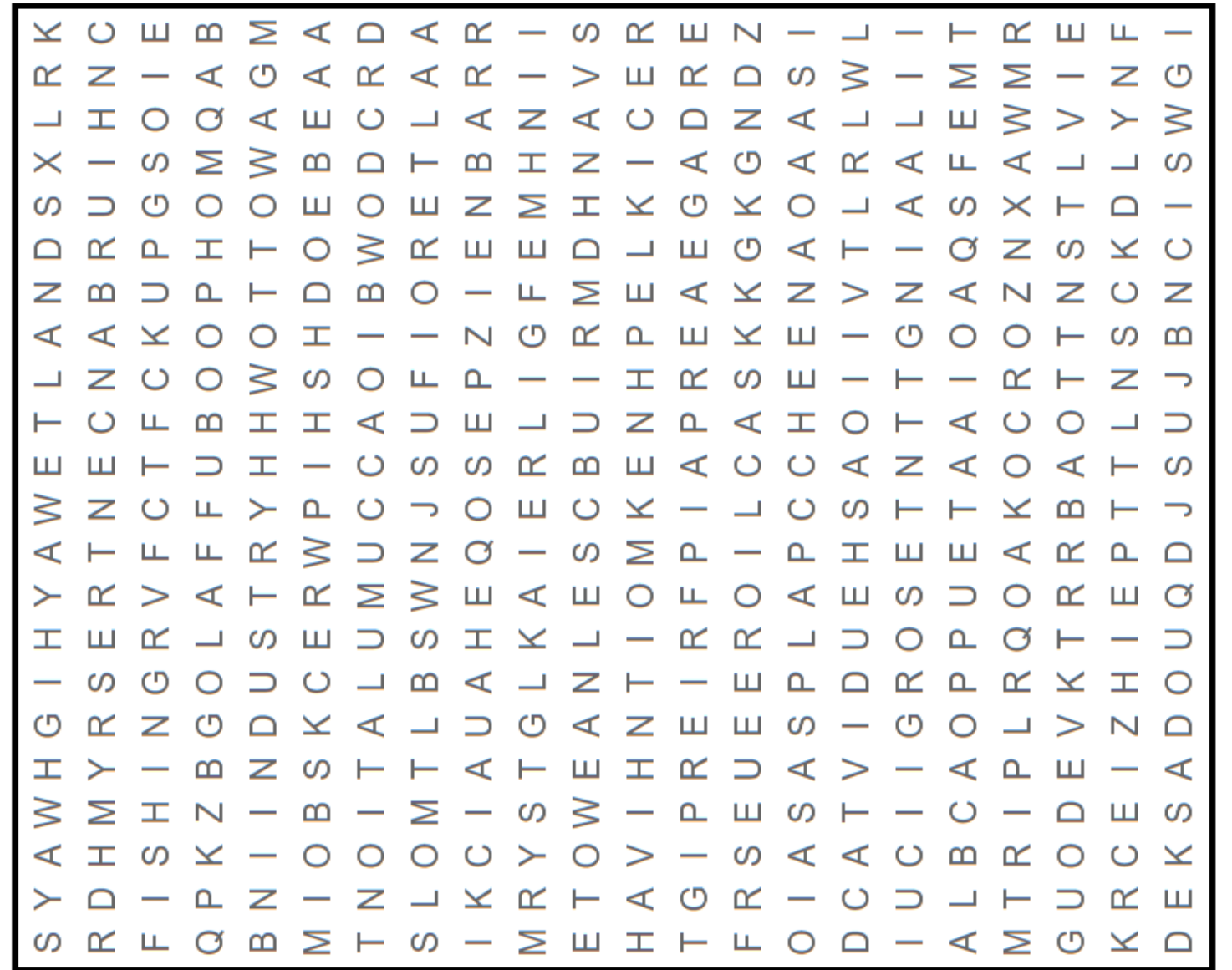
"Mornings are better when you talk with God first."

"Pray. Not because you need something. But because you have so much to be thankful for."

"The sweetest time of the day is when you pray. Why? Because you're talking with the one who loves you the most."

_____ was the state where Father's Day began. The June observance of Father's Day marks the birth month of _____ the founder, _____'s father. The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, _____. In _____ U.S. Pres. _____ gave his support to the observance, and in _____ Pres. _____ issued a proclamation that recognized the day. It became a national holiday in _____, when Pres. _____ signed legislation designating the _____ Sunday of June as Father's Day.

America	God	New York	Third	1964
Calvin	Herring	Nixon	Washington	1966
Carter	Johnson	Pops	Woodrow	1970
Daddy	Joseph	Rose	1905	1971
Dodd	Kennedy	Second	1910	1972
England	Marlin	Smart	1920	1974
Ford	Mum	Sunday	1924	



- ABORIGINAL PEOPLE
- AGRICULTURE
- AIRPORTS
- BIOACCUMULATION
- BIOMAGNIFICATION
- BOATING
- BUFFALO
- COWS
- DETROIT
- ESCARPMENT
- FERTILIZERS
- FISHING
- FOOD WEB
- HIGHWAYS

- INDUSTRY
- INVASIVE SPECIES
- ISAAC BROCK
- LAKE ERIE
- LAKE HURON
- LAKE MICHIGAN
- LAKE ONTARIO
- LAKE SUPERIOR
- LIGHTHOUSES
- MAID OF THE MIST
- MOO
- NIAGARA FALLS
- NIAGARA RIVER
- PESTICIDES

- POLLUTION
- POWER
- SHIP WRECKS
- SIR ADAM BECK
- SKYWHEEL
- ST CATHARINES
- SWIMMING
- TORONTO
- TRANSPORTATION
- URBAN CENTRES
- WELLAND CANAL
- WETLANDS

GREAT LAKES BASIN

The Empty Chair. Living by Faith Not by Sight.

Based on the original story by [Brennan Manning](#).

Bob was dying of cancer. When his minister arrived to encourage him and pray with him, he found Bob lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. And there was an empty chair sitting beside his bed. The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me Bob," he said.

The Empty Chair

"No. I was not expecting you," said Bob. "Who are you?".

"I'm the new minister at your church," he replied.

"When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up. "

"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, the Pastor shut the door.

"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Bob, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus.'

'Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I'll be with you always.' Then just speak to him and listen in the same way you're doing with me right now.'

So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The pastor was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old guy to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with Bob, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the pastor that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Did he die in peace?" he asked.

"Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The Pastor wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we all could go like that."

We live by faith, not by sight.

--- 2 Corinthians 5:7 ---



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI
Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2023

Monday, May 15, 2023

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
101.101	fM & I CK ACCOUNT Gen.	40,507.58	31,426.92
	General Checking	\$40,507.58	\$31,426.92
101.201	GEN FUND SAVINGS Northern Stat	34,281.26	31,989.42
119.999	TO BALANCE 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015	0.00	0.00
	Total Assets	\$74,788.84	\$63,416.34
Liabilities			
202.102	M & I Line of Credit Loan	0.00	0.00
202.103	BULDG LOAN PAYABLE	95,714.71	95,714.71
202.104	Principle from Bldg Fund	(74,781.68)	(76,683.09)
	Note payables LCEF & M& I bank	\$20,933.03	\$19,031.62
200.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	2,141.59	494.35
201.101	BORROWED WITHIN ORGANIZATION	0.00	0.00
201.201	EMPLOYER'S TAXES PAYABLE	(12,579.19)	(21,064.65)
201.203	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE	846.67	546.67
	Total Liabilities	\$11,342.10	(\$992.01)
Fund balance			
301.301	General Fund	90,751.77	89,811.97
301.303	ORGAN FUND	0.00	0.00
301.304	BUILDING CAPITALIZED	(6,372.00)	(6,372.00)
316.312	BUILDING ACCOUNT TO BALANCE LOAN	(20,933.03)	(19,031.62)
	Total Fund balance	\$63,446.74	\$64,408.35
	Total Liabilities and Fund balance	\$74,788.84	\$63,416.34

The Ten Lessons I Learned from Noah's Ark Story



Noah's Ark Lesson 1: Don't miss the boat.

Noah's Ark Lesson 2: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Noah's Ark Lesson 3: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Noah's Ark Lesson 4: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Noah's Ark Lesson 5: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Noah's Ark Lesson 6: Build your future on high ground.

Noah's Ark Lesson 7: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Noah's Ark Lesson 8: When you're stressed, float a while.

Noah's Ark Lesson 9: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Noah's Ark Lesson 10: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	83.00	42.00	465.85*	297.85	500.00
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	0.00		0.00		
Member services in and out	0.00		0.00		
MUSIC	0.00	8.00	0.00	(32.00)	100.00
Office Supplies	0.00	125.00	462.44	(37.56)	1,500.00
POSTAGE	0.00	33.00	48.04	(83.96)	400.00
Software Fees	0.00	250.00	960.76	(39.24)	3,000.00
Technology - Marketing	669.14	167.00	2,899.68*	2,231.68	2,000.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	65.00	250.00	378.38	(621.62)	3,000.00
Church Supplies	\$817.14	\$883.00	\$5,230.51*	\$1,698.51	\$10,600.00
\$ FOR CONFER/ CONVENTIONS	794.50	83.00	1,184.95*	852.95	1,000.00
\$ TO EDUCATION	0.00	292.00	276.86	(891.14)	3,500.00
\$ TO EVANGELISM	0.00	83.00	0.00	(332.00)	1,000.00
\$ TO LFOJ CHILD CARE SUPPORT	0.00		0.00		
\$ TO STEWARDSHIP	0.00	8.00	0.00	(32.00)	100.00
\$ TO YOUTH PROGRAMS	0.00	83.00	0.00	(333.00)	1,000.00
BRICK MISSION	135.00	135.00	540.00	0.00	1,620.00
MISSION varoius	0.00		97.14		
MISSIONS TO SYNOD	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
OVERALL OFFERINGS PD TO SYNOD	0.00		0.00		
PUBLICATIONS LUTH WIT. ETC	0.00	42.00	0.00	(168.00)	500.00
Ministry Disbursements	\$1,929.50	\$1,726.00	\$6,098.95	(\$903.19)	\$20,720.00
interest on line of credit	0.00		0.00		
LOAN FEES	0.00		0.00		
Mort. & credit card interest	74.66	250.00	403.59	(596.41)	3,000.00
PRINCIPAL payment	960.63	1,035.00	3,818.69	(321.31)	12,425.00
Total PRIN. AND INT. payments	\$1,035.29	\$1,285.00	\$4,222.28	(\$917.72)	\$15,425.00
Ordination Expenses	0.00		0.00		
principal to principal from bl	0.00		(1,901.41)		
TRUSTEE CONTROLLED DISBURSEMNT	0.00		0.00		
Total Expense	\$19,397.16	\$14,918.00	\$54,693.09	(\$3,175.64)	\$178,999.00
Difference	(\$669.91)	(\$950.00)	\$961.61		(\$11,379.00)

Spiritual Nourishment

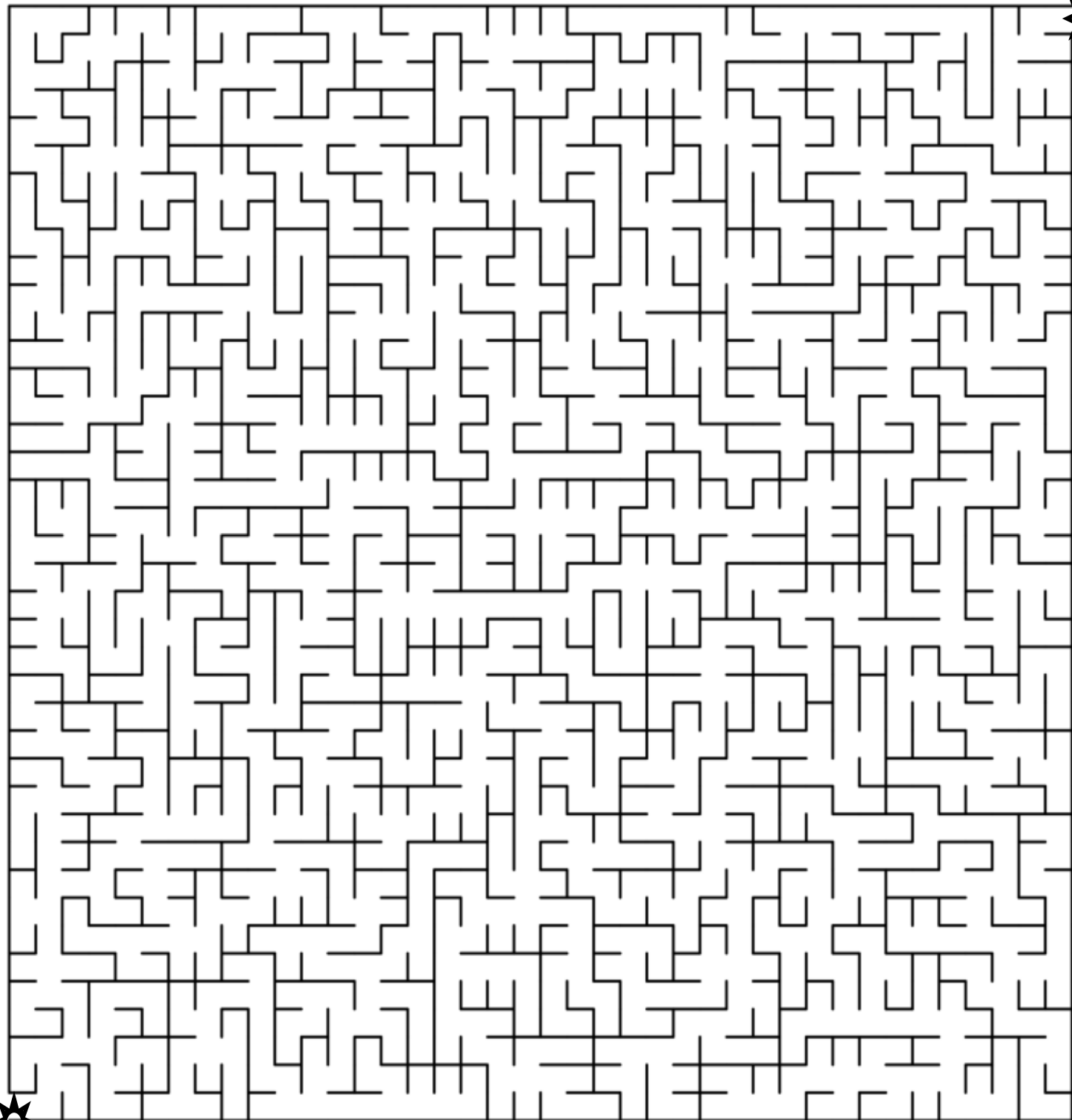
Someone, feeling spiritually unfed, wrote a letter to a newspaper, saying that after some 30 years of attending church, he couldn't remember one sermon. The letter writer said he'd probably wasted his time, and preachers were wasting theirs, as well.

A few days later, someone else wrote a rebuttal. This writer said he'd been married for 30 years but couldn't recall the entire menu of any one of the thousands of meals his wife had fixed, Yet he knew those meals were nourishing and gave him strength to do his work. He also said that without eating those meals, his body would have been long dead. Without going to worship, he added, he'd be spiritually dead, too.



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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI
Treasurer's Report as of April 2023

Monday, May 15, 2023

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Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
Income					
BUILDING CAP PROJ FUNDRAISER	0.00		0.00		
EDUCATION FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
EVANGELISM FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
GEN. FUND ENVELOPE RECEIPTS	18,727.25	13,968.00	58,869.50*	2,997.50	167,620.00
GEN. FUND INTEREST EARNED	0.00		2.07		
GENERAL FUND LOAN PROCEEDS	0.00		0.00		
LFOJ FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Member services\$ etc	0.00		0.00		
Mission MISC IN/OUT	0.00		(909.87)		
ORGAN FUNDRAISER	0.00		0.00		
Special Gifts	0.00		0.00		
STEWARDSHIP FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Transfers in/out general fund	0.00		(2,514.00)		
Trivent Choice Dollars	0.00		207.00		
TRUSTEE FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
YOUTH FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Total Income	\$18,727.25	\$13,968.00	\$55,654.70	\$2,997.50	\$167,620.00
Expense					
CHOIR DIRECTOR SALARY	0.00		0.00		
Guest/vacancy pastors	0.00	25.00	248.84*	148.84	300.00
MILEAGE OR TRAVEL EXPENSES	0.00	42.00	0.00	(168.00)	500.00
ORGANISTS SALARY	1,000.00	337.00	1,000.00	(348.00)	4,040.00
PASTOR'S SALARY	3,818.18	4,136.00	15,315.68	(1,228.32)	49,636.00
SECRETARY SALARY	855.00	926.00	3,611.25	(92.75)	11,115.00
SEXTON SALARY	192.51	275.00	721.89	(378.11)	3,300.00
SMP PROGRAM VICAR ED	0.00		0.00		
Treasurer Salary	82.50	275.00	341.00	(759.00)	3,300.00
Church Salaries	\$5,948.19	\$6,016.00	\$21,238.66	(\$2,825.34)	\$72,191.00
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	0.00	42.00	0.00	(168.00)	500.00
EMPLOYER'S FICA TAX EXP	455.04	473.00	1,649.87	(242.13)	5,677.00
HEALTH & DISABILITY INS.	0.00	125.00	0.00	(500.00)	1,500.00
PASTOR'S HOUSING ALLOW.	1,153.84	1,250.00	4,615.36	(384.64)	15,000.00
PASTOR'S PENSION PLAN	0.00	453.00	0.00	(1,812.00)	5,441.00
PASTOR'S PROFESSIONAL EXP	0.00	42.00	0.00	(168.00)	500.00
Pastor's retirement Savings	0.00		0.00		
SEC. PENSION PLAN	0.00		0.00		
Employee Benefits	\$1,608.88	\$2,385.00	\$6,265.23	(\$3,274.77)	\$28,618.00
ELECTRICITY - CHURCH	172.92	417.00	175.92	(1,492.08)	5,000.00
FUEL - CHURCH	623.88	542.00	3,010.50*	842.50	6,500.00
INTERNET SERVICE & SOFTWARE	0.00	92.00	379.97*	11.97	1,100.00
TELEPHONE - CHURCH	0.00	121.00	389.91	(94.09)	1,450.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	719.12	146.00	1,480.22*	896.22	1,750.00
WATER - CHURCH	0.00	125.00	518.12*	18.12	1,500.00
Church Utilities	\$1,515.92	\$1,443.00	\$5,954.64*	\$182.64	\$17,300.00
BUILDING CAPITALIZED PROJ	0.00		0.00		
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	1,463.24	167.00	1,965.74*	1,297.74	2,000.00
ORGAN PURCHASE EXPENSE	0.00		0.00		
PRESCHOOL BLDG. MAINTENANCE	0.00	167.00	346.99	(321.01)	2,000.00
PROPERTY/WORK COMP INSURANCE	5,079.00	679.00	5,079.00*	2,363.00	8,145.00
Snow Removal	0.00	167.00	192.50	(475.50)	2,000.00
TRUSTEE SPECIAL PROJECTS	0.00		0.00		
Church Maint. & improvements	\$6,542.24	\$1,180.00	\$7,584.23*	\$2,864.23	\$14,145.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	0.00	8.00	15.36	(16.64)	100.00

This flower is used to honor fathers on Father's Day church.
 Father's Day is celebrated in the U.S. on this day of the week
 The first name of the U.S. President who first set the Father's Day celebrations
 The father of all
 Fathers are lovingly called this
 Father of Jesus Christ
 What was the first country to celebrate Father's Day?
 Which actor played Charlie Hinton in the movie Daddy Day Care?
 What is the name of Nemo's dad in the Disney movie?

No clues
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