

# October 2022



# The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI OCTOBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>Elders:</b> Oct. 2 Andy Oct. 5 Scott Oct. 9 Randy Oct. 12 Scott Oct. 16 Darry Oct. 19 Doug Oct. 23 John Oct. 26 Randy Oct. 30 Andy Nov. 2 Doug						
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<b>2</b> 9:00am service 10:15am Bible Study 2:00pm LGP	<b>3</b> 10:00am Bible Study  Pastor at conference—Stevens Point	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30pm service 6:30pm online prayer service	<b>6</b> 2:30pm LFOJ Chapel 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00am service 10:15am Bible Study	<b>10</b> 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Altar Guild Mtg. 7:00pm Dart-ball Practice	<b>11</b> 1:00pm Sewing Circle 5:30pm LFOJ Brd Mtg0	<b>12</b> 6:30pm service 6:30pm online prayer service	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>30</b> 9:00am service 10:15am Bible Study	<b>31</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>REMINDER: PICTURES ON OCTOBER 17TH AND 18TH .</b>				

Brrrr, another chilly morning, it seems fall has arrived, and it didn't seem to waste any time getting here. I am guessing gardening is pretty much over for the year and people are starting to prepare for the inevitable snow, I know I am. Oh, and speaking of changing weather I just wanted to let everyone know who had asked me how my daughter and her family were doing in Florida following hurricane Ian. She and the grandchildren are fine. As I wrote this, they were still without power, but they have a generator they run several times a day to keep the freezer and refrigerator cold and charge the cellphones and do some laundry. They did lose a couple of big trees in their yard. I do know that a couple of my granddaughters friend homes are unlivable as the water levels exceeded 6-10 feet. They asked me to thank everyone who had been praying for their safety.

I wanted to follow up with an update on both Sunday School and confirmation. We will be having a meeting again with Sunday school parents on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. I believe our projected start date will be the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. I have been looking at the curriculum from Concordia Publishing House called Enduring Faith, it is designed for children of all ages. Shortly after we get the Sunday School situation ironed out I will be meeting with the parents of our confirmands and set up a schedule there as well. I am sorry for any delay.

A reminder of the upcoming photo sessions for our new church directory. I encourage everyone to participate, the directory is a very helpful tool for any new members to help become acquainted to those of us here and also it helps the Pastor who sometimes forgets a name now and then. So please consider having your picture added to the directory. At the very least take advantage of the free 8X10 photo for everyone who has a photo taken.

Sometimes it is a challenge for me to determine what to write for this newsletter, I try and pick topics that are both interesting and hopefully may address questions that you may have. And while I have a month between newsletters it is amazing how fast that time flies. So I am putting a request out there for all of you. As they may arise, if you think of something that perks your interest, or if you have something your just not sure about, let me know. I have found it to be very true in life that questions I have are quite often the same as questions that others may have, but we just don't ask. So please ask. I will do my best to answer your questions and who knows maybe we will be answering that question for others as well.

I am working on several topics, but none are ready for publication this month. So with that being said I am going to close out the shortest cover I have ever written and look forward to starting fresh next month, as always:

The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Pastor Rick

Paula Pruss  
715-292-1898  
Elanor Munson  
715-682-8155

**OFFICIAL ACTS**  
 Baptisms  
 Natalie Rose Williams 8-6-2022  
 Mason Alexander Milanowski 8-21-22  
 Josephine Marie Hagen 8-21-22  
 Josephine Jane Lindquist 9-24-22



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am in-church service and live streamed  
 Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm  
 Pre-recorded Online Wednesday Prayer Study 6:30pm  
 Sunday School - 1st - 6th grade  
 Women's Group Thursdays 1st & 3rd monthly 6:30pm  
 Bible Studies— Sundays 10:15am Mondays 10:00am  
 Thursday Women's Bible Study 6:30AM 1st & 3rd of each month

**Pastor Rick Williams - 715-209-0479**  
**Office Hours: M/T/Th 9-5 T W 12-8 F 9-3 off**  
 Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor.  
**Office Secretary Lynn Ladd 715-682-6075** Office Hours Typically M-T 8:30-2:30 W 12:00-3:00pm Days and times may change.  
**Church President: John Pruss 715-292-4825 Head Elder: Darryl Warren 715-492-0488**  
**Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center: 715-682-5185**  
**LFOJ Administrator: Autumn Heidrick 715-682-6075**  
**Website** [www.zionashland.org](http://www.zionashland.org) **E-mail** [secretary@zionlutheranashland.com](mailto:secretary@zionlutheranashland.com)

**PRAYERS for Home-bound, 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  
 Madge Houle  
 Nancy Zehe*

**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*

*Lord,  
 Hear Our  
 Prayer*



**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  
 Madge Houle  
 Alice Balmer  
 Penny Larson  
 Francis Balmer  
 Vi Basina  
 Dave Pearson  
 James Fletcher  
 Sheryl Hildebrandt  
 Harold Larson  
 Diane Beiersdorff  
 Linda Stenroos  
 Ann Williams  
 Dave Anderson  
 Lowell Nutt  
 and those in our hearts*

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## Golf Classic & Summer Mission Partner Update

For the last 18 years we have held an annual Golf Classic in mid June. This event raises money to support our Every Kid to Camp program, which makes a week at Camp Luther financially available to any first time Summer camper. This year our incredible friends of camp raised **\$22,990.85!** We praise God for the generosity and support that this program has received.



Zion's kids who attended Camp Luther this past summer left their canteen money for the Summer Mission.

Throughout the summer we teach our campers about different ways of giving their time, talents, and treasures. This looked like writing a thank you card, cleaning up after an activity, or donating their extra canteen money to our Summer Mission Partner (The Fuller Center). This summer our campers and families raised **\$2,991.85!** The Fuller Center for Housing is a faith based organization that focuses on building houses for people who are in need. We are so excited to help them in this effort!



## Workbee Weekend

October 14th - 16th, 2022

Help get camp cleaned up from summer! This weekend of volunteering is crucial to ensuring camp is ready to welcome churches, organizations, and cottagers as we start our fall season. Meals and housing are provided at no cost to you as our way of saying thank you!



## Fall Outdoor Education Season!

Spend some time at Camp Luther learning with your 3rd-8th grade students

The Camp Luther staff will work closely with you to adapt our outdoor education program to your group's unique needs. Once your group is at camp, our highly trained staff will lead most of the sessions and activities, allowing you to engage with your students and focus on community building within your classroom.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI**  
Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2022

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>			
101.101	FM & I CK ACCOUNT Gen.	62,174.12	44,540.04
	<b>General Checking</b>	<b>\$62,174.12</b>	<b>\$44,540.04</b>
101.201	GEN FUND SAVINGS Northern Stat	33,656.63	34,197.36
119.999	TO BALANCE 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$95,830.75</b>	<b>\$78,737.40</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
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	(63,699.39)	(71,025.98)
	<b>Note payables LCEF &amp; M&amp; I bank</b>	<b>\$32,015.32</b>	<b>\$24,688.73</b>
200.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	397.08	1,914.92
201.101	BORROWED WITHIN ORGANIZATION	0.00	0.00
201.201	EMPLOYER'S TAXES PAYABLE	4,452.67	(5,380.50)
201.203	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE	21.67	171.67
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$36,886.74</b>	<b>\$21,394.82</b>
<b>Fund balance</b>			
	<b>Total Fund balance</b>	<b>\$58,944.01</b>	<b>\$57,342.58</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund balance</b>	<b>\$95,830.75</b>	<b>\$78,737.40</b>

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI**  
Consolidated Fund Activity Report for August 2022

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Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
BUILDING ACCOUNT TO BALANCE LOAN	(25,617.94)	0.00	(929.21)	0.00	(24,688.73)
BUILDING CAPITALIZED	(6,372.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(6,372.00)
General Fund	97,339.56	12,899.78	21,836.03	0.00	88,403.31
ORGAN FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,349.62</b>	<b>\$12,899.78</b>	<b>\$20,906.82</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$57,342.58</b>

## More Than We Can Imagine

By Martin Luther (Faith Alone - 365 Devotional Readings)

*Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I now put you in charge of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring and put it on Joseph's finger. Genesis 41:41-42*

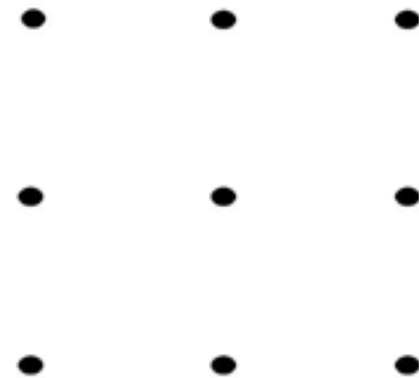
Paul is absolutely correct when he says that God "can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). In contrast, our prayers tend to be weak and insignificant. Joseph didn't dare to ask for what he finally received. His heart was like a damaged cattail and a smoking wick. His groaning was like smoke that rises straight up to heaven. His heart was a real incense burner! The sweet aroma that comes from a humble, groaning heart pleases God. Though Joseph may have felt like he was dying, his groaning didn't cause any real harm.

Hang on. God will remain faithful. Don't despair. Cling to the truth the psalmist proclaims: "Wait with hope for the Lord. Be strong, and let your heart be courageous" (Psalm 27:14). The Lord won't extinguish a smoking wick but instead will make it glow brightly. He won't break the damaged cattail but instead will strengthen it (Isaiah 42:3).

God wants to give us more than we ask for, not just fulfill our weak prayers. Joseph asked for nothing more than to be rescued, released from prison, and returned to his father. God in heaven let him pray that for a long time. In effect, God was saying, "You don't realize what you are asking (Matthew 20:22). I will give you more than you can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). That's why you have to wait a little longer. I want more of the smoke that rises to heaven." But later, Joseph received what he could never have imagined. He would never have had the confidence or courage to ask for it. We must recognize that God's wisdom, kindness, mercy, and power are most certainly with us, as they were with Joseph. However, God usually doesn't give them to us in the way we ask for them.

## BRAINTEASER

**DIRECTIONS:** WITHOUT taking your pencil off the paper, draw 4 straight lines through each dot! You can only go through each dot ONCE! Remember that each line has to be a straight line, and you can only draw 4 lines! Draw more boards if you need to!



**LFOJ UPDATE:** LFOJ opened on Sept 6<sup>th</sup> with the school year with several new staff. New Administrator/Director, Autumn Heidrick has stepped into her new role and is showing energy and creativity for the growth and development of the center. New Lead Infant Room teacher is a returning staff, Denise Schutte, and new part time School-age teacher Allison Osmak will be starting in Oct. We are looking at adding more children from our waitlist into our Learner room to move forward with expanding our programs. Autumn has had several meetings with Pastor about increasing our Christian education in the center and her own as well. Chapel time will begin again with visiting the church with Pastor on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. We have also started using a new software program that is aiding in our invoicing, payment collection, documentation, and communication with parents. It has proved to be a great step forward in streamlining processes to aid in operations of the center. We continue to work through short staffing struggles and encourage any referrals of staff from the congregation. We are currently evaluating the current state of our supplies and equipment in the center to update our need list and determine our priority projects. Any questions can be sent to our email address: [lfoj@zionlutheranchurch.com](mailto:lfoj@zionlutheranchurch.com). God Bless.



## The Bummer Lamb



By Rev. Bob Tasler (This story was written by Pamela Hiscocks, a young woman who lived courageously despite her physical disabilities.) "The Bummer Lamb"

"Every once in awhile, a ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are many reasons she may do this. If the lamb is returned to the ewe, the mother may push or even kick the poor animal away. Once a ewe rejects

one of her lambs, she will never change her mind. These little lambs will hang their heads so low that it looks like something is wrong with its neck. Its spirit is broken.

"These lambs are called Bummer Lambs. Unless the shepherd intervenes, that lamb will die, rejected all alone. So, do you know what the shepherd does? He takes that rejected little one into his home, hand-feeds it and keeps it warm by the fire. He will wrap it up with blankets and hold it to his chest so the Bummer can hear his heart beat. Once the lamb is strong enough, the shepherd will place it back in the field with the rest of the flock.

"But that sheep never forgets how the shepherd cared for him when his mother rejected him. When the shepherd calls for the flock, guess who runs to him first? That's right - the Bummer sheep. He knows his voice intimately. It is not that the Bummer Lamb is loved more, it just knows intimately the one who loves it. It has experienced the shepherd's love one on one.

"So many of us are Bummer Lambs, rejected and broken. But He [Jesus] is the Good Shepherd. He cares for our every need and holds us close to His heart so we can hear His heart beat. We may be broken but we are deeply loved by the Good Shepherd."

Pamela died in 2017 at age 39. Her obituary said she loved and cared for animals, as well as her friends and family, with a great heart, and she inspired people with her passionate spirit to celebrate the joys and adventures of life. Pamela was of First Nations descent, Canadian people who often live just below the Arctic Circle. Some are known as Inuit, others as Metis. I first thought of re-writing her article, but decided to send it to you just as she wrote it.

In God's Holy Word, Jesus told us, "I am the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep... I know my own and my own know me." (John 10:11,14) Let us give thanks that the Good Shepherd cares for us, loving us, holding us to His heart, feeding us and giving us life when others would not.

### On any given weekend,

a portion of a church's members are not present for worship services—often half to two-thirds of them. A few are homebound, caregiving, or sick. But the majority of them are simply doing something else they believe will bring them more comfort. It could be sleep. It could be a football game, sailing on the lake, or having a family gathering. It's not a problem that those things bring them comfort. The problem is that those comforts have taken God's place in their lives. - Scott McConnell

### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI Treasurer's Report as of August 2022

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Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
WATER - CHURCH	0.00	125.00	1,012.82*	12.82	1,500.00
<b>Church Utilities</b>	<b>\$1,636.85</b>	<b>\$1,443.00</b>	<b>\$11,245.14</b>	<b>(\$298.86)</b>	<b>\$17,300.00</b>
BUILDING CAPITALIZED PROJ	0.00		0.00		
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8,313.21	167.00	13,232.45*	11,896.45	2,000.00
ORGAN PURCHASE EXPENSE	0.00		0.00		
PRESCHOOL BLDG. MAINTENANCE	0.00	167.00	0.00	(1,336.00)	2,000.00
PROPERTY/WORK COMP INSURANCE	0.00	679.00	3,034.50	(2,397.50)	8,145.00
Snow Removal	0.00	167.00	227.50	(1,108.50)	2,000.00
TRUSTEE SPECIAL PROJECTS	0.00		0.00		
<b>Church Maint. &amp; improvements</b>	<b>\$8,313.21</b>	<b>\$1,180.00</b>	<b>\$16,494.45*</b>	<b>\$7,054.45</b>	<b>\$14,145.00</b>
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	0.00	8.00	0.00	(64.00)	100.00
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	0.00	42.00	92.27	(243.73)	500.00
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	0.00		0.00		
Member services in and out	0.00		0.00		
MUSIC	100.00	8.00	250.00*	186.00	100.00
Office Supplies	199.96	125.00	465.21	(534.79)	1,500.00
POSTAGE	0.00	33.00	60.44	(203.56)	400.00
Software Fees	144.05	250.00	1,198.23	(801.77)	3,000.00
Technology - Marketing	716.59	167.00	2,803.49*	1,467.49	2,000.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	200.00	250.00	1,425.62	(574.38)	3,000.00
<b>Church Supplies</b>	<b>\$1,360.60</b>	<b>\$883.00</b>	<b>\$6,295.26</b>	<b>(\$768.74)</b>	<b>\$10,600.00</b>
\$ FOR CONFER/ CONVENTIONS	0.00	83.00	847.81*	183.81	1,000.00
\$ TO EDUCATION	780.66	292.00	1,397.00	(939.00)	3,500.00
\$ TO EVANGELISM	371.38	83.00	637.86	(26.14)	1,000.00
\$ TO LFOJ CHILD CARE SUPPORT	0.00		0.00		
\$ TO STEWARDSHIP	0.00	8.00	0.00	(64.00)	100.00
\$ TO YOUTH PROGRAMS	0.00	83.00	0.00	(666.00)	1,000.00
BRICK MISSION	135.00	135.00	1,080.00	0.00	1,620.00
MISSION varoius	0.00		0.00		
MISSIONS TO SYNOD	1,000.00	1,000.00	7,400.00	(600.00)	12,000.00
OVERALL OFFERINGS PD TO SYNOD	0.00		0.00		
PUBLICATIONS LUTH WIT. ETC	52.48	42.00	684.39*	348.39	500.00
<b>Ministry Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,339.52</b>	<b>\$1,726.00</b>	<b>\$12,047.06</b>	<b>(\$1,762.94)</b>	<b>\$20,720.00</b>
interest on line of credit	0.00		0.00		
LOAN FEES	0.00		0.00		
Mort. & credit card interest	106.08	250.00	955.73	(1,044.27)	3,000.00
PRINCIPAL payment	929.21	1,035.00	7,326.59	(953.41)	12,425.00
<b>Total PRIN. AND INT. payments</b>	<b>\$1,035.29</b>	<b>\$1,285.00</b>	<b>\$8,282.32</b>	<b>(\$1,997.68)</b>	<b>\$15,425.00</b>
Ordination Expenses	0.00		0.00		
principal to principal from bl	(929.21)		(7,326.59)		
TRUSTEE CONTROLLED DISBURSEMNT	0.00		0.00		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$20,906.82</b>	<b>\$14,918.00</b>	<b>\$108,729.15</b>	<b>(\$3,290.26)</b>	<b>\$178,999.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$8,007.04)</b>	<b>(\$950.00)</b>	<b>(\$1,601.43)</b>		<b>(\$11,379.00)</b>

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<b>Income</b>					
BUILDING CAP PROJ FUNDRAISER	0.00		0.00		
EDUCATION FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
EVANGELISM FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
GEN. FUND ENVELOPE RECEIPTS	13,394.00	13,968.00	107,254.83	(4,489.17)	167,620.00
GEN. FUND INTEREST EARNED	0.46		10.69		
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		(9,775.00)		
ORGAN FUNDRAISER	0.00		0.00		
Special Gifts	0.00		0.00		
STEWARDSHIP FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Transfers in/out general fund	(642.68)		9,103.20		
Trivent Choice Dollars	148.00		534.00		
TRUSTEE FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
YOUTH FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,899.78</b>	<b>\$13,968.00</b>	<b>\$107,127.72</b>	<b>(\$4,489.17)</b>	<b>\$167,620.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
CHOIR DIRECTOR SALARY	0.00		0.00		
Guest/vacancy pastors	0.00	25.00	723.58*	523.58	300.00
MILEAGE OR TRAVEL EXPENSES	0.00	42.00	0.00	(336.00)	500.00
ORGANISTS SALARY	0.00	337.00	2,160.00	(536.00)	4,040.00
PASTOR'S SALARY	3,818.18	4,136.00	32,454.53	(633.47)	49,636.00
SECRETARY SALARY	759.38	926.00	6,986.27	(421.73)	11,115.00
SEXTON SALARY	87.50	275.00	1,299.39	(900.61)	3,300.00
SMP PROGRAM VICAR ED	0.00		0.00		
Treasurer Salary	60.50	275.00	704.00	(1,496.00)	3,300.00
<b>Church Salaries</b>	<b>\$4,725.56</b>	<b>\$6,016.00</b>	<b>\$44,327.77</b>	<b>(\$3,800.23)</b>	<b>\$72,191.00</b>
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	0.00	42.00	0.00	(336.00)	500.00
EMPLOYER'S FICA TAX EXP	361.50	473.00	3,335.73	(448.27)	5,677.00
HEALTH & DISABILITY INS.	189.94	125.00	880.80	(119.20)	1,500.00
PASTOR'S HOUSING ALLOW.	1,153.84	1,250.00	9,807.64	(192.36)	15,000.00
PASTOR'S PENSION PLAN	719.72	453.00	3,339.57	(284.43)	5,441.00
PASTOR'S PROFESSIONAL EXP	0.00	42.00	0.00	(336.00)	500.00
Pastor's retirement Savings	0.00		0.00		
SEC. PENSION PLAN	0.00		0.00		
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$2,425.00</b>	<b>\$2,385.00</b>	<b>\$17,363.74</b>	<b>(\$1,716.26)</b>	<b>\$28,618.00</b>
ELECTRICITY - CHURCH	1,348.89	417.00	2,594.25	(741.75)	5,000.00
FUEL - CHURCH	58.00	542.00	4,020.79	(315.21)	6,500.00
INTERNET SERVICE & SOFTWARE	79.99	92.00	639.92	(96.08)	1,100.00
TELEPHONE - CHURCH	149.97	121.00	1,174.76*	206.76	1,450.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	0.00	146.00	1,802.60*	634.60	1,750.00

## Roasted Pumpkin Seeds



If you're like us, you think the best thing about [carving a pumpkin](#) is saving the seeds for roasting! Learn how to prep pumpkin seeds for roasting, plus get ideas for seasoning or sweetening them.

### How to Clean Pumpkin Seeds

The most laborious part of roasting pumpkin seeds is prepping them. You first have to separate the seeds from the gooey mess inside of the pumpkin.

Fortunately, we've got a few tricks up our sleeves for making this process as painless as possible:

**1. Scoop the seeds.** First, use a strong metal spoon to scoop as many of the seeds out of the pumpkin as you can. Be sure not to let the pulp dry before cleaning the seeds.

**2. Soak the seeds.** Place the mass of seeds and pulp in a large bowl. Run water over them and use your hands to swish the seeds around, removing any noticeable bits of pumpkin. The flesh will separate more easily from the seeds this way. Drain off excess water.

**3. Rinse the seeds.** Place the clean seeds in a colander and rinse until any remaining flesh is gone.

**4. Optional: Boil the seeds.** Simmer the clean seeds in salty water for 10 minutes. (See below for why you should do this).

**5. Dry the seeds.** Drain the boiled/cleaned seeds in a colander and use a towel to dry the seeds as thoroughly as possible to ensure they get nice and crispy when baked.

### Should You Boil Pumpkin Seeds Before Roasting?

Although you don't have to boil the pumpkin seeds before roasting, we recommend it. Boiling pumpkin seeds in salted water helps the salt to permeate the seeds inside the shells and helps them to cook more evenly.

### How to Roast Pumpkin Seeds

Once your seeds are prepped and ready to go, it's time to roast! You'll find ingredient measurements below, but here are the basic steps:

#### Step 1: Preheat the Oven

Start by preheating the oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C).

#### Step 2: Coat the Seeds

Toss clean, dry seeds in a mixture of melted butter (or oil), salt, and any other seasonings of your choice.

#### Step 3: Arrange the Seeds

Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet. Be sure the seeds aren't overlapping so they turn out as crispy as possible.

**Tip:** For less mess, line the baking sheet with parchment paper.

#### Step 4: Bake

Bake for about 45 minutes, or until golden brown. Check on your seeds every 10 minutes, removing the baking sheet, stirring, and spreading them out again.

**Tip:** You can roast the seeds of any [winter squash](#), not just pumpkin.

### How to Store Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Allow the seeds to cool completely before storing. Roasted pumpkin seeds can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature for up to two weeks or in the fridge for up to two months.

### Roasted Pumpkin Seed Flavor Variations

This simple recipe allows for countless flavor combinations, both sweet and savory. Here are just a few favorite ingredients you can use to [season and sweeten pumpkin seeds](#):

**Savory:** chili powder, garlic salt, paprika, Worcestershire sauce, cumin, cayenne pepper, ranch dressing mix, [Tajin](#), curry powder  
**Sweet:** maple syrup, honey, [pumpkin pie spice](#), brown sugar, cinnamon

### How to Use Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Pumpkin seeds can be used for more than just snacking straight out of the bag (although, we do recommend that, too). Try mixing them into [homemade granola](#), using them as a garnish for [squash soup](#), adding them to [trail mix](#), sprinkling them over [baked goods](#), folding them into [hummus](#), or using them as a [salad topper](#).

## Church in Kostomarovo, Voronezhskiy region, Russia

### What do people look for in joining a church?

Sermons matter. So does a warm welcome. **Eighty-three percent of Americans who looked for a new church say the quality of the sermon played an important role in their choice. Seventy-nine percent say a warm welcome mattered. So did the church's style of worship (74 percent) and location (70 percent).** Other important factors included kids programs (56 percent), having friends and family at the church (48 percent), and having volunteer opportunities (42 percent). Americans look first and foremost for a place where they like the preaching and the tone set by the congregation's leaders, according to Pew Research. - Bob Smietana



Check out our new DVD's. Inspiring Biblical answers to the tough questions? Sign-out sheet is in the library/meeting room.



**Martin Luther: A Return to Grace:** The great drama of Martin Luther's life comes alive in this vivid portrayal of the penniless monk's quest for truth, a quest that would re-shape the church, and the world. 1 hr. 46 min. 2017, (13+ ages)



**Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace :** The story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German clergyman of great distinction, who actively opposed Hitler and the Nazis. His convictions cost him his life. 1 hr. 25 min. 2000 All ages.

**In the Footsteps of St. Peter :** Actor David Suchet goes on a documentary journey in search of Simon bar Jonah, better known as St. Peter. Follow this one-time fisherman turned leading disciple's, turbulent and miraculous life. 2 hr. 15 min. 2014 (13+ ages)



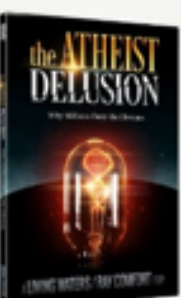
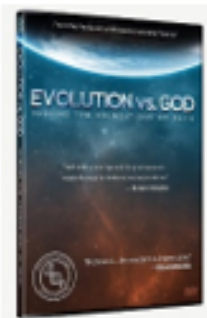
**Pilgrims Progress: Journey to Heaven:** A believer embarks on a journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. 1 hr. 45 min. 2008 (13+ age).

**War Room:** A compelling drama of a family on the brink. Told with humor and heart as it explores the power that prayer can have on every area of our lives. 2 hr. 2015 (PG)



**The Passion of the Christ:** Depicts the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, on the day of his crucifixion in Jerusalem. 2 hr. 6 min. 2004 (R)

**Evolution vs. God: Shaking the Foundations of Faith:** Millions believe that Darwinian evolution is a scientific fact. This DVD exposes the cracks and contradictions in this not-so-scientific theory, by interviewing evolutionary scientists from UCL and USC, as well as biology majors. 35 min. 2013 (PG)



**The Atheist Delusion: Why Millions Deny the Obvious:** This DVD pulls back the curtain and reveals what is going on in the mind of those who deny the obvious. It introduces you to a number of atheists who you will follow as they go where the evidence leads. 1 hour 2 min. 2016 (PG)

## Zion Lutheran Church Council September 19, 2022

### Call to Order

**Opening prayer** – President John Pruss

**Roll Call** – John Pruss, President Nick Jarvela, Trustees Jule Jarvela, Secretary Chuck Chronis, Financial Secretary Lori Anderson, Evangelism Lisa Guski, Treasurer, LFOJ

**Approval of minutes** – 1-Nick Jarvela 2- Chuck Chronis MMC

**Pastor's Report** – Shared "Protecting Our Ministry", a guideline for Church Workers.

**Approval of Treasurer's report** – 1- Nick Jarvela 2- Lori Anderson MMC

**Approval of Agenda with additions** – 1- Chuck Chronis 2- Lisa Guski MMC

### Board Reports –

Elders – No report Financial Secretary – no report

Evangelism – Directory, Picnic, new member potluck

Education – Sunday School supervised by the Elders

Trustees – Bell tower completed, security lights, elevator inspection, fire inspection, doors refurbished

LFOJ – VBS, reopening on Sept. 6 with new administrator, new software, need staff

### Official Acts –

Kali Mae Kokely 5-15-2022

Bellamy Milton and Octavia Pearce June 18, 2022

Ivy Helene Barnes and Maverick Jeremy Barnes 7-9-22

Natalie Rose Williams 8-6-2022

Mason Alexander Milanowski 8-21-22

Josephine Marie Hagen 8-21-22

### OLD BUSINESS – none

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire alarm replacement at a bid of \$4850 Motion to replace 1- Lisa Guski 2- Chuck Chronis MMC
2. Terrorism Insurance Rider – Nick Jarvela will contact Ins. Co. to clarify need and will contact Council members with information and they will vote
3. LFOJ experiencing financial issues, staffing issues which are affecting attendance. Income and running costs will be evaluated to determine the future of LFOJ.

### NEXT MEETING – October 10, 5:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT** – 1- Lisa Guski 2- Chuck Chronis MMC

### Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted Jule Jarvela, Secretary

“Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn.” – Elizabeth Lawrence

“If a year was tucked inside of a clock, then autumn would be the magic hour.”- Victoria Erickson

Autumn shows us  
how beautiful it is  
to let things go.



## 25 Really Weird Things Said to Pastors By [Thom S. Rainer](#)

Few people are truly aware of the constant requests, complaints, and criticisms pastors and other church leaders receive. I must admit, however, I was surprised when I asked church leaders on Twitter to share some of the more unusual comments they have received.

I was first surprised at how many responded. But I was most surprised at the [really strange](#) things people tell pastors and other church leaders.

Many of the comments related to using the Bible too much or to being too evangelistic. I should make those a blog post by themselves.

I narrowed my selection to twenty-five, but it could have been much higher. I left off many great comments to keep this post manageable. I've only made minor wording changes to some of these. For the most part, I received these quotes just as you are seeing them. The parenthetical words after each comment represent my [off-the-cuff commentary](#).

1. "We need a small group for cat lovers." (*I guess they could serve Meow Mix as a snack.*)

2. "You need to change your voice." (*Yes ma'am. I'll try to have that done by next week.*)

3. "Our expensive coffee is attracting too many hipsters." (*Yep. You don't want too many of those hipsters in your church.*)

4. "Preachers who don't wear suits and ties aren't saved. It's in the Bible." (*I should have known that's what Jesus and Paul wore.*)

6. "You shouldn't make people leave the youth group after they graduate." (*It's going to get [really weird](#) by the time they turn 70 years old.*)

7. "I don't like the color of the towels in the women's restroom." (*I don't understand. They match the towels in the men's restroom.*)

8. "We need to start attracting more normal people at church." (*So, you will be leaving the church, I presume.*)

9. "I developed cancer because you don't preach from the KJV." (*Major medical announcement! New carcinogen discovered!*)

10. "Your wife never compliments me about my hair or dress." (*There could be a reason for that.*)

11. "Not enough people signed up for the church golf tournament. You have poor leadership

skills." (*I'm so sorry. I expected more since most of the deacons play golf on Sunday morning.*)

12. "I think you are trying to preach [caffeineism](#)." (*Probably Reformed theology with an extra kick.*)

13. "If Jesus sang from the red hymnals, why can't we?" (*I think you are mistaken. He sang from blue hymnals.*)

14. (To a pastor who married interracially). "You are living in sin. You shouldn't be married to each other." (*That one is not worthy of commentary.*)

15. "I don't like the brand of donuts in the foyer." (*It's better than Meow Mix.*)

16. "You didn't wrap the hot dogs in bacon for the church picnic." (*I understand that one. Bacon rules.*)

17. "You shouldn't drink water when you preach." (*At least not simultaneously.*)

18. "The toilet paper is on the wrong way in the [ladies](#) restroom. It's rolled under." (*My guess is that it is still functional.*)

19. "Why don't you ever preach on Tim Tebow?" (*Be patient. I will be preaching a six-week expository series on him in the fall.*)

20. "You don't have ashtrays in the fellowship hall." (*Yes we do. They are right next to the spittoons for your chewing tobacco.*)

21. "Did you see me waving in the back of the worship center? You preached too long. It was time to eat!" (*Who needs a clock when I have you?*)

22. "The eggs were not scrambled enough at the senior adult breakfast." (*We thought you could jump up and down after you ate them to finish the job.*)

23. "You don't look at our side of the worship center enough when you preach." (*That's because you are on that side.*)

24. "We are leaving the church because you have a red cross on the building. That's the color of the devil." (*I understand. It's in the same verse that describes his pitchfork and horns.*)

25. "Your sermon needed more calories." (*Okay. I'll feed it one of those donuts in the foyer.*)

Pastors and other church leaders must have great patience and strength. They are faced with these and many other comments and demands every day. I love these church leaders, and I thank God for them.

# The Widow

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Take No  
As An Answer

She Was  
Persistent  
At Requesting

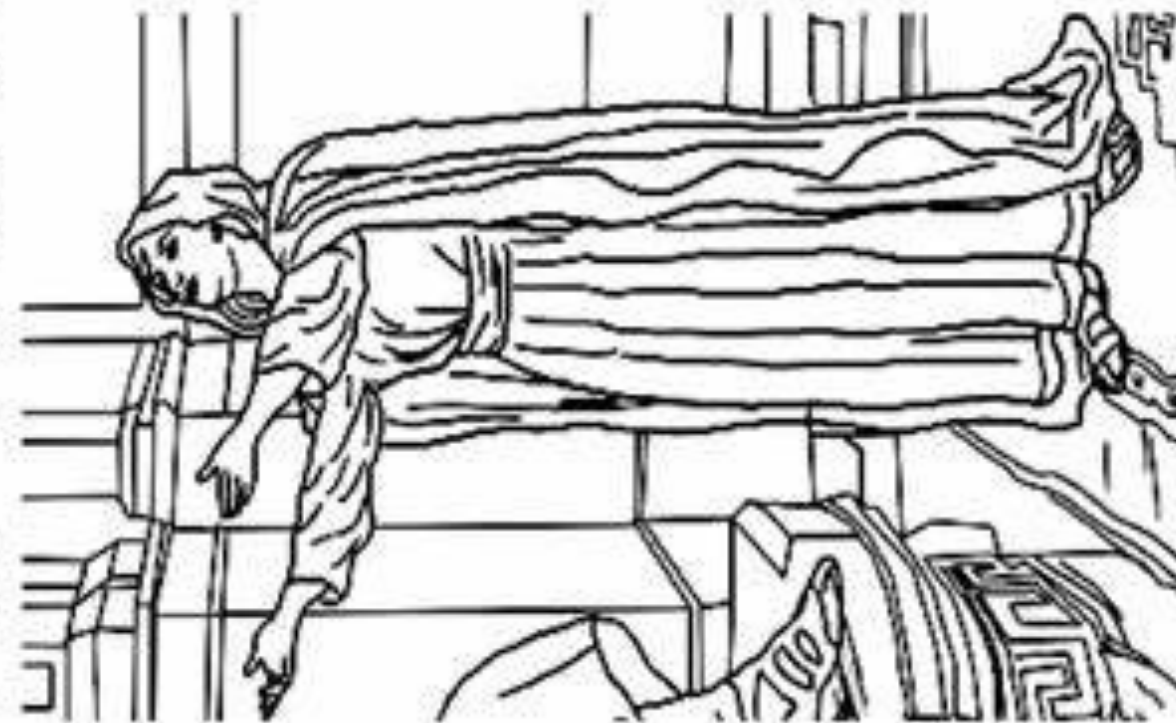
Someone  
Had Taken  
Advantage  
Of Her  
( Her Inheritance)

Bible Times  
Were Very Hard  
For Widows With  
No Sons  
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She Had An  
Adversary  
( We Have  
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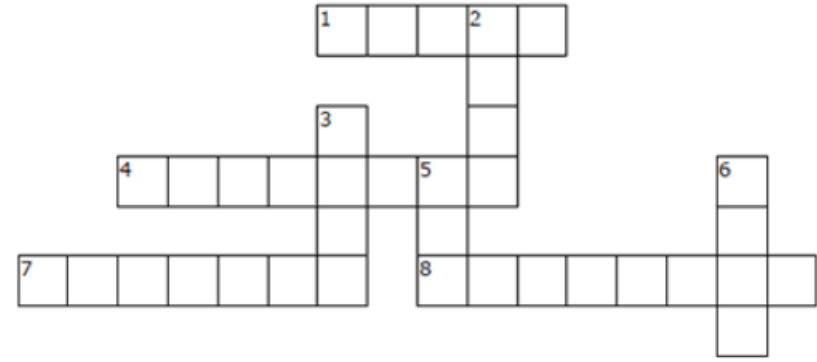
Did She  
Pray Day And  
Night?  
God Turneth  
(The Hearts Of  
The Unjust.)



# A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-6 (NIV)



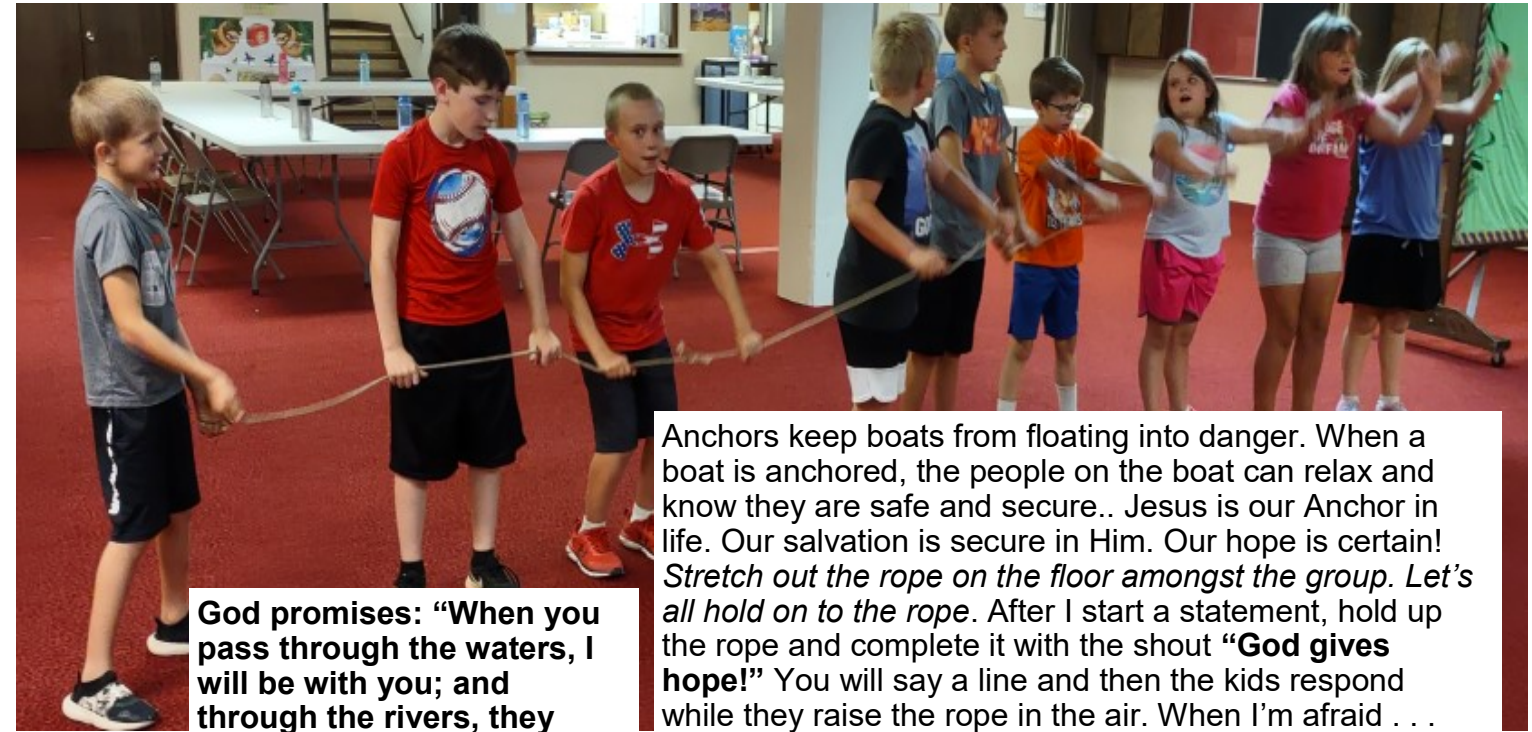
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- 4 Mustard
- 5 Obey
- 6 Sea
- 7 Seed
- 8 Tree

THE PHARSEE AND THE PUBLICAN LUKE

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FIND THE WORDS IN THE VERSE BELOW IN THE PUZZLE ABOVE

**"For everyone who exalts himself will be abased, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." LUKE 18:14**



God promises: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you." Isaiah 43:2

Anchors keep boats from floating into danger. When a boat is anchored, the people on the boat can relax and know they are safe and secure.. Jesus is our Anchor in life. Our salvation is secure in Him. Our hope is certain! Stretch out the rope on the floor amongst the group. Let's all hold on to the rope. After I start a statement, hold up the rope and complete it with the shout "God gives hope!" You will say a line and then the kids respond while they raise the rope in the air. When I'm afraid . . . raise rope and shout, "God gives hope!"): When I sin . . . (Repeat.) When I'm alone . . . (Repeat.): Every day, all the time . . . (Repeat.)

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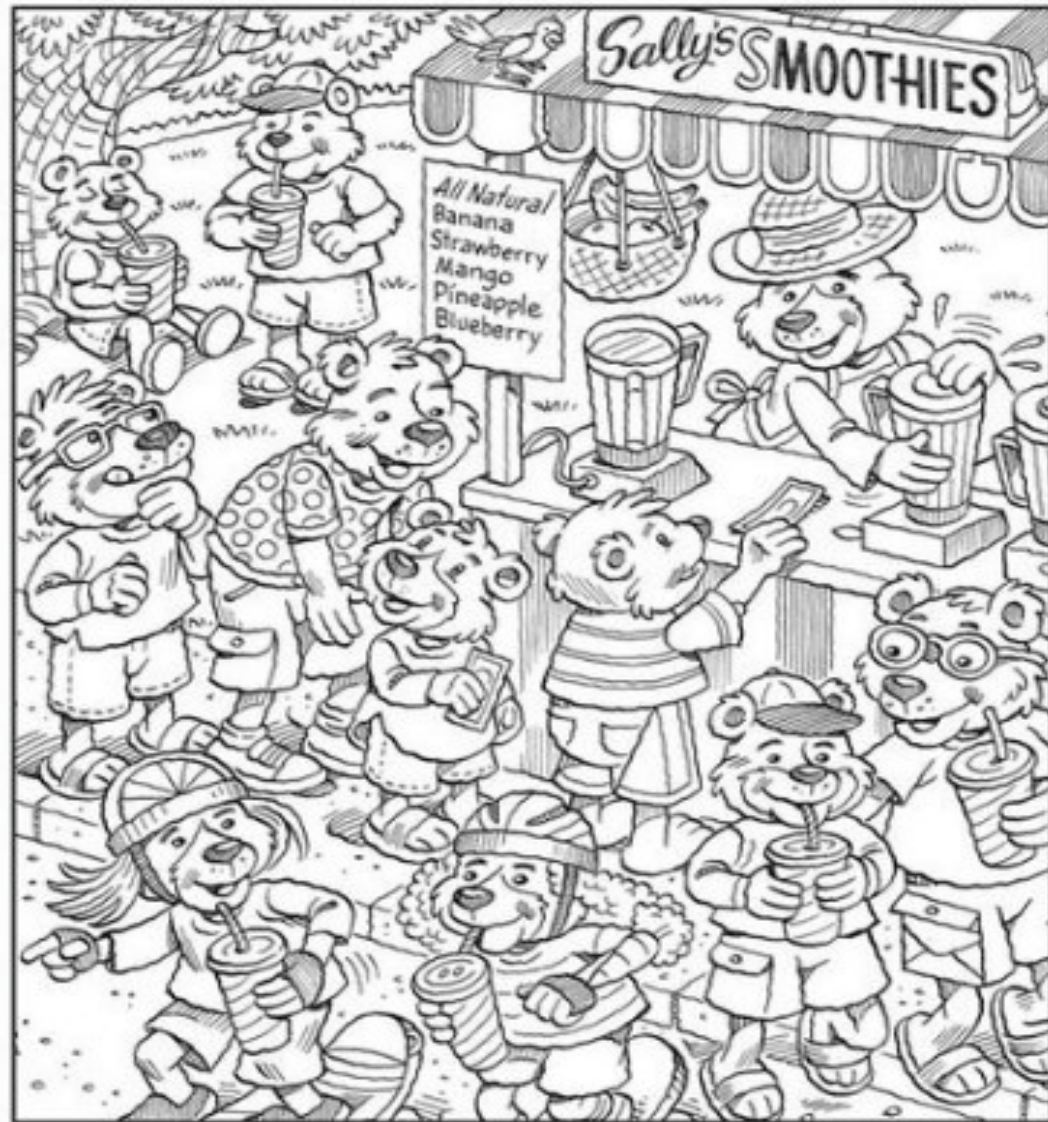




# Hidden Pictures®

## Shake Break

By David Helton



Can you find these hidden objects?

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| wedge of lemon | button           |
|                |                  |
| slice of pizza | tack             |
|                |                  |
| envelope       | ring             |
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| teacup         | horseshoe        |
|                |                  |
| feather        | magnifying glass |
|                |                  |
| slice of bread | candle           |
|                |                  |
| key            | carrot           |
|                |                  |
| golf club      | bell             |
|                |                  |
| slice of pie   | ladle            |

**From Pastor Don Sonntag, Fayetteville, AR, in his August Newsletter:** A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, age five and Ryan, three. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson so she said, "Now boys, if Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

**Don't let** the everyday routines numb you out of the **MIRACLE** of LIVING every day.



Please join our **Sewing Circle** on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, at 1:00pm. You don't need to know how to sew and there are people to help you. We're a fun group, you won't want to miss out..

**JESUS HEALS THE TEN LEPERS** Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



**"Want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant"** (Matthew 23:11 msg). And it's true . . . when life looms large - small acts of grace can erupt as the greatest charge in another place. He's in you and makes you a city on a hill so you get to be apart of the welcoming beacon and answer to the world's weariness. Because we're not really here to help ourselves to more — we're here to help others to real life. Never doubt it: The way to break into the abundant life is to live broken — life's not about choosing a lifestyle, but a way to serve.



“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”  
LSB# 908

**Johannes Olearius** (b. Halle, Germany, 1611; d. Weissenfels, Germany, 1684) Born into a family of Lutheran theologians, Olearius received his education at the University of Wittenberg and later taught theology there. He was ordained a Lutheran pastor and appointed court preacher to Duke August of Sachsen-Weissenfels in Halle and later to Duke Johann Adolph in Weissenfels. Olearius wrote a commentary on the entire Bible, published various devotional books, and produced a translation of the *Imitatio Christi* by Thomas a Kempis. He was also the compiler of one of the largest and most important German hymn-books of the 17th century, They may best be described as useful, being for times and seasons hitherto unprovided for, and filling up many gaps in the various sections of the German hymn-books. which was widely used in Lutheran churches. The first edition contained 302 hymns by Olearius himself, and marked "D. J. O." They are mostly short, many of only two verses, simple and easy of comprehension, often happy in expression and catching, and embodying in a concise form the leading ideas of the season or subject. Many were speedily adopted into German hymn-books, and a considerable number are still in use.

### THE BRICK FOOD PANTRY

The BRICK will be reaching out to the community of churches on a monthly basis with a specific need. We'll provide you with a request and ask you to promote it in your respective congregations for the entire month. Would you please help make this experiment a success?

Here's our request for the month of October:

Fall is here and The BRICK invites everyone to pitch in during the month of October to fill our pantry shelves with SOUP. Soup is a staple that often provides a balanced meal of proteins, vegetables, and grains. Pantry shoppers can all use soup, because it requires little in the way of kitchen tools and equipment – things that some people in our community lack. Please bring your donations of soup during October to help supply The BRICK's four pantries in Ashland, Cable, Cornucopia, and Mellen. Your gift will help warm hearts and bellies!



Grateful for your partnership to serve through Christ's love -

### Queen Elizabeth exclaimed:

"How I wish that the Lord would come in my lifetime." "Why" asked the Chaplain. The Queen replied with quivering lips and her whole countenance lighted up by deep emotion, "I should so love to lay my crown at His feet."

## There Is This Packer Fan . . .

who is married to a Bears fan. He loves her with all his heart, but just can't get past the fact that she is a Bear's fan. He thinks long and hard and comes to a decision. As much as he loves the Packers, he loves her more. He decides to become a Bear fan.

After weeks of trying unsuccessfully to root for the Bears he decides to enlist the aid of a doctor. "Doctor, I want to become a Bears fan, is there any way you can do it?" "Well, it's quite simple. I just have to remove 1/3 of your brain, but it's a very dangerous procedure. Are you sure you want to do this?" the doctor asks.

"I have no other choice," the man says. He wants to have the surgery done right away. The doctor begins the procedure. During the operation, his hand slips, and he cuts out too much of the poor Packer fan's brain.

While the man is recuperating, the doctor is pacing around his bedside. The man starts to stir. The doctor rushes over and says, "Sir! I am so sorry . . . during the surgery I mistakenly removed 2/3 of your brain." The man looks up at the doctor with a big smile on his face and says, "GO VIKINGS!"



## Autumn Time



The wind is playing autumn games  
Through the gardens and the lanes.  
Picking up, and swirling round  
Leaves of orange, red and brown.

Gusting through each swaying tree,  
Tossing apples till they're free.  
Shaking conkers till they drop  
And open wide with prickly pop.

The wind is dancing full of fun,  
Laughing in the autumn sun.  
It tumbles acorns, fir cones, leaves,  
To make a carpet under trees.

