



# The Mountain Top Messenger

September 2022

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, LCMS ASHLAND, WI

| SUN  | MON  | TUES   | WED   | THURS   | FRI | SAT |
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| <b>Elders:</b><br>Sept. 11 Randy<br>Sept. 21 Doug<br>Oct. 2 Andy | Sept. 4 Doug<br>Sept. 14 John<br>Sept. 25 Darryl | Sept. 7 Darryl<br>Sept. 18 Andy<br>Sept. 28 John |   | 1<br>6:30pm<br>Women's<br>Bible Study                               | 2   | 3   |
| 4<br>9:00am Service<br>2pm LGP                                   | 5<br><b>Offices<br/>Closed</b>                   | 6  | 7<br>6:30pm service<br>6:30pm Online<br>Prayer Service  | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| 11<br>9:00am Service<br>10:15 Bible<br>Study                     | 12<br>10:00am<br>Bible Study                     | 13   | 14<br>6:30pm service<br>6:30pm Online<br>Prayer Service | 15<br><b>Winkle<br/>Ashland</b><br>6:30pm<br>Women's<br>Bible Study | 16  | 17  |
| 18<br>9:00am Service<br>2pm LGP<br>10:15am<br>Trustee Mtg.       | 19<br><b>Council Mtg.<br/>5:30pm</b>             | 20   | 21<br>6:30pm service<br>6:30pm Online<br>Prayer Service | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| 25<br>9:00am Service<br>10:15 Bible<br>Study                     | 26<br>10:00am<br>Bible Study                     | 27   | 28<br>6:30pm service<br>6:30pm Online<br>Prayer Service | 29  | 30  |     |

**September**  
**Jule Jarvela**  
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**Tami Thimm**  
**715-682-4817**

**OFFICIAL ACTS**  
 Baptism  
 Natalie Rose Williams 8-6-2022  
 Mason Alexander Milanowski 8-21-22  
 Josephine Marie Hagen 8-21-22

**September 16, 1620** - The *Mayflower* ship departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. The ship weathered dangerous Atlantic storms and reached Provincetown, Massachusetts on November 21st. The Pilgrims disembarked at Plymouth on December 26th.

**September 24, 1957** - President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the National Guard to enforce racial integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**September 26, 1774**—American folk legend Johnny Appleseed (1774-1845) was born in Leominster, Massachusetts (as John Chapman). For 40 years, he traveled through Ohio, Indiana and into Illinois, planting orchards. He was a friend to wild animals and was regarded as a "great medicine man" by Native Americans.

**September 29, 1789** - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.

Today started off with an interesting twist, I had received a call from one of the local assisted living centers asking me if I could come visit one of their residents who didn't have much longer to live. To the best of their knowledge she did not have a local church. I asked when they would like me to stop by and they felt today would be fine, I told them I would stop by sometime after 10:00 am. As it was I was running a little behind this morning, I had intended on being there at 10:00 but as things would have it I did not arrive until 10:30. I walked into the facility and went to the director's office and the door was closed. One of the staff said to me, "oh, she is gone" I replied that the director had asked me to stop in to see one of the residents, and she said; "Yes, she is gone, she passed away 15 minutes ago". My heart sank, the thought raced through my mind, "another missed opportunity, why did you take so long getting here?". One of the other staff members came up to me and said that she had gone peacefully and that she had been able to share some scripture with her before she passed. She then asked if she could tell me what happened, the tears were still staining her cheeks, I replied, "Yes, please do." She said she had read scripture to the resident a number of times and had brought her Bible in today. She said they all knew she was near death, and she began to read some of her favorite verses to her. She said she got to John chapter 5, vs 24.

*John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

After reading the verse, the resident mouthed the word "Wow". She said she then reached over and pulled her Bible closer to her and reread the verse several times as if confirming that was what it really said. She said she then became very relaxed and calm. She went on to read John chapter 14 verse one to six, about Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life. She said she then closed her eyes and slipped away peacefully.

While I was being hard on myself for not being there 15 minutes sooner, I realized the Lord had used this moment for both the staff members who were present and for the resident who I feel is now safely in the arms of the Lord. I thanked the staff member for all she had

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done, we both shared a few tears at the loss but even more tears at the workings of Jesus and His word. As I was driving back to the church I took a moment to thank the Lord for all that He has done and for the love that he shows to us all. And while I know that I have read in probably more times than I can count, I will now ever remember John 5:24

*John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. Wow!*

I have a couple of churchy things to talk about this month as well. I have been talking with the Elders in regards to Sunday School and Confirmation and we are looking at how those two things will be handled this year. Because we do not have a Sunday School Superintendent the elders are stepping in to make sure we can come up with a viable and continuing plan for our Sunday School children. I am also working with them in regards to confirmation classes as well. We hope to have some options in place shortly and will be contacting both, the Sunday School and confirmation parents within the next several weeks as time is drawing near.

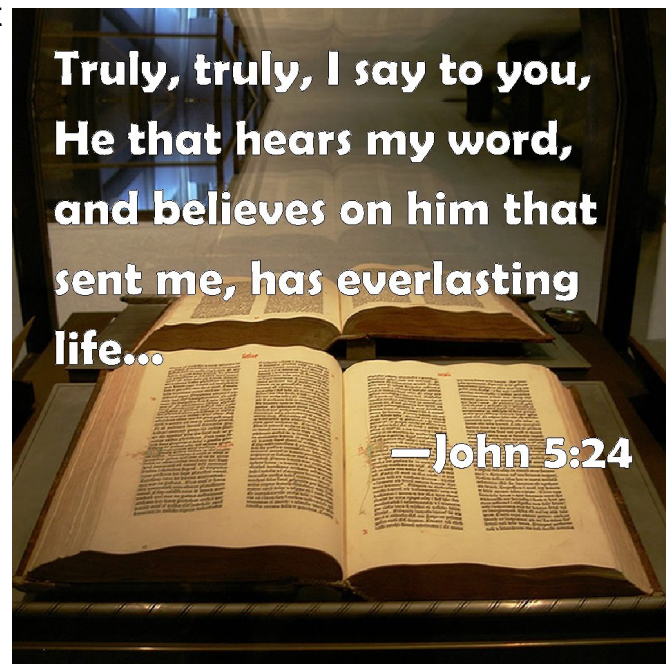
Also, as you may or may not have heard we are going to be doing a new picture directory this fall. The pictures will be taken on October 17 & 18. You will be able to schedule your session online or at church on Sundays. Everyone is welcome to have their picture taken, even if they are not church members, and your picture does not have to go into the directory. Every family or person who has their photo taken will receive a free 8X10 print and then have the option to purchase any of their offered package. No purchase is necessary. We will also be taking this time to update our church roster with everyone's name, address, phone numbers and email address, if any of those things have changed for you or were never added, please let the office know. There will be a lot

more information coming out on this in the near future. You will also receive a free directory if your picture is in it.

I think that is all for now. I pray your summer went well and for all of you getting ready to go back to school, whether to teach or learn, God Bless You!

May the Lord Bless you and keep you. May Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Pastor Rick



Craft time was always fun and sometimes messy. Minute-to-Win-it stacking pennies Storytime in the Sanctuary



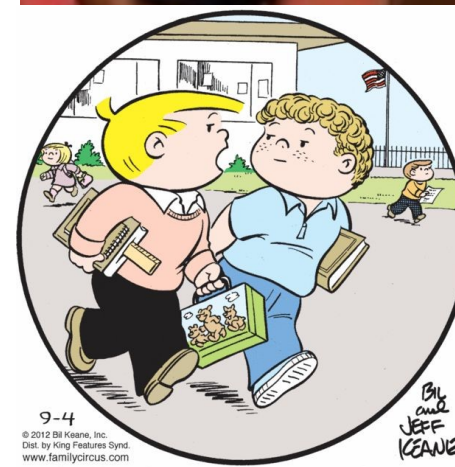
**VBS  
Rainforest Explorer  
Week 1**

- Lessons:  
 "Noah's Ark"  
 "Why we need the 10 Commandments"  
 "Jesus Finds His Disciples"  
 "Only 1 Leper"  
 "Jesus Visits His Disciples"



Jesus is always with us. Jesus loves us and we should love him and our neighbor. Jesus has a plan for us. Jesus listens to us. We sin and God will forgive us.

We did a science experiment each day. Try this simple one. Take a clear jar or glass. Put a penny under it. Fill it with water. Cover the top. What happens? We might not see God but he is always there.



9-4 © 2012 Bill Keane, Inc. Dist. by King Features Synd. www.familycircus.com "The hardest part about goin' back to school is getting my voice to whisper again."

*Lord, help all children to love their neighbor as themselves. Help them to show love to friends, classmates, teachers, and everyone they meet at school. Help them to treat others as they would want to be treated, those that they like and even those that they do not like. May their love be contagious and uplifting at their school. Amen.*

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Joseph Conder's wife also took a role in abolitionism in the United States. In December 1852, along with a number of other British women of the period, she was part of the group of ladies who met at Stafford House on Friday, 26 December to consider the expediency of addressing a memorial from the women of England to the women of the United States, on the subject of slavery, and developed this work through her role on the sub-committee. <sup>[citation needed]</sup>

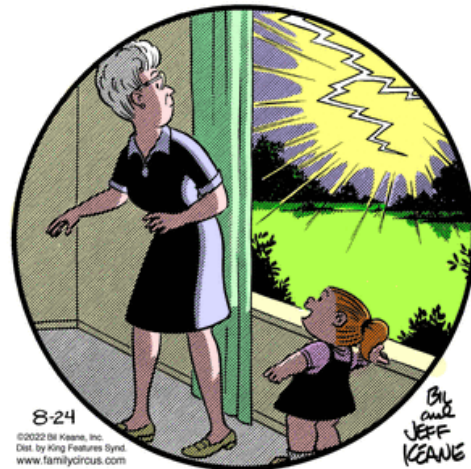
**Death and memorial**

Josiah Conder died on 27 December 1855, at St John's Wood, Hampstead, following an attack of jaundice, and was buried at the Congregationalists' non-denominational garden cemetery, Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington with a grey, polished granite, chest tomb as his monument. His literary wife Joan, died aged 91 in 1877 and is buried with him and other family members.

"He left five children, one of whom is a daughter. The four sons are, Mr. Francis R. Conder, a civil engineer and railway contractor; the Rev. Eustace R. Conder, Pastor of the Congregational Church at Poole; Mr. Josiah Conder of the Bank of England; and Mr Charles Conder, who is associated in



**PLEASE CONSIDER** joining the Quilters' Group – they meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, now through April. You don't need to know how to sew or even thread a needle, there are people to guide you through the process. We will start up September 13th at 1:00pm.



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**September**

- Yellows oranges
- Reds chilly
- Autumn windy
- Leaves bus
- Nuts holiday
- Rake mums
- Sunflowers
- Harvest coat
- Fall acorn
- Football orchard
- Apples colors
- Raincoat school
- Winterize
- quarterback

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**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**1111-11TH AVE WEST**  
**ASHLAND, WI 54806**

**Sunday Worship Service 9:00am** live streamed  
**Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm**  
**Wednesday Online Prayer Service 6:30pm**  
**Bible Studies**

Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am 1st/3rd Thursday 6:30pm Women's Group

**Pastor Rick Williams -**  
**715-209-0479**

**Office Hours:**  
**M/T/TH 9:00-5:00**  
**W 12:00-8:00 F Off**

Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor.

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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

- Brad Prill
- Alice Balmer
- Francis Balmer
- Vi Basina
- Andrea Gunderson
- James Fletcher
- Taylor Sprague
- Sheryl Hildebrandt
- Sherry Gurski
- James Lavasseur
- Diane Beiersdorff
- Terry Haas
- Yvonne Mertig
- Tim Zwetow
- Melanie Bush
- Lowell Nutt
- Herman Wartgow
- and those in our hearts

- Madge Houle
- Penny Larson
- David Gustafson
- John Schutte
- Dave Pearson
- Brett Everman
- Larry Tody
- Harold Larson
- Russel Joyner
- Lisa Thomson
- Jerry Turney
- Linda Stenroos
- Ann Williams
- Heather Gust
- Penny Nelson-Newman
- Ingrid Brand
- Andrea Gunderson

**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  
 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



WE NEED  
**YOU**  
to make our  
new All Church  
Photo Directory  
complete  
SIGN UP TODAY!



October  
17th  
and  
18th  
2:00pm-  
8:00pm  
Schedule  
Early

We are embarking on a small, but necessary project for our Christian Church Family. We are putting together a picture directory. **Please mark you calendar for this fall Oct. 17-18 for a picture taking day.** It will be just in time for Christmas cards, and everyone will receive a **free 8x10 photo, and a free picture directory.** Please contact a member of Evangelism to sign on to help.

Lori Anderson 715-292-2122  
June Williams 715-208-0984  
John and Liisa Eyerly 715-208-1037

### Questions? Help?

Please consider helping with the Picture directory project. It is a one and done project with lots of opportunities to contribute. Contact someone from above.

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code up in the top right corner.

Or go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button

Enter **wi202** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field.

Note: The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots.

The online scheduling option is not available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church.

**Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

### "Lord, Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee" Hymn

**Josiah Conder** (17 September 1789 in London – 27 December 1855), was an abolitionist, author and hymn-writer. A correspondent of Robert Southey and well-connected to Romantic authors of his day, he was editor of the British literary magazine *The Eclectic Review*, the Nonconformist and abolitionist newspaper *The Patriot*, the author of romantic verses, poetry, and many popular hymns that survive to this day. His most ambitious non-fiction work was the thirty-volume worldwide geographical tome *The Modern Traveller*; and his best-selling compilation book *The Congregational Hymn Book*. Conder was a prominent London Congregationalist, an abolitionist, and took an active part in seeking to repeal British anti-Jewish laws.

#### Writing

Josiah Conder's work at the bookshop soon came to an end (c.1819), after wider recognition of his literary talents had led to him being offered the editorship of *The Eclectic Review*, a prestigious literary journal that he continued to edit for twenty years (1814–37). With strong Congregational links, he was also invited to edit *The Patriot*, a newspaper that espoused nonconformist and evangelical causes, and for which he was editor for twenty-three years (1832–55).

*The Choir & The Oratory or Praise & Prayer*, became noted for one poem, 'The Apocalypse', which earned him a place in English Romantic literature; its popularity prompted him to pen the commentary, *The Harmony of History with Prophecy, and Explanation of the Apocalypse* for the more interested of his readers.

Considered to reflect his evangelical and liberal, nondenominational, outlook, these hymns were widely adopted by churches and chapels throughout the western world. By the early twentieth century, some seventy years after his death, one biographer noted that more of Josiah Conder's hymns were in common use in Britain and the USA, than those of any other Congregational author except for the great Dr Isaac Watts and his friend Philip Doddridge.

#### Political work for abolition

Josiah Conder's political work included a tract on the superior value of free labour over slave labour. In 1839 he became a founding Committee Member of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, which after a merge with the Aborigines' Protection Society and several changes of name is today known as Anti-Slavery International. In this role he was an organiser of, and delegate to, the world's first Anti-slavery convention, which was held in London in 1840 – an event depicted in a large painting by Benjamin Haydon that hangs in the National Portrait Gallery, London.<sup>[2]</sup> His poem 'The Last Night of Slavery' dated 1 August 1834, evoking the horrors of the middle passage, was published in his collection, *The Choir and the Oratory, or Praise and Prayer*, 1837. It was republished in the anthology, *Slavery, Abolition and Emancipation: writings in the British Romantic Period* (London: Pickering & Chatto) in 1999. Josiah Conder's *Biographical Sketch of the Late Thomas Pringle*, the Secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society, was published in 1835, and widely sold bound together with Thomas Pringle's own *Narrative of a Residence in South Africa* (1834).

Shortly before his untimely death, Josiah Conder was prominent in the campaign to finance and make arrangements for Samuel Ringgold Ward, an African-American who escaped slavery in the US, to travel the length and breadth of Britain speaking to crowds to encourage support for the abolition of slavery in southern states of America, at a time when British foreign policy, as epitomised by Viscount Palmerston, was supportive of slavery in the US in marked contrast to its determined attempts to close down the supply and trade from West African chieftains, eventually isolating just the King of Dahomey and the Chief of Lagos. Samuel Ringgold Ward held a large meeting at Crosby Hall on 20 March 1854, to thank Josiah Conder and others in his close circle, mainly nonconformists such as Dr Thomas Binney and the Rev James Sherman who supported him in England in contrast to the double standards of government policy which prioritised cheap cotton from the southern slave states over African-American civil rights.

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# Lost Coin Coloring Page



## TRY TO REMEMBER

*Try to Remember*, Lyrics by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt 1965

**Try to remember the kind of September**

**When life was slow and oh, so mellow**

**Try to remember the kind of September**

**When grass was green and grain was yellow**

**Try to remember the kind of September**

**When you were a tender and callow fellow**

**Try to remember and if you remember**

**Then follow, follow**

**Try to remember when life was so tender**

**That no one wept except the willow**

**Try to remember the kind of September**

**When love was an ember about to billow**

**Try to remember and if you remember**

**Then follow, follow**

**Deep in December, it's nice to remember**

**Although you know the snow will follow**

**Deep in December, it's nice to remember**

**The fire of September that made us mellow**

**Deep in December, our hearts should remember**

**And follow, follow, follow**

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## **Interesting Facts:**

1. Utah drivers kill more deer than hunters.
2. Walt Disney was afraid of mice.
3. More people use blue toothbrushes than red.

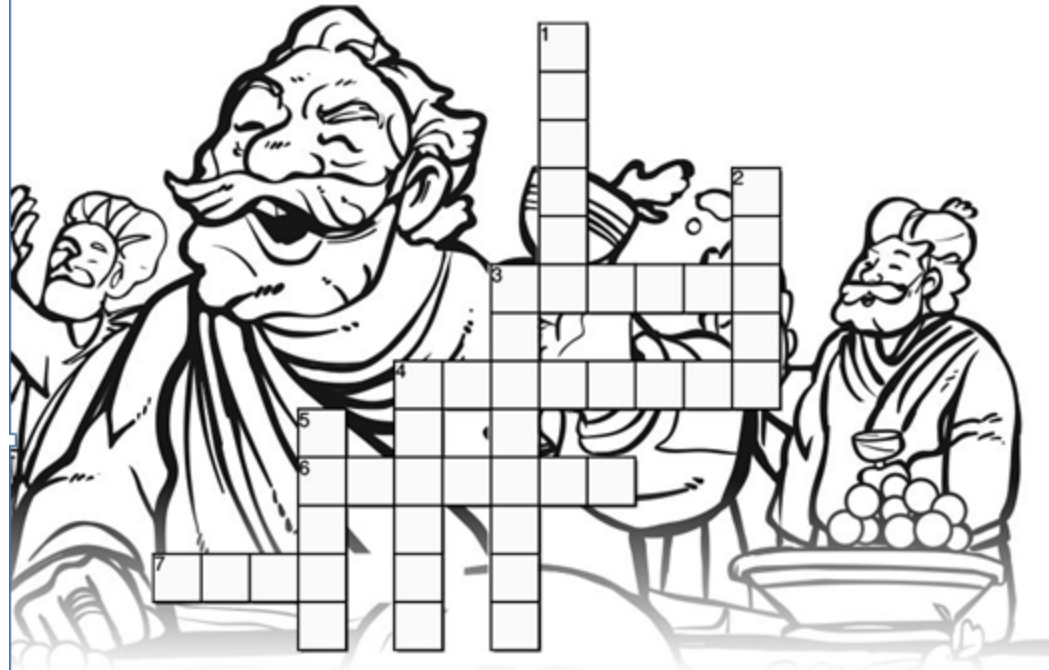
## **THE RICH MAN & LAZARUS**

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



# THE RICH MAN & LAZARUS

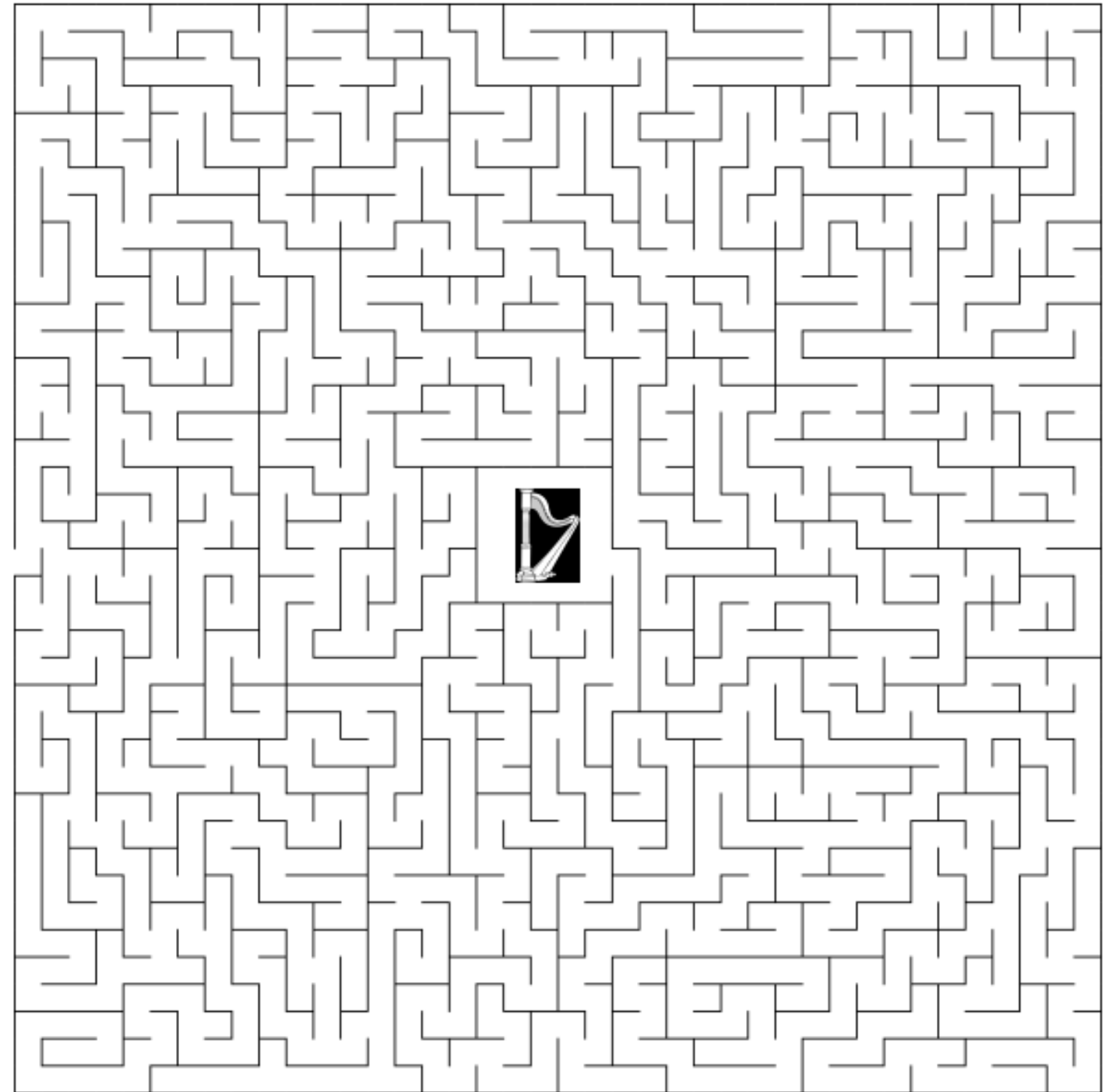
Luke 16:19-31



- ABRAHAM
- BEGGAR
- BROTHERS
- GATE
- HADES
- PROPHETS
- PURPLE
- SORES
- TONGUE

## Delight in God's Word

“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night.” Psalm 1:1-2



September is Self-Improvement Month. Why everybody keeps reminding me, I have no idea.



**Sewing Circle**  
Tuesdays 1:00pm  
2nd and 4th week of each month

Please come and join us getting quilts finished to give to people in our community that have lost their home to a fire, Organ Train, areas with turmoil of losing their homes because of fleeing, floods, tornados, etc. Anyone can join our group, no sewing knowledge is needed, we'll teach you. We have a lot of fun too!



**September 1, 1715** - The "Sun King" (King Louis XIV of France) died. He had ruled since the age of five and was succeeded by his 5-year-old great-grandson Louis XV.

**September 2, 1962** - Soviet Russia agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the [October Missile Crisis](#) after the shipments were discovered by the U.S.

**Most Wanted** Little Ronnie's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.' Little Ronnie asked, 'Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?'

