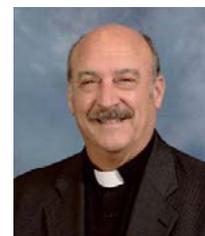




The Shepherd's Voice

January 2023



PASTOR'S PAGE

On January 6, we celebrate the Festival of Epiphany. The word “Epiphany” means to have something revealed or to have a sudden profound understanding of something that had not been completely or accurately understood. In our festival of Epiphany we remember the story of the Magi visiting Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. The news of Jesus’s birth, the appearance of the “God Among Us” is revealed to all the world.

With the Festival of Epiphany, we begin the Church season of Epiphany. The Festival of Epiphany concludes the Christmas Season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. The reading for Epiphany from Matthew, chapter 2, retells how the Magi came to Judea looking for a new king. The message was not just for the shepherds who encountered the angels that night. It was not just for Mary and Joseph. It was not just for the people of Bethlehem that night. The Magi came because the message was for them (and all people) as well. Like the light of the star that guided the Magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of Baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people. We can shine our light like the stars when we serve and love all of God’s people, making sure no one is left out or excluded.

Stay tuned for more this Epiphany season. Each week we will hear the Gospel accounts of how Jesus as the Messiah, was/is revealed to the world by his words and actions. We will also have a special opportunity on Saturday, January 7th. On that day, we (as a congregation) have been invited to join the other ELCA congregations in our area for a special joint worship service which will take place at 10:00 am at Joy Lutheran Church located on Rt 200 in Ocala. See you there!

Come and see the light! Pastor Dennis

Deacon's Corner



The 12 Days of Christmas

Do you know what is the meaning of the 12 days of Christmas? While most people know the popular Christmas song entitled, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Many people mistakenly assume that the twelve days precede the birth of Jesus, and end on December 25th. This is incorrect. The twelve days begin with the birth of the Christ child, and end on January 6th, the Feast of Epiphany. They chronicle the twelve days that the Wise Men followed the star which led them to the manger where baby Jesus lay. Though entirely secular in its appearance, the song actually contains much deeper meaning. During the late 16th century, persecuted Catholics in England were actually prohibited from practicing their religion, in all of its forms: written stories, word of mouth, singing, etc. The price to pay for breaking the King's law was often imprisonment, but a severe infraction could lead to death by hanging or beheading. As a form of secret protest, Catholics created the seemingly nonsensical lyrics that hide teachings found in the Bible. In this way older, practicing Catholics were able to pass along their religious traditions and teaching to their children without risking punishment. Let's take a look at the meaning of the lyrical symbols.

The First Day of Christmas

A Partridge in a Pear Tree - This represents Jesus Christ, the son of God and savior to the Christian world.

The Second Day of Christmas

Two Turtle Doves - The doves represent the Old and New Testaments, the two books that comprise the Holy Bible.

The Third Day of Christmas

Three French Hens - The theological Virtues are Faith, Hope, and Charity, and are symbolized by this particular sign.

The Fourth Day of Christmas

Four Calling Birds - This symbol represents two similar ideas: the four Gospels and their writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The Fifth Day of Christmas

Five Golden Rings - Leaning towards literacy, this stands for the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

The Sixth Day of Christmas

Six Geese A-Laying - In Genesis, the creation story is told in which God takes six days to create the world; this symbol recognizes those words.

The Seventh Day of Christmas

Seven Swans A-Swimming - This covers the seven sacraments of the Catholic faith: baptism, communion, reconciliation (the idea that sins are forgiven once you confess and repent), confirmation, marriage, ordination, and the ritual of last rights.

The Eighth Day of Christmas

Eight Maids A-Milking - The maids represent the eight Beatitudes, which can be found in the passage of the Bible that talks about the Sermon on the Mount. Condensed, they are: Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are the meek, blessed are they who mourn, blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the clean of heart, blessed are the peacemakers, and blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice's sake.

The Ninth Day of Christmas

Nine Ladies Dancing - This symbol represents the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The Tenth Day of Christmas

Ten Lords A-Leaping - Reflects the Ten Commandments, brought down by Moses and passed down as Catholic law. (No need to reprint them here)

Church Council News



The New Year means a changing of the guard for Church Council. Dan Cashman, retiring President deserves cheers for his leadership and dedication to the betterment of Good Shepherd Church.

Mike Busler is incoming President: Gladys Kean, Vice President: Ann Neville, Recording Secretary.

Thanks to Pat Ouwerkerk and Randy Wagner for their service to Council. Incoming members are Vera Swade, Carole Wagner, and Ron O'Keefe.

Social Ministry member Amy Gilbert reported that the Angel Tree was well received again this year, with a total of 50 tags. Amy is 'retiring' from chairing this yearly event and Pat Ouwerkerk has volunteered to chair the Angel Tree event.

Merry Christmas and Blessings for the New Year

NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS

President - Mike Busler

Vice President - Gladys Kean

Treasurer - Kathy Swartz

Secretary - Ann Neville

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joe Adams

Shelly Fortin

Cathy Heaps Stetson

Ron O'Keefe

Tom Sickler

Vera Swade



Executive Council Meeting

January 5th @ 9:30 AM

Council Meeting

January 12th @ 3:00 PM



***Stewardship is living
out our commitment
to Christ.***

Applying Bible Principles

A paradox is a seemingly contradictory statement that nonetheless may be true. The Christian life is replete with many aspects that may best be described as paradoxical. For example, when we are “weak” and depending on Christ, then we are “strong.” When we humble ourselves as little children, then we become “great” in the kingdom of God.

The Apostle Paul described the overall paradox of our faith as it relates to God’s call in First Corinthians chapter one, where he said, “... God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong” Whereas from a human perspective, we would normally choose those with wisdom, or might, or social standing, God says He frequently does just the opposite to demonstrate His power so that no one will be able to boast in His presence.

Another paradox through which God demonstrates His power has to do with money. God said through the prophet Malachi, “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and thus put Me to the test . . . see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”

Some promises in the Bible are unconditional in nature. They are going to be fulfilled, regardless of what we might or might not do. Others could be described as “if . . . then” promises. If we will do our part, then God will do His part. This passage from Malachi 3:10 is one of the latter. If we will bring our tithes to God’s storehouse, then He will open for us the windows of heaven and pour out for us such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

On the surface, from a purely human perspective, this makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. That we should give tithes to the Lord is something that from our viewpoint may appear arbitrary and downright unreasonable. Why should we give something that we have worked for, that we have earned, and that we need to a God we cannot see? And even if we should find some reason to do so, why a “tithe”? Why not just a small offering now and then?

The answers to those questions all can be found in our basic premise that was expressed by King David in Psalm 24:1 - “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” God has never relinquished His title deed to the world. He owns it all. We are just managers and stewards of what He has entrusted to us. He gives us the ability to earn what is rightfully His in the first place, and then He provides a blessing to us as we return it to Him in tithes and offerings.

And as we do so, He is able to demonstrate His power in our lives in at least two ways. First, He causes what remains to be adequate for our needs. And second, He provides supernaturally through a variety of sources “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.”

As you consider what you will return to the Lord here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, you have a choice. You can operate from a purely human perspective, saying to yourself that giving to God ... especially tithes ... makes no sense. Or you can take God at His Word in what might at first glance appear to be a paradox. You can then experience the full truth of God’s admonition through Malachi the prophet as you “test” God in your giving.

As you determine which of those alternatives you will choose, remember this: Money is the only subject about which God challenges us to “test” Him. He never gives that invitation concerning prayer, Bible reading, salvation, or anything else ... only money. Just as He did to Malachi, God is saying, in essence, “Bring the tithes into My storehouse. Prove Me. Test Me. Trust Me. And see what I will do for you!”

The question is whether we really believe God when He makes a promise like this. If we do, we will take Him at His Word. We will accept His challenge and “test” Him by giving to Him as He directs. And *if* we do that by faith, *then* we can be confident that God will meet that “test” by providing all that we need ... and more.

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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A complete listing of all the volunteer positions available here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is on our website, and printed copies are available in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions.

God uses money to illustrate his power.

“‘Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test,’ says the Lord of hosts” (Mal. 3:10).



Financial Secretary

Happy New Year!

2022 year-end contribution statements will be available shortly. If you require a copy for your records, e-mail your request to financial-secretary@gslchernando.org, call the church office or feel free to leave a detailed message on my phone (617) 755-8439. I am in the office on Wednesdays.

Your statement can be emailed, picked up at church, or mailed for your convenience.

Regards,
Cheryl Cox

Bible Quiz

How old was Abram when he followed God's call to leave Haran and travel to a new land?

- A. 25
- B. 50
- C. 75
- D. 100

An illustration of a man in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including a white head covering and a dark robe, riding a brown camel. The camel is walking towards the left. The background is a solid blue color.

Answer: C (See Genesis 12:4.)

Fellowship



Christmas is such a special time of year as we wait to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We all have our special ways. One way we have always enjoyed is the fellowship with our church family during Advent where we enjoy special meals and learn about this special time.

This year as you noted, Pastor asked that we have dinners where the meal is provided. I can't thank Deacon Bob Bonomo and Linda Lapore enough for cooking such delicious meals. They both put in a lot of work to bring us these special dinners. (Maybe, we can get them to have a Food Truck and place it in the parking lot.) I also want to thank those who pitched in to prep the food, set up the room, serve the food, and clean up. It takes a great team to make this happen. Thank you all!

As a reminder to second service members, please sign up to pitch in at coffee hour. No training necessary. If you can pour a cup of coffee, you got the job!

The next meeting of the Fellowship Committee will be January 9, 2023, 1:30 pm. We will be discussing the next date for the Tag Sale, Lenten meals, and where to donate the Tag Sale money for 2023. If you are interested in attending, please come to the classroom at 1:30 pm on the 9th.

On behalf of the Fellowship Committee, we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Betty Sanger



Serving Our Savior

SOS Food Pantry
PO Box 640774
Beverly Hills, FL 34464
email sos4food@gmail.com



Social Ministry

VOLUNTEERS are still needed for bread
pick-up and delivery.



Adopt a Highway Program

Our next Adopt-a-Highway road clean-up will be Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 8:00 am starting in the church parking lot. Hope to see many of you there as we clean-up a 2 mile section of Norvell Bryant Highway. If you have any questions, contact Linda Koch at LCK1164@gmail.com or 386-589-4727.

WELCA NEWS



As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

Our Circle did not meet in December.

Our next Circle Meeting will be held on January 11th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Shelly Fortin will lead the Bible Study “The Ten Commandments, Session One – Dancing the Decalogue” using the January/February Gather magazine. The first and second Commandments will be discussed. Refreshments will be provided by Cindy Gaertner.

We have started planning our events for 2023. All of the events listed below will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheets will be in the clipboard rack in the Narthex.

Conversations with Deacon Rick (including his calling and seminary experience)

Saturday, January 14 10:00 AM

Volunteer Appreciation “You Matter” (to recognize all the volunteers in our church)

Saturday, February 18 12:00 noon

Saint Patrick’s Day Party to benefit SOS (bring a non-perishable food item & wear green!)

Friday, March 17 2:00 PM

The Pinelands Spring Gathering will take place on Saturday, March 18th at St. Matthew’s in Ocala. More information is coming! Please save the date and plan to attend this wonderful gathering of ELCA women from the all ELCA churches in central Florida. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, we will be holding a planning meeting on Saturday, February 4th at St. Matthew’s. Please contact Shelly Fortin for details.

The WELCA Saturday Event Calendar on the GSLC website will be updated soon with events for 2023. Be sure to mark your calendars for those that interest you.

Our next WELCA Board meeting is Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd.

Shelly Fortin,
President GSLC WELCA



*The purpose of
The Ten Commandments
is to lead us to the
righteousness of Jesus.*



Worship & Music

January 3rd @ 10:00 AM

Monthly Meeting

January 3rd @ 6:30 PM - Bells rehearsal resumes

January 4th@6:30PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal resumes

Building and Property



We are asking for volunteers to help with moving, cleaning, and painting the rest of the church parking stops in late January or early February 2023.

We have to move all of the parking stops from the East end of the parking lot closer to the building to power wash and paint and then, move them back to the East end where we will re-space and anchor them. By the way, the stops are 100 lbs+/-.

If property can have some help, we can get them done quicker. So if you have some muscles, you can help load, unload, and move them, or if you would like to paint them with a roller that would help greatly.

We will have a sign -up sheet sometime in January. A sign -up sheet helps us know how to plan this and get it done.

Your help would greatly be appreciated.

G.S.L.C. Property Team





Memorial and Special Gifts

Worship & Music by Lois Lenhart in memory of **Ken Meltesen**

S.O.S by Larry and Karen Benefiel

Thrivent Choice Dollars

The following Thrivent for Lutheran Members have directed April's Choice Dollars to be given to Good Shepherd.

Joseph E Baker
Anne R Storan
Frank Dixon Wheatley

Thank you

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, cards, and messages of healing sent to me during my recovery from knee replacement. I am so grateful. After a painful setback which landed me in Ocala Regional Hospital for 4 days, I am well on my way to recovery. Although I still have a way to go, I think about you, the wonderful people of Good Shepherd, often and am buoyed by your thoughts and prayers for me.

Christ's blessing to you,

Nancy Gomes



We share our heartiest appreciation for all of your expressions of kindness toward us during the Christmas season. May God bless all of you and we will keep all of you in our prayers in the days ahead, we will also pray for you to have a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Dennis and Linda

sha·lom

/SHä'lôm,SHə'lôm/

The Hebrew word for peace is shalom. It means safe, happy, friendly, welfare, prosperity, favor, and wholeness. Shalom is the state of being in which nothing is missing, and nothing is broken.

Special Dates

1st - New Year's Day

6th - Epiphany

16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Wednesdays @ 9 AM
A Time for Prayer



Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe
Every Tuesday @ 7:30 A

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January 2023

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A Time for Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 & 11 A Worship <i>New Year's Day</i> 	2 - 10:00 A Bible Study	3 9:30A WELCA Board Mtg 10:00A Worship & Music 6:30P - Bells	4 8:00A - SOS 10:00A- Quilters 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30 P - Choir	5 8:30A - SOS 9:30 A Executive Council Zoom 12 P Lunch Angelotti's	6 8:00A – Workday on Grounds  Epiphany	7
8 8:30 & 11 A Worship 	9 10:00A – Bible Study 1:30 P - Fellowship Meeting	10 6:30P - Scouts 6:30P- Bells	11 8:00A-SOS 1:00P - WELCA Bible Study and zoom 6:30 P - Choir	12 8:30A- SOS  3:00P Church Council Zoom	13 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	14 10:00A WELCA Conversations w/Deacon Rick Scouts - Fundraiser
15 8:30 & 11 A Worship	16 OFFICE CLOSED 	17 6:30P - Scouts 6:30P- Bells	18 8:00A-SOS  10:00A - Quilters 6:30P - Choir	19 8:30 A- SOS 	20 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	21 
22 8:30 & 11 A Worship	23 10:00A – Bible Study 1:30P - Social Ministry	24 6:30P- Scouts 6:30P - Bells	25 8:00A-SOS  10:00A- Craft n Share 6:30P - Choir	26 8:30 A- SOS 	27 8:00 A- Workday on Grounds 	
29 8:30 & 11 A Worship	30 10:00A - Bible Study	31 6:30P - Scouts 6:30P - Bells				

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Jack and Nancy Gomes

01/01/83

Mike and Maggie Kirkeby

01/17/14



1 - Lenore Deck

15 - Ann Neville
Jane Lobenthal
Cindy Towne

27 - Susan Fowler

11 - Harv Johnson
Dell Peterson

17 - Carol Colson

29 - Nancy Jo Schroeder

12 - Carol Herbst
Nate Williams

18 - Fran Stetson
Randy Wagner

30 - Jim Kauth
Sandra Jernberg

14 - George Bendtsen

23 - Bob Fowler
Colleen Garvin

31 - Mary Wagner



"Alright Cashman, who misspelled 'message'?"

JANUARY



Let us remember:

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| Benefiel, Larry & Karen | Hassinger, Doug & Donna | Meltesen Family |
| Brit-Busler, Elizabeth | Jimenez, Jeanette | Miles, Ilse |
| Burfeindt, Janet | Johnson, Carol Lee | Page-Wood, Jeremy |
| Clark, Dawn | Koch, Dennis, Linda, & Michael | Pawelko, Diane |
| Costa, Denise | Lauer, Barbara | Thomas, Maria |
| Dionne, Pam | Lawrence, Ivalee | Whitcomb, Ray |
| Drennen, Rose & Family | Lepore, Linda | Wildman, Joe |
| Hartsfield, Sylvia | Masters, Leith | Wolff, Jack |

Those who are shut in or residing in assisted living homes:

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| Moll, Bob | Philipp, Dick | Whitcomb, Maxine |
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All who serve our country in the military:



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| Burba, Jake | Holman, Evan | Radloff, Steven |
| Ceballos, Jason | Jackson, Brad | Radosevitch, Eric |
| Corsino, Mykael | Johnston-Garcia, Christian | Springer, Dennis |
| Day, Kenneth | Luchay, Alan | Stroble, Jeramy |
| Gaertner, Jerrod | McCann, Jim | Swain, Jr., Terry |
| Harrington, Bryan | Miller, Tyler | Thomas, Peter Chris |
| Heinz, Karinne | Much, Jason | Thompson, David |
| Hickman, Richard | Piott, Trenton | Timpe, Chris |
| Hicks, Nathan | Posa, Codymicheal | |

Relatives and Friends:

- | | | | |
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| Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew | Burgess, Louise | Drake, Matthew | Graves, Janice & Declan |
| Balastieri, Casey | Burkhardt, Faith & Dina | Farmer, Tom | Hertel, Karl |
| Barber, Steve & Kitty | Campano, Thomas | Fidwell, Eloise | Johnson, Jim |
| Beck, Bryan | Cato, Cecelia | Fowler family | Iudiciani, Georgia |
| Beeftink, Paul | Cipollone, Elaine | Fratto, Joseph | Kraft, Carter |
| Bell, Ian | Clarke, Charlotte | Garling, John | Krol, Shirley |
| Bluver, Linda & son | Clarke, Father Peter | Gifford, Judy | Lavaja, Jim |
| Blyth, Ruby | Crawford, Cleola | Goetter, Thomas | Lewellen, Emily Anne |
| Brockschmidt, | Crooks, Candi | Goforth, Jeffrey | Lobenthal, Jean |
| Brugger, Tristan | Dortin, Rachel | Goodloe, Ernestine | Loftin, Tracy |

Longworth, Kathy	Pope, Jeff	Thatcher, Jean	Wright, Matthew
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Magnotta family	Rajotte, Keith	Tuegel, Chuck	
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McHugh, Mark	Robertson, Glen	Wells, Emmarie	
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Mena, Steve	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Williams, Dorothy	
Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Sillen, Rita	Wierzel, Rosalee	
O'Berry, Darlene	Small, Brenda & Steven	Wood, Rowen	
Pach, Barbara	Stewart, Sam	Woods, Donna Jean	
Page-Wood, Jake	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wolf, Nick	

Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers. However, **please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that your loved one or friend be removed from the prayer list - otherwise**, they will remain on the list. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military.

Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

Newsletter Editor

February Newsletter deadline is

January **21st.**

Stephanie



ALTAR & COMMUNION

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Class - Deacon Rick Mainster

Children's Class - Susan Fowler

MONEY COUNTERS

Dan Cashman

GREETERS

WANTED

USHERS

8:30

Gladys Kean

Dennis Moore

11:00

Nancy Gomes

Vera Swade

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman

LECTORS

January 1st

8:30 - Bob Fowler

11:00 - Leith Masters

January 8th

8:30 - Pat Mainster

11:00 - Sharon Maxwell

January 15th

8:30 - Ann Neville

11:00 - Vera Swade

January 22nd

8:30 - Marty Zacharczyk

11:00 - Lisbeth Goetter

January 29th

8:30 - Margot Berger

11:00 - Lisbeth Goetter

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Deacon Robert Bonomo

NURSERY

Susan Fowler



God's work. Our hands.

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Kids Corner



Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.

FIRST SECOND THIRD FOURTH FIFTH SIXTH

- God made wild animals and livestock. ○ _ _ _ _
- God said, "Let there be light." _ _ _ _ ○
- God gathered the waters under the sky into one place. _ ○ _ _ _
- God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky." _ _ _ _ _ ○
- God created plants and trees. _ _ _ _ _ ○
- God separated the light from the darkness. _ ○ _ _ _
- God made the water teem with living creatures. _ _ _ _ _
- God made the sun and moon. _ _ _ _ _ ○
- God made birds fly above the earth. _ _ _ _ _
- God made stars. _ _ _ _ _ ○
- God created mankind in his own image. _ _ _ _ _

God _aw all tha_ he _ad ma_e, an_ _t was ve_y g_od.

GENESIS 1:31, NIV

Answer: sixth, first, third, second, third, first, first, fourth, fifth, fourth, fifth, sixth; God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

TASTY CREATIONS

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.

What you need:

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
 - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
 - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
 - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
 - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
 - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
 - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story — and the snack — with a friend!

Click to learn about wolves

