

# The Shepherd's Voice

September 2024

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

I am excited about and feel blessed to serve as your Interim Pastor and look forward to ministering and serving with you as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality as I continue to get acclimated here at Good Shepherd. Thank you for your commitment and service to our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus as we Labor together in the Lord and celebrate Labor Day 2024.

#### **Ecclesiastes 3:22**

So, I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them?

### I Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

The month of September begins with the important holiday of Labor Day —a time when we give honor and thanks to the workers of America. For those of us in the Church, it is also a time for us to remember that whatever our vocation, it is a gift from God. Sometimes God calls us to full-time work in his church, but most of the time it is to some other type of occupation. None is more important than another.

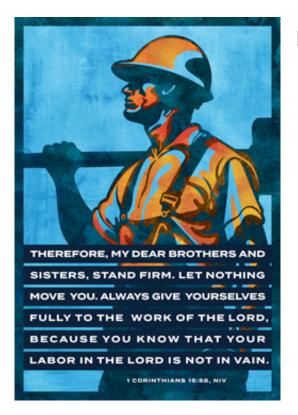
What is important for Christians is to labor in our occupation in such a way that through it we show our faith and gratitude for our Creator God.

In the wisdom of God, God decided that you, me and all people should be different, and so God gave to each of us different abilities so that he could work through us in different ways. Yet, each of us is God's vehicle into the world, "so that through us God might show his love for all people. Each of us is compelled by the work, place, time, and personal circumstances and to follow God as God guides us through his Son, Jesus Christ and by the working of the Holy Spirit.

On this Labor Day, let us stop and think of how we have been an example of faith among those with whom we labor, take some time to rest and relax, and then take time to seek God's guidance for the next year. Thank you for all your labors within our congregation here at GSLC, within the larger Church and out in the world!

<u>I Timothy 4:10:</u> That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Have a Blessed, Safe and Happy Labor Day,



Pastor Bob



### **Executive Council Meeting**

September 5th @ 9:30 AM

**Council Meeting** 

September 12th @ 3:00 PM

### **Church Council News**

The Council met on August 8th and approved the following items:

- Approved check signers will be: President, Vice President, and Treasurer.
- Approved the Call Committee.
- Approved building use request from the Spanish Language Church to celebrate their 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary for Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 8:00 PM.
- Approved to pay fees for Pastor Bob and Intern Rick to attend the 2024 Conference on Ministry September 16th-18th at Howie-in-the-Hills.
- Approved the purchase of 4 seasons of silk altar flower arrangements to be used when fresh flowers have not been donated by a church member.
- Approved expenses for Trunk or Treat/October Fest rental of bounce house, slide, and canopy.
- Approved Incident Report Form for security, property, medical, and other incidents.

### Council President's

I am happy to report that the Council approved our Call Committee. The committee consists of Lenore Deck, ZoAnn Weimer, Nina Giglio, Mel Pease, Rich Schaefer, and John Lepore. This is the first step in the long and arduous process of calling a new Pastor. I ask you to join me in thanking them for agreeing to be a part of this very important step in selecting a new Pastor for Good Shepherd. I also ask that we all pray for them as they navigate through this process.

As a reminder, Joe Marchetti's son, Donald, has been making a magnetic name tag that several members have purchased. The cost is \$5.00 and usually you will have them in a week or two after ordering. If you are interested in ordering a name tag Donald can be reached at (401) 568-8017 or <a href="mailto:11thhoursigns@gmail.com">11thhoursigns@gmail.com</a>

Grace and Peace,

Joe <sup>3</sup>



I thought I'd touch on some sensitive topics this month: tithing and pledging. Why tithe? Where did the practice come from? The tithe first appeared in Genesis 14:20, where Abram gave Melchizedek the priest one-tenth of everything he had in gratitude to God for helping him win a battle and recover his nephew Lot and Lot's possessions. Later, in

Numbers, tithing was included in the Mosaic law. The tithe was intended to support the Levites, the priestly tribe, who were not included in the land division when the Israelites entered the promised land because God wanted them to concentrate on priestly duties. There are theologians and stewardship experts who think tithing doesn't apply anymore. Most modern churches would not appreciate a sack of rice in the offering plate, although there are faithful Christians in third-world countries who do bring their offerings in that form. Others believe the tithe to be obsolete; New Testament givers are inspired by love, not the law. Still, others think that tithing is only the starting point. In 1 Corinthians 16: 1-2, Paul tells the Corinthian Christians to do what he told the Galatian churches to do: on the first day of every week, set aside a sum of money in keeping with their income. Enter proportional giving! Whether it is 10% or more, we are to give according to what we have received. I've read quite a few books on stewardship this year, and most of them positively mention tithers – once people start tithing, they never go back to not tithing. They are filled with the joy of giving.

Pledging is not strictly Biblical the way that tithing is. However, pledging has advantages both for the church and for the giver. When the majority of members pledge, the church has a better idea of what to expect and can allocate financial resources accordingly. In other words, when people pledge, it's easier for the financial folks to prepare a budget. Please remember that we don't give to balance the budget. We give to support the mission of the church. Let me repeat that: We give to support the mission of the church, not to fund the budget. The more we give, the more the church's committees can be generous in the mission opportunities we support.

The other great benefit of pledging is personal for the giver. How easy is it, if we have not pledged to God's church, to take a little bit away from what we'd planned to give the church if we have some unexpected expenses? God warns the Israelites against cheating him of tithes and offerings in Malachi 3:8. Instead of fearing the negative repercussions, look at the positive blessings. In 2 Cor. 9:7-8, Paul says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.'" And in verse 11, "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion." Pledging is a great way to keep us honest and a way to help us be accountable.

Sally Hennessey

#### Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly 2024, Orlando, Florida. Part 2.

May 31, June 1, and June 2 was **the 37th Annual FBS Assembly.** In attendance from GSLC were Pastor Dennis Koch, Deacon Bob Bonomo, Deacon Rick Mainster, Mike Busler, Angela Busler, and Anne Storan. The Theme for this year's program was **"Who comes up in your Dreams?"** 

At <u>www.fbsynod.org</u> you can obtain the agenda, ministry moments, and results of other actions taken. I am reporting on the addresses and key items that expand on the Theme of "Who comes up in your Dreams?". This is more of notes from the **key address by Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla**, who I will refer to as RMP.

Bishop Rafael said, "God's mission is to restore community". Mission is Justification and Sanctification, walking in Solidarity. RMP quoted Justo L. Gonzalez, "Manana: Christian Theology for a Hispanic Perspective". Gonzalez wrote, "Ground our lives in Scripture to open the path to engage in these times of uncertainly." Panta te ethne: all the ethnicities or people groups of the world, the expanding geography for a missional engagement. The Book of Luke repeats forgiveness, serving the poor, practice of boundary-breaking compassion; Jesus' association with women (a real crossing of Patriarchal society of His day) is an example of Mission. Mission is defined in Luke 4, 12-21, Jesus visiting His own church and delivering his new sermon about His Great Revelation of his being sent by God. This defines Mission by Christ. "The Church of Jesus Christ has a Mission". Wrong! "The Mission of Jesus Christ has a Church" is already SET! Luke fixes our attention not on an external voice, but on Christ's Word. The spirit guides the mission. Book of Acts 16: 6-15 Teaches of the Second Missionary Journey of Paul through Roman Provinces, Asia, to Athens, Greece where Paul had a vision, a dream to go to Macedonia. Paul's mission is not his own. He is told to go to the Synagogue. He found people praying, but not the 10 men required to "hold a Service". His first contact was with Lydia, a businesswoman, guite outside the "normal". His Letter to the Phillipians displays the close relation with Paul's heart, a desire for an equalitarian society. RMP described himself, at 30 being ordained a Bishop, he was hopeful. Who is showing up in our dreams? RMP invited us to "Engage in critical thinking with critical thinking: why are we declining?" A goal of 1 million, younger and diverse members is no longer! RMP declared he is not "bashing" his own church, but "What has happened in our dreams?"

Another Author was quoted: **John Caputo, "What Would Jesus Deconstruct?" Remember WWJD?** "The fundamental fact about the church is the structural gap, the irreducible distance, that exists between itself and Jesus. We are spiritual but not Religious." There are People at the margins, unaffiliated, youth, "the others." The problem is not with Jesus, problem is with the Church!" **Rafael's three Rs for missional engagement**: **Re-root** ourselves in our communities. Go outside of our own Church. RMP told Jonah's story of being "told to go to current day Iraq. Jonah said, "No! and he headed for the currently known Spain. There was trouble on the ship, and he asked to be thrown overboard. Jonah was swallowed by a whale. He prayed for survival. And the whaled spit him to Iraq. Jonah said, "Ok here I am, and you wanted me to preach" and Jonah gave the worst sermon ever: "In 40 days you will all go to hell!" People listened to him. And repented. "So", RMP told us God said, "There you have it. They are going to listen to you." Jonah had denied the people the forgiveness God granted! **Re-tool** ourselves. How do we re-think ourselves: become bi-lingual! **Re-invest** when ministries become unviable, we close and sell the property. Where does the money go? What for? We need to rethink. What other ministries can we re-invest in? A Christian presence? Or what can we do together ourselves? Mission support is not our money but God's perspective of doing God's work!

**Rev. Rafael gave a second address, he called it "A New Landscape Before Us!"** One of RPM's friends said, "Every preacher has one good sermon and many variations of it". Rev. Rafael is the youngest Bishop in the ELCA. He was ordained at 30 and that was 47 years ago. His son is the second youngest Bishop at 34, and they are the only Father/Son combination in the world. This sermon was a variation of the same sermon he gave at his son's ordination as a Bishop.

"We need to consider an alternative Faith to our real Faith. We are afraid of engaging in who we are." In 1995, ELCA developed this statement: "In peace in God's world. As a church we are a reconciling presence in the world and a healing presence in the world, and that, as a church, we are to be a disturbing presence in the world in our times."

Lewis and Clark Expedition started their expedition in 1884. They thought it would be the same geography as what they already knew and then they encountered the Rocky Mountains. Oh, Boy! Were they wrong! Another author, Tod Bolsinger, in "Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Unchartered Waters." We have ended our canoe trip. There is no time machine to take us back to the past. The future Church "must activate each of us so that more people will come to know the way of Jesus and experience Community, Justice and Love." We need a radical transformation, leaving the past behind and entering the future. In Luke 18, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake". This is an invitation for community change. Journeying toward the margin. "The focus on the Lord's action where the church is incarnated as God's instrument for liberation and the restoration of creation." Bishop asked us to recall the picture of Christ holding the lost sheep and the parable about the lost sheep. Who do we picture ourselves as. The Shepherd? We consider the sheep as the outsiders, and "I know that they (the 99) need to be found!" How the meaning of the parable changes when we place the action on the one and take it off the 99. We keep it in place because we are not "alive" if "they" are not there. Luther transformed and liberated us over 500 years ago. What has happened to us? Another author, Vitor Westelle, Professor of Systematic Theology at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago wrote: "How does an institutional reality become an event again? Or to put it more bluntly, can and should orthodoxy find its heretical roots again?" Check out the App: NakedPastor.com. One cartoon shows Jesus knocking at the door of the church, and from inside someone announces "Don't answer the door! Don't let Him in! He will change everything!" RMP continued: Break down the wall of separation that separates us! Unless we are able to build community with others (the "outsiders") we are not transforming our own church. Engage the other "Your story! My Story! God's story! We put a line in between my god and my story and your story. And so, it happens God is on my side, I am always right. When the Spirit comes into our lives, the three stories become one and the intersection becomes OUR story. If that does not happen, it is not what the Spriit wants. Faith is the ability to hear the melody of the future.

The three most important Ws for Lutherans: Word, Water (together is baptism), Wine and Wheat. In India, most of the Lutherans are from the community of "Nothings" =. When baptized they are "something". What are the sociological implications and the effect on our community? Baptism is held in captivity. Sacraments are radical. RMP told the story of how in the Philippines, during the suppressive times of Imelda Marcus, a Catholic priest offers Mass in Jail, at first alone, then one by one with other prisoners until all were attending and receiving communion. All this started by a request to receive a little wine and bread. Soon the price of wine and bread for the prison rose tremendously and the Warden announced, "No more bread or wine in hands of priest because he becomes a revolutionary." Our church is a revolution. Rafael three Rs for Reconciliation: Repentance, Restoration, and Recreation. Repentance: What are the narratives we need to deconstruct the Lies? Restoration: African Americans, Hispanics, Handicaps and Re-creation: South Africa where we have said "I am sorry". Now the "New-borns" arrive, you cannot say that to them, and the government is experiencing new leadership. In USA, racism is now a colorblind society. It has not addressed restoration, and until it does it cannot move on.

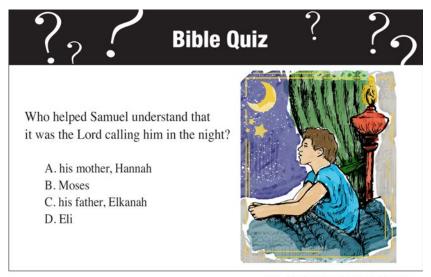
The great challenge today is to change the Eucharist into real bread and wine. Christians praying community into the authentic Christian community. "God is calling us into living into that radical transformative space. We will need to transport from the comfort of our lives and journey into The Margins. There we will be sustained by God's spirit. There our children and women will dream vision again."

I would like to thank the members of GSLC for designating Mike and me as your voting representatives. An excellent source of information of our Synod is "The FBS E-Spirit – The latest Lutheran news", a weekly email source of information; go to the website: <a href="www.fbsynod.org">www.fbsynod.org</a> for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Busler

# EDITOR's NOTE: This article was accidentally omitted from the August newsletter.



Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10.)





# Fellowship



Our next month's Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

We had seventy-one adults and four children attending our Rally Day indoor picnic. There was plenty of food and I wish to thank everyone who signed up to help with set up and clean up and our wonderful congregation for bringing in their "special" homemade salads and desserts. A special thank you goes out to our chefs, Tom Stickler and John Colson, and to our runners who transferred the food to the kitchen for wrapping, Kathy Metz and Carol Colson. And, finally, a special thank you to my great kitchen Fellowship ladies for without you it would not have been a successful day. Thank you everyone for all your help!

Join us weekly in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats, and conversation with our church members. We are always looking for new items to share, especially gluten free and sugar free. Baked goods are always welcomed.

Elaine Giammasi, Chair John Giammasi, Co-chair

# Angel Tree



ANGEL TREE-Once again we are supporting the Citrus County Family Resource Center with our Angel Tree Ministry beginning Sunday, November 3, 2024. This ministry helps underprivileged children have a Merry Christmas. The angel's names will be on a Christmas Tree placed on a table in the Narthex of the church. When you pick your angel, we will record the name of the angel(s) and give you a wish list of items that the child would like for Christmas. You may purchase any number of the gifts listed, depending on your budget. Do not wrap the presents. Donations of wrapping paper and ribbon are always welcome. When returning your gifts to Good Shepherd, please attach each to the bag: the angel tag and the sheet of paper for that angel from the Family Resource Center. Return all gifts and donations of wrapping paper and ribbon to the large Christmas box in the Narthex. Someone will check in the angel and deliver the gifts to the Resource Center.

# Serving Our Savior

### **Update from July 2024**

Families served: 496

People served: 1,374

Pounds of Food: 29,615

Average pounds per person: 21.6













Can goods always needed

### **Thrivent Choice**

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

> Linda M Cashman Dennis Wayne Koch Linda C Koch Vernon W Stephan Nancy J Stephan

### Craft 'n Share



Will resume October 5th.

# **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.

Many thanks to all who donated school supplies last month. Over 600 items were collected!

WELCA will resume our regular schedule in September, with a Board meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 11:00 am. On Tuesday, September 17, circle Bible discussion group will resume. We will watch and discuss a DVD and other materials about Katharina von Bora Luther, the wife of Martin Luther. Katie has been called the Morning Star of Wittenberg and the First Lady of the Reformation and was a truly fascinating woman in her own right. All women are invited! Please join

Sally Hennessey, Unit Leader

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### WELCA Leadership for 2024:

Leader: Sally Hennessey Secretary: Anne Storan

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Projects: Cindy Chertne

2 Co-Chairs: M

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Saturday Night Pick-Up & Food Share Monday Delivery

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# Worship and Music

September 3 @ 1:00 PM - Monthly Meeting



Chancel Choir has rehearsals every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. We open with a very short devotional that leads into our warm-up and then work on anthems. About an hour. Come join us!

Pop-Up Choir is the new name for Early Morning Singers. Anyone can join! We meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 9:15 AM to rehearse for the service. Easy anthems from our hymnals.

Handbell/Handchime Rehearsals are every Tuesday at 6:30 PM. We have a great group with lots of fun working together playing bells/chimes and learning more about them.

All three of these music groups are fantastic! Don't think you can't do it. Talk to Renate and find out more! Ask your questions. 352-228-7809



# Health Ministry

Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, John Colson, and Leith Masters. We will provide blood pressure screenings on the last Sunday of the month after worship. **See you September 29th.** 





# Building/Property

GSLC has handicap equipment available for **GSLC Members use**. We try to have two of everything, wheel chairs, folding walkers, walkers with seats, canes, shower chairs, porta-potties, and crutches. These items are stored in the large storage room at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

Note: These are for use, not to keep and must be checked out and in with Shirley. We have an inventory list with Shirley.

Harv Johnson Property Chairperson





# Thank you

### Dear Members,

Thank you for God's blessing, your hospitality and the reception with the delicious cake and goodies to welcome me on my first Sunday here at Good Shepherd. I am glad to have the opportunity to serve as your Interim Pastor as we share in and witness together the Good News of Jesus Christ this next year. All is very much appreciated.

With Gratitude and in Christian Love, Pastor Bob

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the retirement and birthday celebration last month. Linda and I were deeply touched by the gifts and outpouring of love and kind words. God blessed us in ways we could have never imagined when we came to Good Shepherd. Since my last Sunday we enjoyed some time away and are now settling into our new normal. You will always be in our hearts and prayers. Shalom.

**Pastor Dennis** 

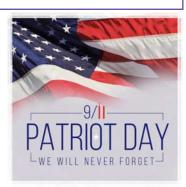
### **Special Dates**

- 2 Labor Day
- 8 Grandparents Day
- 11 Patriot's Day
- 15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
- 22 Autumn Begins













# Wednesdays @ 9 AM A Time for Prayer

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10A Worship Sunday School	2 OFFICE CLOSED  Stappy  JAN  DAY	3 11A - WELCA Board Meeting  1P - Worship & Music Meeting  6:30P - Bells	4 7:30A - SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir	5 7:30A-SOS 9:30A Executive Council 1P Evangelism 2P Stewardship	6 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	7
8 10A Worship Sunday School  HAPPY Grandparents DAY!	9 1:30P Fellowship Meeting	10 6:30P - Bells	11 7:30A-SOS 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir PATRIOT DAY	12 7:30A - SOS 3:00 P Council Meeting	13 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	14
15 10A Worship Sunday School	16 1:30P Social Ministry Meeting	17 1P WELCA Circle Meeting  6:30P - Bells	18 7:30A-SOS 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir	19 7:30A - SOS  10A-11:30A Citrus Hills POA Meeting	20 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	DEADLINE: Nowsietter Articles
<b>22</b> Worship Sunday School	23	24 6:30P - Bells	25 7:30A-SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir	26 7:30A - SOS	27 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	28
<b>29</b> <b>10A</b> Worship Sunday School	30	Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe				

First Thursday @ Noon Lunch @ Angelotti's

### **ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS**



 John & Elaine Giammasi
 09/11/87

 John & Lisa Nelson
 09/11/87

 Jim & Gerry Kauth
 09/23/78

 Fran & Cathy Stetson
 09/23/96





4 - Laura Nichols

6 - Elaine Giammasi

8 - Michael Koch

11 - John Lepore Derek Nelson

12 - Linda Cashman

14 - Sylvia Hartsfield

15 - Amy Gilbert

17 - Elin Bendtsen

19 - John Colson

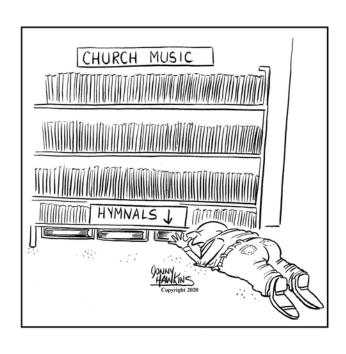
20 - Dylan Schortemeyer

23 - Maggie Bregger

24 - Ryan Towne

27- Hope Schortemeyer

30 - Abigail Swartz









#### Let us remember:

Benefiel, Larry & Karen Hassinger, Doug & Donna

Brit-Busler, Elizabeth Jimenez, Jeanette

Cashman, Dan Johnson, Carol Lee

Clark, Dawn Koch, Dennis, Linda, & Michael

Costa, Denise Krenauer, Linda Lauer, Barbara

Lawrence, Ivalee

Lepore, Linda

Masters, Leith

Meltesen Family

Mongardi, Eloise

Page-Wood, Jeremy

Pawelko, Diane

Peterson, Gloria

Wagner, Carole

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

Charon, Carol Frost, Joann Hartsfield, Sylvia Moll, Bob Lowe, Faye

Philipp, Dick Pufahl, Jean Whitcomb, Ray

#### All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake Jackson, Brad

Ceballos, Jason Johnston-Garcia, Christian

Corsino, Mykael Luchay, Alan Day, Kenneth McCann, Jim Harrington, Bryan Miller, Tyler Heinz, Karinne Much, Jason Hickman, Richard Piott, Trenton

Hicks. Nathan Posa, Codymicheal

Holman, Evan Radloff, Steven Radosevitch, Eric Springer, Dennis Stroble, Jeramy Swain, Jr., Terry Thomas, Peter Chris Thompson, David

Timpe, Chris



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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. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact <a href="mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com">gslchernando@gmail.com</a> for any updates.

Wells, Emmarie

Scheetz, Cathy & Family

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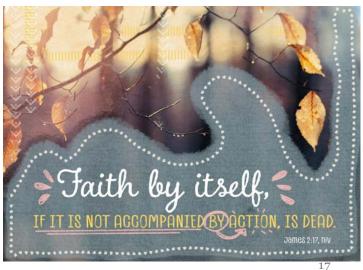
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### Stephanie

October Deadline is September 21st



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

Susan Fowler

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Sue Buldiger Harv Johnson Ann Serafin

#### September 15th, 22nd, & 29th

Bob and Lenore Deck Gladys Kean

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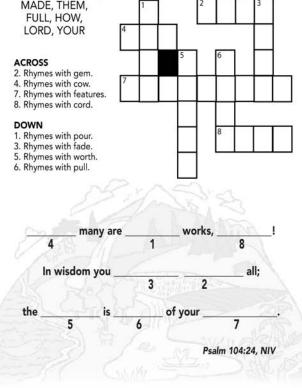
# Kid's Corner



Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

### WORDS

EARTH, CREATURES, MADE, THEM, FULL, HOW, LORD, YOUR



Answer: How many are your works, Lore! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24, NIV



Click on HOPE the hedgehog to learn about her.



Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.



#### What you need:

- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker



#### What you do:

- 1. Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
- 2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
- 3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
- 4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
- 5. Explain GRACE to someone. For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic God's Riches At Christ's Expense.

