

“Dose of Wisdom”

Of Citizens

1 Timothy 2:1–3

Pray for All People

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

Titus 3:1

Be Ready for Every Good Work

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

1 Peter 2:13–14

Submission to Authority

Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

This year, 2020 is an election year. It is a year where we will vote for the president of the United States for the next four years. As we ponder who to vote for we do well to remember our responsibilities of citizen from scripture and as Luther wrote down from Scripture the Table of Duties. It is our vocation as citizen to submit to the governing authorities who are placed over us as this pleases God. We pray for all our elected officials. We vote in elections to help our neighbor. We vote for the candidates who we feel best represent our beliefs and values and these beliefs and values help and support our neighbor. To understand what each candidate believes and has voted on issues in the past we look up what their voting records are. We also research if they are or were a part of a political party that operates under a party wide platform. We check to see if the party platform is in unison with God’s Word and see how this helps our neighbor or hurts our neighbor. Finally we vote. We pray and ask God for direction and guidance and have Him help us make the best decision possible. After that we place everything into God’s hands. Whether our candidate wins or loses we know God can work through whoever is elected.

In all this election season we pray for our country. We pray God’s hand of blessing guide us all in making the best decisions possible. We as the church continue to not focus solely on the things of the world, but we hold out and confess the Gospel, the forgiveness of sins in Jesus.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dose

EYES ON JESUS

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Gradual for Lent, based on Hebrews 12:2)

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? In most cases, people misunderstood who He is and what He was doing. In some cases, by faith, people recognized Him aright. Our Lenten series this year, *Eyes on Jesus* is based on Passion according to St. Mark. We will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him. We will “fix our eyes” on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death, and celebrate what God sees on account of His work: our justification for His sake.

On Ash Wednesday, we will see how, in spite of Jesus’ repeated predictions about His upcoming Passion, the disciples with “Misjudging Eyes” fail to recognize that soon He will not be with them, and they cannot see the anonymous woman’s anointing of Jesus as preparation for His burial. But Jesus sees her actions as a beautiful deed that will be proclaimed throughout the world wherever the Gospel is heard.

At our midweek service after the First Sunday of Lent, we will look through Judas’s “Betraying Eyes” and learn why he did this awful deed. Yet the behind-the-scenes-reality is that Jesus was “handed over” (another way of translating the verb for “betray”) by God the Father Himself, so that Jesus could die for the sin of the world.

“Sleepy Eyes” is the theme for the second week of Lent. In Gethsemane, Jesus’ inner circle of Peter, James, and John cannot keep their eyes open to watch and pray with Jesus for even an hour, while Jesus comes to see that His Father’s will is that He drink the cup of God’s wrath when He comes to the “hour” of His suffering.

In the third week of Lent, we stare into the “Denying Eyes” of Peter and the other apostles. They could not see how they could ever fall away from Jesus, but after Jesus is betrayed by Judas, ten of them flee, and Peter—when he is spotted by a servant girl and sees that his own neck is on the line—sees fit to deny Jesus, which leads to his own eyes weeping in remorse. We sinners likewise deny our Lord in many ways, but Jesus denied Himself to take up the cross for our salvation.

“Murderous Eyes” is the theme of week 4 in Lent. The chief priests and scribes saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by murdering Him through the Roman judicial system. Yet during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the Father’s sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb.

In the fifth week of Lent, we look through the “Worldly Eyes” of Pilate, the Jewish leaders, and the Roman soldiers. Pilate can only view matters in a worldly, pragmatic way, wishing to placate the worldly Jewish leaders and crowd, so he consents to handing Jesus over for crucifixion. The soldiers see the opposite of a worldly king, but their ironic hailing of Him as “King of the Jews” proclaims who He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God’s way is suffering and the cross.

On Maundy Thursday, there is “More Than Meets the Eye” to the Lord’s Supper. We will look into the Old Testament background of the Last Supper and rejoice in the mystery that Jesus, in and with, bread and wine, gives us His body and blood in order to deliver to us the benefits of His Passion.

On Good Friday, we look through “God’s Eyes” to see what is happening during the Passion: the once-for-all atonement for the sin of the whole world and the justification of all sinners on Easter.

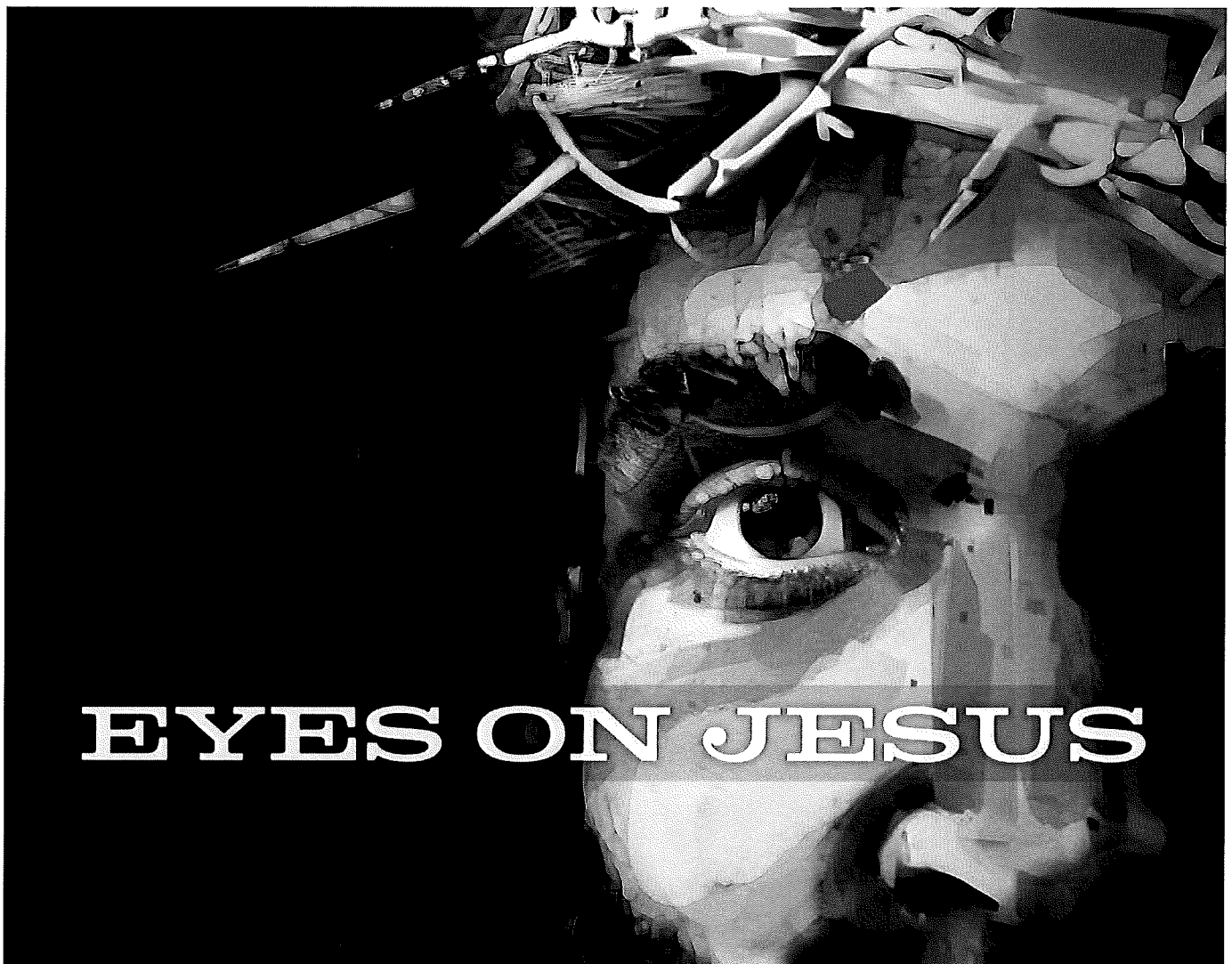
“Resting Eyes” is the theme for Holy Saturday. Various disciples rested their eyes upon the dead Jesus, cared for His body, and buried it. As Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus rest their eyes upon the

sealed tomb and contemplate further anointing of His body the next day, they cannot see that Jesus' own eyes are merely resting temporarily, and Easter morning will bring a dramatic reversal.

Finally, Easter Sunday gazes upon "Angel Eyes." The angel in the tomb knows the whole story of Jesus' resurrection. When he sees the women, he proclaims the Gospel to them, shows them where Jesus' body had formerly lain, and tells them that they can see Jesus themselves in Galilee. Likewise, the "angels" or messengers of the Church in the apostolic ministry tell God's people where they can find Jesus and His salvation in the Means of Grace.

With *Eyes on Jesus* as our theme this Lent, we will continuously focus on Jesus Christ and Him crucified, buried, and risen for our justification. This is a vision that will never disappoint, for by trusting in Jesus, He promises that we will gaze upon His beautiful face now by faith and forever in heaven!

Our Theme for Lent 2020 **"Eyes on Jesus"**





Ash Wednesday

Please be sure to join us on Wednesday, February 26th for Ash Wednesday, as we begin our Lenten Journey. Services will be held at 11 am and at 6:30 pm each Wednesday evening until April 1st. A lunch will be served at noon.

Lenten W o r s h i p S c h e d u l e

Feb 26	11:00 & 6:30	Ash Wednesday/ Holy Communion
Mar 04	11:00 & 6:30	Midweek Service
Mar 11	11:00 & 6:30	Midweek Service
Mar 18	11:00 & 6:30	Midweek Service
Mar 25	11:00 & 6:30	Midweek Service
Apr 01	11:00 & 6:30	Midweek Service
Apr 05	10:00	Palm Sunday/ Confirmation
Apr 09	11:00 & 6:30	Maunday Thursday/HC
Apr 10	11:00 & 6:30	Good Friday
Apr 11	6:30	Easter Vigil
April 12	7:00	Easter Service/HC



A lunch will be served following the 11 am Midweek Lenten Services.

LENTEN MEALS

LUTHERAN

WITNESS

If you would like to renew or become a new subscriber to the Lutheran Witness, please contact the church office by Sunday, February 24th. The cost is \$22.6 for a year.

EVENING CIRCLE

Will hold their meeting on Wednesday February 5th at 7 pm at the church. Co-Hostess is Deb Owen

Sub Sandwich Sales

They LYF has been taking Sub Sandwich orders for Super bowl Sunday. They made the sandwiches on Wednesday, January 29th. The sandwiches will be available for pick up or delivery. There will be some additional sandwiches made for those who did not place an order or who wish to purchase additional sandwiches. Remember they are great frozen for later use in addition to being served for Super bowl Sunday. Sandwiches are made with Roast Beef, Ham, turkey and 2 types of cheese, They are selling for \$3.50 each or 5 for \$15 Thank you for your support. It is appreciated.



FREE SENIOR MEAL

WHEN: Tuesday, February 25, 2020

TIME Noon

WHERE: Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia

OPTIONS

Eat at Church
Take Out
Delivery

Please specify when placing your order

Contact one of the following to place your order

Deb @ Zion Lutheran Church
689-2441

Cathy Meyer
790-7535

Sponsored by Zion Lutheran Evening Circle
Thrivent Action Team/Project

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>Camille Mumm</i>
2	3 <i>Denise Ragaller Kendyl Riesberg Grant Wilken</i>	4 <i>Olivia Mau</i>	5 <i>Paulette Von Glan</i>	6	7 <i>Hannah Kraus</i>	8
9 <i>Donna Schurke</i>	10 <i>Dane Dirks Mary Lou Kraus</i>	11 <i>Denny Maasen Marilyn Mumm</i>	12	13 <i>Al & Sandy Hunter</i>	14 <i>Shayna Hinners Trama Vetter Jacob Wittrock</i>	15 <i>Jim & Patty Vetter Dylan Vetter</i>
16 <i>Myles Bruch Ryan Middleton</i>	17 <i>Brandon Hinners Lilly Julin Lacey Middleton</i>	18 <i>Wyat Ragaller</i>	19 <i>Tyler Middleton</i>	20	21	22 <i>Brian Hausman</i>
23	24 <i>Janice Wilken</i>	25 <i>Doug Kuhl Raelyn Petersen Gavin Thiedeman</i>	26	27	28 <i>Heather Erps Emily Weller Randy & Mary Bruhn</i>	29

UNDERSTANDING THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Money from farm rent, windmill income, CD's at WSSB and LCEF is accumulated all through the year in the savings account at Westside. It is then spent the following year. So at the beginning of each year, we transfer money from the savings account to the checking account. Both accounts are in Westside. We need to keep a minimum of \$100 in the savings account as a cushion.

There is a \$171,000 CD at Westside that we use as collateral if we need to borrow operating money throughout the year (which is becoming very regular) The interest from this CD is auto deposited in the savings account at WSSB to be spent the next year. We always spend the interest and never the principle.

There is a \$104,000 CD at LCEF in St. Louis. The interest from this CD auto pays to the savings account in Westside, also to be spent the following year. The interest is the mission (RESTRICTED) portion of the Endowment Fund, and also the source of the Violetta Anderson Scholarship.

We have an agreement with Matt Lujano at Westside, that the interest we pay on a loan is 1% over our CD rate. Each year Matt will need a Corporate Resolution form signed by all of the officers. This basically shows who is authorized to sign what.

The land taxes on the farm will auto pay from the savings account at Westside each March and September. We will receive a notice of this from the county treasurer when this happens. There will be enough money there because the windmill money (a check from them) comes in January and the farm rent (also a check) will come in March.

The farm lease will be good for 3 years (2020, 2021, 2022) as it is a 3 year lease. In September 2022 a termination of lease was sent to the person renting the farm ground.

Should you need to check prior year records, they are in Deb's office.

ACCOUNTS

Endowment Savings Account @ WSSB (what gets put in)
Spendable the following year

Rent Check

Windmill payment

Interest from LCEF CD (payable quarterly)

LCEF *St Louis*

\$104,000 CD paying 2.25% (renewable in Aug 2020)

Interest pays quarterly to Endowment Savings @ WSSB

WSSB

\$171,000 CD (\$160,000 + \$11,000 from Gloria Popp)

\$ 50,000 CD (renewable in Feb 2020) from 2019 farm rent
(this is our unrestricted spendable for 2020)

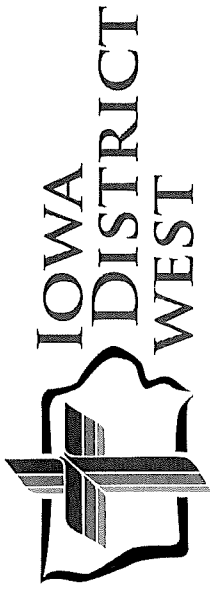
\$120,000 CD (renewable in Feb 2020) interest from this gets
Paid to the general fund) (*Gladys Noelck's*)

RESTRICTED PROPOSALS

Money from interest at LCEF

UNRESTRICTED PROPOSALS

Farm rent



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Planting Together

February 2020

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On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

The Seeds of Discipline



Growing up on the farm, there were many lessons to learn. We had "chores to do" and we had responsibility and our parents taught us how to work! There was planting time and harvest time, and we always had chores to do! The farm life taught us many things. We saw how the Lord provided for us each year. However, one of the greatest blessings was we understood the word "NO" and who was the boss. When we didn't really "get it"...there was something called DISCIPLINE. I remember my dad saying, "This is hurting me way more than you, but you got it coming!" The next time, we didn't forget what was coming! The Bible is so clear on this, but we live in a bit of a different world today! In Proverbs 13:24: "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him." As an old man, I thank God that my parents "disciplined me," and they NEVER ASKED... "Honey, do you want to go to Sunday School?" We just knew we were going to church on Sunday morning! I thank God for Christian parents who planted those SEEDS!

Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor
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Calendar of Events

February 8...Strengthening Your Marriage Workshop, Algona
February 15...Strengthening Your Marriage Workshop, Spencer
February 18...District Board of Directors, Fort Dodge
February 26...Ash Wednesday

Strengthening Your Marriage Workshops

You have two locations from which to choose:

Trinity Lutheran Church in Algona will host a workshop that will help married couples strengthen their marriage whether they've been married a short time or for many years. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 8, 9am-2pm**. Toni Larson, Licensed Counselor with Lutheran Family Service, will lead us through a time to grow in communication skills, understand how God has uniquely designed man and woman, and assist you in focusing on your relationship.

First English Lutheran Church in Spencer is another location where this workshop will be held. Pastor Jonathan Conner will be the featured speaker at this workshop on **Saturday, February 15, 9am-2pm**. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$40 per couple (payable the morning of the workshop). Childcare will be provided if needed. Register on the Iowa District West website at iowadistrictwest.org. Look for the link under "District News." These workshops are sponsored by the Iowa District West Education and Family Life Committee.

Church Work as a Career?

There continues to be a shortage of full-time church workers. You may not realize how easily you could help recruit young people to consider church work as a vocation. Consider planting the seed in the life of a young child by recognizing gifts they have and encouraging them to be a Lutheran pastor, teacher, DCE, or Deaconess. Our district is blessed with the resources to give substantial scholarships to those pursuing church work as a full-time career. Can you think of someone you could encourage? Pray for them.

IRS Lowers Standard Business Mileage Rate for 2020

In a New Year's Eve announcement, the IRS lowered the standard business mileage rate for 2020. For 2019, the rate was 58 cents per mile. For 2020, the rate is one half of a cent lower, or 57.5 cents per mile. The standard mileage rate for business use is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile.

The standard medical expense rate dropped from 20 cents per mile in 2019 to 17 cents per mile for 2020. The charitable mileage rate remains fixed at the statutory rate of 14 cents per mile.

It is important to note that under the current tax law, taxpayers cannot deduct unreimbursed business mileage on Schedule A as an itemized deduction. However, employers can reimburse business expenses up to the standard mileage rates, based on substantiation of the mileage, on a tax-free basis.

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php



What's Happening At YOUR Camp?

Camp
Okoboji

Important

Calendar of Events!

January 30-February 1	Lock-in at Redeemer-Sioux City
February 7-8	Lock-in at Calvary-Sioux City
February 14-15	CHAOS at Camp Okoboji
February 28-29	Lock-in at Good Shepherd-Fort Dodge



RECRUITMENT SEASON IS HERE!

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Camp Okoboji is looking for summer staff for the 2020 season! We are looking for college aged people to serve in a variety of areas: counselors, housekeeping, kitchen, and grounds.

To apply, go to www.nloma.org and fill out a profile under employment! We would like all profiles filled out before February 17, 2020.

Are you looking for a place to vacation or have a family reunion in a relaxing and refreshing environment? Camp Okoboji has some openings available in our Family Ministry Cabins, Bethel Retreat Center and Joppa Hall for 2020. These openings are listed on our website under Camp Facilities. Click on the cabin or retreat center you are interested in to see available dates. Camp's website is www.campokoboji.org.



JESUS, MY SPECIAL FRIEND

When the troubles of this world crowd my
mind, I turn to Jesus every time
I tell Him all that in my heart
So he can do his work of art
On my thoughts, my fears and doubts
He dries my tears and drives evil out
He has never told a secret yet
An He understands me you can bet

He treats me go gentle and so kind and
Holds me close to Him at times
Sometimes I can almost hear him whis-
per "I love you, please don't cry" He gives
me strength to carry on
When I have thought and cried till dawn
He is the very best kind of friend
On Him I can always depend

He is never too busy to listen to me and
He fills my heavy heart with glee
I hope I can be the kind of friend to Him
as He has always been to me

Kay Harrison



Jesus
Our True Friend



"A friend loves
AT ALL TIMES."

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

A Friend in Jesus"

Who could I turn to?
There's no one, but you,
My Savior who loves me,
Guides me each day through.

My Savior, who's there,
When I need a friend,
Always ready and able,
For my problems, to tend.

My Savior, who's there,
When I'm down sick or crying,
Even when my life's path,
Full of knots needs untying.

What could I say?
Your love shines forever,
Burning in my heart,
Lighting any stormy weather.

What back, could I give?
But just words, I love you
And what back might I ask,
Knowing you love me too.

Thank you, my Savior,
You're my real true friend,
You gave your life for me,
And on you I can depend.

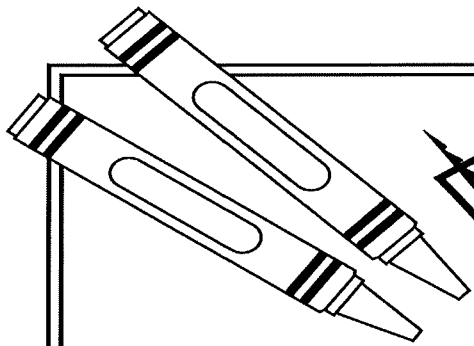
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The Holy Alphabet

(Whoever came up with this one must have had some Divine guidance!)

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

"I AM Too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.

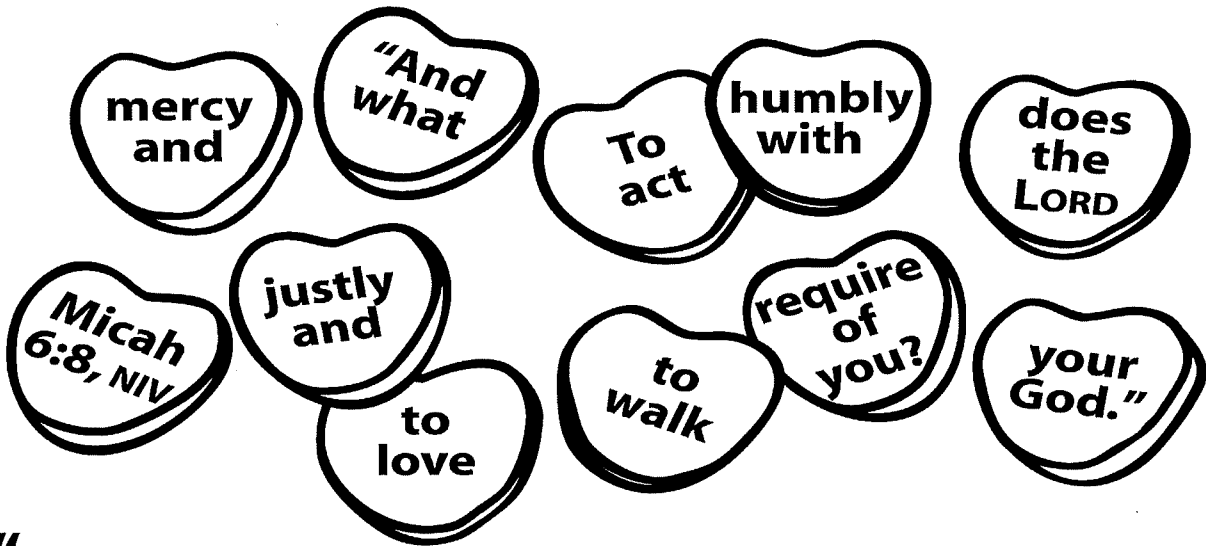


PUZZLE

Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.



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_____ ? _____

_____ " _____ 6:8 _____

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	3	4	5 9:30 Bible Class 4:00 Midweek 7:00 Evening Cir	6	7	8
9 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW 11:00 Council Meeting	10	11	12 9:30 Bible Class 4:00 Midweek	13	14	15
16 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	17	18	19 9:30 Bible Class 4:00 Midweek	20	21	22
23 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW	24	25 12:00: Senior Meal	26 9:30 Bible Class 11:00 Ash Wed/HC 12:00 Lunch 4:00 Midweek 6:30 Ash Wed/HC	27	28	29

USHERS

Dwight Ehlers
 Brian Kraus
 Curtis Ehlers
 Brad Hinners
 Colton Neumann
 Randy Neumann
 Jake Kraus
 Dale Lenz
 Zack Kraus
 Ryan Neumann

ACOLYTES

2/2 Joey Peplinski & Ty Muhlbauer
 2/9 Wade Ragaller & Wyatt Ragaller
 2/16 Kendra Schuette & Allison Skinner
 2/23 Emmett Neumann & Jacob Hanson

CHANCEL

Paulette Von Glan
 Marilyn Mueggenberg
PARISH CIRCLE
 Paulette Von Glan
 Marilyn Mueggenberg

MIDWEEK SERVERS

2/5 Annalee Wittrock
 2/12 Emmett Neumann
 2/19 Wyatt Ragaller
 2/26 Lillyann Julin