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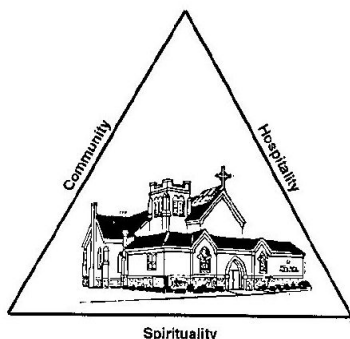
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The New year is upon us again, my mother was right “the older you get, the quicker they go”. My New Year’s resolution is the same as last year’s, which is to not make a resolution. Now that I have that out of the way we can get back to business and there seems to be a lot of that to get done.

First, thank you to everyone for the gifts my family and I received over this Christmas season, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Marla and I received one special gift we want to share with the congregation, so it will be showing up from time to time with treats for you. Some people will wonder where this gift first appeared, well it showed up at my home as part of a White Elephant gift exchange and I was told once to make sure I use the gifts I receive. So, the Redneck Monkey Chalice (as it has been named) is a special gift Marla and I feel needs to be shared, it will have candy and show up occasionally around church. When you see it please open it up and have a piece of candy and maybe a good laugh.

Second, technology is changing our world again, the church is going to be getting a new internet service provider because of some email sending issues we have been experiencing. This means that there will be new church email addresses that will be implemented soon. Exactly when is still unknown but we do know what the new email addresses are; the secretary’s will be [officeespc@gmail.com](mailto:officeespc@gmail.com), the treasurer’s will be [treasurerspc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerspc@gmail.com), and mine will be [pastorespc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorespc@gmail.com) and the hope is by using gmail we will not have to change addresses again even if we change internet providers. So, when you start receiving email from the church and it has a new address save it to your contacts and begin using that address, thanks for your patience as we transition.

Third, Elida Community Center will be kicking off this month, I am excited with the prospect of reaching children in our schools with the Love of Christ through our actions. Please be patient as we go through the growing pains of learning how this program will effect our life here at St Paul Church. We can meet each problem as it occurs and we will celebrate every victory by giving God all the praise and glory.

Fourth and hopefully last is confirmation class, you will be receiving information about confirmation class at the beginning of the year. Those who are eligible and willing need to speak to me about what times cause the least amount of stress in your schedule so we can meet and complete this important step in your young person’s life. Also look at your calendar for March 21-23 for a possible retreat. As we dream about Spring time, warm weather and no snow, we need to be thinking about a few things. Sending kids to church camp this summer, what we are going to do special for lent this year and of course Chicken BBQ a sure sign that Spring has sprung.

So until next time stay warm and dry.  
Pastor Paul



### Poem Excerpt

January breathes bitter cold air  
Into the life of most every new day;  
The sight of abundant sunshine is rare,  
Overcome by clouds, puffy and gray.

By Jenessa Fletcher Peters

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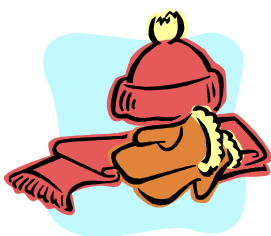
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# Thank You

Thank you to everyone for a very successful cookie and treats walk. The proceeds from this event was \$560.00 which was divided between the "Crafty Creatures" small group and the Missions



Thank you to **Sue Theodore** for her hard work in organizing the Holiday home walk. We had a perfect night to walk to **The Scannell's, Wyant's and Holman's**, all on Main street in Elida.. Thank you to those who made soups and served the meal., and to those who brought door prizes. The walk was enjoyed by all those in attendance.

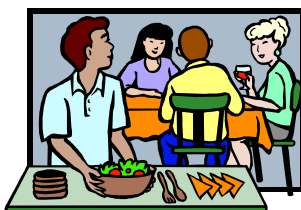


Thank you to all who placed hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves on our sanctuary Christmas Tree.

## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
January 20, 2014



**Seniors Day Out**  
January 21, 2014  
12:00 Noon  
  
All seniors welcome!

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Secretary:	Gail Fessler
Secretary:	Jone Lane
Organist:	Linda Holman
Pianist:	Lois Cook
Youth Director:	Corinne Piper
Custodian:	Dave Decker

**St. Paul's Book Club**  
January 4, 2014  
9:00 AM  
  
**The Time Keeper**  
by Mitch Albom  
  
will be discussed.  
Bring your breakfast if you wish.  
RSVP to Janet Grigg at  
419-339-2870 or  
jgrigg@centurylink.net



Newsletter  
deadline:  
the **16th**  
of each month

# NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

## St. Paul's UMC New E-Mail Addresses:

St. Paul's UMC Office: [officespc@gmail.com](mailto:officespc@gmail.com)

Pastor Paul e-mail : [pastorespc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorespc@gmail.com)

St. Paul's Treasurer (Margie Best): [treasurerespc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerespc@gmail.com)

Due to some e-mail sending issues we have been experiencing, the church is going with a new internet provider. By using gmail we can continue with the same e-mail addresses no mater the provider.

Thank you for your patience in this transition.

**These changes are effective December 23rd**

## *Upcoming Events for St. Paul's*

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Please invite **any child** who might be interested in learning to read music and be introduced to the piano for free lessons once a month at St. Paul's. The first lesson will be conducted on Wednesday, **January 22, 2014 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.**

Also, for **adults** who have never learned to read music, a class will be offered beginning on Wednesday, **January 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm.** Meeting just once per month, this is an opportunity to acquire a new skill and keep your brain active with a new language.

Please notify the office or Judy Chaffins if interested.  
Home Email: [dchaffins@woh.rr.com](mailto:dchaffins@woh.rr.com)

*A big thank you to Judy Chaffins, Lois Cook, and the Chancel Choir for their wonderful cantata on December 22, and their beautiful music throughout the Christmas season. We appreciate all your hard work and time you devote to making our worship services more special with your music.*

# Thank You

# Personnel Report for 2014

## Lay Leadership and Personnel Report All positions are effective beginning January 1, 2014

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chairperson Administrative Council	Art Holman	(15)
Church Conf./Church Council Secretary	Janet Grigg	(15)
Chair of Finance	Marty White	(14)
Christian Education	Jan Wyant	(14)
Church Historian	Jone Lane	(16)
Financial Secretary	Carole Grapner	(16)
Higher Education	Lois Cook	(15)
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(16)
Lay Member to Annual Conf.	Linda Craft	(16)
Members-at-large	Norm Grigsby	
Membership	Lavonne Segovia	(14)
Missions	Tim Piper	(14)
Nurture	Linda Holman	(14)
Chairperson Pastor/Parish Relations	Dwain Metzger	(14)
Small Group Leader	Corinne Piper	(14)
Chair of Trustees	Ron Steiner	(15)
Treasurer	Margie Best	(16)
Pastor	Paul Scannell	

### LAY LEADERSHIP

Chairperson	Paul Scannell	
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(16)
Deb Hurd	(14)	Kathy White (15)
Don Irvin	(14)	Bill McKinney (15)
Norm Grigsby	(16)	
Susan Nartker	(16)	

### PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Dwain Metzger	(14)
Lay Member	Linda Craft	(16)
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(14)
Jamie Wyant	(14)	Norm Grigsby (15)
Shirley Shoup	(14)	John Fletcher (15)
Mary Irvin	(16)	

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Ron Steiner	(15)
Vice-Chair of Trustees	Larry Moser	(16)
Finance Chair	Marty White	(14)
Margie Best	(14)	Jaime Wyant (16)
Travis Bok	(15)	Scott Fessler (16)
Mike Ellinger	(15)	Larry Moser (16)

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Marty White	(14)
Chairperson Admin. Council	Art Holman	(15)
Financial Secretary	Carole Grapner	(16)
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(16)
Lay Member of Annual Conf.	Linda Craft	(16)
Member-at-large	Norm Grigsby	(15)
PPRC Chair or Rep.	Dwain Metzger	(14)
Pastor	Paul Scannell	
Permanent Endowment Rep.	Dwain Metzger	(14)
Treasurer	Margie Best	(16)
Trustee Chair or Rep.	Ron Steiner	(15)

### PERMANENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Dwain Metzger	(15)
Trustee Rep.	Ron Steiner	(15)
Finance Rep.	Marty White	(14)
Treasurer	Margie Best	(16)
Pastor	Paul Scannell	

### WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor	Paul Scannell
Altar Guild	Kathy White
Communion Stewards	Steve & Tracy Sdao
Ushers	Dwain Metzger
Musician	Lois Cook
Musician	Linda Holman
Liturgical Arts	Myrna Metzger
Tech Team/Choir	Judy Chaffins
Tech Team	Scott Fessler
Tech Team	Tim Piper
Tech Team	Tony Shoup
Tech Team	Tim Theodore
Tech Team	Jamie Wyant

# The Business of Church

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairperson                      Jan Wyant  
 Pastor                              Paul Scannell

Linda Matlock                  Marla Scannell  
 Shirley Moser                  Shirley Shoup

## MISSIONS

Chairperson                      Tim Piper      (15)  
 Pastor                              Paul Scannell

Norm Grigsby      (14)      Dennis Bowsher      (16)  
 Jamie Wyant      (14)      Shara Bowsher      (16)  
 Maedene Holmes (15)      Carrie Metzger      (16)  
     Martha Vazquez (16)

## NURTURE

Chairperson                      Linda Holman      (14)  
 Pastor                              Paul Scannell

Becky Bean                      Linda Holman  
 Ginny Doseck                  Shirley Moser  
 Becky Ellinger                  Susan Nartker  
 Lynda Evans                      Sue Theodore  
 Janet Grigg

*Our Biblical Purpose Statement:  
 Elida St. Paul's United Methodist  
 Church exists as God's people embracing  
 His grace through humble service to all.*

*St. Paul's Vision Statement:  
 Is for the Elida community to be led  
 to Christ through words and deeds  
 enabling youth to have purpose,  
 families to be nurtured and  
 supported, and senior citizens to  
 feel valued.*

Committee Chairs	2014
PPR Chair	Dwain Metzger
Trustees Chair	Ron Steiner
Finance Chair	Marty White
Treasurer	Margie Best
Education Chair	Jan Wyant
Administrative Council	Art Holman
Worship	Pastor Paul
Nurture	Linda Holman
Missions	Tim Piper


Book of Timothy



# Faith In Action

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
November 24, 2013	98
December 1, 2013	94
December 8, 2013	108
December 15, 2013	101

**Financial Giving**  
 Weekly Need for  
 Unified Ministry Budget  
 \$3,466.00



<b>Unified Ministry Giving:</b>		<b>Other:</b>
November 24, 2013	\$2,409.53	\$444.00
December 1, 2013	\$3,961.00	\$1,312.84
December 8, 2013	\$4,581.00	\$666.94
December 15, 2013		

<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	
November 24, 2013	24
December 1, 2013	N/A
December 8, 2013	25
December 15, 2013	20

<b>Greeters</b>	
January 5, 2014	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
January 12, 2014	Susan Nartker & Ruth Burgoon
January 19, 2014	Steve, Tracy & Tahler Sdao
January 26, 2014	Mary & Norm Grigsby

<b>Flower Calendar</b>	
January 5, 2014	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
January 12, 2014	Tony & Linda Matlock
January 19, 2014	Paul & Marla Scannell
January 26, 2014	Dillon & Helen Staas

<b>Communion Servers</b>	
<b>January 5</b>	
<b>Station #1</b>	<b>Marla &amp; Cody Scannell</b>
<b>Station #2</b>	<b>Tim &amp; Sue Theodore</b>
<b>Station #3</b>	<b>Mary &amp; Don Irvin</b>

# Daily Bible Readings

## Wednesday 1/1

Psalm 103, 148  
Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16  
Colossians 2:6-12, John 16:23b-30

## Thursday 1/2

Psalm 33, 34, Genesis 12:1-7  
Hebrews 11:1-12  
John 6:35-42, 48-51

## Friday 1/3

Psalm 68, 72, Genesis 28:10-22  
Hebrews 11:13-22, John 10:7-17

## Saturday 1/4

Psalm 85, 89:1-29  
Exodus 3:1-12  
Hebrews 11:23-31, John 14:6-14

## Sunday 1/5

Psalm 2, 110:1-7, Joshua 1:1-9  
Hebrews 11:32-12:2, John 15:1-16

## Monday 1/6

Psalm 46, 97, 100, Isaiah 52:7-10  
Revelation 21:22-27  
Matthew 12:14-21

## Tuesday 1/7

Psalm 103, 114, Isaiah 52:3-6  
Revelation 2:1-7, John 2:1-11

## Wednesday 1/8

Psalm 112, 113, 117, 118  
Isaiah 59:15-21  
Revelation 2:8-17, John 4:46-54

## Thursday 1/9

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 131  
Isaiah 63:1-5  
Revelation 2:18-29, John 5:1-15

## Friday 1/10

Psalm 138, 147, Isaiah 65:1-9  
Revelation 3:1-6, John 6:1-14

## Saturday 1/11

Psalm 91, 92, 148, 150  
Isaiah 65:13-16  
Revelation 3:7-13, John 6:15-27

## Sunday 1/12

Psalm 98, 99, 100  
Isaiah 66:1-2, 22-23  
Revelation 3:14-22  
John 9:1-12, 35-38

## Monday 1/13

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, Isaiah 40:12-23  
Ephesians 1:1-14, Mark 1:1-13

## Tuesday 1/14

Psalm 5, 6, 10, Isaiah 40:25-31  
Ephesians 1:15-23, Mark 1:14-28

## Wednesday 1/15

Psalm 12, 13, 14, Isaiah 41:1-16  
Ephesians 2:1-10, Mark 1:29-45

## Thursday 1/16

Psalm 18, Isaiah 41:17-29  
Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 2:1-12

## Friday 1/17

Psalm 16, 17, 22  
Isaiah 42:(1-9)10-17  
Ephesians 3:1-13, Mark 2:13-22

## Saturday 1/18

Psalm 20, 116, 117  
Isaiah 43:1-13  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
Mark 2:23-3:6

## Sunday 1/19

Psalm 148, 149, 150  
Isaiah 43:14-44:5  
Hebrews 6:17-7:10, John 4:27-42

## Monday 1/20

Psalm 9, 15  
Isaiah 44:6-8, 21-23  
Ephesians 4:1-16, Mark 3:7-19a

## Tuesday 1/21

Psalm 26, 28, 36  
Isaiah 44:9-20  
Ephesians 4:17-32  
Mark 3:19b-35

## Wednesday 1/22

Psalm 38, 119:25-48  
Isaiah 44:24-45:7  
Ephesians 5:1-14, Mark 4:1-20

## Thursday 1/23

Psalm 37, Isaiah 5:15-33  
Mark 4:21-34

## Friday 1/24

Psalm 31, 35, Isaiah 45:18-25  
Ephesians 6:1-9, Mark 4:35-41

## Saturday 1/25

Psalm 30, 32, 42, Isaiah 46:1-13  
Ephesians 6:10-24, Mark 5:1-20

## Sunday 1/26

Psalm 98, 103, Isaiah 47:1-15  
Hebrews 10:19-31, John 5:2-18

## Monday 12/27

Psalm 41, 52, Isaiah 48:1-11  
Galatians 1:1-17, Mark 5:21-43

## Tuesday 12/28

Psalm 45, 47, Isaiah 48:12-21  
Galatians 1:18-2:10  
Mark 6:1-13

## Wednesday 12/29

Psalm 119:49-72, 49  
Isaiah 49:1-12  
Galatians 2:11-21, Mark 6:13-29

## Thursday 12/30

Psalm 50, 59, Isaiah 49:13-23  
Galatians 3:1-14  
Mark 6:30-46

## Friday 12/31

Psalm 40, 51, Isaiah 50:1-11  
Galatians 3:15-22  
Mark 6:41-56



## Finance

**“Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back” Luke 6:38**

Thank you for your attendance and participation in the five Sundays of Stewardship October 27 – November 24. Thanks for the fine luncheon sponsored by the Nurture Committee on Consecration Sunday. Pastor Paul focused on the ‘Five Pillars of Methodism’ including ‘Extravagant Generosity’: Fruitful congregations thrive because of extraordinary sharing, willing sacrifice, and joyous giving out of love for God and neighbor.

The Finance Committee finalized its expense budget for 2014 during its December 9 meeting. It will be presented to the Administrative Council on January 13, 2014, for review, approval, and implementation. Medical insurance, pension, Social Security/Medicare, and payroll increases created \$11,000 more in anticipated expenses for 2014 compared with 2013. To date, estimated giving is down a bit 2014 v. 2013 following a tally of pledge cards presented on Consecration Sunday. However, total ‘estimated giving’ is supplemented with various other forms of income. When factored in with our current surplus generated by early mortgage retirement, the Finance Committee will deliver a proposed budget in January which is very practicable, within our means, and meets our Mission and Vision Statements. A full report will appear in the February, 2014 newsletter.

Thank you for your overwhelming spirit of stewardship in the form of new Building Fund as nearly \$23,000 has been pledged to date. It is the Trustees’ intent to use this fund for short-term, highly-visible improvements or repairs to our building and grounds. It will also serve as seed money for larger projects if need be or as emergency funding for remarkable unplanned expenses. More on this topic will be reported to the congregation on a quarterly basis.

And thank you for a very successful financial Year 2013! We again paid our District and Conference Apportionments ‘in full’ (\$19,129). We paid off our mortgage 17 months in advance. The Trustees enjoyed a very productive year in keeping up with repairs and improvements to our building and grounds (with a little assistance from the Village as consideration for the grant of a storm sewer easement across our north parking lot.) One result of this bounty is the addition of a budget line item in 2014 for Mission work – something we never had to date. God has showered our congregation with His blessings!

**“Remember: sparse sowing, sparse reaping; sow bountifully and you will reap bountifully” 2 Corinthians 9:6**



Consecration Sunday  
November 24, 2013



# Shirt orders

## ST. PAULS UMC SHIRT ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### POLO SHIRT \$22.00 EACH

S M L XL XXL XXXL

Ladies: \_\_\_\_\_

Men's: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

### T-SHIRT \$12.00 EACH

S M L XL XXL XXXL

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

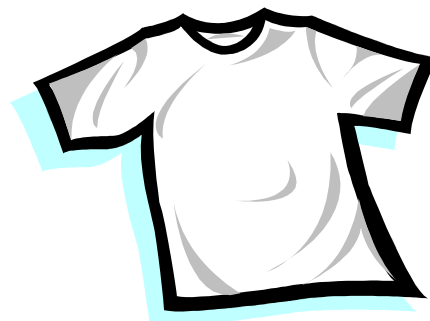
Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC*

Turn form into the church office or to Linda Holman.

Order deadline: Sunday January 26th



You may be asking where would I wear my shirt ?  
Some occasions that you may want to wear your  
St. Paul's UMC Shirt would be to our Chicken BBQ,  
soup kitchen, working at basketball games, football  
games, Fair chairs or anywhere you wish to show your  
support for St. Paul's UMC.

# Remember When...



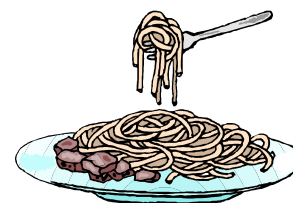
1978  
Cub Scout Troop  
Larry Brown, Leader



Cherub Choir—January, 1991  
Front: David Segovia, Tyler Smith,  
Ashley Reiff, Logan Smith  
Back: Jon Cook, Megan Gossard, Sara  
Matlock, Tara Thompson, Angie Gossard



January, 2005  
St. Paul Youth Fundraising  
Spaghetti Lunch



# Connecting With ...



October 15, 2013  
Seniors Day Out—"Octoberfest"  
L-R: Gary and Shirley Adams, Norm Grigsby,  
Maedene Holmes, Denny and Connie Mault



## Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital  
Becky Bean  
Fran Hall  
Phyllis Trigg

Homebound Members  
Hazel Dunn  
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement  
Joanna Hurd  
Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions  
Jason Stanley  
Eddie Mault



Seniors Day Out—"Octoberfest"  
L-R: Bill and Joyce Nichols, Dottie Foster,  
Jerry Crates, Bill and Esther McKinney

*Dear St. Paul's Friends,  
I would like to thank everyone  
for the flowers and cards I  
received after my surgery.  
Special thanks to Pastor Paul  
for his visits.  
Larry Moser*

Thank  
YOU!

# Consecration Sunday

Thank You to the Nurture committee for their hard work for the Consecration Sunday luncheon.

November 24, 2013



**Meetings**

- January 6, 2014  
PPR...7:00 PM
- January 7, 2014  
Trustees...7:00 PM
- January 8, 2014  
Worship Team..6:00 PM
- January 13, 2014  
Finance...7:00 PM
- January 13, 2014  
Ad Council..7:30 PM
- January 21, 2014  
Missions...7:00 PM
- Sundays**  
Prayer...8:45 AM  
Sunday Sch...9:00 AM  
Fellowship...9:30 AM  
Worship...10:00 AM
- Wednesdays**  
Chancel Choir...7:00

# January 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Tim Piper Ron Stewart	2	3 Becky Ellinger	4
						
5 Shara Bowsher Lois Cook	6	7	8 Cindy Guess Larry Moser Barry Smith	9 Jenessa Peters	10 Larkin Wyant	11 Nate Craft
12 Jaime Chambers	13 Carolyn Michael Brian Nartker	14	15	16 Steve Sdao	17 Norm Grigsby	18
19	20	21 Adrianna Ellinger Shirley Shoup	22	23 Joanne Bragg Roger Matlock	24	25
26 Ginger Fox Jeff Reiff	27	28	29	30 Wanda Strayer Zack White	31 Judy Strayer	

*Anniversaries*

- Rudy & Lavonne Segovia*  
January 1  
56yrs.
- Paul & Marla Scannell*  
January 8
- Gerald & Wanda Strayer*  
January 13  
60 yrs.
- Bill & Bev Nesbitt*  
January 16
- Don & Maedene Holmes*  
January 25  
55 yrs.

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

## Honey and Locusts *by Christy Olson*

Ingredients		Instructions
6 cups	Mixed grain cereal (corn, rice and multigrain)	<p>This recipe will make about 10 cups, so adjust amounts according to how much you want to eat.</p> <p>Combine first 3 ingredients in large roasting pan.</p> <p>In medium saucepan heat the last 3 ingredients and bring them to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer and cook without stirring for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda. Pour this over the cereal mixture and stir to coat.</p> <p>Bake at 300 degrees for 15 minutes, stir, and bake for 5 more minutes. Stir in 1 cup dried fruit (such as cranberries, cherries, or raisins).</p> <p>Spread this mixture on a large sheet of foil that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Cool and enjoy your honey and locusts! Store leftovers in an airtight container.</p>
3 cups	Pretzel twists	
1 cup	Peanuts, pecans, or almonds	
3/4 cup	Brown sugar	
6 Tbl.	Butter	
3 Tbl.	Honey	
1/4 tsp.	Baking soda	



## Country Egg Breakfast Casserole *By Mary Itvin*

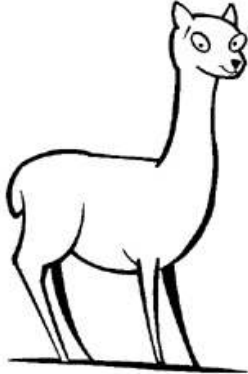
Ingredients		Instructions
4 1/2 cups	Hash brown potatoes	<p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees.</p> <p>With a wire whisk, mix eggs, milk, and margarine.</p> <p>Layer ham or sausage on bottom of greased 13x9 inch baking pan. Add hash browns on top of egg mixture. Sprinkle cheese over top.</p> <p>Bake 45-60 minutes until light brown and center is set.</p>
1 lb.	Ham cut in small pieces OR Sausage, browned and drained	
9	Eggs, lightly beaten	
3/4 cup	Milk	
1/4 cup	Margarine, melted	
8 oz.	Shredded cheddar cheese	



# KIDZ KORNER

## Animal Facts

On the sixth day God created the animals of the earth of every kind (Gen 1:24-26).



1 Draw a line to match the fact to the animal.

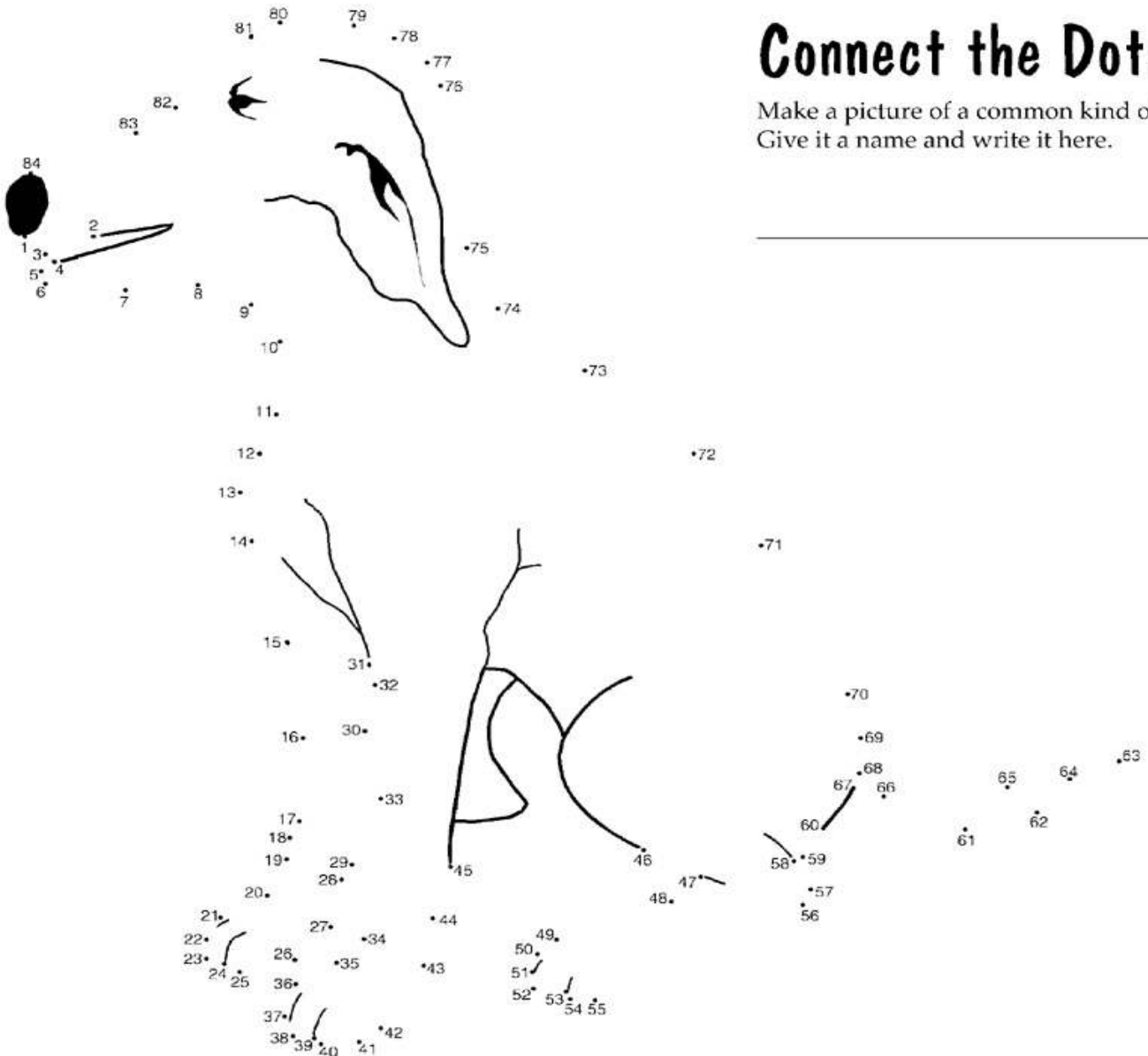
1. I'm green and live in and out of water.
2. I catch lots of insects with a trap I make.
3. I can fly up, down, sideways, forward, backward and hover.
4. I'm the largest creature on earth.
5. I can hang by my tail and I play dead.
6. I live near the North Pole and my babies are born in a snow drift.
7. I can stand on my front legs and spray a terrible scent.
8. I have a bill, four webbed feet, and live mostly under water.
9. I can fly, but I have skin, not feathers.

- a. bat
- b. skunk
- c. platypus
- d. spider
- e. frog
- f. blue whale
- g. polar bear
- h. opossum
- i. humming bird

Answers: 1.e 2.d 3.i 4.f 5.h 6.g 7.b 8.c 9.a

## Connect the Dots

Make a picture of a common kind of pet. Give it a name and write it here.



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# Living Our Faith



### Jesus' Baptism and Ours

Baptism is a sign of the relationship God initiates with us. We love because God first loves us. Water was used in Jesus' baptism, which we remember this year on January 12, and it is still used in baptism today. If you have been baptized, find out all you can about that day. Where were you baptized? When did it happen? Who was there, and what happened? Write

down what you learned. Now read the story of Jesus' baptism in **Matthew 3:13-17** and compare your stories. What was similar? What was different? The main thing that all baptisms share is the water and the word of God: you are my beloved child. You can learn more about water and baptism through the following activities.

### Honey and Locusts

The Bible tells us that the person who baptized Jesus - John the Baptizer - lived in the wilderness near the Jordan River. John ate honey and locusts. These treats don't really have bugs in it, but the hint of sweetness combined with the crunch might remind you of the honey and locusts that John ate! Find the recipe on the page 14.

### How Many Drops Make A Puddle?

When have you seen or played in puddles? Have you ever wondered how many drops it takes to make a puddle? To find out, make your own puddle. You'll need a small bowl of water, a plate, and a large rubber band. Let the rubber band form a small circle in the center of the plate. Guess how many drops it will take to make a puddle inside the rubber band; then put your fingertip in the water and count the drops dripping off your finger into the rubber band.



### Praying Together

With all that I do,  
and all that I say,  
help me to walk  
in Jesus' way.