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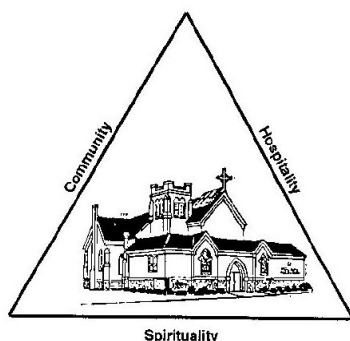
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Hello Everyone,

May is gone, and June is here, the first official month of summer, and we are quickly moving into the rhythm of summer. Cookouts, camping, trips to the beach or pool, and so much more make up the rituals of summer. Maybe you do other things like baseball, boating, or long bicycle rides. Whatever it is that you do, I hope you find rest and relaxation in the warmth of summer. I hope you will join us in Faurot Park at the pavilion for a combined Pentecost service on the 8th of June at 10:30 am, bring a chair and be United in Spirit with the United Methodists of Allen County, Ohio.

At the end of the month, we will be beginning our journey as part of a 2-point charge with Lima Westside United Methodist Church. They will be having their service at 9 am, which means I will be sliding into service after you have begun, but my hope is, to be here every Sunday before children's time. I will also be out of the office on Tuesdays when I will be in the office at Westside. I will also begin to be in the office on Sunday afternoons for a few hours to fulfill my time here at St Paul's. If you need me on Tuesdays, you can come over to Westside or give me a call, and I am letting them know I am available here M, W, Th & Su. Everything else we will work out over the coming months as we all learn to live into this new way of ministry together.

Finally, this month, I want to say it has been a great 13 years here at Elida St. Paul's, and I am excited to be staying here to see how God continues to move here in Elida. I don't say it as much as I should, but from the very beginning, you have been welcoming and have shown my family and I God's love and grace. We are a strange bunch with so many quirks and oddities we are surprised anyone puts up with us. It has been a very good fit. Yes, there have been problems along the way, but everyone involved has been willing to work together for the good of one of God's churches here in Elida. I hope we can continue to make ever larger impacts here in our local community and wherever God sends us. Who knows, maybe this will be the beginning of another 13 years of ministry here that will grow God's kingdom (We can always dream, right?)

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul

Thought for the Month:

God is like a friend, full of loving care; someone you can trust who's always there.

—Natalie Sleeth

JUNE 1

**Coins for Communion to benefit
U.M.C.O.R
U. S. Disaster Relief Fund**



Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Sunday June 8

We will be having a combined Pentecost service with St. Paul's, Shawnee, Trinity, Forest Park, and Westside United Methodist Churches on **June 8th, at 10:30 am, at the Faurot Park Pavilion.** There will be about 30 minutes of praise music before and after the service. Bring a chair to sit on, we will have shuttles running from the parking lot, there will be coffee, donuts, stuff for kids, and a special children's time during the service. I hope to see you all there on the 8th!

Summer Hymn Sing starts June 1

The Hymn Sing is a time to choose your favorite hymn during the Worship Service. If you are watching the service remotely you may contact Pastor Paul or the office with your favorite hymn suggestion.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's Christian Symbol



**Deadline: the 20th
of each month**

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Secretary	Gail Fessler
Pianist	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Casey Rife
Custodian	Dave Decker

RIVER



In the Bible, rivers (and other bodies of water) often represent deliverance, salvation, freedom and cleansing. The Jordan River is especially prominent: The Israelites crossed it to enter the Promised Land after God delivered them from slavery, and John baptized Jesus (and many other people) there. The image of crossing the Jordan River has long been a metaphor for death — crossing from earthly to heavenly life, from worldly struggles to the bliss of God's kingdom, from physical ailments to the wholeness of a resurrection body.

June 14



First Day of Summer
June 20



June 15



June 19
Juneteenth

**Food Pantry Sunday
June 22**

Sandwich and Salad items needed:

Sandwich and Salad supplies:
ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, relish, peanut
butter, almond butter, canned meat, jam & jelly;
salad dressings, croutons.

**Donations are taken to
The Church at Allentown**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**Children's
CHURCH**



Preschool Class

**The Preschool class lead by
Shirley Moser will continue to
meet during the summer!**

Elementary Class

**NO Elementary class during
the summer!
We invite those children
to stay for the worship
service.**

Missions

Family Promise Mission

A big 'thank you' to everyone who provided food for the five families at Family Promise on April 25! These families continue to get jobs and housing so our help with meals for them at Family Promise is being "paid forward" as they get back on their feet! Our next Family Promise night is July 25.



Dear Friends in Mission,
The dear people you helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank You!
Your gift received on March 24, 2025:
UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery \$725
UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery \$725

Heifer International

Dear Friends,
I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your group's contribution of \$260 to Heifer to purchase a flock of chicks, sheep, and goat. Your compassion makes a permanent difference in so many lives.

Christy Moore
Senior Vice President of Marketing

Blessing of Walker Bags

Shirley Moser and Cathy Najmon of the Crafty Creatures, sewed together walker bags that were blessed on April 27 and delivered on the 28th; 30 to Shawnee Manor, 23 to Otterbein, and 23 to Springview Manor, for their residents to enjoy.



Hymn History

Onward Christian Soldiers

"Then Sings My Soul", By Robert J. Morgan

1865

You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, Who is with you... 2 Corinthians 20:17

Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould was born in Exeter in 1834. His father, an officer with the East India Company, had a disabling carriage accident and decided that if he couldn't work, he could at last travel. As a result, little Sabine was dragged from one end of Europe to the other, year after year. It gave him an unsettled childhood, spotty schooling, and a wanderlust he never outgrew. He later managed to scrap through Cambridge, but for the most part he is remembered as a brilliant, self-taught scholar. That helps explain why he developed certain eccentric habits. When he taught school, for example, he kept a pet bat on his shoulder.

From Sabine's original mind flowed an endless number of books, articles, poems, hymns, and tracts. This particular hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was written on a Whitsunday's evening in the mid-1860s.

Whitsunday is better known as Pentecost Sunday. It got its "nickname" because it became a popular day for new Christians to be baptized. The baptismal candidates marched to the rivers or fonts wearing robes of white. Thus it came to be called "White Sunday" or Whitsunday.

It was on this day in 1865, in the little town of Horbury, England, that Sabine stayed up late searching through hymnbooks for a martial-type hymn for children. The next day, Monday, all the village children were marching to the neighboring town for a Sunday school rally. Sabine wanted to give them a "marching song" for the trip. Searching his hymnals and finding nothing, he began scribbling on a piece of paper, playing with words, dashing off lines until he had written a hymn of his own just for the occasion:

*Onward, Christian soldiers / Marching as to war, /
With the cross of Jesus / Going on before.*

"It was written in great haste," he later said, "and I am afraid some of the rhymes are faulty. Certainly, nothing has surprised me more than its popularity."

Perhaps you have noticed that several of our greatest "adult" hymns were originally written or translated for children. See, for example, the stories behind "All Creatures of Our God and King," "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," "I Heard the voice of Jesus say," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Add "Onward Christian Soldiers" to that list, and visualize the eccentric preacher, singing in step, marching alongside the children—perhaps with a pet bat on his shoulder.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

May 4, 2025	68
May 11, 2025	61
May 18, 2025	81
May 25, 2025	46

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$4,386.25

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
May 4, 2025	\$4,943.40	\$185.00
May 11, 2025	\$3,316.60	\$155.00
May 18, 2025	\$1,942.57	\$695.00
May 25, 2025	\$1,487.58	\$355.00

Sunday School Attendance

May 4, 2025	12
May 11, 2025	8
May 18, 2025	15
May 25, 2025	4

Hospitality Cart

June 1, 2025	OPEN
June 8, 2025	Pentecost Worship at Faurot Park
June 15, 2025	OPEN
June 22, 2025	Sue Theodore
June 29, 2025	OPEN

Flower Calendar

June 1, 2025	Barb & Greg Schade
June 8, 2025	Art Holman
June 15, 2025	Steve & Tracy Sdao
June 22, 2025	Blake Selover
June 29, 2025	Scott & Gail Fessler



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday 6/1

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Ezekiel 3:16-27
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 10:24-42

Monday 6/2

Psalm 89, Ezekiel 4:1-17
Hebrews 6:1-12, Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday 6/3

Psalm 95, 100, Ezekiel 7:10-27
Hebrews 6:13-20, Luke 10:1-17

Wednesday 6/4

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Hebrews 7:1-17, Luke 10:17-24

Thursday 6/5

Psalm 105, Ezekiel 18:1-32
Hebrews 7:18-28, Luke 10:25-37

Friday 6/6

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Ezekiel 34:17-31
Hebrews 8:1-13, Luke 10:38-42

Saturday 6/7

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
Ezekiel 43:1-12
Hebrews 9:1-14, Luke 11:14-23

Sunday 6/8

Psalm 118, 145, Isaiah 11:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
John 14:21-29

Monday 6/9

Psalm 106, Isaiah 63:7-14
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 11:24-36

Tuesday 6/10

Psalm 120, 127
Isaiah 63:15-64:9
2 Timothy 1:15-2:13
Luke 11:37-52

Wednesday 6/11

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Isaiah 65:1-12
2 Timothy 2:14-26
Luke 11:53-12:12

Thursday 6/12

Psalm 133, Isaiah 65:17-25
2 Timothy 3:1-17, Luke 12:13-31

Friday 6/13

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Isaiah 66:1-6
2 Timothy 4:1-8, Luke 12:32-48

Saturday 6/14

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Isaiah 66:7-14
2 Timothy 4:9-22
Luke 12:49-59

Sunday 6/15

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 1:1-18

Monday 6/16

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Ruth 1:1-18
1 Timothy 1:1-17, Luke 13:1-9

Tuesday 6/17

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
Ruth 1:19-2:13
1 Timothy 1:18-2:8
Luke 13:10-17

Wednesday 6/18

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Ruth 2:14-23
1 Timothy 3:1-16
Luke 13:18-30

Thursday 6/19

Psalm 18, Ruth 3:1-18
1 Timothy 4:1-16, Luke 13:31-35

Friday 6/20

Psalm 16, 17, 22, Ruth 4:1-17
1 Timothy 5:17-22, Luke 14:1-11

Saturday 6/21

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Deuteronomy 1:1-8
1 Timothy 6:6-21, Luke 14:12-24

Sunday 6/22

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Deuteronomy 4:1-9
Revelation 7:1-17
Matthew 12:33-45

Monday 6/23

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Deuteronomy 4:9-14
2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Luke 14:25-35

Tuesday 6/24

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Deuteronomy 4:15-24
2 Corinthians 1:12-22
Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday 6/25

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Deuteronomy 4:25-31
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
Luke 15:1-32

Thursday 6/26

Psalm 37, Deuteronomy 4:32-40
2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Luke 16:1-9

Friday 6/27

Psalm 31, 35
Deuteronomy 5:1-22
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Luke 16:10-18

Saturday 6/28

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Deuteronomy 5:22-33
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10
Luke 16:19-31

Sunday 6/29

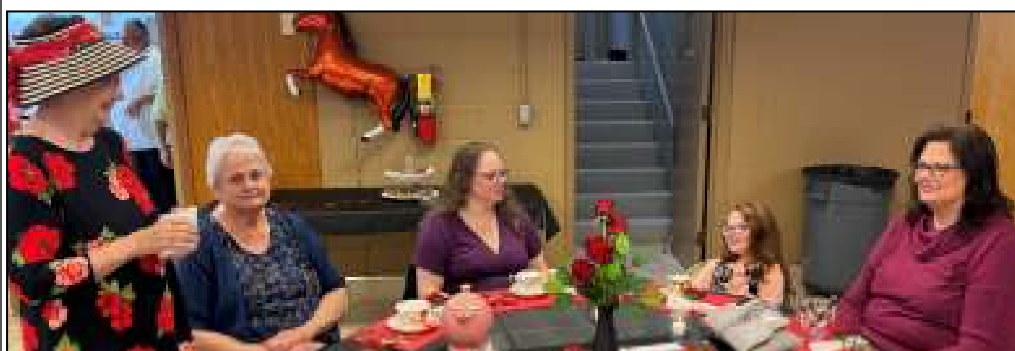
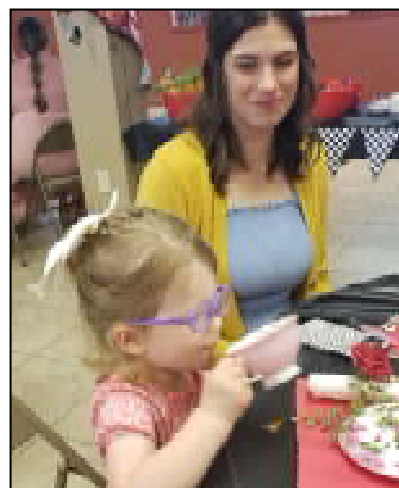
Psalm 63, 69, 103
Deuteronomy 11:1-12
Revelation 10:1-11
Matthew 13:44-58

Monday 6/30

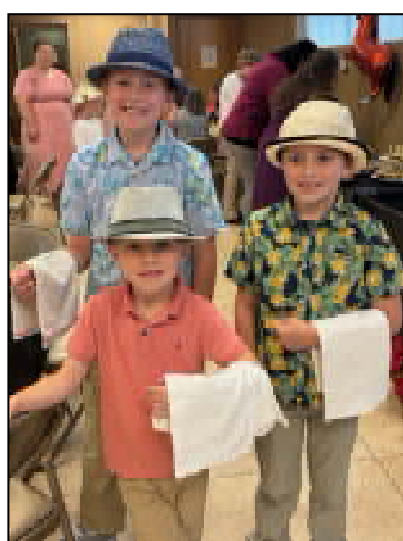
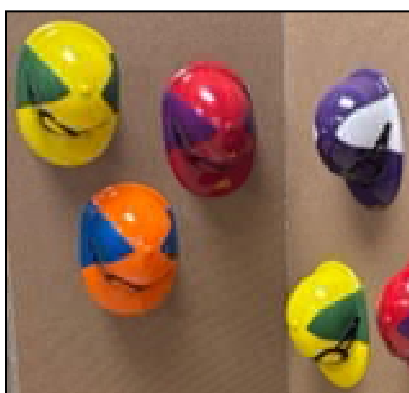
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Deuteronomy 11:13-19
2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2
Luke 17:1-10



Ladies and Girls Tea Party



Tea Party

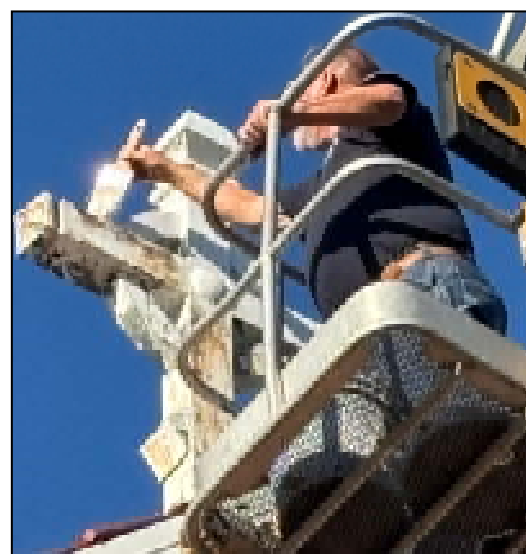


Work Day

This Spring's St. Paul's Work Day was a great success. We were able to accomplish most of the items on our list: We painted trim, and tuck pointed the bricks on the outside of the church; cleaned and repaired the railings on the ramp; cleaned the sanctuary pews, and carpet; polished the brass fixtures; replaced the vent fan in the kitchen; replaced light bulbs and light fixtures...

Thank you to everyone that helped; especially Pastor Paul and Marla Scannell, Barb and Greg Schade, Dave Decker, Dan Best, Tim and Sue Theodore, Casey, Benjamin, Jackson, Ashton and Hudson Rife, Alex McAdams, Larry Moser, Gene Craft, Jan and Jamie Wyant.

These kind of work days are extremely helpful in reducing maintenance costs for the church.



Ramp

A ramp was built for a person in need in Lima. Thank you to Jamie Wyant and crew for their hard work and dedication to this important mission.



Connecting With...



Rose Buds on the Altar

May 4

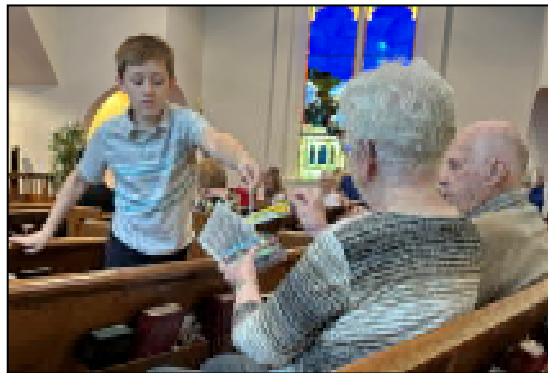
Ridge Roy McAdams was born on April 10th to Alex and Stacy McAdams.

Tanner Scott Harmon was born on April 21st to Ross and Jessie Harmon.

Mother's Day

May 11

Children passed out
a gift to all the ladies
in church.



Baptism

Miles Brent McAdams, son of Reggie and Stephanie McAdams was baptized on Sunday, May 18. Grandparents are Brent and Vicki McAdams, great-grandmother, Myrna Metzger, and great-grandfather Ron McAdams.



The People of St. Paul's



I want to send out a big "Thank You" to everyone that contributed in making the Easter egg hunt a huge success.

A special thanks to each of you who donated candy and toys, filled eggs, and helped hide the eggs.

The joy on the children's faces showed us that all these things made it a special time for all involved.

Shirley Moser

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Janet Grigg
Nancy Kizer
Myrna Metzger

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Myrna Metzger

In the Military & Missions

Nathan Stewart

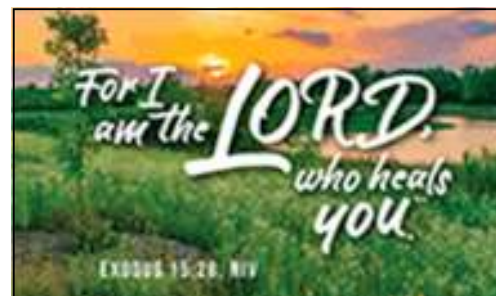
Dear St. Paul's UMC,

Thank you so much for the sunshine boxes. It certainly brightened our day. When we shared the box of goodies with Ray Sr., it put a smile on his face. What a sweet surprise!

We are so grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

God Bless,

Ray and Amy Trigg
Ray Trigg Sr.



Thank you, people of St. Paul's, for the beautiful flowers you sent following my surgery. They really brightened my day.

Love to all,
Nancy Kizer

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.

Meetings

June 2, 2025
PPR Mtg..7:00 PM

June 3, 2025
Trustees...7:00 PM

No Worship Mtg..

June 9, 2025
Ad Council/
Finance..7:00 PM

No Missions Mtg

Sundays:
Hospitality..
9:30 AM

Worship...10:00 AM

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Rylan McAdams	2	3 Megan Kenny	4 Lois Rabley	5	6	7
8 Andi Harmon	9 David Nartker Jamie Wyant	10 Don Chaffins Caleb Kinney Susan Nartker	11	12	13	14 Rick Evans Evan Motzer
15 Brayden Warris	16 Judy Chaffins	17 Gwyneth Woeller	18	19 Roy Selover	20 Eric Stern	21 Steve Moser Josh Motzer Katie White
22 Kim Metzger Greg Schade	23	24 Vicki McAdams Emma Motzer	25	26 Kinsleigh Emmons Art Holman Adam Vermillion	27	28
29	30 Alaina Whetstone					

Anniversaries

Dominic & Kelly DeRose
June 1

Marty & Kathy White
June 2; 46 yrs.

Adam & Shannen
Vermillion
June 5

Brandon & Megan
Kenney
June 10

Brad & Slone Whetstone
June 13

Justin & Megan Wyant
June 19

Caleb & Krista Slemmons
June 21

Austin & Lauren Clark
June 25

Don & Judy Chaffins
June 29; 51 yrs.

Zac & Jenni Jankovsky
June 30

Featured Recipes

Sweet Macaroni Salad

By Teara Potter

Ingredients		Instructions
1 -16 oz	Elbow Macaroni	Cook Macaroni according to package directions. Drain and rinse in cold water.
4 med.	Carrots, shredded	
1 lg.	Green pepper, chopped	In large serving bowl, combine macaroni, carrots, green pepper and onion.
1 med.	Red Onion, chopped	
2 cups	Mayonnaise	In small bowl, whisk mayonnaise, milk, sugar, vinegar, salt and pepper, until smooth. Pour over macaroni mixture and toss to coat.
1 -14 oz	Sweetened Condensed milk	
1 cup	Sugar	Cover and refrigerate overnight.
1 cup	Cider Vinegar	
1 tsp.	Salt	
1/2 tsp.	Pepper	



Mandarin Orange Cake

By Gail Keagle

Ingredients		Instructions
1 box	Yellow cake mix	In mixing bowl beat ingredients 2 minutes. Pour into greased 13 x 9 baking dish. Bake 30 minutes at 350.
1/2 cup	Oil	
1/2 cup	Water	Frosting: 15 oz— Crushed pineapple 1 small pkg. - Vanilla instant pudding
1	Egg	
1 - 11oz. can	Mandarin oranges, with juice	Mix 2 ingredients together. Fold in 8 oz. cool whip. Spread on cooled cake.

KIDZ KORNER

IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



FATHERS OF FAITH

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 parents	3 faithfulness	1 you	



_____, _____, _____,
_____; _____
_____.

Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answers: The living, the living—they praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their children about your faithfulness. Isaiah 38:19, NIV

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Living Our Faith

Thoughts for Father's Day

A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes; whate'er he sees me do, he tries —
Like me, he says, he's going to be, the little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of mine:
The base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.

—Author unknown