

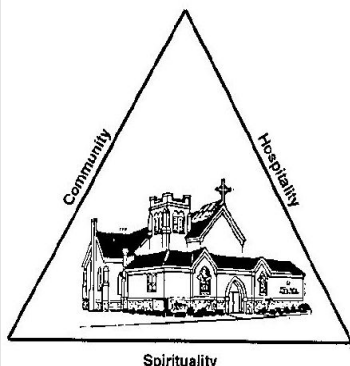
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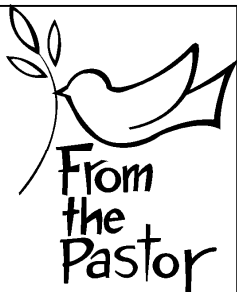
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April showers bring May flowers seems so far from what our world is focused on, but maybe we should take the time to focus on simple things. Even though we have some serious things to talk about, maybe we can come back around to flowers at the end. First, I hope this newsletter finds you well and taking care of yourself. Second, please don't shoot the messenger, but I have to let you know that we will not be meeting April 12th for Easter service. But I want you to know we will celebrate Easter when we are once again able to meet for worship as a church.

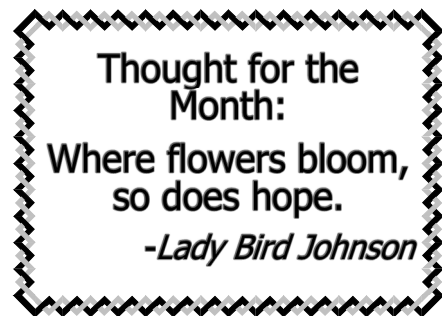
When we meet next to celebrate Easter, we will be taking our normal special offering, but because of everything that has been happening, the mission committee has decided to split this offering between three local ministries: Our Daily Bread, Meals 'til Monday and Allentown Food Pantry. Also during this time, some are wondering how they can make their regular donation to the church. You can wait until we meet again or you can mail it in to the church and it will be deposited.

I want to remind you all that during this difficult time, we can still be the hands and feet of Christ to those around us. Check on the people you know who might be in need and offer whatever help you can, telling them you care for them. Call family and friends, stay connected, and most of all, pray that peace will prevail in our community and world.


I want to invite you to watch a new sermon every week at the Elida St. Paul's Facebook Group as we try to maintain some form of normal. We try to have it posted every Sunday by 11am. Finally, I want to get back to the flowers from the beginning of the letter. Take time to get outside when the weather is nice and enjoy the flowers that are blooming or just to enjoy the sunshine and be reminded that in the midst of difficult times, the beauty God created is all around you.

I'll see you in the mission field,


Pastor Paul



St. Paul's Book Club
Postponed, date to be determined
 We will discuss
Where The Crawdads Sing
 by Delia Owens
There are still books available



Food Pantry
April 19
 Non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies, are still being collected. Place items in the box just inside the East door. Items to be taken to the 5 loaves food pantry at The Church at Allentown



NO Dish-It-Out Café
In April



April
Coins for Communion
to benefit
5 Loaves Food Pantry at
The Church at Allentown

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

Christian Symbol

NAILS



Nails symbolize Jesus' passion and suffering because they were used at his Crucifixion. They are often depicted in groups of three because two nails were used to secure Jesus' hands, and a third was used to secure his feet. Three nails are also used to identify Jesus as a member of the Holy Trinity.

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Koinonia Chicken Barbeque Update:

Due to the current national/global health pandemic, St. Paul's Koinonia Class voted to **postpone** the originally-scheduled event of April 18, 2020, until a to-be-determined date during September-October, 2020. The re-scheduled date will be advertised as soon as possible.



All Church meetings and other activities are cancelled or postponed. We will continue to stay in contact with our weekly updates. If you are not receiving this update by e-mail or snail mail, and would like to, contact the church office.

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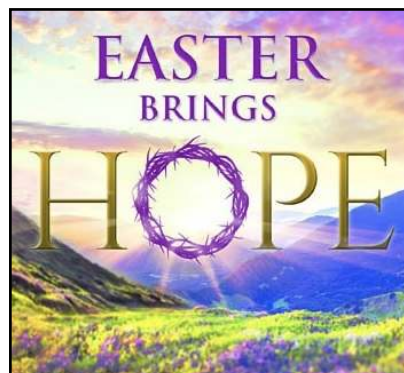
Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Easter Offering

Will go to three local missions:

1. Allentown Food Pantry
2. Meals Till Monday
3. Our Daily Bread Soup kitchen

These Missions deal with feeding our local community. There is a greater need this year due to the status of our nation. Please keep these people in your prayers as you are considering your Easter offering.



Easter Worship Service

The Easter Sunday Worship service will be postponed for when we are able to be back together filling our sanctuary pews. In the mean time, tune into Pastor Paul's sermons on Facebook.

History of a Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1739

And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

1 Corinthians 15:14

John and Charles Wesley soon found themselves out of favor with many fellow Anglican ministers who spurned their fiery evangelistic preaching. Many pulpits were closed to them.

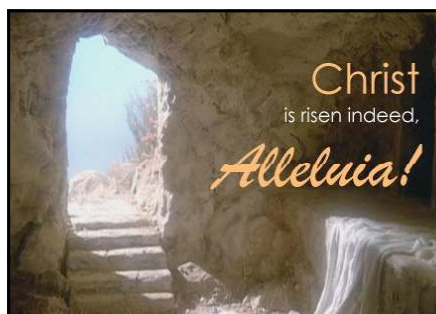
A friend from his Oxford days, George Whitefield, 22, who was having the same trouble, began preaching in the open air. In London, he asked Charles to stand with him as he preached to thousands in the open air at Blackheath, and Charles, too, got a vision of reaching the multitudes.

He made his first attempt in the outskirts of London. "Franklyn, a farmer, invited me to preach in his field," he wrote. "I did so to about 500. I returned to the house rejoicing." Soon he was preaching to thousands. "My load has gone, all my doubts and scruples. God shone upon my path; and I knew this was his will concerning me."

A man named Joseph Williams heard Charles in Bristol: "I found him standing on a table-board, in a erect posture...surrounded by, I guess, more than a thousand people, some of them fasionable persons, but most of the lower rank of mankind. He prayed with uncommon fervency... He then preached about half an hour in such a manner as I have scarce ever heard any man preach... I think I never heard any man labor so earnestly to convince his hearers they were all by nature in a sinful, lost, undone, damnable state; that notwithstanding, there was a possibility of their salvation, through faith in Christ... All this he backed up with many texts of Scripture, which he explained and illustrated, and then by a variety of the most forcible motives, arguments, and exostulation, did he invite, allure, quicken, and labor, if it were possible, to compel all, and every of his hearers, to believe in Christ for salvation."

Charles Wesley still preaches today in much the same way through his ageless hymns which are sung around the world each Sunday. Perhaps his most exuberant anthem is the one he simply called, "Hymns for Easter Day," published in 1739. It originally consisted of eleven stanzas. The "Alleluia's" were added later, but approximately, for this is a hymn one never gets tired of singing:

*Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*



Missions

Thank You

Thank you so much for your generous support. You are making a difference in the lives of women and children.

God Bless You.
Staff, Lima Samaritan House

Thank you for your gift to help reach others in a time of need! Our goal is to provide a safe and caring environment for individuals as they take steps to get their life back on track.

Thank you for your part in this ministry!

Chuck Ferguson, Executive Director,
Lima Rescue Mission

On behalf of the children who receive weekend food through Meals 'til Monday, thank you for your recent donation. Your gift and the love you show for these kids is of great value. It is this kind of giving that has allowed Meals 'til Monday to expand with confidence whenever the opportunity has presented itself.

The Meals 'til Monday Board of Directors

Disasters often strike without warning, but thanks to your generous contribution, Church World Service will be better prepared to provide emergency assistance when and where it is needed. Your support and your foresight mean that we can quickly and effectively get supplies into the hands of the people who need them after a crisis.

May God bless you for your support,
Rev. John McCullough, President and CEO,
Church World Service

Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christ this Christmas and helping families in need by hosting a Heifer Living Gift Market.

Heifer International

With great joy we have received your offering of \$500 for Mexico Missions! From the bottom of our hearts we would like to express our deepest gratitude to your entire congregation and our heavenly Father who has worked through your giving hearts to provide for the needs of his children in Mexico!

Praise God and God bless you all!
The Church at Allentown

Thank you for your donation of \$5,136.05 to Lima Area Habitat for Humanity.

HFH Staff

Heartbeat of Lima would like to thank you for your support in 2019! Your support helps us reach out to women who need help during their pregnancy through the first three years of their child's life.

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!
Patti Kennedy

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
March 1, 2020	77
March 8, 2020	75
March 15, 2020	Worship cancelled
March 22, 2020	Worship cancelled
March 29, 2020	Worship cancelled

Financial Giving
 Weekly Need for
 Unified Ministry Budget
 \$3,879.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
March 1, 2020	\$4,070.00	\$477.85
March 8, 2020	\$3,763.00	\$175.00
March 15 & 22 *	\$3,196.00	\$90.00

* March 15 & 22 are contributions received over a 2 week period, when worship service was cancelled.

Sunday School Attendance	
March 1, 2020	7
March 8, 2020	3
March 15, 2020	Worship cancelled
March 22, 2020	Worship cancelled
March 29, 2020	Worship cancelled

Greeters	
April 5, 2020	Julie Bok & Kids and Cari Metzger
April 12, 2020	OPEN
April 19, 2020	OPEN
April 26, 2020	Ellinger Family

April 5, 2020	Martha Vazquez
April 12, 2020	Easter Lilies
April 19, 2020	Denny & Carole Grapner
April 26, 2020	Bruce & Nancy Kizer

Hospitality Cart	
April 5, 2020	Book Club/ Linda Holman
April 12, 2020	OPEN
April 19, 2020	OPEN
April 26, 2020	Choir

Daily Bible Readings

Wednesday 4/1

Psalm 119:144-176, 128, 129, 130, Exodus 7:8-24
2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6
Mark 10:1-16

Thursday 4/2

Psalm 133, 140, 142
Exodus 7:25-8:19
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Mark 10:17-31

Friday 4/3

Psalm 22, 95, 141
Exodus 9:13-35
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Mark 10:32-45

Saturday 4/4

Psalm 42, 43, 137, 144
Exodus 10:21-11:8
2 Corinthians 4:13-18
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday 4/5 Palm Sunday

Psalm 24, 29, 103
Zechariah 9:9-12
1 Timothy 6:12-16, Luke 19:41-48

Monday 4/6

Psalm 51, 69:1-23
Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12
2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Mark 11:12-25

Tuesday 4/7

Psalm 6, 12, 94
Lamentations 1:17-22
2 Corinthians 1:8-22
Mark 11:27-33

Wednesday 4/8

Psalm 55, 74
Lamentations 2:1-9, 14-17
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11
Mark 12:1-11

Thursday 4/9 Maundy Thursday

Psalm 102, 142, 143
Lamentations 2:10-18
1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:27-32
Mark 14:12-25

Friday 4/10

Psalm 40, 54
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33
1 Peter 1:10-20, John 13:36-38

Saturday 4/11

Psalm 27, 88
Lamentations 3:37-58
Hebrews 4:1-16, Romans 8:1-11

Sunday 4/12 Easter Sunday

Psalm 113, 114, 148, 149, 150
Exodus 12:1-14
John 1:1-18, Isaiah 51:9-11
Luke 24:13-35

Monday 4/13

Psalm 66, 93, 98
Exodus 12:14-27
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Tuesday 4/14

Psalm 103, 111, 114
Exodus 12:28-39
1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Mark 16:9-20

Wednesday 4/15

Psalm 97, 99, 115
Exodus 12:40-51
1 Corinthians 15:30-41
Matthew 28:1-16

Thursday 4/16

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149
Exodus 13:3-10
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday 4/17

Psalm 118, 136, Exodus 13:1-16
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 24:1-12

Saturday 4/18

Psalm 104, 145
Exodus 13:17-14:4
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
Mark 12:18-27

Sunday 4/19

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Exodus 14:5-22
1 John 1:1-7, John 14:1-7

Monday 4/20

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Exodus 14:21-31
1 Peter 1:1-12, John 14:1-17

Tuesday 4/21

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Exodus 15:1-21
1 Peter 1:13-25, John 14:18-31

Wednesday 4/22

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Exodus 15:22-16:10
1 Peter 2:1-10, John 15:1-11

Thursday 4/23

Psalm 18, Exodus 16:10-22
1 Peter 2:11-25, John 15:12-27

Friday 4/24

Psalm 16, 17, 135
Exodus 16:23-36
1 Peter 3:13-4:6, John 16:1-15

Saturday 4/25

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Exodus 17:1-16
1 Peter 4:7-19, John 16:16-33

Sunday 4/26

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Exodus 18:1-12
1 John 2:7-17, Mark 16:9-20

Monday 4/27

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Exodus 18:13-27
1 Peter 5:1-14, Matthew 3:1-6

Tuesday 4/28

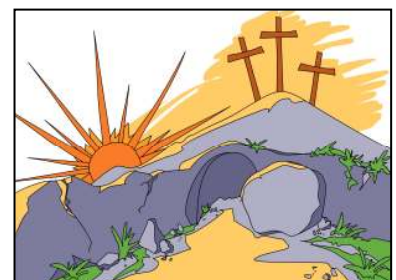
Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Exodus 19:1-16
Colossians 1:1-14
Matthew 3:7-12

Wednesday 4/29

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Exodus 19:16-25
Colossians 1:15-23,
Matthew 3:13-17

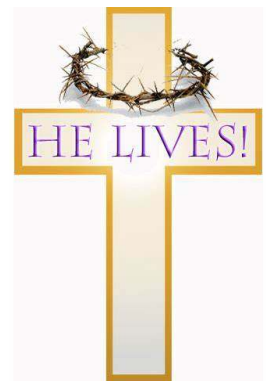
Thursday 4/30

Psalm 37, Exodus 20:1-21
Colossians 1:24-2:7
Matthew 4:1-11



Remember When...

April 16, 2006
 Easter Sunday
 Sunrise Service ,
 puppet Ministry
 Easter Breakfast
 Worship Service,
 Chancel Choir with
 Children's Choir



Our Church History

Four baptisms were held on February 21. Terry Isaiah Bok, son of Travis and Julie Bok; Demi Mae DeRose, daughter of Dominic and Kelly DeRose; Cody Jacob Scannell, son of Pastor Paul and Marla Scannell; and Ryleigh Eileen Warris, daughter of Cody and Brianna Warris.

Tim and Corinne Piper participated in the VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) Alabama trip to Colima, Mexico. The trip was hosted by the 5 Lions Clubs in Colima as a short-term clinic to evaluate the vision of 2,068 people in 4 days to provide several hundred pairs of recycled glasses.

Three of our students excelled in their school sport. Reggie McAdams, a University of Akron Zips basketball player, was named a Second-Team All MAC selection and is the Zips third leading scorer. He had 98 three-point baskets this year, tops in the MAC. Reggie will finish his degree in Civil Engineering at Akron.

Emma Scannell swam in the OHSAA Girls Div. II Sectionals at the YMCA. She finished 7th of 28 in the girls 100m freestyle and 9th of 25 in the girls 100m butterfly. She was also on the Elida girls 200m freestyle and 200m medley relays. Both teams finished 9th.

Isaac McAdams was a starter for the Elida Boys JV basketball team and also played some for the warsity team.

A delicious breakfast was prepared and served by the Nurture Committee after the Sunrise service on Easter morning, March 27, 2016. An Easter egg hunt for the children was held in the sanctuary after breakfast. There was an Easter skit performed by the youth during the Easter worship service.



February 21, 2016
Cody Scannell being baptized by his father, Pastor Paul Scannell



March 27, 2016
Easter Breakfast



Poem

The Word of God

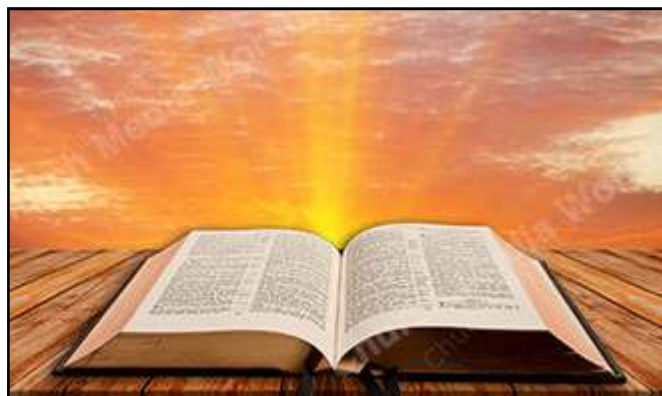
By Mae Futter Stein 29 Nov 2011

*When you are down and feeling blue
Ask, and it shall be given you
When there are troubles on your mind
God says to seek, and you shall find*

*Knock and his doors will open within
As our God will wash away your sin
For you will receive, if to God you ask
And if you seek, you shall find your task*

*GOD is LOVE and LOVE GOD is
With much happiness and bliss
His love is real and forever more
Knock and God will open the door*

*How I know, thus what I say
Reading the Bible, as I pray
And onward living as I go
The word of God has told me so.*



Connecting With ...

A BENCH FOR CAPS!

Last collection day is Sunday, May3

Your donations will help Elida Elementary with a recycle project to create new benches (and maybe even a picnic table) to be used at the new elementary school. These items will be made completely with the recycled caps and lids. There are containers at the entrance into the sanctuary.



thank you



The Jelly Bean Prayer

- Red** is for the blood He gave.
- Green** is for the grass He made.
- Yellow** is for the sun so bright.
- Orange** is for the edge of night.
- Black** is for the sins we made.
- White** is for the grace He gave.
- Purple** is for the hour of sorrow.
- Pink** is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans is yummy to eat,
It's a picture, a promise, a special treat,
To help us remember Jesus' work complete,
Give us hope beyond any earthly sweet.



M & M Easter Story

These candies tell a special story,
Look closely and you'll see...
The "M" becomes a "W",
An "E" and a "3".

- "E"** - The "E" is for Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate that Jesus lives.
- "M"** - The "M" is for the miracle and mercy he gives.
- "3"** - The "3" is for Jesus rising on the third day.
- "W"** - The "W" reminds us that He is worthy of our worship and it is in His name we pray.



The People of St. Paul's

*To My Church Family
at St. Paul's,*

*Thank you all so much for
the beautiful flowers
sent to me during my recent
visit to the hospital. They
were so pretty!*

*I also want to thank the
ladies quilt group for
the very colorful and beautiful
quilt Pastor Paul brought to me
on one of his visits.
I appreciated the gifts and the
Pastor's visits.*

*Many thank you's to Linda
H. and Carl M. for filling
in for me at choir rehearsal and
in the church services.
It is a major relief to know they
were involved to just take over.*

*I thank you all for your
cards, concerns, caring and
prayers.*

*I have missed being with you
and I look forward to seeing you
all as soon as I can!*

*Peace & Blessings,
Lois Cook*

Thank You!



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Jack Swihart

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Ray and Phyllis Trigg

In the Military & Missions

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart

*Thank you for your
prayers and the flowers
during my hospital stay.
Your concerns and
caring are greatly
appreciated!*

*Blessings to all of you,
Denny Grapner*



Please help Phyllis and Ray Trigg celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, April 15th, with a card shower. Cards will reach them at:
The Springs of Lima
Rm #108
5010 N. Eastown Rd.
Lima, OH 45801



Meetings

TBA
Worship Mtg..10:00 AM
 TBA
PPR...7:00 PM
 TBA
Trustees...7:00 PM
 TBA
Ad Council Mtg..7:00 PM
No Finance Mtg.
 TBA
Missions Mtg.
**All meeting dates will be announced at a later date.*
Sundays
Prayer...9:30 AM
Fellowship...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM
Wednesdays
Chancel Choir
**Choir members will be notified when choir practice begins.*

APRIL

2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3 Demi DeRose David Scannell	4 Lynda Evans Madelyn Thomas
5 Peyton Przekora	6	7 Dan Best	8	9	10 Pam Lozano	11 Brittany Scannell
12	13	14 Anne White	15 Todd Chaffins	16 Denise Thomas	17 Doug Guess	18 Paul Scannell
19 Maedene Holmes Thadeous Strauch	20 Kelly DeRose Lori Motzer Aaron Piper	21 Krista Slemmons	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Gerald Strayer	30		

HAPPY Anniversary

Carl & Lois Rabley
 April 4; 56 yrs.

Ray & Phyllis Trigg
 April 15; 60 yrs.

John & Joy Fletcher
 April 17

Tony & Pam Lozano
 April 17

Bobby & Jacquie Bice
 April 19

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Sweet and Salty Snack Mix

By Shirley Shoup

Ingredients		Instructions
4 cups	Corn chips, regular flavor	Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray large roasting pan with non-stick cooking spray. Combine corn snacks, cereal, pretzels and pecans in prepared pan; set aside. Combine brown sugar, butter, corn syrup, and salt in 2 quart heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture comes to a full boil. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla and baking soda. Pour syrup mixture over cereal mixture in pan; toss to coat. Bake 15 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes, or until coating is set. Remove from oven; stir. Spread mixture onto waxed paper. Cool completely; stir in chocolate pieces. Break into pieces. Store in container with tight fitting lid for up to 1 week.
4 cups	Crispy rice cereal, bite sized squared	
1 cup	Pretzels, small salted twists	
1 cup	Pecan halves, or peanuts cashews or walnuts	
3/4 cup	Brown sugar, firmly packed	
1/2 cup	Butter	
3 Tbl.	Corn syrup, light	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
1/2 tsp.	Baking soda	
1 1/2 cups (10 oz.)	Candy coated chocolate pieces, use holiday colored candy for festive flare	

SEEKING RECIPES!!

As we have all been confined to stay home and finding new ways to entertain ourselves, there may be some of you who are spending more time in the kitchen, either baking delicious deserts and snacks, or creating new meals. And some may have found your long lost recipe box. We would love to pass these special recipes on to others by featuring them on this page of our newsletter.

Recipes may be e-mailed, snail mailed or brought into the church office.

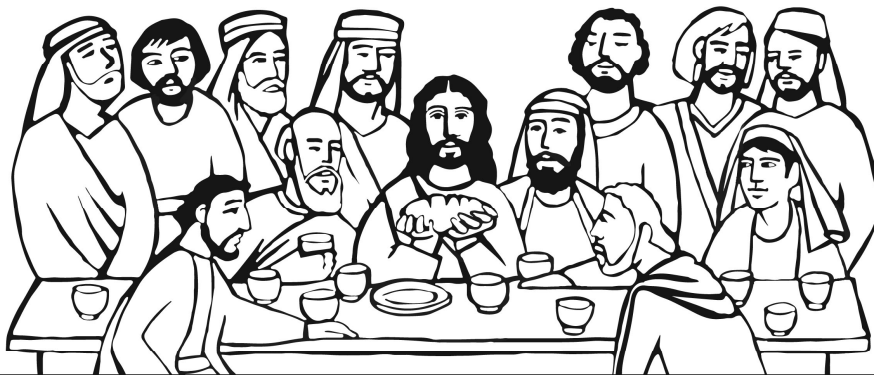


KIDZ KORNER

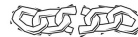


Picturing the *Lord's Supper*

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.



And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave



it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in



_____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he



took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my



blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

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Living Our Faith

A Modern-Day Parable

In Luke 15, Jesus tells three parables about the precious being lost and, at great lengths, found again. The kingdom of heaven, he says, is like that. But most of us don't shepherd sheep and wouldn't fret over one lost coin. A child, on the other hand ...

In fall 2019, as night fell in northern Minnesota, 6-year-old Ethan and his dog wandered off. Family and police grew frantic because the area consisted of fields, woods and swamps. Authorities requested assistance.

The kingdom of heaven, Jesus might say, is like 600 volunteers searching diligently in the dark for a child they didn't know. It's like Steve Fines who, though also a stranger to the boy, grabbed his company's pricy heat-seeking drone and worked the camera for hours, until it detected Ethan huddling with his dog, safe but cold. Yes, the kingdom of heaven — indeed God — is like people giving their all and refusing to quit until the lost one is found.

All Things In Common

Just as the bread is made out of many grains ground and mixed together, and out of the bodies of many grains there comes the body of one bread, in which each grain loses its form and body and takes upon itself the common body of the bread; and just as the drops of wine, in losing their own form, become the body of one common wine and drink — so it is and should be with us. ...

Through the interchange of [Christ's] blessings and our misfortunes, we become one loaf, one bread, one body, one drink, and have all things in common.

—Martin Luther,
Treatise on the Blessed Sacrament

