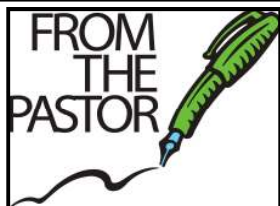


St. Paul's Epistle

An Inviting Community of Christ's Disciples

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Well, June is here and summer is in full swing, but we are still trying to figure out how to live a normal life. People who are in nursing homes or assisted living, still can't even leave or have visitors come in but everyone else is trying to get back to normal. Anything that is official changes on a daily basis. What are we to do? Proverbs is one of the places people go to find the wisdom of God. We have a chance to witness about Christ to the world through our actions. Proverbs 5 says *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.* *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.* Continue to seek God and the promise is that God will show us the way and God does. During difficult times it is hard to see the way through, but once we are on the other side we can clearly see the presence of God guiding us through. These difficult times will be no different. We will see the evidence of God throughout this event and how we make it through. Hold tightly to the words of God and we will make it through this pandemic while looking back to see clearly God with us every step of the way.

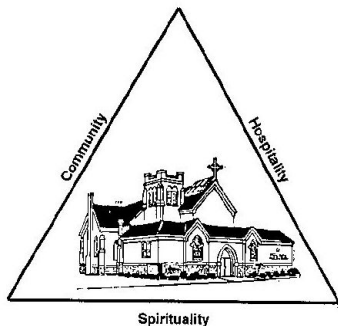
We are going to be getting together for meetings this month so our leaders can make a plan to get us back to worshipping together at church. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall to allow for social distancing. I don't know when our first day of church will be, but as soon as I know that information, we'll get it out to you as quickly as we can make it happen.

Thank you to everyone who has been watching church online. We live stream every Sunday at around 10am on Facebook or you can watch later on both Facebook and YouTube. The YouTube version is only the sermon and the final song. You can find us on either website by searching Elida St. Paul's Church.

One last thing for the month of June. If you have a financial or spiritual need, I want to encourage you to get in touch with me at church. We, as the body of Christ, will help you get through whatever problem you face. You are a child of God and the body of Christ needs you to be complete because we all have a job to do as a member of the body of Christ.

Peace be with you,

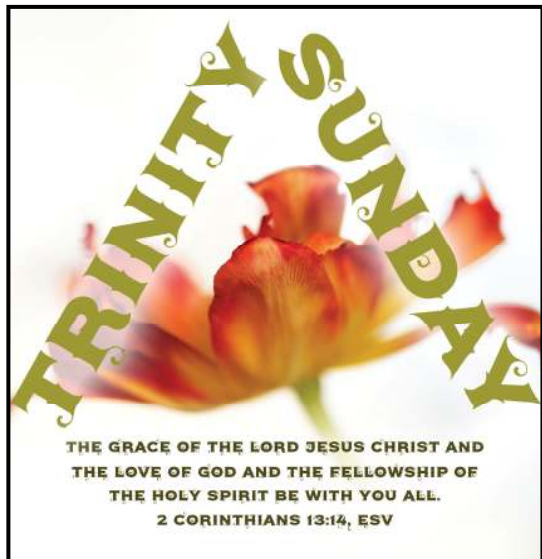
Pastor Paul




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**Trinity Sunday
June 7**



JUNE 7
Coins for Communion
to benefit UMCOR
U. S. Disaster Response



Save Your Coins

**West Ohio Annual Conference
Lakeside, Ohio**



Annual Conference 2020
POSTPONED

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

Christian Symbol

OLIVE BRANCH

The olive branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The olive branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).



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**Food Pantry Sunday
June 14**

Donations are taken to
the Church at
Allentown

Thank you to all who
have been donating.

**No Dish-it-Out Café
In June**

First Day of Summer
June 20



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Too Great to Grasp

For more than three decades, St. Augustine of Hippo toiled over the mind-boggling doctrine of the Trinity. According to legend, one day the church father was strolling along a shore, wrestling with this puzzle. He saw a boy running back and forth, using a seashell to pour water from the ocean into a hole he'd dug in the sand. When Augustine asked what he was doing, the boy proclaimed, "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole!"

"That's impossible," replied Augustine. "The sea is so great, and the shell and the hole are so little."

"That's true," the boy said. "But it would be easier to draw all the water out of the sea and fit it into this hole than for you to fit the mystery of the Trinity and his divinity into your little intellect."

Indeed, only through faith can we accept the infinite nature of our Three-in-One God; for our finite human minds, it's simply too great to grasp.

While Keeping Our Distance...

Cloth Masks

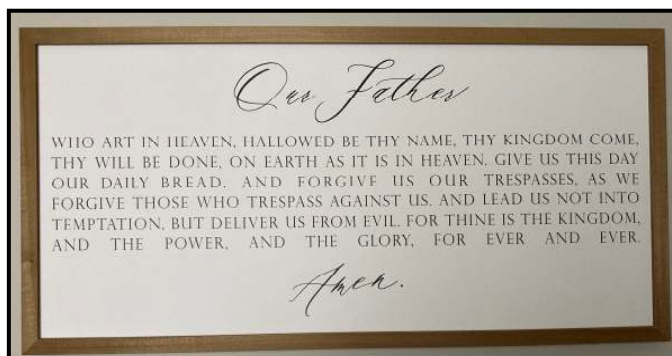
As businesses are starting to open up and some places require wearing a mask, Shirley Moser has made both adult and children's masks to donate to anyone in need. Shirley has made over 400 masks. Contact Shirley Moser at 419-302-6341.



A new person in the pews.



Some finishing touches to the men's and women's bathrooms and to the prayer room.



History Of A Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

“Then Sings My Soul”

By Robert J. Morgan

1907

... *as the clay is in the potter's hands, so are you in my hand...* Jeremiah 18:6

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick,” says Proverbs 13:12. Yet “*disappointments are His appointments.*” God uses set backs to renew our focus on Him, to strengthen our faith, and to divert us to other opportunities. In this case, a bitter disappointment led to one of our greatest invitational hymns.

Its author, Adelaide Pollard, was born in Iowa during the Civil War. Her parents named her Sarah, but when she was old enough, she changed her name to “Adelaide,” not liking the name “Sarah.” After attending the Boston School of Oratory (Emerson College), she moved to Chicago to teach in a girls’ school.

While in Chicago and struggling with frail health, she was attracted to the strange ministry of John Alexander Dowie, a Scottish-born faith healer who was drawing international attention. In 1901, Dowie announced he was the Elijah who would precede the Coming of Christ. Purchasing 6,800 acres of land outside Chicago, he began building “Zion City,” which, despite a strong start, ended in failure. Adelaide, however, was apparently healed of diabetes through Dowie’s ministry.

Afterward, she became very involved in the work of an evangelist named Sanford, who was predicting the imminent return of Christ. In New England, where she had moved to assist Sanford, she felt God was calling her to Africa as a missionary. But, to her intense disappointment, she was unable to raise her financial support. Heartsick, Adelaide, in her forties at the time, attended a prayer meeting. That night an elderly women prayed, “It doesn’t matter what you bring into our lives, Lord. Just have your own way with us.”

That phrase rushed into Adelaide’s heart, and the verse began shaping in her mind. At home that evening, she read again the story of the potter and the clay in Jeremiah 18. By bedtime she had written out the prayer, “Have Thine Own Way.”

Adelaide did eventually make it to Africa, but the outbreak of World War I sent her to Scotland and, later, back to America where she wrote poems, spoke to groups, and ministered freely.

In the middle of December, 1934, Adelaide, 72, purchased a ticket at New York’s Penn Station. She was heading to Pennsylvania for a speaking engagement. While waiting for the train, she was stricken with a seizure and shortly thereafter died.



Faith In Action

There were no worship services in May due to the stay at home order. Thank you to all who have tuned in to our St. Paul's Facebook page to watch Pastor Paul's sermons.

Our Facebook Page:
Elida St. Paul's Church

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,879.00

	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
April 26 & May 3 combined deposit	\$6,081.00	\$845.00
May 10 & 17, 2020 combined deposit	\$8,885.00	\$544.00

There will be NO Greeters and Hospitality Cart for at least the first Sunday back. We will reevaluate once we start back and figure out a new normal. Whenever that may be!

Keep up to date with our weekly status e-mail, or for those without e-mail, snail mail.

If you are not receiving this information let the office know.
419-339-3801

Thank you to all who have continued to submit your offerings. You may mail your offering or drop it off in the office Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Thank you to Art Holman and Dan Best who have been counting and making the bank deposit.

Flower Calendar

June 7, 2020	OPEN
June 14, 2020	Don & Judy Chaffins
June 21, 2020	Greg & Barb Schade
June 28, 2020	Ellinger Family

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 6/1

Psalm 106, Ezekiel 33:1-11
1 John 1:1-10, Matthew 9:27-34

Tuesday 6/2

Psalm 120, 127, Ezekiel 33:21-33
1 John 2:1-11, Matthew 9:35-10:4

Wednesday 6/3

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129
Ezekiel 34:1-16
1 John 2:12-17, Matthew 10:5-15

Thursday 6/4

Psalm 131, 132, 134, 135
Ezekiel 37:21b-28
1 John 2:18-29
Matthew 10:16-23

Friday 6/5

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Ezekiel 39:21-29
1 John 3:1-10, Matthew 10:24-33

Saturday 6/6

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Ezekiel 47:1-12
1 John 3:11-18
Matthew 10:34-42

Sunday 6/7

Day Off

Monday 6/8

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Proverbs 3:11-20
1 John 3:18-4:6, Matthew 11:1-6

Tuesday 6/9

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
Proverbs 4:1-27
1 John 4:7-21, Matthew 11:7-15

Wednesday 6/10

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Proverbs 6:1-19
1 John 5:1-12, Matthew 11:16-24

Thursday 6/11

Psalm 18, Proverbs 7:1-27
1 John 5:13-21
Matthew 11:25-30

Friday 6/12

Psalm 16, 17, 22, Proverbs 8:1-21
2 John 1-13, Matthew 12:1-14

Saturday 6/13

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Proverbs 8:22-36
3 John 1-15, Matthew 12:15-21

Sunday 6/14

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Proverbs 9:1-12
Acts 8:14-25, Luke 10:25-42

Monday 6/15

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Proverbs 10:1-12
1 Timothy 1:1-17
Matthew 12:22-32

Tuesday 6/16

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Proverbs 15:16-33
1 Timothy 1:18-2:8
Matthew 12:33-42

Wednesday 6/17

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Proverbs 17:1-20
1 Timothy 3:1-16
Matthew 12:43-50

Thursday 6/18

Psalm 37, Proverbs 21:30-22:6
1 Timothy 4:1-16
Matthew 13:24-30

Friday 6/19

Psalm 31, 35, Proverbs 23:19-21
1 Timothy 5:17-25
Matthew 13:31-35

Saturday 6/20

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Proverbs 25:15-28
1 Timothy 6:6-21
Matthew 13:36-43

Sunday 6/21

Psalm 63, 98, 103
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Acts 8:26-40, Luke 11:1-13

Monday 6/22

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Ecclesiastes 2:1-15
Galatians 1:1-17
Matthew 13:44-52

Tuesday 6/23

Psalm 45, 47, 48
Ecclesiastes 2:16-26
Galatians 1:18-2:10
Matthew 13:53-58

Wednesday 6/24

Psalm 53, 119:49-72
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Galatians 2:11-21
Matthew 14:1-12

Thursday 6/25

Psalm 8, 59, 60, 84
Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3
Galatians 3:1-14
Matthew 14:13-21

Friday 6/26

Psalm 40, 51, 54
Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
Galatians 3:15-22
Matthew 14:22-36

Saturday 6/27

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Ecclesiastes 5:8-20
Galatians 3:23-4:11
Matthew 15:1-20

Sunday 6/28

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
Ecclesiastes 6:1-12
Acts 10:9-23, Luke 12:32-40

Monday 6/29

Psalm 58, 64, 65
Ecclesiastes 7:1-14
Galatians 4:12-20
Matthew 15:21-28

Tuesday 6/30

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:10
Galatians 4:21-31
Matthew 15:29-39

Festival of Sharing

On behalf of the Festival of Sharing Committee

Matthew Stevens, CWS (Church World Services)

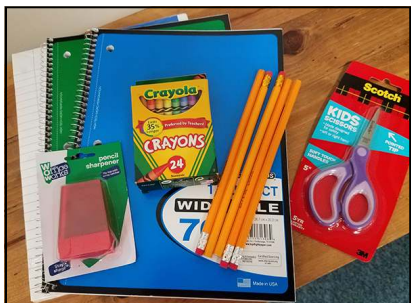


I'm grateful to share that your gifts have been supporting COVID-19 responses across the nation, including one shipment of hygiene kits that's going to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. Beyond that, your commitment to kits has done so much right here in Ohio. After last year's tornadoes, your help meant recovery for families in Dayton. It meant struggling children in Franklinton (Columbus) could get the school supplies they needed for success. It meant neighbors at Cherry Street Mission in Toledo could stay clean and healthy while at the shelter.

SCHOOL KITS

- One pair blunt scissors
(**Round Tip, remove from Package**)
- Three **70 count** spiral notebooks
 - One ruler (12" – **metric**)
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
(**Remove from package**)
 - One large eraser
(**no pencil cap erasers**)
- Six new pencils with erasers
(**unsharpened, remove from package**)
 - One box crayons (24 ct.)
- \$2 for processing and shipping kits

Pack kit in a **2 gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.



HEALTH KITS

- One hand towel (@15x28 to 16x32,
NO micro-fiber)
 - One washcloth
 - One **wide-tooth** comb
(**remove from package**)
 - One fingernail or toenail clipper
(**remove from package**)
- One bar of soap (**bath size in wrapper**)
 - One adult size toothbrush
(**in original packaging**)
 - Ten standard size Band-Aids
- \$2 for processing and shipping kits

Seal kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.



The collection dates will be announced at a later time, but you may begin purchasing items now to prepare for collection.

Our Church History

May 16, 2016, was graduation Sunday. Our two graduates and their families were treated to a delicious breakfast at the Wyant house, prepared by Sue Theodore, Jan Wyant, and Corinne Piper. The graduates are Oliver Fessler, son of Scott and Gail, and Emma Scannell, daughter of Pastor Paul and Marla. They were recognized during the worship service, along with our college graduate, Stacy Alexander.

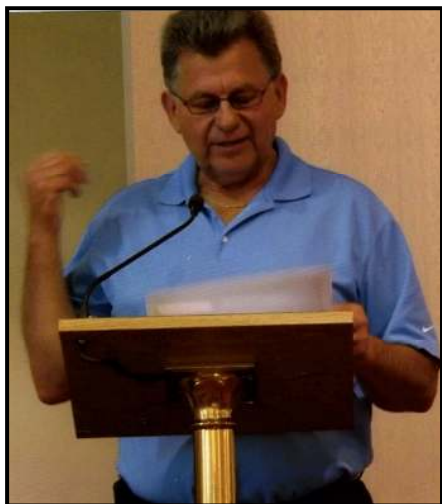
Seniors Day Out was held on May 17, 2016. Preparers and servers were Margie Best, Ginny Doseck, Linda Holman and Bev Nesbitt.

Mission Sunday was June 5, 2016. Speakers that Sunday were John Fleming, uncle of Brad Joseph who runs the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing, Jamie Wyant and Corinne Piper. The Camp Wesley workday was held on June 11, 2016.

There was a Blessing of the Quilts in June. The 30 quilts were taken to Wyngate, Otterbein, and Shawnee Manor the following week. To date, the Crafty Creatures have given out 384 lap quilts to comfort people in nursing care facilities.

July 9 was the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing which John Fleming organizes. Brad's cousin, Abby Paskvan, once again sang the National Anthem. St. Paul's golf team was made up of Dennis Bowsher, Larry and Shirley Moser, and Denny Thompson. St. Paul's UMC sponsored a hole, as did William McKinney, one of our parishioners. Volunteers from St. Paul's included Dan Best, Norm Grigsby, Tim Piper, Dillon Staas and Jamie Wyant.

**Seniors Day Out
Preparers and Servers**



**Missions Sunday
Speakers
John Fleming,
Corinne Piper and
Jamie Wyant**



Remember When...



1992
Vacation Bible School

1996
Vacation Bible School



2000
Vacation Bible School
Combined with Immanuel,
at the Elida Middle School



Connecting With...

What Makes A Dad

Author Unknown

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm at night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it... Dad*

June 21, 2020

*Happy
Father's
Day!*

A Bench From Caps!

So many people deserve pats on their backs, hugs, and many, many thank you's. We are done collecting plastic lids for Elida Elementary. Although the many bags of lids are stored in several different places in the elementary, a large majority of them have come from you! I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your help with this endeavor. You are such wonderful, giving people. A HUGE thank you goes to our St. Paul's family, both Lima Memorial Health System and Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center, New Creation Lutheran Church, The Gathering Place, Pat Gross, Karinda Miller, and friends and family from other states. You are AMAZING! Our children and grandchildren will benefit from such kindness.

God bless you.
Jan Wyant



The People of St. Paul's



Thank You!!!

*Dear St. Paul's Congregation,
Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, and support. Phyllis loved going to church and her church family was so special to her. Thank you for the beautiful windchimes as well.*

*Blessings,
The Trigg and Guess Family*

*Dear St. Paul's Church Family,
Thank you for the beautiful gerber daisy bouquet sent for my recent knee replacement surgery. It was a welcomed pick me up as this knee replacement has been a bit more challenging. I also appreciate all your prayers and look forward to worshipping with you soon.*

*In Christ's Love,
Kathy White*

*Dear Crafty Creatures,
Thank you for visiting with Phyllis at the Springs. The meeting you hosted there meant so much to her and was so special. It was so nice of you to come and bring refreshments. She loved being a part of your group and talked about it often.*

*Many Blessings,
Ray, Ray, Amy and Girls
Cindy and boys*

Thank you for thinking of us at Easter time with the Easter lilies. We are doing well.

Dillon and Helen Staas

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital
Steve Sdao

Homebound Members
Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement
Ray Trigg

In the Military & Missions
Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart



Thought for the Month:
Solutions are not found by pointing fingers; they are reached by extending hands.
—Aysha Taryam

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please contact the church office at 419-339-3801 or e-mail officeespc@gmail.com.
If you have someone on the prayer list please let the office know of a change in status; needs continued prayer, or is doing better and may be taken off.

Meetings

June 8, 2020
Ad Council / Finance
7:00 PM

June 9, 2020
Trustees...7:00 PM

June 10, 2020
Worship Mtg..10:00 AM

June 15, 2020
PPR...7:00 PM

TBA
Missions Mtg.

Sunday worship date to be determined.

Sundays
Prayer...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM

JUNE

2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Becky Bean Rylan McAdams	2	3 Megan Emmons	4 Gary Adams Lois Rabley	5	6
7	8	9 David Nartker Jamie Wyant	10 Don Chaffins Caleb Kinney Susan Nartker	11	12	13
14 Evan Motzer	15 Jim Hines Brayden Warris	16 Judy Chaffins	17 Gwyneth Woeller	18	19	20
21 Steve Moser Josh Motzer Katie White	22 Kim Metzger Emma Motzer Greg Schade	23	24 Vicki McAdams	25	26 Art Holman	27
28	29	30				

Anniversaries

- Dominic & Kelly DeRose*
June 1
- Marty & Kathy White*
June 2 ; 41 yrs.
- Brad & Slone Whetstone*
June 13
- Art & Linda Holman*
June 17; 53 yrs.
- Justin & Megan Wyant*
June 19
- Caleb & Krista Slemmons*
June 21
- Jim & Sharon Phillips*
June 22; 51 yrs.
- Don & Judy Chaffins*
June 29; 46 yrs.
- Tom & Denise Thomas*
June 29
- Zac & Jenni Jankovsky*
June 30

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Orange Bundt Cake

By Tracy Sdao

Ingredients		Instructions
1 pkg	Yellow cake mix	Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease and flour 10 inch bundt cake pan. Stir cake and pudding mixes in large bowl. Add orange juice, oil, eggs and orange zest. Beat on low with mixer to combine. Beat at medium for 4 minutes. Pour batter into bundt cake pan. Bake for 46 minutes or until wooden tooth pick inserted in middle, comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely for 1 hour. Orange glaze: Cook sugar, orange juice, and butter in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring until butter is melted. Cook for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in orange zest.
1 (3.4 oz.)	Lemon instant pudding mix	
3/4 cup	Orange juice (freshly squeezed)	
1/2 cup	Vegetable oil	
4	Eggs, large	
3 Tbl.	Orange zest	
Orange Glaze:		
1/2 cup	Sugar	
1/3 cup	Orange juice, freshly squeezed	
1/4 cup	Butter	
2 tsp.	Orange zest	

SEEKING RECIPES!!

As some of you, may be spending more time in the kitchen, either baking delicious deserts and snacks, or creating new meals. Or 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 monthly newsletter.

Recipes may be e-mailed (officeesp@gmail.com), snail mailed, or brought into the church office.

KIDZ KORNER

ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

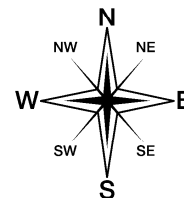


Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.

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	🧳			
		🚗	🚶	
	🚢			



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _ _

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

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Living Our Faith

Highly Esteemed

After returning from a lengthy mission trip overseas, John Huffman and his fellow passengers were held up in customs for two hours. When he finally made it to the packed airport lobby, Huffman realized it might take a while to find his family. But suddenly his 3-year-old daughter ran toward him yelling, "Daddy! Daddy! That's my daddy!" and launched into his arms.

"What a welcome," he writes. "I have never felt so loved and acknowledged in my life." Perhaps that's how God feels when we call on his name in worship and prayer, acknowledging him as our heavenly Father — and honoring him above all else.

The Act of Asking

In *Everyday Spirituality*, James Hazelwood explores 27 ordinary activities that are, he asserts, more spiritual than we tend to think. One is asking questions. "We see God in all the questions we ask, whether or not they are religious. The simple act of asking questions indicates that we are meaning-seeking creatures."

The pastor continues: "We inquire of the meaning of life, the purpose of work and relationships. We even ask it of our very own existence. The answers often come not in clear proclamations of certainty but in stories, tales and the myths of life. ...Inquiry, wonder, and discovery are things that the human mind loves." Then he offers this thought-provoking statement: "When we ask questions, we are engaging in prayer."

Do you agree? What other daily activities might be more intertwined with your faith than you thought? While you ponder even *these* questions, do you sense the Holy Spirit moving you?