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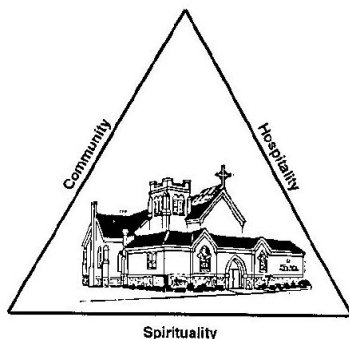
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October is here, oh how time flies! Several things for the month of October, starting with our Trunk or Treat Ministry here at St. Paul's. We will once again be handing out hot chocolate. You can also join us as we set up in the parking lot, decorate our trunks, and hand out candy to the kids. I hope it is the Thursday before Halloween, and usually between 5- 7 PM, but check the Weekly Word for all the correct details, closer to the 'Big Night'. We will set up 30 minutes before the kids arrive, and share the Joy of Christ as we fellowship with our neighbors.

At the end of the month, we will be honoring the saints of the church who have passed away in the last 12 months, as well as remembering all those who have gone before us, whom we honor and miss as we celebrate "All Saints Day". We will also be in the midst of our Stewardship drive, which will begin in October and be completed in November. Begin to pray about how God is calling you to be good stewards here at St. Paul's.

I am also going to ask you to do a couple of things at Westside in the month of October: If you like BBQ Chicken dinners with Green Beans and Mac & Cheese, you can see me for tickets for the 24th of October. Westside will be serving a carry-out-only chicken dinner at Westside, for \$12 each. Some of the Westsiders were at our Chicken BBQ this spring, so I am hoping some of you will purchase a meal to help fellow Methodists out this month.

They are also sponsoring a Blood Drive at Westside on the 26th of October from noon to 5. If you give blood, I hope you will sign up at redcrossblood.org and join us, as we save some lives. If giving blood is not your thing, or you can no longer give blood, possibly think about making some cookies for the blood drive to serve to people after they have given.

We will wrap up our 'Inadequate' Series of sermons in October, and move on to "Stewardship and Family", and finally, by the end of November, on to the 'Advent Season'. We will finish our current series with a couple of women from the Bible. Hopefully, by the end of this series, you will be assured that you are indeed Good Enough! I hope I will see you around the church and in the mission field, as we are serving Christ together.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul

Thought for the Month:

What distinguishes the Christians
is not the ills they suffer,
but the way they suffer their ills.

—St. Augustine



October Is Pastor Appreciation Month



**World Communion Sunday
October 4**
**'Coins for Communion'
to benefit Family Promise of Lima**

**October 12
Columbus Day**

HANDBELLS CHOIR

There will be a short meeting on **October 11** after church for anyone interested in performing handbells during the upcoming holiday season. Please join us in the choir room for information and to start to prepare to rehearse. No previous experience or music background is required.
For questions, contact Kerry at 419-203-3020.

Food Pantry Sunday October 18

Baking goods; including spices, salt, pepper, flour, sugar, mixes, vanilla, and other non-perishable food items.

Donations are taken to

October 23

Family Promise Meal Mission

A sign-up sheet for meal donations will be at the Media Desk, closer to the date.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



**Deadline: the 22nd
of each month**

Christian Symbol

LAMP

In Bible times, lamps were small but essential sources of light, especially during the dark hours of night. Scripture often uses the image of a lamp to represent God's guidance, truth and wisdom. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," reminding believers that God's Word directs each step of life. Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids also connects the lamp with wisdom and spiritual readiness (Matthew 25:1-13). In addition, the lamp is sometimes used to symbolize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the gift of life itself. Because of these meanings, the lamp has become a lasting symbol of God's guidance, faithful living and the light of Christ shining in the darkness.

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Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

A small shoe box can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Guides for how to pack a shoebox may be picked up in the church sanctuary or online at samaritanspurse.org. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. Remember to pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoebox gift. Please include a donation of \$10.00 per box to cover international shipping and other costs.

Shoe Box collection October 18 — November 16



**October 25
Reformation Sunday**

**October 25
Charge Conference
At Forest Park UMC at 2:00 PM**

**October 26
Red Cross Blood Drive
at Westside UMC
Noon to 5:00 PM
Go online to schedule
your appointment**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Neighborhood Trick or Treat Mission

Date and time to be announced!

Trick or Treat in Elida

We will be giving out hot chocolate, coffee, and pencils, to trick-or-treaters and parents. We will need volunteers to help get the drinks ready and to serve. If you would like to be part of this, there will be a sign-up sheet at the media desk or contact Tim Piper or the office.



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is in the St. Paul's East parking lot. We are looking for people who do not have trick-or-treaters coming to their homes to come and open their trunks and pass out goodies. Candy donations are needed. If interested in participating in this fun adventure, there will be a sign-up sheet at the media desk or call the office.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Soul Food: by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Called To Reweave Life: Feminine Wisdom, a Wounded Earth, and the Life-Giving Way of Christ

I find myself wondering what kind of face the new age will have.

For too long, we have understood strength as the power to dominate. We have celebrated expansion, possession, speed, and control. Too often, we have treated people, land, water, forests, and even God's creation as resources for our own purposes. But the earth is tired. And people are tired. In a world marked by war, division, ecological crisis, loneliness, and widening inequality, I find myself asking:

Is there another kind of power that can save life?

At that question, I hear again the words of Jesus:

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." – John 10:10 (NRSVA)

Jesus names the purpose of his coming with remarkable simplicity:

Life.

He did not come to dominate, but to give life.

Not to divide, but to gather.

Not to crush the vulnerable, but to raise them up.

Not to possess the world, but to reconcile it to God.

This is why I find myself thinking again about the spiritual meaning of the feminine. By "the feminine," I do not mean a quality that belongs only to women, nor do I wish to confine women to traditional images of nurture or motherhood. I mean something deeper: a spiritual capacity that all humanity, and perhaps especially the Church, desperately needs to recover:

The capacity to receive.

To nurture.

To wait.

To connect.

To hold what is wounded without discarding it.

To discover life where others see only endings.

The earth itself knows this wisdom. The earth receives the seed. Through winter, when nothing seems to be happening, it does not abandon life. Grass rises again from wounded ground. New shoots appear even in a burned forest. I want to call this **an earth-like feminine wisdom**. And yet, for Christian faith, this wisdom ultimately leads us to Christ. Jesus embodied a power that gave life. He touched bodies others avoided. He welcomed those pushed to the margins. He fed the hungry. He sat at table with those judged unworthy. His authority did not diminish human beings; it restored them. Even at the cross, the world attempted to prove its power through death. God answered with resurrection. The cross and resurrection therefore teach us a radically different grammar of power:

Love that gives life is stronger than power that destroys it.

I hear this same challenge in the voices of several contemporary women theologians.

Sarah Coakley invites us to reconsider Christian power as **"power in vulnerability."** Vulnerability before God need not mean passivity or weakness. In contemplative openness, surrender, and self-emptying, another kind of power may emerge – a power that does not coerce, yet transforms.

Chung Hyun Kyung calls theology back to the bodies and memories of those who have suffered. She once described Asian women's theology as being **"very Third World, very Asian, and very women."** Her theology refuses to begin only with abstract doctrine. It begins with lived pain, memory, bodies, and the struggle for liberation. I have long remembered her image of the **priests of han**. Han is not merely anger or sorrow. It carries the accumulated wounds of history – the pain of those silenced, violated, displaced, or forgotten. Yet those who carry han are not simply victims. They have often continued to cook, raise children, care for neighbors, sing, dance, pray, and rebuild community. Perhaps they are also **priests of life**. They are people who carry wounds without allowing the wound to have the final word. And today I wonder whether the earth itself carries a kind of planetary han. We hear it in polluted rivers and seas, disappearing forests, vanishing species, lands shattered by war, and in the cries of people forced from their homes by ecological disruption. The earth groans.

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Soul Food: by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Catherine Keller helps us name another dimension of this reality through the language of **planetary entanglement**. Human beings do not exist apart from nature. Our bodies, rivers, atmosphere, forests, neighbors, and future generations belong to a profound network of relationship. Our existence is marked by a **fragile planetary interdependence**:

One river dies, and human life becomes poorer; One species disappears, and creation becomes smaller; One community is abandoned, and the humanity of us all is diminished.

These three theological voices are different, yet together they point toward a common invitation:

Rethink power. Listen to wounds. Rediscover relationship.

And at the center of all three questions, I return, again, to Christ.

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Coakley's “power in vulnerability” finds its deepest Christian expression in the cross.

Chung's theology of han brings us close to the Christ who takes wounded humanity into his own body.

Keller's vision of interdependence invites us to remember the cosmic Christ in whom, as Colossians declares, all things hold together. Therefore, the goal is not to make femininity into a new ideology.

The goal is to rediscover **the way of life revealed in Jesus Christ**.

The power to embrace.

The power to connect.

The power to transform wounds into communion.

The power to nurture life where death appears to have won.

Jesus Christ did not come merely to explain life. **He came to give life.** This also reshapes our understanding of salvation. If salvation is only about where I go after death, it is too small. The salvation of Christ also asks: What is being brought back to life? Are wounded people being restored? Are broken relationships being reconciled? Are abandoned communities recovering hope? Can exploited soil breathe again? Can rivers live? Can people who have forgotten their dignity rediscover that they are beloved children of God?

This is what I mean by a **theology that gives life**. A theology that gives life to people. To communities. To wounded memories. To land, water, forests, and the whole community of creation. And Christ must remain at its center. If the Church is the body of Christ, then wherever the Church is present, there should be **more life**.

More people recovering dignity.

More lonely people finding community.

More wounded people encountering healing.

More creation being protected.

More enemies discovering the possibility of reconciliation.

Perhaps the most important questions about the Church are not how large we are, how influential we are, or how successful we appear. Perhaps the question is simply. **Are we giving life?**

The revolution of the new age may begin in places that appear gentle. In the strength to nurture. The courage to wait. The wisdom to reconnect what has been torn apart. The capacity to hold wounds until life rises again. This is not weak power. It is the power revealed at the cross and vindicated in the resurrection. The world often seeks to subdue people through power. Christ raises people through love. The world often creates order through exclusion and fear. Christ creates a new community by giving himself away. And so, at the deepest place of this earth-like feminine wisdom, I see Christ:

Christ who receives life.

Christ who protects life.

Christ who embraces the wounded.

Christ who brings life out of death.

And I hear his words again: **“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”**

Perhaps the new age will not arrive when the strongest finally win. Perhaps it will begin when more of us learn how to give life. **The future belongs not to the power that conquers, but to the love that gives life.**

This, I believe, is the wisdom the earth is trying to teach us. It is the wisdom carried through the voices of women. It is the gospel revealed in the crucified and risen Christ. And it is the calling of the Church in a wounded world: **To Reweave Life.**

Faith In Action

FINANCIAL GIVING

Worship Attendance:

August 30, 2026	78
September 6, 2026	46
September 13, 2026	54
September 20, 2026	64
September 27, 2026	57

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
September 6, 2026	\$4,469.42	\$130.00
September 13, 2026	\$2,555.41	\$180.00
September 20, 2026	\$4,678.63	\$45.00
September 27, 2026	\$3,323.32	\$850.00
TOTAL:	\$15,026.78	\$1,205.00

Sunday School Attendance

August 30, 2026	20
September 6, 2026	8
September 13, 2026	14
September 20, 2026	16
September 27, 2026	10

Unified Budget:

Weekly Budget Needed = \$4,644.58

Total Need = \$18,578.32

September Total = \$15,026.78

Deficit= \$ 3,551.54

Hospitality Cart

October 4, 2026	Rife family
October 11, 2026	Jeff & Kerry Fremont
October 18, 2026	OPEN
October 25, 2026	Corinne Piper

Flower Calendar

October 4, 2026	Denny & Carole Grapner
October 11, 2026	Scott & Gail Fessler
October 18, 2026	Jason & Sharla Murphy
October 25, 2026	Tim & Corinne Piper

Communion Servers: October 4

Station #1:

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Station #2:

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Daily Bible Readings

Thursday 10/1

Psalms 70, 74, Job 28:1-28
Acts 16:25-40, John 12:27-36

Friday 10/2

Psalms 69, 73, Esther 1:1-19
Acts 17:1-15, John 12:36-43

Saturday 10/3

Psalms 23, 27, 75, 76
Esther 2:5-23
Acts 17:16-34, John 12:44-50

Sunday 10/4

Psalms 34, 93, 96, Esther 3:1-4:3
James 1:19-27, Matthew 6:1-18

Monday 10/5

Psalms 79, 80, Esther 4:4-17
Acts 18:1-11, Luke 3:1-14

Tuesday 10/6

Psalms 8, 78:40-72, Esther 5:1-14
Acts 18:12-28, Luke 3:15-22

Wednesday 10/7

Psalms 81, 82, 119:97-120
Esther 6:1-14
Acts 19:1-10, Luke 4:1-13

Thursday 10/8

Psalms 83, 85, 86, Esther 7:1-10
Acts 19:11-20, Luke 4:14-30

Friday 10/9

Psalms 88, 91, 92, Esther 8
Acts 19:21-41, Luke 4:31-37

Saturday 10/10

Psalms 87, 90, 136, Hosea 1:1-2:1
Acts 20:1-16, Luke 4:38-44

Sunday 10/11

Psalms 19, 46, 66, 67
Hosea 2:2-14
James 3:1-13, Matthew 13:44-52

Monday 10/12

Psalms 89, Hosea 2:14-23
Acts 20:17-38, Luke 5:1-11

Tuesday 10/13

Psalms 95, 100, Hosea 4:1-10
Acts 21:1-14, Luke 5:12-26

Wednesday 10/14

Psalms 101, 109, 119:121-144
Hosea 4:11-19
Acts 21:15-26, Luke 5:27-39

Thursday 10/15

Luke 105, Hosea 5:8-6:6
Acts 21:27-36, Luke 6:1-11

Friday 10/16

Psalms 102, 107:1-32
Hosea 10:1-15
Acts 21:37-22:16, Luke 6:12-26

Saturday 10/17

Psalms 33, 107:33-43, 108
Hosea 11:1-9
Acts 22:17-29, Luke 6:27-38

Sunday 10/18

Psalms 118, 145
Hosea 13:4-14
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Matthew 14:1-12

Monday 10/19

Psalms 106, Hosea 14:1-9
Acts 22:30-23:11
Luke 6:39-49

Tuesday 10/20

Psalms 120, 127, Micah 1:1-9
Acts 23:12-24, Luke 7:1-17

Wednesday 10/21

Psalms 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Micah 2:1-13
Acts 23:23-35, Luke 7:18-35

Thursday 10/22

Psalms 133, 134, 135
Micah 3:1-8
Acts 24:1-23, Luke 7:36-50

Friday 10/23

Psalms 140, 141, 142, 143
Micah 3:9-4:5
Acts 24:24-25:12
Luke 8:1-15

Saturday 10/24

Psalms 104, 137, 144
Micah 5:1-15
Acts 25:13-27, Luke 8:16-25

Sunday 10/25

Psalms 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday 10/26

Psalms 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Micah 7:1-7
Acts 26:1-23, Luke 8:26-39

Tuesday 10/27

Psalms 5, 6, 10, 11
Jonah 1:1-17
Acts 26:24-27:8, Luke 8:40-56

Wednesday 10/28

Psalms 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Jonah 1:17-2:10
Acts 27:9-26, Luke 9:1-17

Thursday 10/29

Psalms 18, Jonah 3:1-4:11
Acts 27:27-44, Luke 9:18-27

Friday 10/30

Psalms 16, 17, 22, Acts 28:1-16
Luke 9:28-36

Saturday 10/31

Psalms 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Acts 28:17-31
Luke 9:37-50



Hymns As Therapy

In Private: Hymns as Therapy

Why We Must Draw Strength from Song

Then Sings My Soul Book 3, By Robert J. Morgan

LEAN ON THE HYMNS

As we read, memorize, ponder, play, sing, proclaim, and quote the hymns, we'll find ourselves leaning on them in the process, drawing strength from their rich doctrines, internalizing their biblical theology, and relying upon the Lord whom we're lauding. Paul Creech is a pastor, ten years my junior, who lives in Georgia. We serve on a missionary board and I have utmost respect for him. Several years ago he battled cancer, and I was greatly impressed by his attitude and spirit. Recently we received the difficult news that his cancer has returned.

I was in Georgia last month on a speaking engagement, and Paul was there. He stood in the meeting to say a few words and to give his testimony. He was frail and using a walker. His young son was with him. Paul read a little poem he had written. It was called "Again," the letters A-G-A-I-N standing for "Almighty God Always Is Near."

*Almighty God always is near
With a warm hug, wiping my tear.
His love is strong, driving out my fear;
Almighty God always is near.*

*Encore, a double dip, or two
That's been my habit, how about you?
Rerun movies seem better the second time around,
A gentle kiss lifts the foot off the ground.*

*Again, the doctor said, with a forced smile;
My breath trapped in my throat for awhile.
Cancer—it's back, oh what dread,
Biopsy confirmed it, was what he said.*

*Then I heard God's whisper, soft, steady, and sure,
We've done this before, this time is no chore.
Hold My hand and stay near, let go of every fear,
I'm with you AGAIN, I always am near.*

And then Paul burst into singing. He didn't have a piano or guitar to accompany him; it was a cappella; and Paul doesn't have a trained voice. But it moved all of us deeply. It was a simple medley. The first verse was from Doug Little's song "He's Been So Good to Me." Then there was a verse of "The Love of God," and then a verse of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." We sat and listened in poignant silence, for we felt we were on holy ground. In leaning on the hymns, Paul was leaning on his Lord.

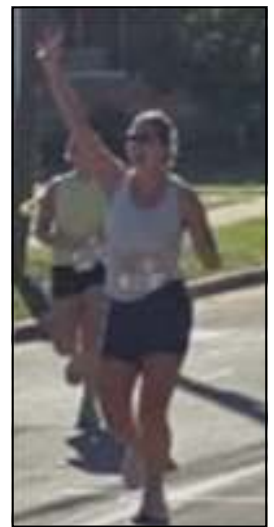
LifeWise 5K

LifeWise 5K September 7, 2026 Labor Day

Thank you to all who volunteered to hand out water, and to those from St. Paul's that ran or walked the 5K.



Watering Station #1
front of the church



Watering Station #2
Fieldhouse parking lot



Missions

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On Thursday, August 27, 2026, St. Paul's ran its first blood drive for the American Red Cross. The goal was to collect 16 units of blood. We exceeded the goal by collecting a total of 20 units: 16 whole blood donations and 2 power red donations (each worth 2 units). Many thanks to those who came to donate (14 from St. Paul's), those who brought food, and those who volunteered to work the blood drive. We hope this will continue to be a way that we support those in need in our community!



School, Health, and Period Pack kits!

Thank you to everyone that made a donation of kits or money to this mission. The total kits donated were 57 school, 28 health, and 33 Period Pack kits for a total of 118 kits. Westside UMC doated 9 kits that were included in the total count. A special thank you to Janna Thompson for leading this mission and the volunteers that helped sort and box up the kits: Connie Mault, Sharla Murphy, Tracy Sdao, Gail Fessler, and Pastor Paul Scannell. Your generosity helps more people experience the love of God and your continued support to this mission is greatly appreciated.



**THANK
YOU!**



Connecting With ...

Blessing of Backpacks August 30

Backpacks, children, and educators were blessed for the upcoming 2026/2027 school year.



Children helping to bless Kits and quilts:

21 Quilts were taken to Family Promise on Sept. 14, and 28 quilts taken to Children's Services on Sept. 21.



Children's Sunday School

As a new Sunday school year began on September 13th, Pastor Paul recognized the Teachers who will be leading the classes and the students who will be in attendance.

Teachers:

Pre-school: Shirley Moser

Elementary: Marla Scannell & Slone Whetstone

Middle School/ High School: Jan Wyant and Corinne Piper

And others who assist in the classes throughout the year.

Thank You!



The People of St. Paul's

Thank you everyone, friends and family, for all your generous donations throughout my journey. You all have helped me and my family in more ways than you can imagine. From visits, meals, activities, gift cards, and money. I have been able to recover, smile, and become stronger! It has also helped us with expenses, medical bills, and appointments. I especially loved eating all the yummy snacks and food! I am thankful for my new heart and for all of you!

*Love,
Andi May and Family*

thank you

*Thank you,
for the birthday wishes, cards, and gifts. Thank you for coming to my party. A big thank you to Tracy, my daughter.*

*Love you all,
Connie*

It's a Boy

Congratulations to Reggie and Stephanie McAdams on the birth of their son, Banks Harvey McAdams, born on September 17. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 21 1/2 inches. He was welcomed home by his brothers, Greyson and Miles. His grandparents are Brent and Vicki McAdams, and his great-grandmother, Myrna Metzger.



Remember in Prayer

*Recovering from Surgery
or in the Hospital*

Homebound Members

*Those in Need of Healing,
Support, Strength &
Encouragement*

In the Military

Nathan Stewart

The Coins for Communion for August was designated to Meals 'til Monday; \$86 was given in the offering plate plus the Missions committee gave an additional donation of \$500.00. to this local mission to provide food on the weekends to children experiencing food insecurities.



***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

October 5, 2026
PPR/Nominations..
7:00 PM

October 6, 2026
Trustees...7:00 PM

October 7, 2026
Worship Mtg..2:15 PM

October 12, 2026
Ad Council / Finance..
7:00 PM

October 13, 2026
Missions Mtg.. 7:00 PM

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

Wednesday
Choir ..7:00 PM

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Brent McAdams	2 Reed Chambers Carter Craft	3 Tracy Smith Beth Warris
4	5 Corinne Piper Blake Selover	6 Molly Przekora	7 Denny Thompson Brogan Wyant	8	9 Paysen Wyant	10
11 Slone Whetstone	12	13	14 Sam Kinney	15	16	17
18 Ayva Brickner Lee Craft Brad Whetstone	19 Ryleigh Warris	20 Stacy McAdams	21 Juniper Fried Miles McAdams	22	23	24
25 Gracie Gerdeman Sutton Wyant	26 Kassidy Bok Tonya Craft	27	28	29 John Fletcher Shirley Moser	30	31 Emma Rooney
						

Anniversaries

Troy & Heather Selover
October 2

Barry & Cyndi Smith
October 8; 43 yrs.

Zack & Katie White
October 10

Juergen & Kathy Waldick
October 11; 41 yrs

Scott & Gail Fessler
October 15

Alex & Stacy McAdams
October 15

Jason & Sharla Murphy
October 17

Ron & Ann Stewart
October 19; 41 yrs.

Nate & Tonya Craft
October 27

St. Paul's Featured Recipes

Dad's Spanish Rice

By Kerry Fremont

Ingredients		Instructions
6 slices	Bacon, fried and crumbled	After frying bacon in large skillet, remove some grease, then brown beef and onion in remaining drippings. Add all rest of the ingredients. Cover and simmer about 1/2 hour until rice is done. <i>*Optional*</i> A 16 oz. can of drained tomatoes (chopped) can also be added.
1 med.	Onion, chopped	
1 1/2 lb.	Ground beef	
1 tsp.	Salt	
1 cup	Rice, uncooked	
4 cups	Tomato Juice	
1 tsp.	Paprika	
1 stalk	Celery, chopped (or to taste)	
1/2	Green Pepper, chopped (or to taste)	



Scalloped Chicken

By Susan Nartker

Ingredients		Instructions
5 oz. pkg.	Scalloped potatoes	Put potatoes, seasoning pack, chicken, and peas in slow cooker. Pour broth over all. Cover. Cook on low 8-10 hrs. or high 4 hours.
	Scalloped potatoes dry seasoning pack	
4	Chicken breast halves, or 8 legs	
10 oz. pkg.	Frozen peas	
2 cups	Chicken broth	



KIDZ KORNER

Give Thanks with Music



Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!

What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!



A Family of Prayer

Acts tells us about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman soldier who worshiped God and prayed with his family. God used Cornelius to help Peter learn an important truth: God welcomes everyone who loves Him and does what is right.

Solve the math problems using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter for each answer. Write each letter on the blank to discover what Cornelius and his family did.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY

a = 7 e = 8
i = 10 o = 9
u = 11 y = 6

"He _____nd _____ll h_____s f_____m _____l _____

A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w_____r_____d_____v_____t_____nd

A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

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Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

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Months before the U.S. victory at the World War II Battle of Midway, important work was happening far from the ocean. Code analysts were quietly studying Japanese messages, using early tools that came long before the computers we know today. Their careful work helped crack a code and gave American forces the warning they needed to avoid an ambush.

It makes you wonder what those long days felt like. Did the analysts ever grow tired of searching for answers? Did they wonder whether their efforts mattered? Did they feel discouraged when the breakthrough had not yet come?

We can understand that feeling. Christians sometimes grow weary, too. We wonder whether teaching children about Jesus is making a difference. We wonder whether small acts of kindness, quiet prayers or faithful service will ever bear fruit. We see sin, sorrow and brokenness around us and wonder how victory will come.

But God sees what we cannot. No faithful work done for him is wasted. The Spirit who helps us plant seeds of truth and love is also able to bring the harvest. And because of Christ, the final victory is already secure.