

# The Grapevine

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
15 N. Church St., Thurmont, MD 21788  
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## **SERIOUS FUN**

The occasions I have worshipped with my grandchildren made me realize that while children love and need the predictable ritual of worship, it's sometimes really hard to sit still. So, for those who have trouble sitting still for more than a few minutes (I admit to being one) we have had a couple of "wiggler worship" services geared to the preschool and open to anybody who is young and wiggly.

Last week's Wiggler Worship was an Easter celebration and we had all the elements of worship: prayer, song, message and blessing. We talked about how Jesus died, and how he rose and then we looked inside plastic Easter eggs that each contained a symbol of the story, like a palm frond, a stone or a cross. The last egg was of course empty—and the children excitedly told me why—because Jesus wasn't there! He had risen from the dead!

We ended the worship with the Chicken dance (yes, the same one you do at weddings and Oktoberfests) because, you know, nothing says Easter quite like clucking, flapping your wings and wiggling your tail feathers. Robbie played a great original arrangement and got us moving and laughing. We ended with an Easter parade and showed off our smiles to Dede hard at work in her office.

As they were walking out of the sanctuary I overheard one little boy say, "That was serious fun." What a great comment to sum up the story of Jesus! Serious fun.

I must admit I thought long and hard about how to present the serious story of Jesus' death and resurrection to little children. The idea of death and dying is frightening to anyone, and the thought of someone who loves you, like Jesus, dying in so gruesome a way could be traumatic for little ones. At that age, they may not even have a grasp of what death actually is, much less rising from the dead. But they understand what it is to be sad when someone goes away, and they know how happy they are to see that person again.

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This death and resurrection stuff is both—sad and happy. It's serious—profoundly serious. The death Jesus suffered was real and the disciples' grief was just as real. It is a serious matter to lose someone you love and to think you won't see that person again. But the joy of resurrection and reunion is powerfully real too—and real joy is pure fun. So, "serious fun" is a great way to sum up our yearly journey through Holy Week death and Easter resurrection.

Blessings to you, dear sisters and brothers in Christ, as we continue this Easter season. Keeping you all in prayer that you may experience the serious fun of knowing that God loves you enough to bring you to real, joyful life.

Peace,  
Pastor Susan



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## **CHOIR PERFORMANCE AND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

**Performance** May 31 (Trinity Sunday)

**Rehearsal Sundays**  
**9:45—10:35**  
May 3, 10, 17

**Wed. 7:00 (Tentative)**  
May 27



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Preschool will hold its Spring Program and Graduation on Sunday, May 17. The programs will begin at 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. The three-year-olds will receive their Certificate of Completion during the first program and the four-year-olds will receive their diplomas at the second program. Refreshments will be served by the Preschool Board following each program.

The last official day of school will be on Friday, May 22; however, there will be snow make-up days during the following two weeks.

The Preschool will hold its annual dinner for board members and staff on Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 at the Shamrock restaurant. This is a "thank you" for all the work done by the board and staff.

We will once again have a Summer Enrichment Program during the weeks of July 13 and 20. This program is for our current students and will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The teachers will be Ann Kruhm, Tammy Tingler and Janice Grams.

**May 3: ONE SERVICE at 10:45 followed by a potluck luncheon.** Main dish will be provided by the Evangelism Committee; please bring a side dish to share.

**Fair Trade Sale, May 3.** Lutherans love their coffee—and everybody loves chocolate! The Social Ministry team will be selling fair trade coffee and chocolate to benefit Sarah Johnson's ministry in Nicaragua after worship on May 3, during the luncheon. Please read the article Sarah has written for this newsletter—she is living out her faith in courageous and world-changing ways. At the event, we will show a video Sarah made describing her ministry, and there will be a prize given away to one lucky person in attendance.

**Adult Sunday School News!** Adults, it's time to share your interest!! During Sunday School (9:40-10:30) on May 3, 10, 17,\* 24 and 31, you are invited to lead/share one session on a discussion topic special to you; for example, Christian grandparenting, time management, what happens at Mar-Lu-Ridge, Bible trivia or Jeopardy game, etc. Contact Marcia Andersen at either of the following -- [marcia\\_andersen@yahoo.com](mailto:marcia_andersen@yahoo.com) or at 443-918-8119 -- to coordinate your slot and for assistance. We hope to see many adults come out for this. (\*For the 17th, Pastor Gerry Rickel will be with us.)

**Bible on Tap.** We will continue our study of the book of Revelation on May 7, 7:00 p.m., at the Shamrock Pub. Anyone is welcome to join in the discussion whether you have come before or not—simply bring your Bible and a thirst for knowledge. Bible on Tap will finish this study on June 4 and take a break for July and August.

### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AND SILENT AUCTION—MAY 9

The Fundraising Committee is hosting a Mother's Day Brunch and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$15.00; the Thespian young folk will be serving. We will have lots of silent auction goodies to bid on. Ladies, you deserve to treat yourselves and be waited on, for a change. If you happen not to be a mother – just come and remember your own mother with fondness and love. Gentlemen are welcome, too. Seats should be reserved. Questions or to make reservations: call 301-271-7613.

**Registration for Delaware/Maryland Synod Assembly began April 1.** We are in need of 2 delegates from St John's. The dates are May 28-30 in Ocean City, Md., and anyone who has gone can tell you that it's a fun and informative time. All expenses will be paid by the church. You need not be present all three days, but we need representatives to give a voice to St. John's. If you're interested please let Pastor Susan know asap.

**May 17:** We will welcome back Pastor Gerry Rickel, chaplain of the Seafarers Mission in the port of Baltimore and the pastor of St. Dysmus Prison Ministry, to both services and Adult Sunday School on Sunday, May 17. Please plan to be present and support these vital ministries of the Delaware/Maryland Synod.

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**Attention, 2015 Graduates!** We would like to recognize your achievement and spread the news about your graduation and future plans. Please submit a brief article and photo, if possible, to be published in the June *Grapevine*.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

On Sunday, June 7, we will have one service at 10:45, as usual (followed by our potluck lunch).

Then, on **Sunday, June 14**, our summer worship schedule begins as follows:

**Worship at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.**

**One service at 10:00 a.m. on July 5, August 2 and September 6.\***

Summer break from Sunday School from June 7 through September 6.

\*Worship on September 6 will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Thurmont Town Park, followed by our usual picnic lunch.

**Use of Corbett Chapel.** Now that the Food Bank has moved, the Corbett Chapel is open for other use. How can we best use this space for God's glory and to serve God's people? Please e-mail the church office at [admin@saintjohnlutheran.org](mailto:admin@saintjohnlutheran.org) with your thoughts or jot down your ideas on the paper slips located on the back table and place in the small basket provided.

**"Ring Belle":** Belle Grimes has agreed to be the contact person to make sure that information on needs in our congregation gets out. If you have news or a concern that you want church members to know about, call Belle at 301-271-3082, or let Pastor Susan know to pass it along to her. Just ring Belle!

### **RECENT BAPTISM**



On April 12, we welcomed Connor and Olivia Baumgardner to the family of Christ at St. John's through the sacrament of Baptism. Their proud parents are Erin and Kevin Baumgardner. Welcome, dear little ones!

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FELLOWSHIP PROVIDERS' SCHEDULE**

- **JANUARY:** *Thurmont Thespians*
- **FEBRUARY:** *Social Ministry*
- **MARCH:** *Worship & Music*
- **APRIL:** *Neighborhood Niche*
- **MAY:** *Evangelism*
- **JUNE:** *Fellowship*
- **JULY:** *Women of the Church*
- **AUGUST:** *Fundraising*
- **SEPTEMBER:** *(Picnic)*
- **OCTOBER:** *Youth/Sunday School*
- **NOVEMBER:** *St. John's Preschool*
- **DECEMBER:** *Church Council*

- The provider of the month will bring the main dish (sandwiches or whatever dish desired).

## A Letter from Sarah Johnson

Hi everyone!

I'm graduating in May and I was recently invited to work as a human rights accompanier in Guatemala with an organization called NISGUA, starting in late July. NISGUA provides accompaniment for Guatemalans who are working to rebuild a just peace through civil society by providing human rights observation at the request of local leaders. International accompaniment has proven to have a positive impact in creating an atmosphere of respect for human rights in Guatemala, Colombia, Kenya and Nepal, and NISGUA has been supporting Guatemalan organizations and communities in the peace and justice process since the 1980s. I'm really excited to be part of an organization that is so deeply grounded in respect for the leadership of our Guatemalan partners.

Guatemala is facing many, many problems. The country is still dealing with the aftermath of a 36-year-long civil war that was partially funded by the US. This armed conflict left 200,000 people dead and 1.5 million displaced. During the bloodiest years of the war, there was attempted genocide against the Mayan population. The aftermath of that imperialism (and its current manifestations in agriculture and extraction) has created conditions of poverty and violence that have forced many Guatemalan children and young people to leave the country to survive. However, I've seen an enormous amount of hope, love and determination among ordinary Guatemalans to reclaim their nation from violence, poverty, and impunity. I want to contribute my *granito de arena* (grain of sand) towards making that hope a reality.

You all know the old proverb: "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day; teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime." Accompaniment is not so much about giving a fish or even teaching to fish: it's more like making sure that there are no fences around the lake. Our job is to use our position as international observers to protect the Guatemalans who are already working to defend their human rights, until our presence is no longer needed. As an accompanier, I will be traveling between the capital and an assigned region, sharing in rural life, observing and reporting on conditions, monitoring the human rights situation, and amplifying the stories of the activists and witnesses I work with to the international community (you!). If you'd like to get direct emails from me, email me at the following address [sarah.eb.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.eb.johnson@gmail.com) and I'll add you to my Friends and Family list. The Friends and Family mailing list will be my primary contacts while I'm abroad from fall of 2015 to summer of 2016. If you want to stay in touch while I'm abroad and get updates about the struggle for peace, justice and human rights in Guatemala, this is the best way to do it! Please get in touch if you have any questions. I really love to talk about this, and I'd love to hear your thoughts.

I hope you are able to stop by the Fair Trade coffee fundraiser on May 3rd. The Social Ministry Team is organizing a fundraiser where you can buy coffee that was grown on farms where the workers' rights and needs are prioritized, and some of the proceeds will go to my fundraising campaign! NISGUA provides a stipend while I am in Guatemala, but I have to cover the cost of my plane ticket there and several weeks of Spanish language school. The coffee you buy is giving back in two ways: it's a fundraiser for me and an investment in fair and sustainable coffee farmers (like the farmer seen in the snapshot below).

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Thank you so much for your time and support. It makes a world of difference.

Much love,  
Sarah Johnson

*This is Don Diego,  
a grower of organic coffee  
whom Sarah met last January  
in Guatemala!*



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## THE KENYA CONNECTION

This month I would like to initiate a column in the newsletter to share information regarding our Kenya Trip this past summer, and to continue to update you on current happenings at Pathfinder Academy and Lenana High School. There is a group of us from Team Kenya that continue to meet on a monthly basis to discuss ways that we can reach out and make a difference in the lives of these people. We really need everyone's support to be successful in these endeavors, and this will be a wonderful way to share our ideas.

A few months ago, we discussed the idea of the Pen Pal Project as a way to reach out to the first class of girls at Lenana High School. We received the names and individual pictures of the 26 girls from Joshua, the director of the school. We made up packets containing an envelope, a picture of the girl, sheets of writing paper, and instructions, to be passed out to those interested in being a Pen Pal. Our efforts to pass out the packets were hindered a bit when we were hit with snowstorms on consecutive Sundays, but we persevered and were finally able to provide 15 willing Pen Pals to communicate with the girls. The remaining 11 Pen Pals were recruited from Trinity Church in Em-mitsburg. Due to our snow delay, we were unable to get the letters sent before the students went on break at the beginning of April. We have now collected all of the letters and they were sent mid-April. They should be received by the end of the month and the girls will have a wonderful surprise waiting for them when they return to school at the beginning of May. I know we are all anxiously awaiting replies from our girls.

Another wonderful ministry going on is through Kandy Hauk's 2nd- and 3rd-Grade Sunday School Class. I shared my trip pictures and stories with the class and they really wanted to reach out to the children in some way. I suggested that they do something for the orphans that live at Pathfinder Academy. They came up with the idea to make pillowcases that have a daytime prayer on one side and a nighttime prayer on the other side. They decorated them with their handprints and a cross. I hope the children receiving them feel the LOVE that went into making them. In addition to the 26 pillowcases, they also provided copies of their Children's Worship Bulletins which provide Bible-related activities. We will also include crayons, pencils, erasers and tennis balls (compliments of the Hood College Tennis Team) in the package. This will brighten the faces of a lot of lonely children.

Anyone wishing to support this project can do so by making a donation towards postage. It is very expensive to mail a package to Kenya (\$10/1 lb.), but it is worth every penny to know that you've put smiles on the faces of so many children. Donations can be put in an envelope marked "Kenya Mission," and placed in the offering plate, or they can be given directly to Lisa Riffle.

I hope you have enjoyed the information in the first installment of The Kenya Connection. Please stay tuned for more intriguing information next month.

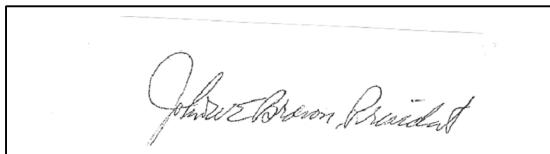
*Amani (Peace),  
Lisa Riffle*

## **Up-to-Date Financial Status of St. John's (General Fund)**

Our current balance is \$3,132.72 as of April 20, 2015. We will have one more offering this month, and we have several fairly large outstanding bills (main ones listed below.)

- C. Richard DeWees Oil Company, Inc. -- \$2,095
- Church Mutual Insurance -- \$470.69
- Payroll for five employees -- \$3,047 (state, local, and federal withholdings included)
- Ameritel (copier company) -- \$292.03 (monthly maintenance, toner, shipping of toner)
- Benevolences -- \$250

Considering this we may need to transfer funds from another account to keep current.



John W. E. Brown  
Church Council President

## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS: May 14 and June 11, 2015** **Council Highlights — April 9, 2015**

- Old Business:** A) John Ford ordered security lights for outside church building. He will contact Paul Hoult when ready to install lights.  
B) Corbett Chapel space is now available with the departure of Food Bank, and its future use is open for suggestions from the congregation. The Church Council will make final decision with all suggestions considered.
- New Business:** A) Letter received from Gettysburg Seminary regarding Pastor Susan's 5-year graduation anniversary. The May *Grapevine* will publish for anyone wishing to donate to the Seminary in Pastor's honor.
- Open Discussion:** A) On-line bill paying for seven specific vendors discussed. Belle motioned to approve; Kelli seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Donovan, Secretary

# Gettysburg SEMINARY



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A Seminary of the  
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Church in America

March 11, 2015

Church Council President  
St. John Lutheran Church  
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Dear Council President,

According to our records, The Rev. Susan Marie Beck graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg five years ago. Pastor Beck may also be approaching an important ordination anniversary as well.

We have extended our congratulations to your pastor, but we also wanted you to be aware, if you were not already, of this significant anniversary. We value the life and service of those who have gone forth from this Seminary, as I am sure you value Pastor Beck's service, and suggest that your congregation may wish to plan an appropriate observance of this event.

A gift to the Seminary in honor of Pastor Beck would be an appropriate gesture of appreciation and will help to carry on the tradition of a learned pastorate which our Church values so highly. Gettysburg Seminary has prepared leaders for the Church for more than 189 years will continue to do so into the critical decades ahead. The Seminary equips people called to public ministry, preparing them to address the gospel of Jesus Christ to today's mission opportunities and unique challenges. It serves as a center of reflection and research, teaching and study, worship and practice for our Church. Of course, you may wish to confer with Pastor Beck to determine her wishes in this regard.

May I suggest your congregation make a visit to Gettysburg Seminary with your pastor during Spring Academy Week (April 27-May 2). Reunion events are being planned around April 28 and 29, but there will also be lectures, presentations and workshops, with worship, culturally and spiritually enriching activities for students, lay learners, alumni/ae, prospective seminarians and more the entire week. The various presenters will encourage reflection and dialogue around the theme "Home and Away: Ministry with Those Coming Home and Ministry as the Global Church." Special group discounts are available, as well as limited funding for groups with transportation and food.

Thank you for your partnership in shared ministry as we work together to maintain and strengthen the leadership of our Church.

In Christ,

Nina Garretson  
Director of Alumni & Congregational Relations  
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## Thurmont Thespians Announce Auditions for Summer Production



# Seussical Jr.

**Summer Children's Production  
directed by  
Becca Richards**

### **Auditions for Seussical Jr.**

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
15 North Church Street  
Thurmont, MD 21788**

**Saturday, May 16 @ 9:00am  
Monday, May 18 @ 6:30pm.**

**Auditions for children ages 7-14 years old.** Older teens are encouraged to help with stage and production crew. Please be prepared to sing a short song, dance and read from the show. Every person who auditions will be given a role in the show. There is no cost for the summer program.

**QUESTIONS?**

**CALL 240-446-2441 OR EMAIL  
[BECCANOELLE122@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BECCANOELLE122@GMAIL.COM) OR VISIT THE  
THURMONT THESPIANS FACEBOOK PAGE**

## GOD'S GREENING

(from the column entitled *From Olives to Apples*)  
by Ann Marie Bezayiff

Enough is enough! This is certainly the winter that won't give up. The continuous round of snow, sleet, ice and extreme cold are merciless. The wind blows icy cold. I've forgotten what warmth from the sun feels like. Isn't it time for spring? Has anyone seen signs of spring?

Ah! Maybe today. I noticed something new today. Minuscule pokes are forming in the white desert. The crusted snow is cracking and thawing blades of grass are pushing up to dance in the sun. The sun's rays, still cold and hard, confuse the frozen currents and drifts of white stuff glued onto my hill. Even with so little warmth, the thick layers begin to drip out of shape. Puddles form at the bottom of the hill; it's only the beginning of the run to the Chesapeake Bay.

A flock of robins has returned. They form an odd-shaped circle in the valley below, each one pecking at the buffet of worms escaping flooding tunnels below. The trees are promising green and a single, premature wildflower stretches up under the protection of a country mailbox. Spring is truly coming. The earth is shifting. God is greening.

The show has begun. The Artist paints and sculpts and the evidence of rebirth is everywhere. Life praises fill the air. Creation dances and sings under the warming sky. Even the seasons are under God's authority. What awesome power is our God.

Rebirth  
Renewal  
Revive Awakening  
Renew  
Restore

The power of life overcomes even the most tenacious of winters. God creates life out of ancient lines of death, and breathes that power, that life, into his people. We carry the power, the light within us. We are the spring. We are the resurrected spring. We live in the light even as we struggle in the darkness and cold. We died with Christ and now live a new life through him, in him and with him.

The promise of spring is before us.

Easter is everywhere.

God is greening his people.

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.*  
Ephesians 6:10, NIV

*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*  
Philippians 4:13, King James Bible

# ***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS***

## **ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS**

Marie Seiss	Belle Grimes
Janet Heckert	Dorothy Stowell
Luke Bradley	Sarah Johnson

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Dale Wireman—friend of Debbie Ayers  
Larry Haga—family of Becky Smith  
Jeremy Hahn  
Kevin Orndorff—son-in-law of Debbie Ayers  
Michele Myers—niece of Harriet Valentine  
Rick Baker—brother of Darlene Fogle and Debbie Ayers  
Kelly Heath—daughter of Belle Grimes  
Jesse Wolf—son of Belle Grimes  
Jacob and Edna Matthias—parents of Belle Grimes  
Rev. Frederick Simmel—former Pastor of St. John's  
Betty Post – sister of Gayle Spahr and Judy May  
Marge Dolson – friend of Gayle Spahr  
Lauren Jones – stepdaughter of Carol Donovan  
Brian Murphy – friend of Carol Donovan  
Dede Himes—Administrative Assistant/Finances, St. John's  
Alex Holmes—son of Mary Holmes

## **IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY**

Dylan Goins  
Josh Waldron  
Brandon Meeks

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

5/2 Ryan Delauter  
5/11 Zachary Getz  
5/12 Nancy Riffle  
5/15 John Urian  
5/18 Carroll Zentz  
5/18 Warren Zenz  
5/19 William Getz  
5/20 Carroll Roderick  
5/21 Gloria Angleberger  
5/25 Michael Lewis  
5/26 Brian Getz  
5/26 Beulah Zentz  
5/28 Amanda March  
5/29 Lisa Riffle  
5/30 Kristin Fox  
5/30 Inus Lohr  
5/31 Nathan Fox

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

6/3 Traci Getz  
6/6 Emily Hobbs  
6/7 Alexis Myers  
6/8 Jennifer Stull  
6/10 Jesse Riffle Grubb  
6/17 Renee Jay  
6/18 Judy May  
6/18 Guy Whidden  
6/19 Molly Spahr  
6/22 Kandy Hauk  
6/23 P. J. Donaghue  
6/24 Mary Eyler  
6/26 Travis Unger  
6/28 Carol Ford

# May 2015 Worship Assistants' Schedule

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ASS'T. MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>WELCOMERS</u>	<u>ALTAR</u>
5/3	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>	<u>ONE SERVICE — Sing and Rejoice at 10:45 a.m.</u>			L. Riffle
5/10	8:30 a.m.	S. Dart	M. Skillinger	H. & R. Valentine	L. Riffle
5/17	8:30 a.m.	L. Riffle	J. Ford	B. & J. Urian	L. Riffle
<u>5/24*</u> <u>Pentecost</u>	8:30 a.m.	J. Ford	C. Fraley	Dart Family	L. Riffle
5/31	8:30 a.m.	B. Riffle	B. Grimes	D. & D. Valentine	L. Riffle

\*Crucifer for Pentecost: O. Dart

## SING & REJOICE SERVICE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>WELCOMERS</u>	<u>PRAYER</u>
5/3	10:45 a.m.	G. Spahr	R. Johnson	S. Getz R. Johnson	B. Watson
5/10	10:45 a.m.	K. Donaghue	S. Getz	C. Fox M. L. Royer	C. Kreitz
5/17	10:45 a.m.	C. Kreitz	A. Mumm	T. & A. Mumm	K. Johnson
5/24	10:45 a.m.	J. Hobbs-Myers	M. Donaghue	T. & A. Hauk	G. Spahr
5/31	10:45 a.m.	J. Muegge	R. Johnson	C. & J. Muegge	M. B. Johnson



### \*\* Please Note \*\*

*If you cannot be present on the assigned date,  
be sure to trade with another assistant. Thank you!*

# MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:40 Sun School  <b><u>10:45 a.m.</u></b> <b><u>ONE SERVICE</u></b> <b><u>SING &amp; REJOICE</u></b>  Social Ministry Fair Trade Sale for Sarah Johnson's Ministry	4	5	6	7  7:00 Bible on Tap at Shamrock	8	9  11:00 am Mother's Day Brunch and Silent Auction
10 8:30 Trad Worship 9:40 Sun School 10:45 Sing & Rejoice	11	12	13	14  7:00 Church Council	15	16  9:00 a.m. Auditions for <i>Seussical Jr.</i>
17 8:30 Trad Worship 9:40 Sun School 10:45 Sing & Rejoice  1:00 & 2:30 Preschool Spring Programs and Graduation	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:30 Trad Worship 9:40 Sun School 10:45 Sing & Rejoice	25	26	27	28  SYNOD ASSEMBLY	29  SYNOD ASSEMBLY	30  SYNOD ASSEMBLY
31 8:30 Trad Worship 9:40 Sun School 10:45 Sing & Rejoice						

# JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 7:00 Bible on Tap at Shamrock	5	6
7 <b>10:45 a.m.</b> <u>ONE SERVICE</u> <u>TRADITIONAL</u>  (NO Sunday School)	8	9	10	11 7:00 Church Council	12	13
14 8:30 Traditional Worship  <b>10:00 Sing &amp; Rejoice</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 8:30 Traditional Worship  <b>10:00 Sing &amp; Rejoice</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 8:30 Traditional Worship  <b>10:00 Sing &amp; Rejoice</b>  2:30 St. Catherine's Service	29	30				

## HIDDEN MESSAGE #1

The letters on the left and the numbers along the top of the grid are tools for decoding this hidden Bible verse. The blanks below the grid contain two pairs of letters and numbers. Look at the first set. They are E-4 and F-5. Find the intersection where line E and line 4 meet. Place a dot there. Now find the intersection where line F and line 5 meet. Put a dot there. Now draw a diagonal line connecting the dots. If you are right, your line was drawn through the word "For." This is the first word in the verse. Write it in space 1. Continue in this way until you have filled in all the blanks.

O	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	beloved	perish	one	everlasting	that	his	knoweth	believeth
B	he	so	that	not	not	love	God	every
C	God	of	world	4:7	John	that	is	for
D	Paul	Son	let	in	us	should	Matthew	only
E	and	God	he	God	For	love	that	born
F	Loveth	God	whosoever	3:16	but	loveth	have	Mark
G	Luke	the	John	one	gave	not	loved	of
H	another	for	begotten	is	is	him	love	life

(E-4,F-5)      (B-6,C-7)      (B-1,C-2)      (G-6,H-7)      (G-1,H-2)      (C-2,D-3)      (C-5,D-6)

(E-2,F-3)      (G-4,H-5)      (A-5,B-6)      (D-7,E-8)      (H-2,I-3)      (D-1,E-2)      (E-6,F-7)

(F-2,G-3)      (A-7,B-8)      (D-3,E-4)      (H-5,I-6)      (D-5,E-6)      (B-3,C-4)      (A-1,B-2)

(F-4,G-5)      (F-6,G-7)      (A-3,B-4)      (H-7,I-8)      Scripture:      (C-4,D-5)      (F-3,G-4)

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