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PRAIRIE FAITH COMPANION

Midweek at Bethlehem

Crazy how fast the summer has gone, but here we are planning for another year of midweek. As in previous years, we can always use volunteers to help teach a class, sub as a teacher, play the piano, help with music, as well as help with the meal. The meal will start at 6:00 P.M. each Wednesday night and class will dismiss at 7:30 p.m., except during lent. The 2024/2025 Midweek Session will begin Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. Please follow Bethlehem's Facebook page for cancellations due to weather or any schedule changes. If you would like more information regarding midweek or would like to volunteer to help, please reach out to the Bethlehem Church Office 785-743-2005.

Please join us Wednesday August 21st, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. for a parents and volunteer meeting in the BLC Library!!



Sunday School at St. John

The 2024/2025 Sunday School session at St. John will begin on Sunday, September 15, prior to worship at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us as we celebrate another great year of Fellowship, Worship and Learning! If you would like more information about Sunday School, please call a St. John Sunday School representative or the Prairie Faith office at 785-743-2005 and we will put you in touch with a St. John Sunday School representative.

Looking Forward to seeing you there!



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Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Website

www.prairiefaith.com



WaKeeney

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE PARTY IN THE PARK

SUNDAY	11	5 TO 7 P.M.
AUGUST		

SWIMMING POOL PARK

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sides and Desserts will be provided!
If attending, please bring a Salad

GAMES

POOL OPEN FROM 6-8 P.M. Free of Charge



CALL COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024
7:00 P.M.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

338 N. 7TH STREET
WAKEENEY

PF OFFICE PHONE:
785-743-2005

The mission of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry is to gather in God's name, share ideas & concerns, and actively shape the future of spiritual growth for our member congregations. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and through ordained and lay leadership, we offer this ministry to serve Christ in our communities.



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Pastor Jon is available by appointment.
 To get in touch with Pastor Jon, please call his cell phone or the church office.



Please consider helping with mowing at **Bethlehem's Church and Parsonage**. A sign-up sheet is available on the message board at the front entrance to the Sanctuary. Good News...you do not have to bring your own equipment as Bethlehem has a mower and a compost bin at both locations. Any and all help would be appreciated!

Thanks to all who have helped with the mowing!!



LIVESTREAM

If you are interested in being a substitute for livestreaming Bethlehem's worship services, please contact Margaret Schmitt at the church office 785-743-2005. Livestreaming our Worship services is an important part of Bethlehem's Ministry.
 Thank You...Your help is and would be very much appreciated!



Bethlehem

Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.
 Mid-Week School, Wed @ 6:00 p.m.
 (during public school year)

Office: 785-743-2005
 Gail Jensen, Office Manager

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship/Communion — 9:00 a.m.
 (Every 1st & 3rd Sundays)

August 4— Pastor Emer. Randy Gibbs
August 18—Pastor Jon Anderson

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Volunteers for August

August 4— Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Chris Trogstad
 Head Usher—Richard Jensen
 Lector— Myrna Mai
 Acolyte—Levi Conness

August 11— Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist— Mary Cunningham
 Head Usher—Jeremiah Burbach
 Lector—Bridget Cook
 Acolyte—Tucker Yingling

August 18— Pastor Shelly Klingensmith
 Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson
 Head Usher—Jeremiah Burbach
 Lector—Deb Fabrizius
 Acolyte—Elias Hille

August 25—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level
 Head Usher—Sarah Gibbs
 Lector—Sarah Gibbs
 Acolyte—Gage Garrett

*We wish to sincerely Thank All of our Volunteers!
 If you are interested in volunteering for any of
 the service opportunities at Bethlehem,
 please check the sign up sheets on the message
 board at the front door of the sanctuary,
 by visiting with a Council Member or
 call the church office at 785-743-2005.*

St. John

Volunteers for August

Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.
 Communion Every 1st & 3rd Sundays
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
 (during the School Year)

August 4—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Rodger Fischer
 Lector—Josh Keller
 Communion—Tim & Aleta Keller
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

August 11—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Darrell Armbruster
 Lector—Sarah Windholz
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

August 18—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Bee McElroy
 Lector—Dennis Keller
 Communion—Bob & Vonda Ackerman
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

August 25—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Bob Schonhaler
 Lector—Vonda Ackerman
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston





PSALM 56:3-"WHENEVER I'M AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU."

As I write this column, the kids at St. John Lutheran Church north of Ellis are having Vacation Bible School. The course they're using is called "Camp Firelight", published by Cokesbury, and the theme verse is the one I quoted above. These past few days

I've enjoyed being with the kids, visiting with them and their teachers and helpers, and getting caught up in their enthusiasm. Today most VBS courses include a video of songs with kids dancing to the music-and from day one, no one needed to tell the kids at St. John to dance along with the dancers-they got right into it, copying all the dancers' moves. All the lessons thus far have been about people who put their trust in God, and how we can trust God, especially in times when we're afraid. In my 39 years in ministry, I've always loved the enthusiasm kids bring with them to church, Sunday School, and especially Bible School. It is delightful to see children, some of whom are too young to receive, come running and smiling to the front, and continue to smile as I give them a blessing. No, I don't expect to see grownups running up front-but I hope that inside each one is as enthusiastic and joyful about coming to the Lord's Table as the children are. The way we express our faith may change over the years-our preference in worship styles and music may change-but may God grant that we all, like children, retain a sense of joy and wonder as we come into the house of the Lord, trusting in God's love and mercy-trusting that God is always with us, whether we're joyful or sad, whether we're feeling confident or feeling afraid-and may that trust stay with us as we leave God's house and carry us throughout our lives-and may God's precious peace be with us.

Pastor Jon Anderson

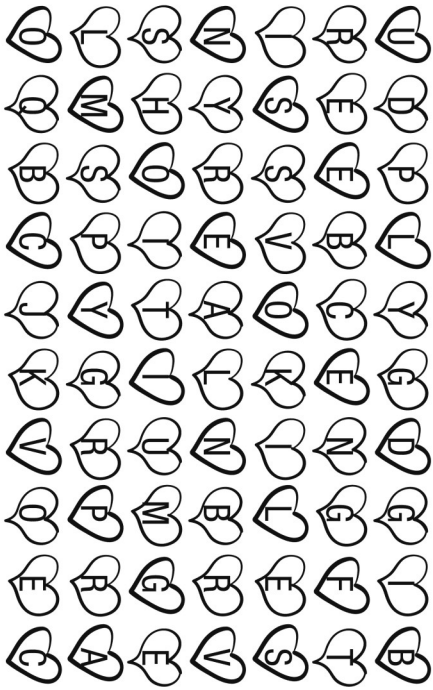


PUZZLE

The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

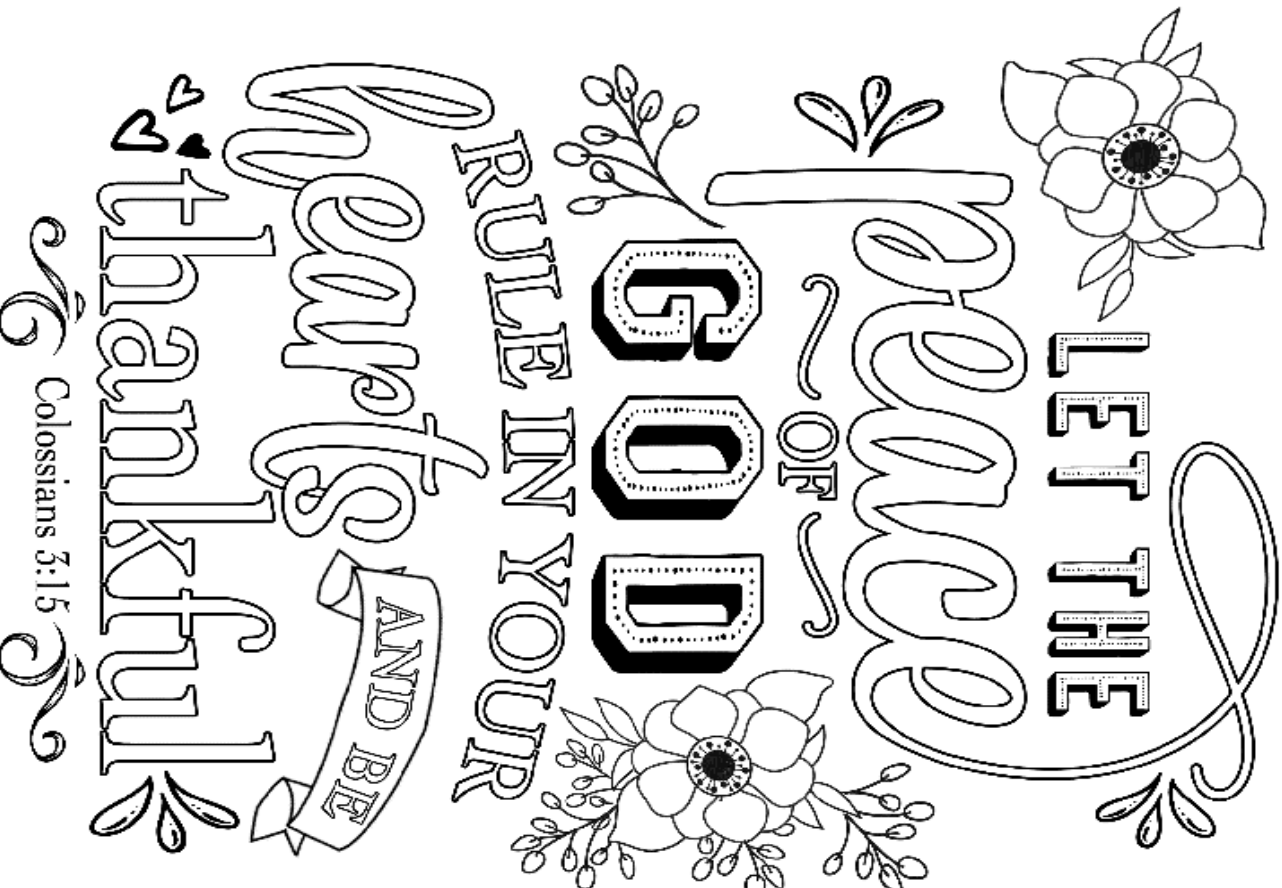
Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other D , because love
 ↑ ↓ ← → ↑ ↓ ← → ↑ ↓ ← → ↑ ↓ over a multitude of ↑ ↓ ← → ↑ ↓ . Offer
 → → → → → → → → → → → → → → to one another without
 → → → → → → → → → → → → → → . Each of you should use whatever
 → → → → → → → → → → → → → → you have received to ↑ ↓ ← → ↑ ↓ ← → ↑ ↓ others, as faithful
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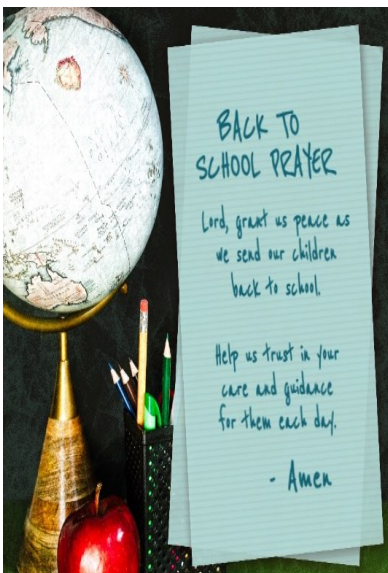
¹ PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace



Bethlehem

- 1 Ross Benisch
 7 Marla Woods
 10 Brittany Brock
 11 Ian Conness
 11 Sean Conness
 11 Angela Miller
 11 Leana Garrett
 12 Laurita Burbach
 13 Cole Mattheyer
 13 Ben Kelley
 16 Rusty Long
 16 Hattie Enslow
 16 Hedy Niedens
 18 Cody Garrett
 19 Madelyn Becker
 20 Cassie Kelley
 20 Gina Deaver
 22 Lily Sherfick
 24 Bryson Enslow
 27 Cory Coker
 27 Chuck Crook
 29 Dustin Becker
Emanuel
 30 Pat Wiedeman



AUGUST

Birthdays and Anniversaries

As God adds Life to your Years, may He add Years to your Life.

God Bless You as you Celebrate Life and Love!

St. John

- 1 Natalie Jones
 1 Marcy McClelland
 3 Sonya Armbruster
 10 Robin Armbrister
 10 Tina Douglas
 13 Mark Armbrister
 16 Waylynn Armbrister
 19 Jace Cearley
 21 Adabelle Zachman
 22 Gary Armbrister
 24 Erin Rogers
 24 Alison Elley
 25 Ruth Dietz
 25 Johni Keller
 26 Jordan Kroeger
 26 Brandon Keever
 27 Kelby Schonthaler
 28 Blake Schonthaler
 29 Diane Henderson

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Mark & Connie Hafliger – Bethlehem
 3 Edgar & Rosetta Deines - Bethlehem
 4 Josh & Andrea Keller – St. John
 5 John Jr. & Kathy Hafliger - Bethlehem
 6 Tom & Marcy McClelland – St. John
 11 Seth & Jami Albers - Bethlehem
 15 Bill & Ruth Dietz – St. John
 16 Rick & Laurita Burbach - Bethlehem
 17 Larry & Kathy Dietz – Bethlehem
 18 Chris & Sara Nations – Bethlehem
 22 Bill & Cindy Level - Bethlehem
 24 Cory & Ashley Garrett - Bethlehem
 25 Randy & Amy Gibbs – Bethlehem
 28 Alvin & Maggie Armbrister – St. John
 30 Fred & Gretchen Hafliger - Bethlehem

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA

“He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy” (Job 8:21). God works through your support to share the ministry of laughter at camp. What would the world be without the smiles and laughter? Thanks for your financial and in kind support! Not a supporter yet-- go to camptomahshinga.com. look around, explore and let the Spirit lead!

Thank you for putting the announcement into your publications and for all your support, it is appreciated!

*Ethan Feistner, Executive Director
 Camp Tomah Shinga*

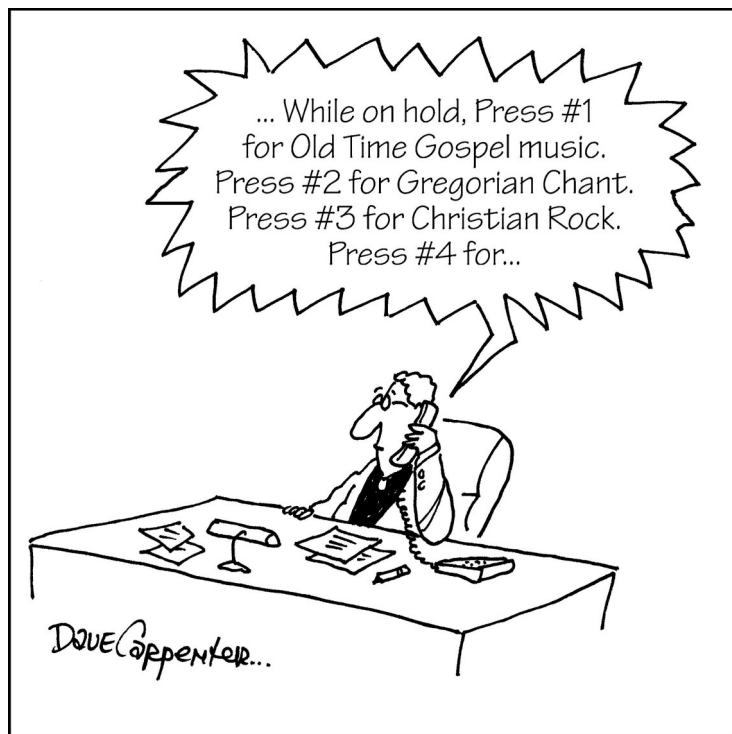
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HELLO august

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Call Committee Meeting 7:00p Bethlehem Lutheran Church Library	2	3
4 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a Em Communion 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00a SJ Communion	5 2:00p BLC WELCA Meeting & Bible Study 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library	6	7	8	9	10
11 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00a SJ Worship 5:00p -7:00p WaKeeney Ministerial Alliance Party in the Park Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sides and Desserts! SWIMMING POOL PARK 6:00p-8:00p Pool Open Swimming Free of Charge Please Bring a Salad	12 11:00a BLC WaKeeney LTC Worship. 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library 7:00p SJ Council Meeting	13 PFSM Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church, Ellis	14 6:30p BLC Council Meeting—BLC Library	15 TREGO FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 1:00p BLC ~ WaKeeney LTC Communion	16	17
18 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a Em Communion 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00a SJ Communion	19 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library	20	21 6:30p BLC Midweek Parents & Volunteers Meeting-BLC Library 	22	23 PFSM September Newsletter Deadline	24
25 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00a SJ Worship	26 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library	27	28	29 1:00p BLC ~ WaKeeney Senior Apt. Communion	30	31

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*May all your people from all the ends
of Earth be gathered into one in you.*

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