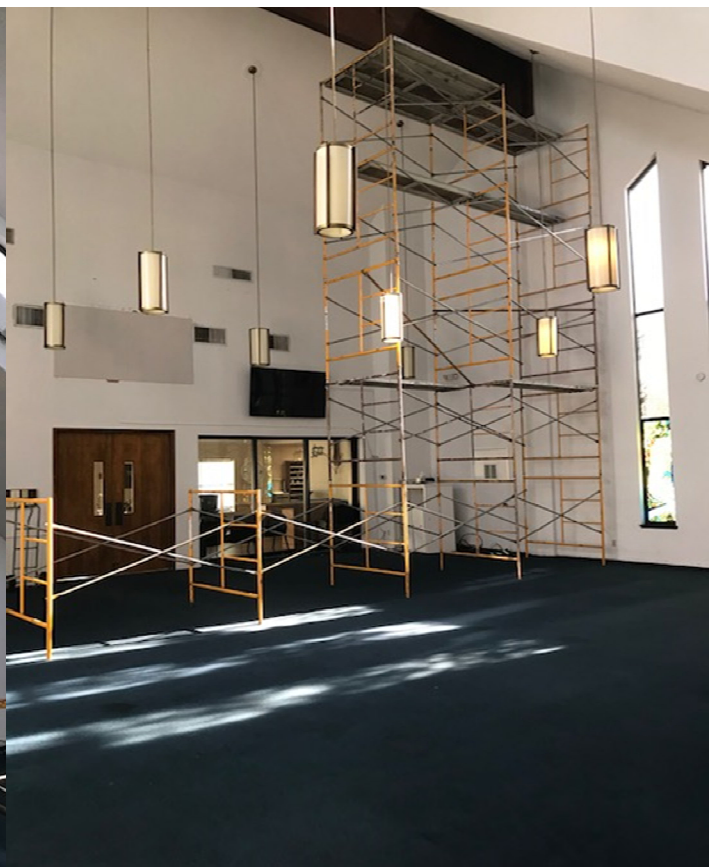


Christus Victor Lutheran Church

JUNE Voice 2020

Let the renovations begin!!





Christus Victor Family and Friends,

Blessings to all of you as we continue with our virtual gatherings for the time being.

The latest on our returning to worship is not a simple answer.

The initial thought is that we would return to limited in-person worship for those who can/are comfortable on June 7th. This would mean worshipping in the Family Life Center as it is our hope that the renovations would be started by then. However, if we find that the renovations would be completed by the end of June, then we would plan to wait until the beginning of July to start in-person worship. That being said, It is looking as though it may be a little longer than that before we could worship in our sanctuary. I will address the renovations in a separate article. If the renovations are going to go into July, I would not want to wait. We should know within the next week a estimated time for completion and more concrete answers as to WHEN we start in person worship. Once we do start coming together again, there will be some modifications:

Anyone that is in a high risk group is encouraged to stay home. WE WILL CONTINUE STREAMING WORSHIP. I know that the CDC considers anyone over 65 to be a high risk category. We will trust each of you to determine that on your own.

Wearing a mask will certainly be perfectly fine. Do whatever you can to feel safe and comfortable. Hand sanitizer will be readily available.

While family groups can sit together, every individual/family would have to be at least 6' from the next person/family group.

There will be no passing of the Peace.

Offering plates will be positioned at the door for you to put your offering in either as you enter or when you exit worship.

There will be no donuts.

We will still have coffee, but we will use disposable cups.

Communion will be done differently though we have not fine tuned how that will happen.

At this moment, those are the modifications I can think of. While this may seem overwhelming, I do believe that this will not be a problem for our congregation. With the number of people that will likely stay home, it will be more than possible to spread out. I know this gathering will be small, but I do feel it is important for us to come together the best we can as so many are deeply missing the connection of our community.

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This has been a tough time for everyone. Uncertainty and having to push our understanding of worship puts a strain on all of us. I am grateful for everyone that has stepped up to help out with these services. Putting them together has proven to be more challenging than I anticipated and I am grateful for a congregation that has been so willing to forgive the production mishaps that have occurred along the way. When we gather for worship again, we will live stream so that will alleviate me having to put together and produce the videos. That will be a relief for sure.

As this production process has taken so much more time than I am accustomed to, I have not been able to connect with many of you even by phone. For that I am deeply sorry. It is the part of my call that is most life-giving for me. I am sorry that I have not connected personally more, but I believe I can fix that fairly soon.

Know that the greatest concern is for the health and safety of all of our members, especially the most vulnerable. We will consider all the information we have moving forward and pray for the spirit to guide to what we, as a congregation should be doing from week to week. Thank you for your patience and understanding along the way.

God Bless you all,

Pastor Tammy

RENOVATIONS

We've made progress. Here's an update and a ROUGH diagram of the sanctuary renovations. It is not to scale. Also, there are examples of the chairs we have chosen, the fabric for the chairs, the carpet, and the paint following the diagram.

We will build a small elevated platform area at the front of the sanctuary. A ramp will be on the left side, for use by those who might have difficulty making a step up to the platform.

The new AV booth will have seating for two people and a new equipment rack for audio and video equipment. (We will have the capability to make video recordings again).

The AV booth will be moved to the right side of the sanctuary so that it will not block the view of the altar for people in the Narthex. So all of the music-related things will be moved to the right side, as well. Because the musicians will then be on the right, the Pulpit will be moved to the left side of the sanctuary, along with the Baptismal Font.

The kneelers and communion rails will go all across the front of the platform, which will make the "flow" of communion go much smoother. The flowers for Sunday mornings can be placed in front of the Altar. If there are two bouquets, the other bouquet would go in front of the Pulpit.

The seating (marked in red on the sketch) at the rear indicates the location of chairs with arms, for those who need assistance rising from their chair.

The carpet will run throughout the sanctuary, including the platform and the AV Booth.

Our audio equipment will be fully updated, to accommodate more mikes and better speakers. The wiring will be covered and run under the staging.

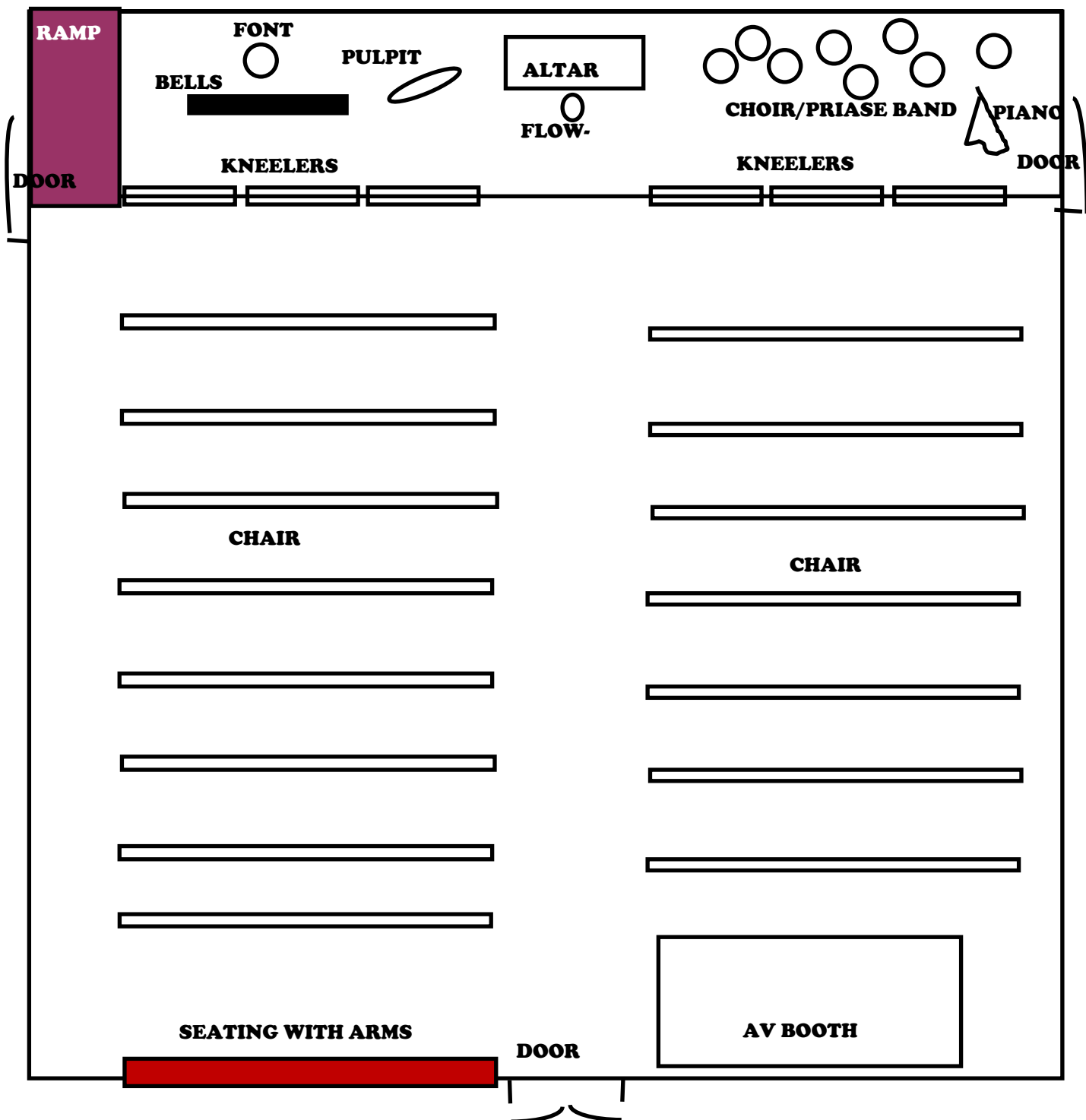
The current speakers will be replaced with new speakers that hang from the slanted part of the ceiling on each side and distribute sound more effectively throughout the sanctuary. They will also be small and white (so less distracting). In addition, there will be a speaker permanently located in the Narthex for use for overflow attendees.

As we worked through the things we wanted to have done, understanding that something simply had to be done, we ended up with what we needed to do now, which ran about \$1500 over our budget, which we will have to manage as we trimmed everywhere possible. There was a list of AV equipment that did not fit in the budget but individuals have stepped in and will be covering those costs.

Not included in our plan is having the Pulpit, Altar and kneeling rails refinished. All of these things are more than 30 years old and are looking worn. The hope is to have them stained in a bit darker finish like one of the darker finishes on the cross. We are looking to get a bid on having that done, but we have not received that yet. This will be on a list of things we would like to have done in the near future.



This is the chair we have chosen and above is the fabric for the chairs. The red area in the diagram shows where these same seats but with arms will go for those who need that to help get up. The overflow/Narthex chairs will be a less expensive chair but the same fabric.



Happy Father's Day

FATHER
KIND trust
nurturing friend
WISDOM
family man LO
thoughtful VE
STRONG patient



I just want to say that I miss you all and I miss not being able to be in church for services. Pastor Tammy is doing a great job in putting the virtual services together and the one with the different Lutheran college choirs and the piano and organ duet was awesome. I have noticed that people that would not normally sing a solo in church would do it on a recording. I have to admit that I don't get as nervous on a recording as I do in person. We have plans to remodel the church which Pastor Tammy will explain in an email. I have been part of that committee and things are moving in a positive direction. We have a decision to make on whether the remodeling will be done before we start worshipping in person or if we worship in the Family Life Center for a short time before the renovations are done or if we wait for the renovations to be over before we worship in person again. Please be patient while we make these decisions so that we can make it the best for all of us. As Texas is opening back up from the stay at home order, we have to make sure that COVID-19 cases are not going up. We are also wanting to record the live services so that those of you that choose to stay home can also participate. Do not feel obligated to come sooner than you would want to. We want to make sure that everyone's health is taken into consideration. I happen to be in the high risk group, so I want to make sure that we do not come back too soon. However, I want to be able to see you all again. I may not be hugging everyone right away, but I would be glad to see you in person.

One thing we are going to need when we get back into the sanctuary again are audio-visual people. This is one ministry that is so important, but we have so few people to handle. If you are at all inclined to do this, please let Dick Danielson know. If we are going to move into the 21st century, this job is going to be one that we cannot do without and currently we have about five people that know what to do and we need two people to do it at one time. Adding video will increase the need to three people, so definitely pray about taking on this ministry.

When we get back to having services in person, I will start scheduling assisting ministers and altar guild. I will let you know when that happens. I will ask for your availability and I will try to make sure I use the correct distribution list for each group. There may be changes to how we do communion to make it safer to administer. We will let you know what those changes are. We will do our best to keep your health in mind.

Until we see each other again, stay healthy and safe and know that everyone on the Worship Committee is thinking of you in this interesting time.

Yours in Christ,

Stacey Keener

Worship Committee Chair



My prayers continue for each of you as we negotiate these new times. I pray that you have remained safe and well. I also trust that you are finding ways to keep your spirits up and maybe even get out just a little bit.

I want to thank Mary Ann Headley for playing "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" for our prelude last week. It was the perfect way to send the organ on its way to a new home where it will continue to serve its new owner with joy. I hope Mary Ann and I can continue to do duets on our new piano.

Finally, I want to thank each of the musicians who have shared their voices in song for our online services. We loved the vocal offerings. Please continue to volunteer. Don't fear! Please share!! God loves a cheerful singer!

Sending you a virtual hug!!

Trish



Education

VBS

Hello everyone!

With everything going on right now, we have had to make hard decisions about VBS. We love Cokesbury's theme, The Knights of North Castle, and we are really excited about it. We have had to balance our excitement with our children's and volunteers' health and safety. In doing so, we have decided to do a "drive through" VBS later this summer. We will send out more information later as we get the plan worked out. For now, please know that we are still doing this awesome outreach, just in a different way.

For everyone who gave so generously for VBS this year, we will be using the Knights theme and supplies next year.

Have a great June!

Lisa Kutinac



Children's School



HELLO SUMMER!

WOW, where did the school year go? The COVID-19 virus brought an ending to the school year that we did not anticipate. However, we are thankful for the accomplishments that each child achieved throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

June is here and we are gearing up for a variety of fun-filled Summer experiences at CVCS. As of now there will be no field trips this summer.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE WONDERFUL DADS!



Scout News

During the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home orders, our Scouts have kept in touch and busy despite not being able to meet in person. All of our Scout groups – Pack, Troop and Crew 615 have all adjusted to holding meetings by Zoom and other online methods to continue learning and being social together.

The Cub Scouts held an advancement ceremony during their monthly Pack meeting in April and will do their end of school year rank advancements on May 28 by Zoom. The Cubmaster has kept the Cubs engaged with 30 day challenges for the kids to work on at home, as well as fun science projects to do together at the beginning of their Pack meeting.

Troop 615 began having their weekly meetings at regularly scheduled times by Zoom, plus added in Merit badge classes and a Saturday 615 Challenges. These Challenges start at 6:15pm each Saturday and there are mystery aspects that are revealed as the Scouts log in and participate, including foil packet “Chopped” style cooking, one-match camp fires to boil water, and patriotic dessert decorating. The Troop also welcomed the Bay Area Council’s 1st two Eagle Scouts after successful Board Review by Zoom in May, including William Byrd who worked on CVLC’s patio by the entrance.

Crew 615 has kept up their monthly meetings online, plus added in weekly game nights for their Scouts.

They recently planned their first socially distanced hike and kayak days for June so they can resume small group outings.

Jennifer Schaudt



Happy Birthday!

Peyton Miller	6/06
Ani Kutinac	6/11
Don Birklebach	6/13
Natalie Guajardo	6/18
Vanessa Zambrana	6/18
Ruby Hinton	6/24
Missy Qualia	6/24
Margie Schafman	6/25
Carol Roush	6/26
Evelyn Geiger	6/27

Happy Anniversary!

Jack & Stacey Keener

6/9

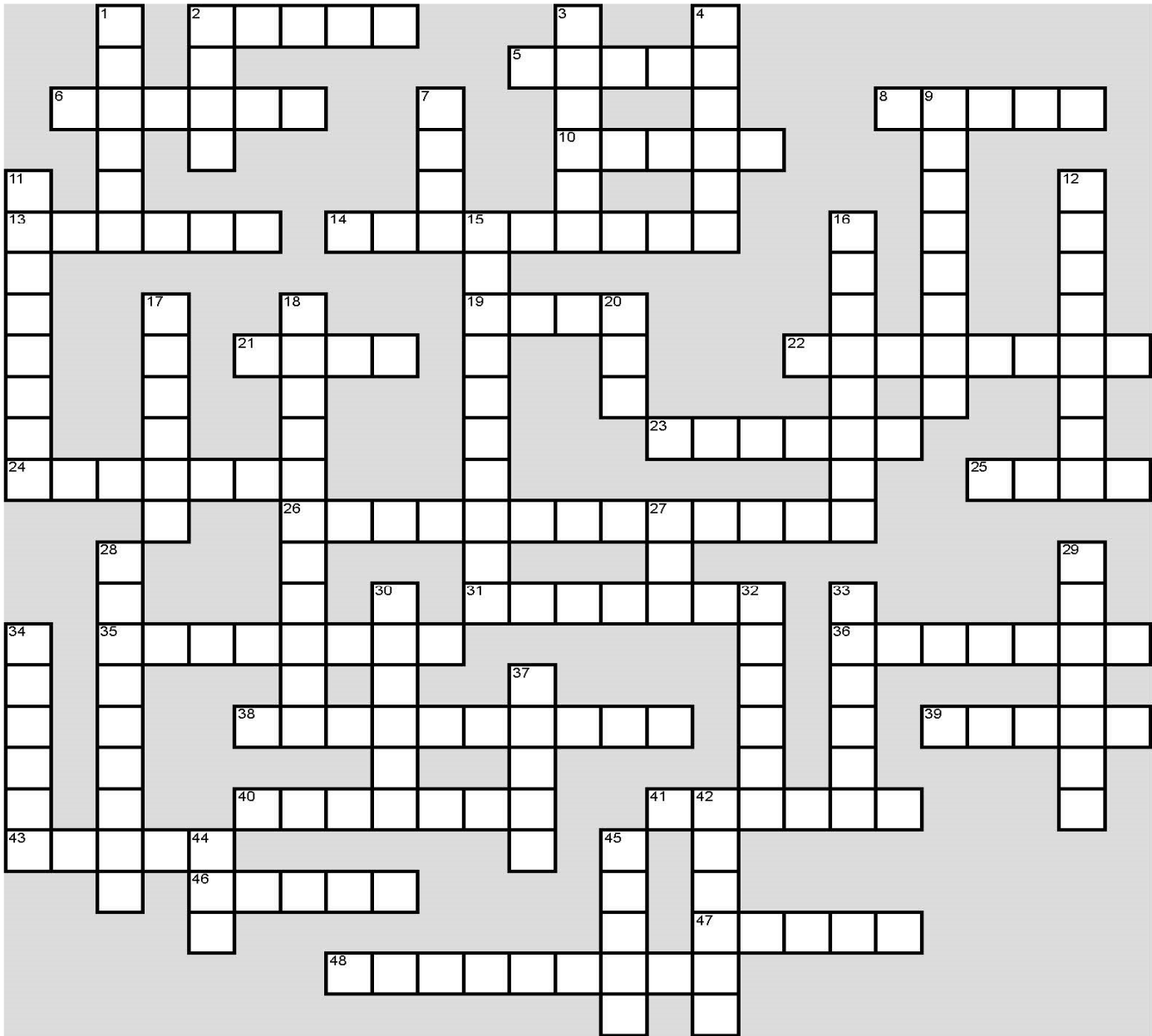


Answers to Last Month's puzzle

1-Amos, 2-Mark, 3-Luke, 4-John, 5-Joel, 6-Judges, 7-Job, 8-Hebrews, 9-Esther, 10-Acts, 11-James, 12-Ruth, 13-Romans, 14-Titus, 15-Matthew, 16-Genesis, 17-Philemon, 18-Chronicles, 19-Daniel, 20-Nahum, 21-Hosea, 22-Lamentations, 23-Revelation, 24-Timothy, 25-Samuel, 26-Numbers, 27-Malachi, 28-Peter, 29-Exodus, 30-Kings. There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

Bible Crossword/Matthew



Questions on next page

Answers will be in he July Voice

Across

- 2 _____ for we do not know the hour that the Son of Man is coming. (Matthew 25:1-13)
- 5 Jesus told the woman that her _____ made her well. (Matthew 9:18-22)
- 6 And the _____ will be preached in all the world. (Matthew 24:3-14)
- 8 Jesus told His disciples, "You are the _____ of the world." (Matthew 5:13-16)
- 10 Your what will be where your treasure is? (Matthew 6:19-21)
- 13 The Son of Man came to serve and give His life as a _____ for many. (Matthew 21:20-28)
- 14 Jesus said to His disciples, "All _____ has been given to Me, in heaven and on earth." (Matthew 28:16-20)
- 19 Jesus cast demons into a herd of _____. (Matthew 9:28-34)
- 21 Jesus told His disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the _____ Spirit. (Matthew 28:16-20)
- 22 At the LORD's supper, Jesus said that the drink is the blood of the new _____. (Matthew 26:26-30)
- 23 Jesus and His disciples fed 5,000 men plus women and children with 5 _____ and 2 fish. (Matthew 12:13-21)
- 24 Take heed that no one _____ you. (Matthew 24:3-14)
- 25 At the LORD's supper, Jesus blessed the bread and said that it is his _____. (Matthew 26:26-30)
- 26 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for _____ for they shall be filled. (Matthew 5:1-12)
- 31 The Son of Man is Lord of the what? (Matthew 12:1-8)
- 35 Jesus answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be _____." (Matthew 15:12-14)
- 36 Jesus _____ a demon and healed a boy. (Matthew 17:14-21)
- 38 John the Baptist told the Pharisees to bear fruit worthy of what? (Matthew 3:1-12)
- 39 Jesus said, "My _____ shall be called a _____ of prayer." (Matthew 21:12-17)
- 40 What did Isaiah prophesy that Jesus would declare for the Gentiles? (Matthew 12:18-21)
- 41 Simon Peter answered Jesus, "You are the _____ the Son of the Living God." (Matthew 16:13-20)
- 43 The wise men did not return to Herod because they were warned in a _____. (Matthew 2:1-12)
- 46 The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather His _____ from the four winds. (Matthew 24:29-31)
- 47 Jesus' yoke is easy and His burden is _____. (Matthew 11:25-30)
- 48 When Jesus was tempted by Satan what did He quote 3 times? (Matthew 4:1-11)

Down

- 1 Many are called but few are _____. (Matthew 22:1-14)
- 2 Peter _____ when he realized that he denied Jesus 3 times and remembered that Jesus told him he would.
- 3 The one who does the will of the _____ are Jesus' mother and brothers. (Matthew 13:46-49)
- 4 Judas betrayed Jesus for _____ pieces of silver. (Matthew 26:14-15)
- 7 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was _____. (Matthew 18:10-14)
- 9 Translated God with us (Matthew Chapter 1)
- 11 Jesus was _____ in Gethsemane. (Matthew 26:47-56)
- 12 Jesus said, "Blessed is he who is not _____ because of Me." (Matthew 11:4-6)
- 15 Jesus said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, _____!" (Matthew 23: 1-36)
- 16 Pray that the Lord of the harvest send what into His harvest? (Matthew 9:35-38)
- 17 Who knows the things we need before we ask Him? (Matthew 6:5-8)
- 18 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief _____. (Matthew 21:33-46)
- 20 The _____ of Man will judge the nations. (Matthew 25: 31-46)
- 27 Jesus calmed the winds and the _____. (Matthew 8:23-27)
- 28 Jesus was _____. (Matthew 27:32-56)
- 29 _____ is He who comes in the name of the LORD! (Matthew 24:37-39)
- 30 What did Jesus preach to do because the kingdom of heaven is at hand? (Matthew 4:12-17)
- 32 Jesus is a great _____. (Matthew 4:23-25)
- 33 You will know a tree by its what? (Matthew 7:15-20)
- 34 Jesus was spat on, _____, and struck. (Matthew 27:27-31)
- 37 Jesus gave Peter the ability to walk on _____. (Matthew 14:22-33)
- 42 Jesus _____ the mute, the lame, the blind, and the maimed. (Matthew 15:29-31)
- 44 Jesus told Peter and Andrew that He would make them fishers of what? (Matthew 4:18-22)
- 45 After the angel told the women that Jesus had risen, _____ met them on their way to announce the news to the disciples. (Matthew 28:1-10)



Health Concern

Karen Connelly
Wesley Damgo
Tracy Wright-Hawkins
Meredith Landry
Keith Ozenberger
Rev. Diane Roth

Personal Needs

Bereavement

Please note!
When a prayer request arrives
marked confidential it is not
placed on the published prayer
list.
Pastor Tammy will pray for
the request.

Serving in our Military

Michael Bredeson
Brandon Geiger
Spencer Karkosky
Noah Keener
Alysa Mann Meyer
Blake Meyer
Zach Wood

Long Term Care/Medical Treatments

Earl Armstrong
Steve Bivens
Kathy Carlson
Sylvia Coursen
Ashlynn Coury-Moseley
Letha Frederick
Bobbie Gibson
Elissa Gould-Schautd
Carolyn Hannum
Warren Harris
Victoria Jungnickel
Jeff Mallios
Merl Matthewman
Ray Mitchell
Irene Richmond
Marjorie Schaeffman
Patricia Meyer Schalla
Carol Schautd
Ken Schautd
Tom Sharp
Wanda Toedter
Nate Tupper
Cathy Vaughn
Marvin (brother of Marjorie Schaeffman) (6/19)

JUNE

2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:30 am Coffee with the Pastor via Zoom	4	5	6
7 10:30 am Worship Service	8	9	10 9:30 am Coffee with the Pastor via Zoom	11	12	13
14 10:30 am Worship Service	15	16	17 9:30 am Coffee with the Pastor via Zoom	18	19	20
21 10:30 am Worship Service Happy Father's Day	22 VOICE ARTICLES DUE!	23	24 9:30 am Coffee with the Pastor via Zoom	25	26	27
28 10:30 am Worship Service	29	30				

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Education: Lisa Kutinac

Worship: Ruby Morrow

Parish Life: Paula Towner

Stewardship: Brad Loucas

OFFERING REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE (05/24/2020)

2020 Offering Needed: \$ 78,799.77

Current Offerings Received: 60,342.00

Shortfall: 18,457.77

Building Fund Offerings ytd: 4,012.00

**Building fund loan balance: \$ 31,522.50
(as of May 11, 2020)**