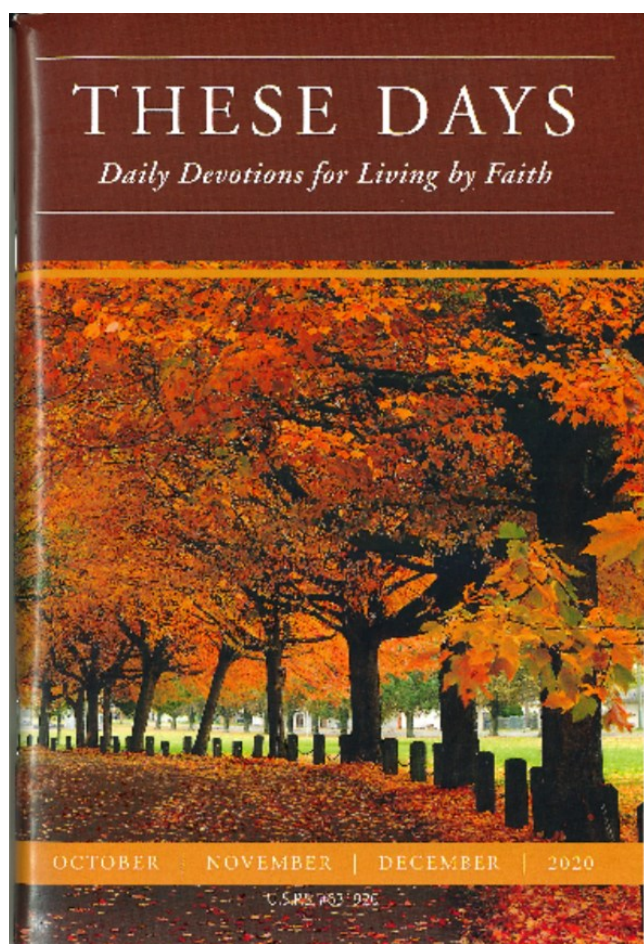




FEDERATED NEWSLETTER



The 3rd Quarter 2020 ***These Days*** is now available in the church office!

Chrissy can also send one to you, just call or email her and she will get it out to you!



If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in the newsletter, please call the Church Office at 564-2812 or email us:

fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org

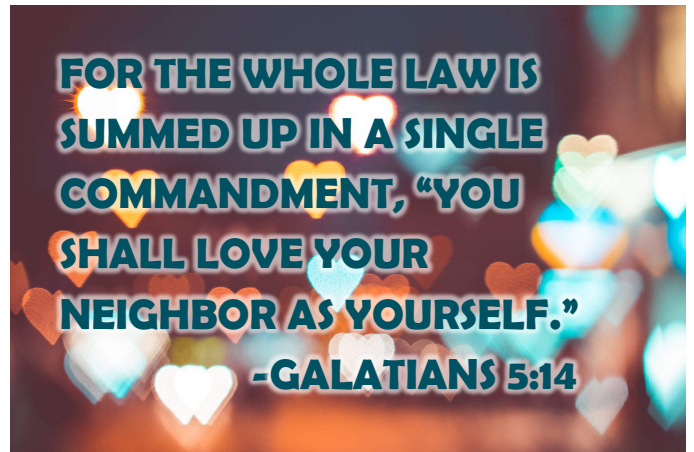
The deadline for submitting information for Newsletters is the 20th of the prior month, e.g. November deadline will be October 20th.

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From the Pastor's Desk

For this month's newsletter article, I asked permission from one of our high school members to share something she wrote. Elizabeth "Lizzy" Sand, a senior at Lakeview High School, wrote this speech on kindness. She has an important message for all of us to hear. Please read with an open mind and heart. Grace and peace, Edward.

The age old saying, "kill them with kindness," is one everyone has heard. This oxymoron is an odd saying because kindness and killing do not go together at all, but in this instance, it works so well to teach us one of the most important things that anyone can ever learn. Obviously, we're not going to literally kill the person in question with kindness, because that wouldn't be very kind. The lesson this saying really teaches is that the best way to kill someone's hurtful words or attitude, is with kindness. I feel like sometimes we forget that. Somehow, we've gotten it into our heads that if we just add fuel to the flames, that at some point the other person will run out of fuel. The person who can sling the most hate, land the most blows, hurt the other more, wins. This is simply absurd.



Let me tell you a quick little short story, it won't take much time, but it is one the wisest things I've ever heard and I will always remember that moment for the rest of my life. Now grandma Sand is Catholic and very involved at her church. For those of you who don't know, she was diagnosed with cancer. I don't know if it's that, or just me getting older that she now voices her opinions to me more, but either way I love it. We were sitting in the lounge area of her home and I



honestly cannot remember what spiked the conversation but we were on the topic of gay people. I had a feeling she didn't agree with the LGB [lesbian, gay, bisexual], and I was trying to prepare myself for what I would respond with if she said something negative because some of my very best friends are gay. ...

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So, she turned to me and said, "Now I don't love the way they live," and I thought I'd have to confront my grandma which is something I never want to do, then she finished her thought with the kindest tone, "But we don't have to love the way they decide to live, we can just love them." Let me repeat that for you, "Now I don't love the way they live, but we don't have to love the way they decide to live, we can just love them." That sentence right there applies to so much more than LGB issues. It applies to everyday issues. It preaches the love that God wants us to give.



I feel like we're all too quick to judge one another. I was too quick to judge my own grandma when we were having that talk in the lounge. Little did I know she was actually going to say something that will stick with me for the rest of my life. That's the thing isn't it, the most important life lessons come when you least expect them to. Sometimes it takes very unpleasant occurrences to teach us something valuable.

You have no way of knowing what people are going through, even if they tell you how they're feeling, they'll always keep some of that to themselves. Because of this we always have to keep in mind that something you say can make or break someone's day. You don't know if that little comment will send them over the edge, but we do know that a kind word can change someone's entire day or even their life. In the same way that negative comments can ruin someone's day or their life. And if someone comes at you, and they say or do something that makes you feel not so great, either say something kind or ignore



it. Whatever you do, do not react with hate in your heart. Often times, people who are mean to others are hurting somehow. Sadly, being mean to others is somewhat of a defense mechanism. We have to try to be aware of ourselves, and make sure we do not use this defense mechanism. God did not put us on this earth to treat each other poorly, and I promise you that if you ask for God's help in being kind and gracious, God will help.

Lizzy Sand



Children's Ministry

Education Hour has resumed at Federated! This year our students will be "Treasure Seekers - exploring God's promises." Our children will earn "doubloons" for attendance, memorizing bible verses, taking notes during worship and for cooperation in class. The doubloons can be exchanged for prizes in the Treasure Chest. All children are welcome to attend! If you are not comfortable with your child attending in person, but are interested in an on-line option, please contact me at brendajsand@gmail.com.

Due to COVID and lack of interest, our Nursery is currently closed. However, if your family is interested in nursery services, please contact me at brendajsand@gmail.com.

Children's Sabbath is October 18. The Christian Education Committee will provide fun activities during Education Hour. The Children's Bell Choir will perform during worship.



Youth Ministry

Congratulations to our confirmands!

Tessa Klevemann | Alex García-Lopez | Ryland Prokopec | Gunnar Wolfe

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." – John 8:31-32

Youth Group - AKA "Club"

Club meets Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm at Federated
Students 7th - 12th grade are invited to participate
Friends are always welcome!

Center for Survivors

The Center's needs often change due to shortages or surpluses of certain items.

Please call ahead if you have questions regarding needs, 402-564-2155.

At this time, the Center is in need and accepting donations for the following NEW personal hygiene products: shampoo, conditioner, liquid body wash, deodorant, makeup removing wipes, facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels and men's deodorant.

We are not able to accept used donations at this time.



Meals on Wheels



Meals continue to be delivered with COVID modifications.

Thanks go to the volunteers who stepped up to the call from Jean Royer this month.

Federated's final week for 2020 will be Dec. 7-11.

Platte County Food Pantry

The Platte County Food Pantry, located at 3020 18th Street in Suite 13 (Old Hospital).

If you are in need of assistance, you can call at 402-563-4544.

Some easy suggestions are: Canned and boxed foods such as soup, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta and pasta sauce, veggies and fruits; Staple food items: peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, crackers.

This is not an all inclusive list, any non-perishable food items are needed.



Paws & Claws Adoption Center



Paws & Claws Adoption Center (The Platte Valley Humane Society) is located at 2124 13th Street. The hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 4:30pm, and Saturdays Noon to 3:30pm.

You can call 402-562-5683 to meet your future pet! Regular needs include:

Clumping cat litter, Clorox, Pine Sol, Copy Paper, Dog & Cat Toys, Collars & Leashes, Paper Towel, Old Towels/Washcloths/Blankets, Gently Used Pet Supplies, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.

They have a number of animals available, including Pam, Phineas, Ferb and Michelle.



Pam



Phineas



Ferb



Michelle

Stewardship Week 1

Psalms 116 opens with a declaration of the psalmist's love and trust in the Lord, both of which are grounded in an experience of being heard by the Holy. The psalmist takes the opportunity to make bold claims about who God is and how humans should respond to the gracious acts of the Lord.

Perhaps being heard by the Holy comes through other people or through finding a sense of calm in moments of angst. The Psalms teach us that prayer does effect change, and the majority of the time the change happens within the one offering the prayer.

Every moment is an opportunity for prayer. One's life might be lived as a prayer. To worship is to serve God. Thus, living in service to God is worshiping God with one's whole life.

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God's
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I

love

the Lord,
who has heard
my voice.

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Stewardship Week 2

Much like the ancient audience for whom the words of Isaiah 61 were originally spoken, faith communities are in a familiar but new place. Like those who faced rebuilding Jerusalem, many of us feel that our beloved churches have suffered the brunt of attack, and we wonder if it's even possible to rebuild them so they will be around for more than another generation.

The words of Isaiah 61 call us to a different path, one of action and faith. The prophet's message was not a call to grasp at security or embrace complacency. These were words of challenge, risk, and service. Is not this message still relevant for us today?

To respond to this call to ministry we will have to take off our mourning clothes and take the risk of being generous, in order to bring about this realization of God's will.

Stewardship Week 3

Romans 12 does not offer a unicorn-esque view of transformation as stewardship. before we can care for people and their existential reality, we must examine the world and who we are in this world. The product of such examination ought to be a desire to enhance and improve our personal state so that how we live in this world and how we perceive this world changes.

Transformation as stewardship is not complacency with the world's current offering. We march for justice. We protest with our feet and with our prayers. We hope with our actions against anything that is inhumane and non-life giving or life affirming.

What hope for the world is there if the church community genuinely cares for the needs of others, but lacks its own hope?

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God's love

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be of the same mind

have the same love

be in full accord

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Stewardship Week 4

Stewardship is not our getting the glory. It is the hope that what we do will point to the Source of all gifts. It is the hope that whatever God entrusts to us will reflect divine grace, love, and mercy.

We sing, teach, preach, heal, prophesy, and serve because our mind is God-bent, heaven-bound, and does not cater to our own whims. We lead, organize, administer, and hold safe our sacred organizations because they are the Body of Christ.

Stewardship of such bodies requires that we seek the health of the corporate because it is comprised of individuals who have gifts that must be stewarded and nurtured. Unless the body is whole, the parts tend to suffer and experience atrophy.

Finance at a Glance

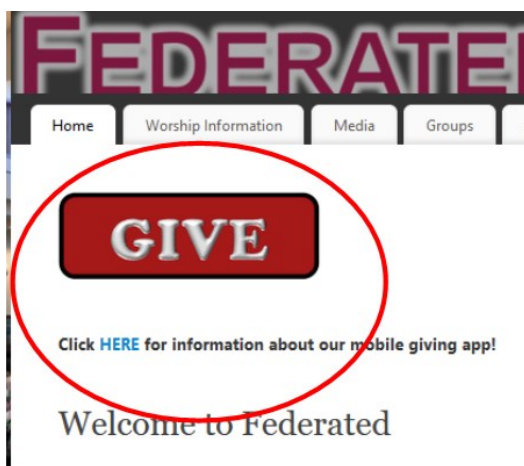
Income - August 2020		Expenses - August 2020	
Contributions, Etc.	\$22,007.94	Annual Budget Expenses:	\$30,346.45
Contributions	\$21,457.94	2020 Annual Gifts *	\$4,175.00
Rent	\$400.00	Utilities	\$1,856.54
Damage Deposit	\$150.00	Other Budgeted Expenses:	\$24,314.91
Memorials	\$115.00	Designated Funds (Savings):	\$4,497.95
Unrestricted	\$95.00	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,015.01
Music Department	\$20.00	Kamp Kaleo	\$500.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$2,332.00	Food Pantry	\$710.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$400.00	Hastings College	\$120.00
Kamp Kaleo	\$400.00	Camp Calvin Crest	\$550.00
Food Pantry	\$400.00	Ghana Partnership	\$20.00
Camp Calvin Crest	\$400.00	Medical Mission Team	\$600.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$420.00	Habitat for Humanity	\$445.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$100.00	Pentecost Offering	\$200.00
Multimedia Fund	\$200.00	Disaster Relief Fund	\$7.45
Conference Room TV	\$12.00	Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$330.49
Interest Income:	\$6.16	Memorial Fund:	\$413.19
Memorial	\$0.00	Undesignated Memorials	\$385.52
Checking	\$0.00	Music Dept. Memorials	\$27.67
Savings	\$6.16		

* 2020 Annual Gifts - Budgeted Benevolences to: Presbyterian Seminary Support, UCC Seminary Support, Hastings College, Doane College, Camp Calvin Crest, Kamp Kaleo, Ghana Partnership, Hispanic Ministries, Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, Platte County Food Pantry, Columbus Rescue Mission, and Center for Survivors



Renee Norris	10/1	Linda Wheatley	10/22
Sue McClure	10/9	Jenna Mares	10/23
Ron Lambert, Steve McClure	10/11	Chris Rasmussen, Rex Hash	10/24
Pat Anderson, Alex Garcia	10/12	Mark Hegi	10/26
Steve Dewald, Sharon KuncI, Tim Rathje	10/18	Margaret Trew	10/30
Leroy Kallweit, Ruth Lind	10/19	Diana Gartrell, Bill Irby	10/31

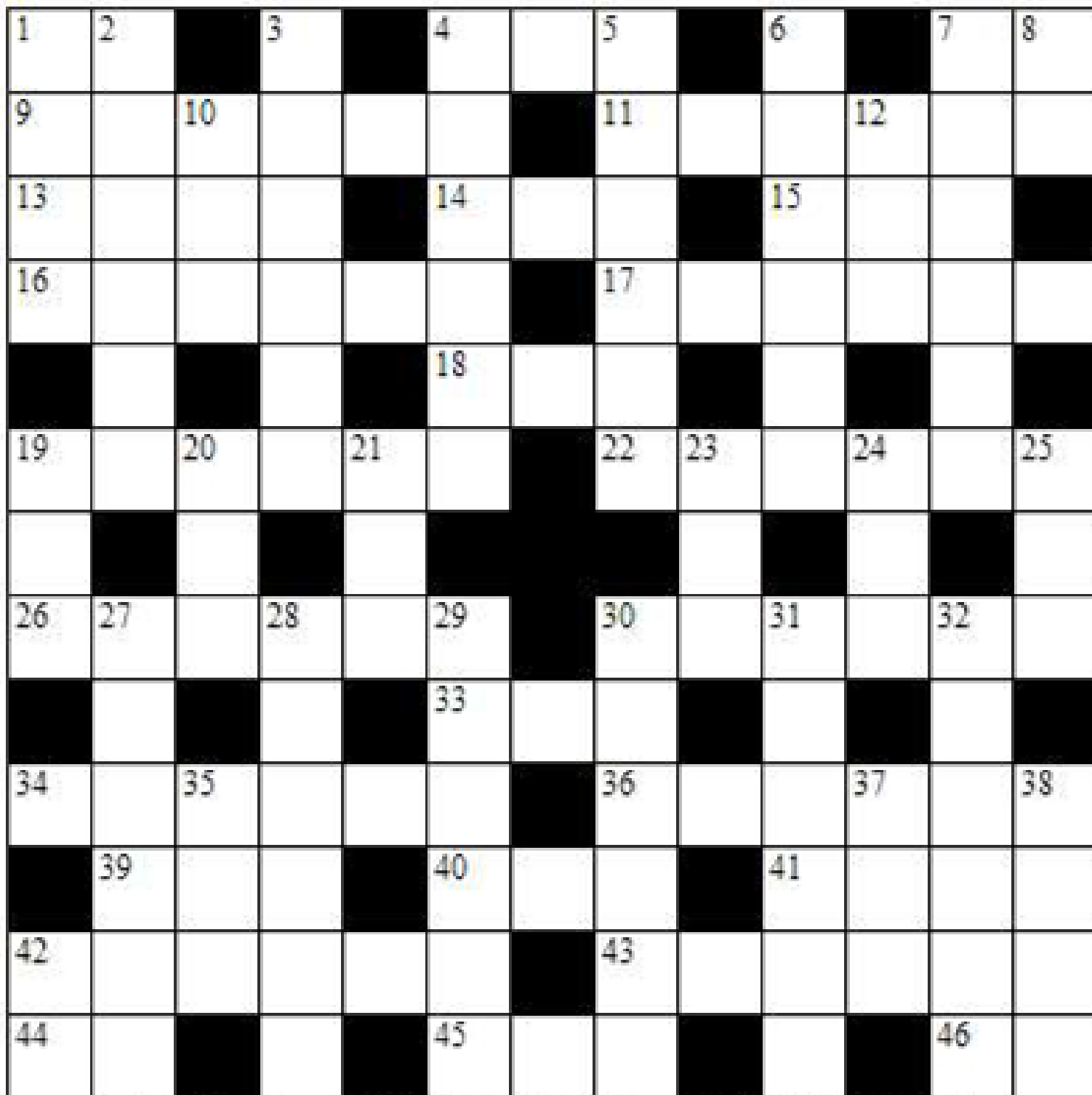
Easy Online Giving Options Available



Give online for a quick and easy way to contribute without leaving the sanctity of your home!

Three options are currently available:

- 1) Online Giving - press the "GIVE" button on the website
- 2) Mobile app - click the 'here' link underneath the "GIVE" button for instructions
- 3) ACH transfer - call Chrissy at the church office for information.



ACROSS

- 1 This is ___ who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah (Matt 3:3)
- 4 He told them this parable: "Look at the ___ tree and all the trees (Luke 21:29)
- 7 For as in Adam all die, ___ in Christ all will be made alive (1 Cor 15:22)
- 9 you have no authority to ___ taxes, tribute or duty on any of the priests (Ezra 7:24)
- 11 shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a ___ to bind it (Ezek 30:21) KJV
- 13 my days a mere handbreadth; the ___ of my years is as nothing (Ps 39:5)
- 14 Blessed are those ___ hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matt 5:6)
- 15 This is to be my sacred anointing ___ for the generations to come (Ex 30:31-32)
- 16 Who of you by worrying can add a ___ hour to his life? (Matt 6:27)
- 17 a King who will reign ___ and do what is just (Jer 23:5)

ACROSS (cont.)

- 19 do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not ____ his rebuke (Prov 3:11)
22 The ____ of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him (Ps 81:15) KJV
26 after the three and a half days a ____ of life from God entered them (Rev 11:11)
30 intending after ____ to bring him forth to the people (Acts 12:4) KJV
33 evil men will be cut ____, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit (Ps 37:9)
34 the serpent was more ____ than any beast of the field (Gen 3:1) KJV
36 Moses announced to the Israelites the appointed ____ of the LORD (Lev 23:44)
39 have them shut the doors and ____ them (Neh 7:3)
40 what looked like an expanse, sparkling like ____, and awesome (Ezek 1:22)
41 Jacob's first wife (Gen 29:16-18)
42 Paul greeted them and reported in ____ what God had done (Acts 21:19)
43 Behold, I will ____ new heavens and a new earth (Isa 65:17)
44 Glory to God in the highest, and ____ earth peace to men (Luke 2:14)

DOWN

- 1 The merchants among the nations ____ at you (Ezek 27:36)
2 King Xerxes imposed tribute throughout the ____ (Est 10:1-2)
3 Does not the ear test words as the ____ tastes food? (Job 12:11)
4 for you were the ____ of all peoples (Deut 7:7)
5 to look at the new ____ in the valley (Song 6:11)
6 when thou prayest, enter into thy ____ (Matt 6:6) KJV
7 Let not the buyer rejoice nor the ____ grieve (Ezek 7:12)
8 lawful on the Sabbath: to do good ____ to do evil (Luke 6:9)
10 Every grain offering baked in an oven or cooked in a ____ (Lev 7:9)
12 Like a lion they crouch and ____ down (Num 24:9)
19 Eve was made from this part of Adam (Gen 2:22-23)
20 Come and ____ the works of the LORD (Ps 46:8)
21 Do ____ store up for yourselves treasures on earth (Matt 6:19)
23 enemy said of you, " ____ ! The ancient heights have become (Ezek 36:2)
24 Blessed is the man who will ____ at the feast in the kingdom of God (Luke 14:15)
25 woman said to him, " ____ give me this water so that I won't get thirsty (John 4:15)
27 Jacob's first born son (Gen 29:32)
28 Do not those who plot evil go ____ ? (Prov 14:22)
29 how ____ and justly and unblameably we behaved (1 Thess 2:10) KJV
30 the ____ of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever (Isa 32:17)
31 Use honest ____ and honest weights (Lev 19:36)
32 Because Haman attacked the Jews, I have given his ____ to Esther (Est 8:7)
35 the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe and the ____ (Deut 14:18)
37 divided the ____ before them, so that they passed through it on dry (Neh 9:11)
38 their feet rush into sin, they are swift to ____ blood (Prov 1:16)
42 "What ____ you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" (Matt 22:42)

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October Communion Pick-Up and Curb-Side Delivery!

Communion elements will be available Wednesday, September 30th through Friday, October 2nd from the Narthex refrigerator by the church office. We will be doing a 'curb-side delivery' each of those days if you prefer. Call the church office when you are ready for your elements and we will bring them to you in the Northwest parking lot. Communion will be available for the in-person services on October 1st and 4th.

September Newsletter Crossword Solution



September Newsletter Sudoku Solution

2	7	6	8	1	9	4	5	3
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