



THE LAMPSTAND

Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church † 80 Gockley Road † Stevens, PA 17578

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Pastor's Message

Important Meeting May 7th

Immediately following worship on May 7th there will be an important congregational meeting which we hope all can attend.

In addition to the annual Auditor's report, a discussion will be held about our kitchen renovation project.

Our kitchen was built in 1960 and we desperately need to upgrade it especially in the electrical and plumbing areas.

Please plan to attend this important meeting if you can.

Prayer of the *Month*

AN EASTER PRAYER

"For He will deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and him who has no helper. He will spare the poor and needy and will save the souls of the needy." -Psalm 72: 12-13 (NKJV)

Father God, we stand on Your promise that You will deliver the needy and the poor. As servants of the King, help us, Lord, as we strive to help the suffering poor. We acknowledge that without You, we are nothing and can do nothing without Your mercy and

Your grace. Hear us O God; hear the cries of the poor; make haste and answer the prayers of Your children, in Jesus' name. Amen.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Dinner Church

Dinner Church is canceled until further notice due to repairs that will be made in the kitchen and social hall.

North Lancaster Lutheran Lenten Services 2017

This year's theme will be "Luther's Favorite Book: Galatians" to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the date when Martin Luther began the Reformation which was a challenge to the Church.

The offering from the services will be donated to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lititz for their Habitat for Humanity project to benefit veterans. Refreshments will follow each service.

The services will begin at 7:00 pm. If there is a question about the weather, please contact the host church on the day of the service and information will be provided.

The series schedule is as follows:

Included in the series is the Ascension Day service of Holy Communion which will be held Thursday evening **May 25th at 7:00 pm** at Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds with host Pastor Dennis Trout preaching. (717)336-2849

Youth Sunday – May 21st

Shari Weaver has been working hard with the youth to put together a program for Sunday, May 21st when the youth will lead the worship service at 9:00 am. Please come to worship God and support our youth.

Announcement: June 25th Worship in the Reamstown Park

The Church Council is excited to announce that on Sunday, June 25th we will not have our regularly scheduled Sunday worship at Mellingers but will be going to the Reamstown Park to worship with the folks from Faith United in Denver. Time of worship and more details

will be announced soon but please mark June 25th on your calendar as a day when we can join our brothers and sisters of Faith United in Denver by worshipping Almighty God outdoors in the Reamstown Park. (A pavilion is there in case of rain.)

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of the following Worship

Assistants: Acolytes, Candlebearers, Communion Assistants, Crucifers, Lay Worship Leaders and Nursery Attendants. Anyone interested in participating in worship as a leader in this way should contact Pastor Tim or the Church office.

Volunteers Wanted to Take Communion to Shut-ins:

To supplement Pastor Tim's visits, Mellingers is looking for volunteers who would like to be trained to visit and take Holy Communion to our shut-ins. This ministry will benefit those receiving communion and will also be a blessing for those who offer it. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tim at (717) 468-9049.

Calling All Sewers: If anyone is willing to sew school kits for Social Ministry's LWR Ingathering, please contact Betty Cordes at (717) 335-3624. Patterns are available in the church office. Cut patterns are currently available from Betty Cordes. Please note that sewers keep sewing throughout the year to replenish the stock needed for the upcoming year's school kits.

Photos Wanted: Do you enjoy taking pictures of special moments? Would you be interested in sharing those photos with the church? We are looking for photos to share in the newsletter, on our website, Facebook, etc. Sharing is easy, you can send them through email at mellingerslutheran@gmail.com.

2017 Coffee Social Bakers Needed: The 2017 Coffee Social charts are available in the narthex. Please sign up for a date to provide after service treats.

Gardener for the Memorial Garden: We are seeking one more person or group of people to care for the Memorial Garden. Please contact Randy Meckley or the church office if you are interested.

Attention Youth - ages 14 and up....

Want to make a difference this summer?

Want to go to the beach and help those still not in their homes following Super Storm Sandy?



Have you ever wanted to do disaster response?



Here's your chance!!!!

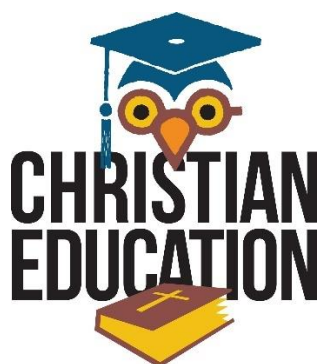
Join Pastor Glenn Beard and several of our seasoned LDR crew members for a fun week at the Jersey Shore helping to rebuild homes destroyed by Super Storm Sandy.

AUGUST 6 - 12, 2017

We'll work hard but be sure to mix in some fun as well!

Trip is limited to 15 youth!

Please contact Pastor Beard if you have questions or concerns.
Phone: (717) 471-1067 or Email:
gbeard@luthercare.org



SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFASTS:

meet at Oregon Dairy at 8:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month. All are welcome to attend. You are responsible for the purchase of your own breakfast. You can check out the breakfast menu at:

<http://www.oregondairy.com/wp-content/themes/oregondairy/menus/breakfast-menu.pdf>.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held on May 9th and 16th from 7:00 to 8:30.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – BLAST OFF!!

It's never too early to fill your calendar with summer events! This year's Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, July 23rd - Thursday, July 27th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Our curriculum is titled "Blast Off" and was written entirely by the Bible School committee. The week will be filled with enlightening Bible stories, Bible songs, delicious snacks, creative crafts, and fun games. 7 years ago, Mellingers & Swamp Lutheran churches started a tradition by combining both congregations for our Vacation Bible School program. We will be continuing that tradition and this year's VBS will be held right here at **Mellingers Lutheran Church**. Look for more information and a registration form to come home with your child in May.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH GROUP ONGOING PROGRAMS

The Youth Group is collecting Moo Money caps from Turkey Hill products purchased at Turkey Hill stores.

SODA TABS

As of May 31, 2017, the Youth Group will no longer be collecting soda can tabs. Thank you for your past support of this effort.

YOUTH GROUP SUB SALE

The Youth Group is having a Sub Sandwich Sale in May. These are large subs made by Weavers. **The cost is \$6.00 each.** Deadline for orders is Sunday, May 7.

Subs will be available to pick up at the church on Thursday, May 11 from 4-6 PM.

YOUTH GATHERING 2018

Mellingers will be sending 7 members of the Youth Group and 2 adult chaperones to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Due to the distance, the group will be flying to Houston, which adds a big amount to our proposed budget. The congregation has been very supportive of the group's fundraising efforts in the past through the BBQ Meal and Silent Auction, purchasing of Kettle Corn and Peanut Butter Eggs, and sandwich sales, but the group still has a long way to go. We will be applying for "scholarship" money through the Gathering to cover the registration fees for the Youth members (\$350 per person). Each member of the group has been asked to pay a non-refundable deposit for the trip. There will be a Temple Talk on June 11 to pass along information about the Gathering. During the month of June there will be collection jars in the church for members to donate to the Gathering Fund, and the group will continue with other fundraisers until we leave for Houston in June of 2018. Any donations made by check should be made to : Mission Investment Fund and given to Gail Harker for deposit in the Gathering Fund account. Thank you for your past support.

CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES:

Contributions may be made to the following funds at any time and may also be used to aid people in designating monies for memorials. Should you wish to donate to any of these funds, please place funds in an envelope and provide the name of the fund in which you would like your donation placed, your name, and your envelope number. Should you choose to remain anonymous, do not include your name and envelope number.

- ✚ The Kitchen Project Fund
- ✚ The Seminarian Fund
- ✚ Maintenance and Building Fund
- ✚ Youth Gathering 2018
- ✚ Campus Crusade for Christ
- ✚ Needy Fund
- ✚ **Security System:** We are currently seeking donations to pay for a security video and intercom system. Please use the special envelopes and write in Security System if you are interested in donating for this cause.

join us for

PLANTING DAY!

Saturday, May 20th
8:30am

Wittel Farm

1753 Mill Road | Elizabethtown, PA

bring garden tools & water • wear closed-toe shoes & sunscreen



*crops will benefit Elizabethtown
Community Cupboard,
Elizabethtown School summer
feeding program,
and Peter's Porches*

questions can be directed to
Pastor Matt Lenahan:
pastormattl@dejazzd.com

a project of Hunger Free Lancaster and Lutheran Camping Corp.

- ✝ 353 School Kits
- ✝ 16 Baby Kits
- ✝ 1,624 Bars of Soap

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Receipts Compared To Budget March

| | Receipts | Allocation | Over(Under) |
|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|
| 4/2/2017 | 5,584.00 | 3,976.25 | 1,607.75 |
| 4/9/2017 | 5,849.00 | 3,976.25 | 1,872.75 |
| 4/16/2017 | 6,466.00 | 3,976.25 | 2,489.75 |
| 4/23/2017 | 3,745.00 | 3,976.25 | (231.25) |

General Receipts Compared to Budget Year to Date

| | Receipts | Budget | Over(Under) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 4/23/2017 | 74,861.50 | 77,995.39 | (3,133.89) |

Pick 6 Results

| Organization/Fund | Collected |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Campus Crusade for Christ | \$506.00 |
| Ephrata Area Social Services | \$1,001.00 |
| ELCA Mission Support | \$761.00 |
| Gettysburg Seminary | \$236.00 |
| ELCA Hunger Appeal | \$1,271.00 |
| Lutheran Camping Appeal | \$550.00 |
| Seminarian Fund | \$2,095.00 |
| Mellingers Needy Fund | \$1,326.00 |
| Undesignated | \$20.00 |

Thank you for your discipleship!

“DO YOUR OWN THING” TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

December 9 2017

Leave Mellingers Lutheran Church, Schoeneck

at 6:30 AM

Leave New York City

**after a day “To Do Your Own Thing”
at 7:00 PM**

Trip Price: \$45 Linda @ 336-6177

PRAYER CORNER

Interested in receiving or making prayer chain updates throughout the week? Visit our website at www.mellingers.org. The links to sign-up are under the resource tab.

CARE PACKAGES: Due to increasing need within the congregation we have placed a box in the narthex for Staples (shelf-stable foods) and Sundries (toiletries, toilet paper, etc.). These items will be used for members within the congregation who are in need. Should there be an excess of items, items may be donated to Ephrata Area Social Services. Please prayerfully consider donating to those less fortunate. Thank you!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING

Social Ministry will be collecting 4-5 oz. bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief throughout the year. Please place your donations into the green container in the narthex.

Also we will continue to collect funds to support our mission throughout the year. Just use an envelope located on the table in the narthex. We will be handing out envelopes April through September.

Thanks to congregational support, in 2016 we were able to produce:

- ✝ 4 Quilts
- ✝ 186 Personal Care Kits

Flower Dedication Reminder

Early last year, our florist, stopped selling flowers to focus on events at their store. We were forced to seek a florist. We were unable to acquire pricing for flowers at a similar cost structure. To allow more people to be able to dedicate flowers, the cost structure has been changed to \$20 per bouquet dedication. You have a choice between dedicating one bouquet or two bouquets each week.

How to help Scott with Tuition Expenses

If you feel called to help assist Scott financially, please complete the special fund envelopes and write in the Seminarian Fund.



Dear Mellingers,
Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers that were recently delivered. Also, thank you to the Social Ministry Committee for the visit and fruit basket.

Sincerely, Gene Usner

Mellingers Congregation and Social Ministry,

Thank you very much for the fruit basket, visits, thoughts and prayers. They are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Joan Wentzel

Many thanks to my friends of Mellingers for your concern while I was hospitalized with prayers, cards, phone calls and Sunday's flowers. I especially appreciate Pastor Tim's prompt visit and follow-up calls to check on how I was doing. I thank God that my need for hospitalization didn't hit me during a very busy Holy Week and Easter. It happened during my vacation week after Easter, so the choir was on break and Nancy Hain was already prepared to play the worship service in my absence. Thank you Nancy. I have no way of adequately expressing how encouraging it is to know that you brothers and sisters in Christ love and care for each other.

Peace Be with You, Carl Tobias



- ❖ Bob Getz presented the status of the Kitchen Remodel committee to the Church Council.

- ❖ Harding and Yost provided an insurance summary and answered questions regarding our current insurance policy.
- ❖ The social hall and chair lift are waiting for the appropriate parts for installation.
- ❖ The shingles on the portico have been replaced.
- ❖ The ditch where the pipes were placed was raked out and new grass was planted. Dave Wilhide donated the grass seed.
- ❖ Reuse It is coming on Friday to remove unused or unneeded equipment.
- ❖ Computers and monitors were taken to the recycling center in Lancaster.
- ❖ Some wooden tables will be refinished.
- ❖ Austin did a great job with community service and helped the church greatly.
- ❖ Isabella Sickafus needs 40 hours of community service for a school project. She will help around the church to fulfil these hours.
- ❖ An estimate was provided for a security camera. A 2 TB system should record data for approximately 2-4 weeks. Dave Weidman made a motion that we accept the plans to install a security system using funds from the capital maintenance fund at \$2,450.00 for installation and an additional coverage of \$120 per year Dan Sensenig seconded and the motion carried.
- ❖ Skip Hutchinson stated we started making up our financial deficit. We are still behind but we are trending better.
- ❖ This year's goal of gaining 6 families and 12 lambs is on target.
- ❖ The kitchen fund total is currently over \$15,000.
- ❖ Pastor Tim made a motion that we engage in an outdoor church service with Faith United at the Reamstown Park on June 25th as to which funds will be appropriated by church, Jen Brubaker seconded and the motion carried. People are asked to bring a covered dish for a picnic following the service.
- ❖ Deb and Dan Sensenig will be our male and female voting representatives for the Synod Assembly.



WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY

HOSPICE
& COMMUNITY CARE
Founded as Hospice of Lancaster County

685 GOOD DRIVE

P.O. BOX 4125

LANCASTER, PA 17604-4125

PHONE: 717-295-3900 FAX: 717-391-9582

Current program information is available in the narthex and at the hospice [website](#).

The Lutheran Camping Corporations of Central Pennsylvania

May 2017


- **Outdoor Ministry Night** at the Harrisburg Senators - May 5
- **Men's Retreat** at Kirchenwald - May 5-6
- **Work Day at Nawakwa** - May 6 **NEW DATE**
- **Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship & Picnic** at Kirchenwald - May 7
- **The Growing Project at The Wittel Farm Planting Day** - May 20

6 pm Dinner and Cultural Program
7 pm Around the Table w/Arun Gandhi & Local Peacemakers

Questions?

events@advoz.org or (717)397-2404
Info and Tickets? (by April 27)
www.AroundtheTable.org





Luther Acres
A Luthercare Community
Independent Living • Personal Care
Memory Support • Healthcare • Rehab to Home

*Luther Acres' 6th Annual
Wellness Fair & Open House*

Get free health screenings, the latest information about preventative health & tour stylish one-bedroom apartments!

Thursday, April 27
Educational Seminars: 8:30 AM - 1:15 PM
Open House: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Health Fair: 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Snack and Chat
Thursday, May 25 • 2:00 PM
Please RSVP by May 22

Thursday, June 29 • 2:00 PM
Please RSVP by June 26

Visit us for a casual afternoon gathering with our Sales Counselors in our new dining venue, *The Round*, in the Muhlenberg Building. Enjoy a delightful snack & chat about our worry-free lifestyle at Luther Acres.

Strawberry Festival
Saturday, June 10 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Celebrate your first taste of summer with us!
Strawberries & ice cream and
hot dogs, chips & a drink all available for purchase.
Fundraiser supports the Luther Acres Residents' Council & Friends of Luther Acres.

600 E. Main Street, Lititz, PA 17543
717.892.5287

 /Luthercare www.LutherAcres.org 

**Ephrata Manor
Flea Market**

Friday, May 5th - 9am to 4pm
Saturday, May 6th - 9am to 1pm

Located in the Donecker Chapel

Subs & Baked Goods will also be
available to purchase!

Baked good donations will be accepted (packaged & priced)
in the Chapel kitchenette on Thursday, May 4th from 1pm to
3pm or Friday, May 5th & Saturday, May 6th before 9am

****Tables are available to rent for \$11/day or \$20 for both
days. Please contact Becky, Director of Activities at
717-738-7474 to reserve****

Culture of Peace in the Next Generation?

Will you join us?

Join an inter-cultural conversation with the grandson of Mohandas Gandhi, a reception and dinner to benefit and celebrate two long-serving, peace-building organizations becoming one 5 pm Reception, Silent Auction, Music

CHURCH AT LARGE



Lower Susquehanna Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

ELCA Church Council holds spring 2017 meeting

4/11/2017 3:45:00 PM

ITASCA - The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) met at the Eaglewood Conference Center, Itasca, Ill., March 30-April 2. The council, which serves as the ELCA's board of directors, met in plenary on Friday, March 31, and spent the remainder of its time in retreat, focused on the Called Forward Together in Christ process that will determine goals and priority areas for the ELCA.

The council took the following action:

- Designated Milwaukee, Wis., as the site of the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, either Aug. 5-10 or Aug. 12-17.
- Affirmed the direction of the ELCA Foundation Task Force on Structure and Governance to move toward a structure in which the deferred giving programs of the ELCA Foundation are transferred to the Endowment Fund of the ELCA. The council authorized the task force and staff to begin steps to lay the groundwork for that transition, bringing a complete proposal to its November 2017 meeting.
- Authorized a task force to implement a strategy toward authentic diversity within the ELCA.
- Designated 5 percent of the churchwide seminary grant in fiscal year 2018 for a focused, collaborative project among all seminaries that expands the number of people of color preparing for rostered ministry in this church.
- Approved the updated manual of policies and procedures for the management of the rosters.
- Received the ELCA churchwide organization operational plan report for 2016.
- Affirmed the succession plan proposed by the ELCA Domestic Mission unit for the corporate social responsibility position.
- Approved a Church Council designated fund in the amount equal to the excess revenue over expenses from fiscal year 2016, or \$1,630,000, for release in fiscal year

2018 for the budgeted operations of the ELCA churchwide organization.

- Approved the report of the ELCA audit committee.
- Designated churchwide representatives to 2017 synod assemblies.
- Received responses to 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly actions on "Examining the opportunities and implications of campaign zero, a policy platform in affirmation of Black Lives Matter," "African Descent Lutherans" and "Call to Discernment on U.S. Foreign and Military Policy."
- Approved governing documents of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Luther Seminary and Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (to be subsequently a supporting organization for United Lutheran Seminary); received draft documents relating to the proposed asset acquisition of Trinity Lutheran Seminary by Capital University.
- Declared newly elected committee chairs as members of the executive committee of the Church Council beginning Sept. 1, 2017.
- Approved changes to governing documents for 1517 Media and the Deaconess Community of the ELCA.
- Elected members to the governing bodies of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Luther Seminary, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (to be subsequently known as United Lutheran Seminary), Mosaic Inc., Portico Benefit Services, Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA, Publishing House of the ELCA (1517 Media), and Committee on Appeals.
- Received reports from the church's secretary, treasurer, and executive for administration, and the ELCA Conference of Bishops.

HOME CONNECTIONS

FRUGAL FAMILIES

Featuring a low-cost meal and a whimsical read. Relaxation and stress reduction are important to stay happy and healthy especially in tough economic or emotional times.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR

COFFEE, ANYONE?

How do we know that men, not women, made the coffee in Biblical times?

ANS: It clearly states that He-brews.

<http://www.jokesclean.com/ChristianJokes/>

ASPARAGUS AND BACON QUICHE



Ingredients

Egg, fresh, 6 large
1 tablespoon of Flour
1/4 cup of milk
Asparagus, fresh, 8 spear
Bacon, 2 medium slices, chopped and cooked
1/4 cup Cheddar Cheese
1/4 cup of Parmesan Cheese
cooking spray (like pam)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Combine the eggs, flour & milk. Wisk to combine.
- Boil the asparagus in salted water. Put into cold water. Chop into bite-sized pieces about 2 inches long.
- Chop bacon into 1/2 inch pieces and cook until crisp.
- Spray 8 x8 inch or 9-inch pie plate with oil.
- Add the cheese to the eggs & wisk to combine.
- Add the bacon & asparagus.
- bake for 25 min. at 350

<https://recipes.sparkpeople.com/recipe-detail.asp?recipe=72338>

CLEAN CONSCIENCE

Environmentally sound and inexpensive cleaning tips and/or reusing tips

10 Essential Oils for Green Cleaning & Sanitizing

Lemon: Antibacterial, antimicrobial, antifungal, antiseptic.

Lavender: Antibacterial, antifungal, antimicrobial, antiseptic.

Rosemary: Antibacterial, antiseptic.

Tea Tree: Antiparasitic, antimicrobial, antibacterial, antiviral, antiseptic.

Peppermint: Antibacterial, antimicrobial, antiseptic, antiviral.

Eucalyptus: Antiviral, antibacterial, antifungal, disinfectant.

Cinnamon: Antiseptic, antibacterial.

Pine: Antimicrobial, antiseptic, antiviral, antifungal.

Chamomile: Antiseptic, antibacterial.

Grapefruit seed oil: Antibacterial, antiseptic.

Combining Essential Oils in Cleaning Recipes

Recipe 1: Essential Oil Scrubber & De-Stainer

Use to scrub the sink, tub or tiles – great for removing stains.

- Combine 1/4 c. washing soda, 1/4 c. baking soda, 3/4 cup white vinegar and 8 drops eucalyptus oil (can substitute tea tree or rosemary).
- Combine all ingredients in a sealed container and shake well. Sprinkle the powder on any surface and scrub with a wet sponge, then rinse with hot water.

Recipe 2: Sanitizing Commode Cleaner.

Toilets respond very well to this cleaning solution – you can use it for the surface areas and the bowl.

- Combine 2 c. water, 1/4 cup castille soap, 10 drops peppermint oil (can substitute eucalyptus), 1 TBSP. tea tree oil.
- Pour mixture into a spray bottle and shake well. Spritz on the toilet surfaces and bowl and wipe clean.

Recipe 3: Clean, Fresh Carpet Foamer.

If your carpet develops stains, this foam should lift them away.

- Combine 3 c. water, 3/4 c. castille soap, 10 drops peppermint oil (can substitute lemon).
- Blend in a blender or mixer until foamy. Wet a sponge with the foam and scrub the carpet to remove stains.

Recipe 4: Grime-Away Oven & Microwave Cleaner.

A grimy oven, microwave or toaster oven is no fun to cook with – use this cleaner to freshen things up.

- Combine 1/2 c. salt, 1/4 c. washing soda, 1/4 c. water, 3/4 c. vinegar, 2 c. baking soda, 10 drops lemon oil, 10 drops rosemary oil.
- Use the dry ingredients with the water to make a spreadable mixture. Take out the oven racks (you can clean these separately). Preheat the oven for 10 minutes. Open the door for 15 minutes. Then spread the mixture on the soiled areas. Leave for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, combine the wet ingredients into a spray bottle. After 30 minutes, spritz the dried paste with the wet ingredients and wipe it all away.

Recipe 5: Grease Away Stove Cleanser.

Send stove and counter grease away with this cleanser.

- Combine 2 c. water, 2 TBSP. baking soda, 2 tsp. castille soap, 20 drops lemon oil.

- Shake well in a spray bottle. Spray and wipe as needed.

Recipe 6: Dusting spray.

You can use this spray to lift away dust (so it doesn't just float up into the air instead).

- Combine 1/4 c. vinegar, 1 c. water, 2 tsp. olive oil, 10 drops lemon, grapefruit or lavender oil.
- Shake well in a spray bottle and spritz and wipe as needed.

Recipe 7: Wood Polisher.

This will polish and nourish wooden furniture, surfaces and floors naturally.

- Combine 1/4 c. vinegar, 1/4 c. olive oil, 10 drops pine oil (can substitute cinnamon, lemon).
- Shake in a spray bottle – spritz on and wipe away as needed.

Recipe 8: All-purpose surface cleaner.

This antiseptic, sanitizing surface spray cleaner works well pretty much anywhere.

- Combine 1/4 c. vinegar, 1/4 c. water, 10 drops of chamomile oil (can substitute lemon, lavender, peppermint).
- Shake in a spray bottle and spritz and wipe as needed.

<https://www.essentialoilus.com/simple-green-cleaning-recipes/>

Restoring the Balance

In Springs in the Valley (Zondervan), pioneer missionary Lettie Cowman tells of a traveler making a trek through an African jungle. Native tribesmen who helped carry loads walked rapidly on day one, covering a great distance. Yet the next morning they refused to move. When the frustrated traveler asked the tribesmen why they were just sitting, they said they'd gone too fast on the first day and "were now waiting for their souls to catch up to their bodies."

Cowman writes, "This whirling rushing life which so many of us live does for us what that march did for those tribesmen. The difference: They knew they needed to restore life's balance; too often we do not."

God promises rest for our soul and body, so don't overlook the importance of physical restoration. Only by taking time to recharge can you be an effective laborer in God's kingdom.

Planting Your Spring Garden For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. Peas of Mind
2. Peas of Heart
3. Peas of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce by Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

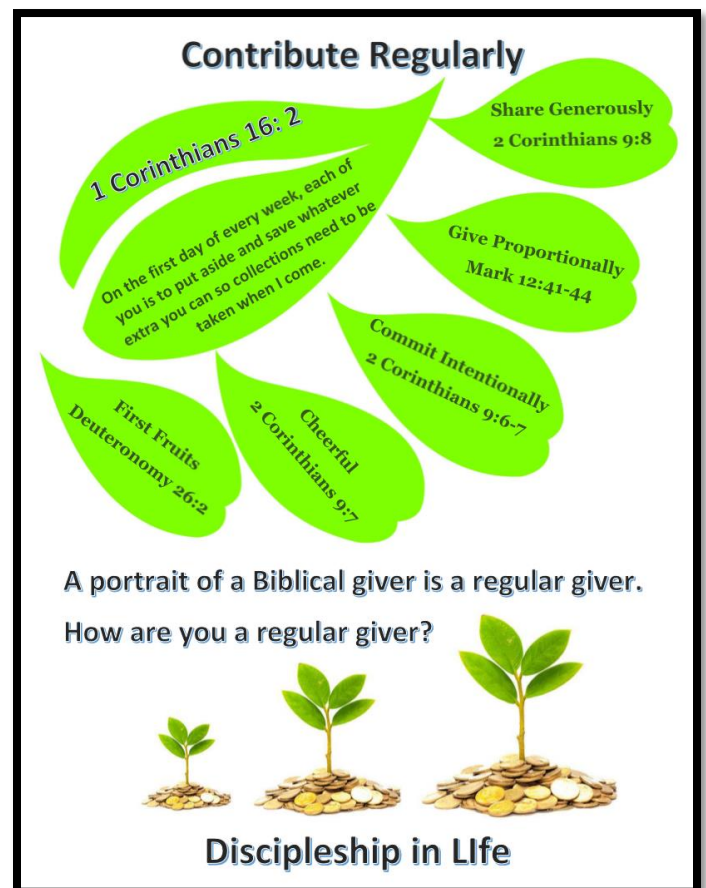
No Garden Is Complete without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water Freely With Patience and Cultivate with Love.
There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap
What You Sow.





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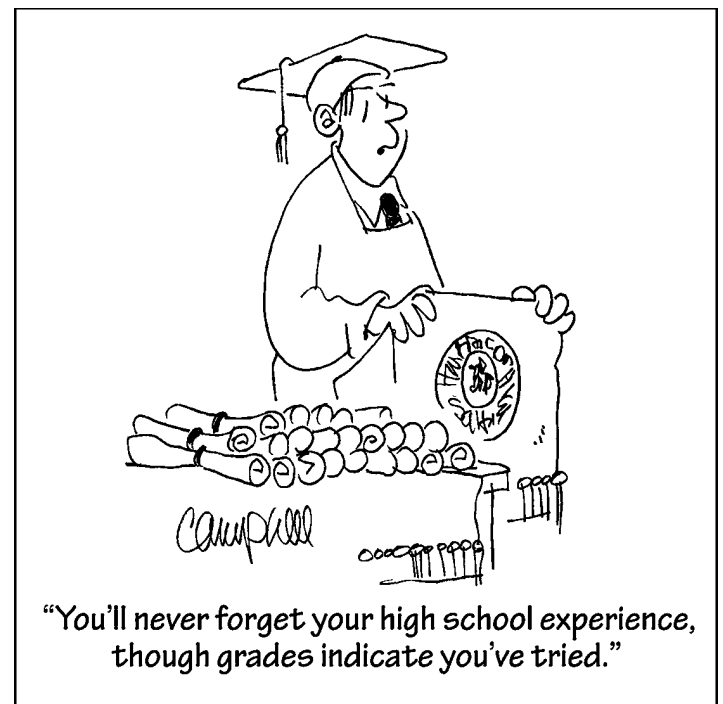
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Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

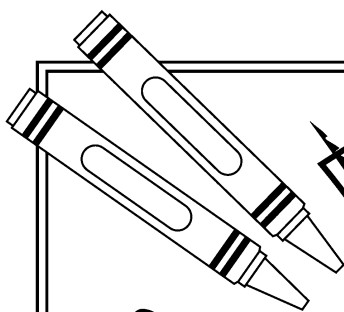
What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.



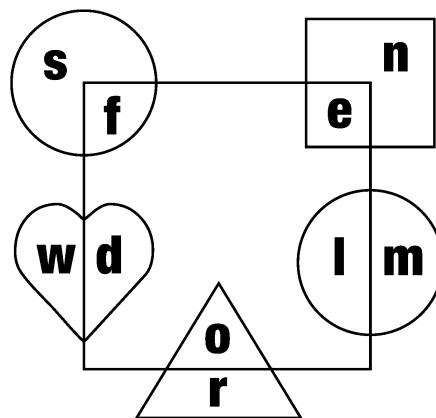
PUZZLE

GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild

grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even

in all his splendor was

like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

MAY: RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS SUGGESTION

Know someone who is not coping very well? Give them a call!

Birthdays

May 1: Robert Getz
Dave Guigley
Pat Jeffers

May 2: Oliver Craven
Kirk Showalter

May 3: Carter Shortuse
Shirley Sweigart

May 4: Pat McQuate

May 5: Jackie Drexel
Arlene Henly
Loan Pham
Isabella Sickafus

May 6: Margaret Bollinger

May 7: Darren Geib
Tyler Heck
Kenzie Reed
Kelsey Reed

May 9: Elizabeth Harker
Scheideman

May 10: Dale Pannebecker

May 11: Denton Borry

May 13: Ethan Parese
Vesta Reber

May 14: Bill Nodeen
Carlene Walters

May 15: Jim Cox

May 16: MachelHe Heinsey
Victoria Stief

May 18: Richard Pannebecker
Amy Sawyer
Christopher Weidman

May 19: Cindy Harting
Sherry Hostetter

May 20: Connie Moyer
Neal Showalter

May 22: Michael Sawyer

May 23: Mary Wright

May 24: Bruce Nichols
Joyce Pannebecker
Pauline Sawyer

May 25: Roger Gehman
Susan Specht

May 26: Richard Keller

May 28: Lavern Gehman

May 29: Troy Eberly

May 30: Betty Firestine
Dorain Horst

Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 4, 2017*
- Mother's Day, *May 14, 2017*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 20, 2017*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 22, 2017*
- Ascension, *May 25, 2017*
- Memorial Day, *May 29, 2017*



Anniversaries

May 8, 2004
Josh & Rebecca Engle

May 9, 1981
Donald & Bonnie Stafford

May 11, 1963
Donald & Linda Netzley

May 12, 1984
David & Mary Weidman

May 15, 1993
Tom & Kelly Parrish

May 18, 1996
Brett & Brianna Meckley

May 20, 2000
Brad & Marita Klugh

May 30, 1965
Skip & Linda Hutchinson

May 30, 1964
Carl & Carole Usner

May 31, 1964
Robert & Evelyn Shade

May 31, 2003
Sam & Anita Soto

