



THE LAMPSTAND

Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church †80 Gockley Road †Stevens, PA 17578
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PASTOR'S MEDITATION

Food on the Moon

What was the first liquid and food consumed on the moon? I'm betting that most are unaware of this story.

Forty-five years ago, two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But, what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life; and, knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt that he should mark the occasion somehow. He asked his minister to help him. And so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and onto the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement: "This is the LM (Lunar Module) pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication, and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion.

Here is his own account of what happened: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the

scripture 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit ... Apart from me you can do nothing.' I had intended to read my communion passage back to Earth, but at the last minute they had requested that I not do this. NASA was embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew's reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly. I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements. And, of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

How many of you knew this? Too bad this type of news doesn't travel as fast as the bad does. Share it if you've felt God's love.

God bless you,

Pastor Tim Craven

Prayer of the Month



Christ, free us from the shackles which bind and loosen our hearts to love. Amen

Parish Notes



THIS MONTH AT MELLINGERS

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Reformation Day Polka Mass October 30th at 4:00

We are very excited to announce that on Reformation Day in addition to Holy Communion at 9:00 am, we will be having at Mellingers a North Lancaster Conference Wide Event - A Polka Mass with Rev. Glenn Beard and the Heidelberg Brass at to begin at 4:00 pm.

In addition, the Honorable Reverend James Dunlop, Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, will

preach the Reformation Day message. Reformation Day is an important day in the history of the Lutheran Church as on this day we recall the profound theological insights of Martin Luther who revolutionized the Holy Church in the early 16th century by encouraging renewed study of the Holy Scripture and an emphasis on the saving work of Jesus.

Please join us for a time refreshments and a light meal will follow the service.

Dinner Church October 26 at 6:00 pm

Bring a dish and join us for a very nice intimate time of fellowship, sharing, song, worship and informal Holy Communion as we gather in the Fellowship Hall for Dinner Church. This is an opportunity to share the Holy Sacrament with one another in a casual setting of prayer and care for one another.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

SOCIAL MINISTRY INGATHERING TRUCK TO BE LOADED OCTOBER 8th:

During the course of the year, the Social Ministry Committee and members of the congregation and conference work hard to gather items to help those who are in need overseas. Now it's time for all hands on deck to load the truck with items from all around the area.

People will be gathering at Bergstrasse Lutheran Church in Ephrata on Saturday morning October 8th from 8:30 to 11:30 to load the truck. If you can lend a hand just show up to help.

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:

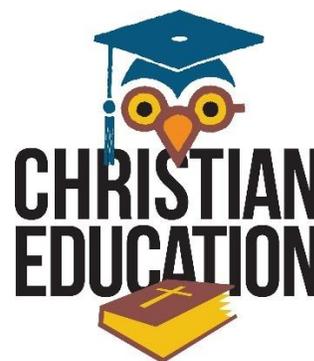
To supplement Pastor Tim's visits, Mellingers is looking for volunteers who would like to be trained to visit and take Holy Communion to our shut-ins. This ministry will benefit those receiving communion and will also be a blessing for those who offer it. If you are interested, please contact Pastor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

2016 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.



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 will be held on October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 7:00 to 8:30.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Group Ongoing Programs

The Youth Group continues to collect soda can tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

They are also collecting Moo Money caps from Turkey Hill products purchased at Turkey Hill stores.

Containers for both of these items are in the Narthex.

Coming in October

On October 15th, the Youth Group and the Christian Education Department will be joining forces for a one-day fundraising event. The Christian Education Department will be making and selling their famous Chicken Corn Noodle Soup. The Youth Group will be having a sandwich sale. Books and sandwiches will be available beginning at 10:00 am and the soup at 11:00 am.

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 Sanctuary Fund
- ✚ The Kitchen Project Fund
- ✚ The Internship Fund (Vicar)
- ✚ Maintenance and Building Fund
- ✚ Youth Gathering 2018
- ✚ Campus Crusade for Christ
- ✚ Needy Fund

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.



LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Upcoming Youth Activities

Book Sale – Donations will be accepted during the month of September. Look for donation area in the Narthex. The book sale will be held October 15 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Isaac’s Night – Tuesday, November 15. Look for flyers in October.

Cookies in a Jar – Orders will be taken in November – delivery Dec. 11 and 18. Look for more information and order forms in November.

**“Do Your Own Thing”
Trip to New York City
December 10 2016**

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

Cost \$45 Call 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.



Thank you Deb Guigley for providing the beautiful Wedding Cake for the Vow Renewal and Remembrance Service.



We thank Erin Brubaker for her beautiful solo during the Wedding Vow and Remembrance Service.



A special thank you to Social Ministry for all of their hard work on both Lutheran World Relief Kit Assembly and the planning and preparations for the Wedding Vow and Remembrance Service and meal.



Dear Mellingers Family,

Thank you so much for the recent visit and flowers. I really appreciate your prayers and on-going visits.
Gene Usner

Thank you to members of Mellingers Church for the many cards and kind words of sympathy. A special thank you to Social Ministry for the fruit basket. It is difficult losing your mom, however she is now free from her suffering and is with the Lord.
Mary Weidman

Financial Report

Receipts Compared To Budget September

	Receipts	Budget	Over(Under)
9/4/2016	5,166.03	4,774.79	391.24
9/11/2016	4,387.00	4,774.79	(387.79)
9/18/2016	3,146.25	4,774.79	(1,628.54)
9/25/2016	3,392.10	4,774.79	(1,382.69)

Receipts Compared To Budget Year To Date

	Receipts	Budget	Over(Under)
9/25/2016	172,054.41	176,242.48	(4,188.07)

Seminary Update

By Scott Brubaker

Greetings to my Mellingers family. Many of you have heard that I have begun seminary classes this fall in preparation for public ministry in the ELCA. It's true! Some have asked me how it is going and wondering why I am no longer attending Sunday services at Mellingers. So, I thought I should explain the exciting journey I have begun. For several years, I have felt a calling to pursue public ministry in a more deliberate way. As I took advantage of opportunities to help as a lay worship leader and Sunday School teacher, my interest deepened and my call has become stronger. Last fall, I decided to actually take a look at what is involved with pursuing seminary education and candidacy for rostered ministry with the ELCA. I discovered that it was, indeed, possible to pursue my education while still continuing to work my day job to meet family financial obligations. So, I applied to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in their Distributed Learning (online) Master of Divinity program and was admitted to begin my courses this fall. At the same time, I applied for candidacy in the Lutheran Church and was admitted to the candidacy process in July.

I am "attending" on a part-time basis which means it will likely take me nearly 5 years before I am prepared for ordination. I began my studies on September 7 and I am taking two online courses this semester. One is on the Old Testament from Genesis to Esther; the other is Doing Theology in a Fallen World. There is much reading and it has been challenging. At the same time, the seminary has insisted that I begin the first of four semesters of site field education where I am required to attend another Lutheran church or similar assignment (chaplaincy, for instance). I have been assigned to Lutheran Church of the Good Shephard on Greenfield Road in Lancaster under the able supervision of Pastor Mark Russell (a classmate of Pastor Tim). I have already begun as an assisting minister and I am scheduled to deliver my first sermon on Thanksgiving Eve. Thankfully, Pastor Tim will be coaching me as I write the sermon! So, while I miss attending at Mellingers, I am excited to learn how things are done at a different church.

In sum, it has been a stressful and challenging start for the whole family and your prayers for Jen, Abby and me is appreciated. Some have asked about the costs

and how to help. Thankfully, I have been blessed with a scholarship from the ELCA Fund for Leaders that covers a significant share of the tuition expenses for this school year. Without it, I do not believe I could have begun. However, it is for one year only and I do not know if it will be renewed. Further, while critical, it does not cover all the costs. If anyone feels called to help assist financially, contributions can be made payable to Mellingers in the white donation envelopes marked “Scott Brubaker Seminary” and it will be sent to the seminary for my account.

I wish you God’s blessing and peace.

Yours in Christ,
Scott Brubaker



- ❖ We were short in giving for the month of September by \$3,000. Nancy Eberly made a motion that we take \$3,000.00 from the gift fund but replace it when we have an overage, Jen Brubaker seconded and the motion carried.
- ❖ Ron Gehr made a motion that we used \$675.00 from the Vicar Fund to assist Scott Brubaker with his Seminary Tuition, Nancy Eberly seconded and the motion carried.
- ❖ A mouse chewed through the Air Conditioning wires leading to the choir room.
- ❖ There is an issue with the functionality of the left stove in the kitchen. We were unable to use it for the meal after the Wedding Vow and Remembrance service.
- ❖ There was an operating system update for the iPad. Kelly Parrish will produce new documents for usage.
- ❖ Linda Weaver made the suggestion that Ushers should arrive by 8:15 am.



WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY

The Lutheran Camping Corporations of Central Pennsylvania

October 2016

- [Capture the Flag](#) at Kirchenwald - October 2
- [Book Study Retreat](#) at Nawakwa - October 4-6
- [Fall Foliage Day](#) at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa - October 16
- [First-Annual Bag Toss Tournament](#) at Kirchenwald's Fall Foliage Day - October 16

- The Wittel Farm Growing Project Harvest Festival at The Wittel Farm - October 22

Visitation Skills for Lay Persons to be offered at Brickerville United Lutheran

“Now What Do I Say?” is the title of a five-week visitation course designed for lay persons to be offered during five Sunday evenings in October at Brickerville United Lutheran Church, 340 East 28th Division Highway, Lititz. Participants will gather Sunday evenings, 6:30–8:30 p.m. on October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Come to all or to those which are of interest—each evening is a self-contained unit. Those with prior experience in CPE or Stephens Ministry will be stretched forward. The sessions will be led by the Pastor Scott Davis, Board Certified Chaplain [retired].

The topics to be addressed:

- 2 October:** What might I say? Attending, praying, discerning limits;
- 9 October:** When words don’t come easily: visiting the acute or chronic ill;
- 16 October:** More than words: visiting across the age-span
- 23 October:** When there are few words: being with the dying and the grieving;
- 30 October:** When a clear word calls: sitting in the present and planning ahead.

Presently called to Brickerville United Lutheran, Pastor Davis was a congregational pastor before pursuing his passion in bioethics and chaplaincy. He served as Clinical Pastoral Education supervisor for 16 years at Saint Louis University and Lehigh Valley Hospitals, mentoring over 180 different students of many faiths—lay, seminarian, and clergy. He served on ethics committees at both hospitals. Still a Board Certified Chaplain, Pastor Davis has two decades of direct patient-care experience, including birth and newborn, children, palliative care, cardiac, trauma, emergency, medical-surgical, mental health, orthopedic/ neurologic rehabilitation, and advance care planning. He designed and taught the hospital practicum for deacon aspirants in Archdiocese of St. Louis for 10 years. He has keynoted twice for national Lutheran chaplain conferences and authored the entry “Healing and Exorcism” in *The New Interpreter’s Handbook of Preaching* (Abingdon, 2008).



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



Help the Hounds

Walkers can help Leo's Helping Paws by downloading the app **ResQWalk** on your Smart Phone. Please turn location settings on and choose Leo's Helping Paws as the group receiving your steps. We help shelters in need with food, treats, bedding, and toys. If you want to check Leo's out go to www.leoshelpingpaws.org

Thanks so much, Dave & Joyce Wilhide

500th anniversary Reformation Tour of Germany June 16-26, 2017

Pastor Sandy Gideon will be leading a group to Germany (and Switzerland). Some of the places will include: Rhine River Cruise, Gutenberg Museum, Worms and St. Peter's church, Heidelberg Castle, Strasbourg (France), Zurich (Switzerland) & Neuschwanstein Castle, Zugspitz (the highest point in Germany), Augsburg, Daschau concentration camp, Wartburg Castle, Erfurt, Bach Museum, Augustinian Monastery, Wittenberg & the Castle Church, & Berlin. You can read more details at:

<http://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/gideonreformation.htm>

I also have brochures (& registration forms) I can mail to you if you would like to read more just call my house at 484-1172. The price of \$3,519 includes airfare, lodging, transportation, guides, 2 meals a day, plus more. You must be registered before Jan. 2017. If you have any questions please call as this will be a great year to visit Germany along with others from Lancaster County.

CHURCH AT LARGE



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ELCA Happenings

As A Spiritual Discipline, Giving Reaps Rewards

– By Bishop James S. Dunlop

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor

widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:1-4).

In the story of the widow's mite, Jesus lifts up giving to the institutions of God as a good and normative practice. But the passage invites discussion over just what is an appropriate level for individual giving—still a hot topic among God's people!

We draw the implication that the widow sacrificed much more than she could easily afford, whereas the rich people sacrificed less than they might have.

The story supports the concept of "proportional giving"—that the financial wherewithal of the individual or family determines the "right" amount of giving. It's something every Christian must determine through prayer and study of Scripture.

When Connie and I were first married, she asked me to read a notice inviting us to become tithers. Being unfamiliar with the term, I assumed the word rhymed with "dither," so I asked, "What's a 'tither'?"

Connie corrected me: The word has the long "i" sound, as in "tiger." A tither is someone who commits to giving 10 percent of their income to the work of God. At the time, we had young children and a mortgage, so 10 percent seemed a fortune.

But we learned that the Bible establishes 10 percent as a benchmark for faithful giving. After discussion, prayer and discernment, we took the plunge and committed to become tithers. It has made a huge difference in our lives.

By committing to a tithe, we turned our giving into a spiritual discipline, and that has made the difference. Disciplines change us from the inside, awakening us spiritually and bringing us into a closer, more intimate relationship with God.

For us, committing to give 10 percent was a sacrifice, at least initially, but one that brought blessings. In managing our money to enable us to tithe, we learned to control our spending, to prioritize our buying, to limit our debt, to discern the difference between "wants" and "needs," and to save.

More importantly, we learned the joy of generous giving. We felt connected more closely to the ministries of God, and we also felt a closer connection to the Almighty. As we gave from the financial blessings that God had given us, we felt more blessed.

As a spiritual discipline, tithing is embraced by few of us Lutherans, who give on average 1.6 percent, or about one-sixth of a tithe. So if every Lutheran tithed, it would increase by 600 percent the resources for ministry that our congregations have to work with. What could your church do with six times as much money as it has now?

As you will read in this supplement, we are urging Lower Susquehanna Lutherans to tithe to their congregations as a spiritual discipline, and we are offering resources on our website for self-study and for congregations to educate people about tithing. Similarly,

we are asking congregations to commit to tithing their income as mission support to our synod.

Remembering the story of the widow's mite, we understand that some people may not be able to afford to tithe, or tithe right away. Some may wish to build up to it, or simply advance their giving as much as they can. Yet others may be able to exceed a tithe. Whatever you decide, may God bless you and fill your life with goodness and mercy.

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.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- ❖ The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- ❖ The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
- ❖ A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.
- ❖ Today's Sermon: How Much Can a Man Drink? with hymns from a full choir.
- ❖ Hymn: "I Love Thee My Ford."



CHIA PUDDING BREAKFAST

Prep Time: 5 mins then allow to set overnight

- 2/3 cup chia seeds
- 2 cups unsweetened almond or coconut milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-2 tablespoons pure maple syrup or raw honey

- Seasonal fruit, cacao nibs, nuts, seeds, etc. for topping

Directions

1. Combine almond milk, chia seeds, vanilla and honey or syrup in a bowl. Stir until thickened. Store covered in the refrigerator overnight.
2. Spoon into bowls and top with fresh fruit and nuts.

CLEAN CONSCIENCE

Environmentally sound and inexpensive cleaning tips and/or reusing tips

CASTILE SOAP SURFACE CLEANER

- 2 cups distilled water
- 1/4 cup liquid castile soap (If you feel like this amount is too soapy for you, reducing the amount to 2 TB is still considered an effective dilution according to Dr. Bronner's.)
- 15 drops cleaning essential oil (My favorite options: lavender, peppermint, orange, or peppermint.)

For the castile soap cleaner, pour the water into a 16oz. spray bottle (use a funnel, if needed). Add the castile soap and essential oil. Gentle shake the cleaner. This cleaner may be stored at room temperature.

To Use: Gently shake the spray bottle before spraying the cleaner on the desired surface. Spray the cleaner and wipe off the surface with a damp cloth (this is important when using the castile soap cleaner since it can leave a soapy residue if left to dry)! The castile soap (**avoid the citrus variety**) cleaner may be used on sealed marble or granite.

<http://livesimply.me/2015/11/02/how-to-make-homemade-all-purpose-surface-cleaner/>

Special dates

- World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2016
- Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2016
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2016

Christian Symbols

A door symbolizes our invitation to engage in prayer and personal relationship with Jesus: "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7, NIV). Conversely, a door represents Jesus' desire to be invited into our lives and hearts: "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me" (Revelation 3:20, NIV).



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WEBSITE: www.mellingers.org

FACEBOOK: Please come check us out on Facebook. We are listed under **Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church**. Check with your children or grandchildren if you do not know how to use Facebook.

LISTEN TO THE SERVICE FROM HOME

No special equipment is required for usage and is at no cost to the caller as long as Mellingers is not a long distance call for you. Instructions for use are as follows:

1. A few minutes before the church service starts, dial 336-4191.
2. If the phone rings more than four times, the system at the church is not yet turned on. Please hang up and try again in a few minutes.
3. If you get a busy signal, this means the system is full with other callers.
4. If the system answers, please listen quietly and do not hang up for at least ten minutes. This is because if the first person listens for only a few minutes and then hangs up before others call in, the system will shut down and no one else will be able to call in for that service.
5. Please be aware that others who call in using this service can hear you speak. You should not talk to other people on the line but no one at Mellingers can hear you.
6. You may listen as long as you like. Just hang up when you are finished.



BIRTHDAYS

October 1: Theda Raffauf
October 4: Shanana Shortuse
Georgenne Wolf
October 5: Rebecca Harker Duttry
October 6: Norm Hoover
Travis Pannebecker
October 7: Annamaria Leed
October 8: Ryan Brubaker
Ruth Messner
October 9: Ruth Hollinger
Michael Leed
October 10: Glenn Martin
October 11: Alyssa Schmeck
October 14: Clyde Heinsey
October 15: Harriet Stoltzfus
October 19: Michael Weitzel
Diane Adair
Martha Brubaker
Ed Leed
Erik Wolf
October 20: Karen Lausch
October 22: Adrian Borry
Kim Craven
October 23: Dave Wilhide
October 24: Dan Sensenig
October 26: Seth Gehman
Cindy Gehman
October 27: Olivia Taylor
October 28: Larry Rabold
Erin Weidman
October 29: Amanda Gehman
October 30: Alicia Brubaker
Ralph Firestine
Seth Gregory
October 31: Tonya Pierce

ANNIVERSARIES

October 4, 1975
Erik & Georgenne Wolf

October 4, 1980
Deb & Jerry Zerbe

October 7, 1995
Donovan & Kristi Stief

October 8, 1988
John & Wendy Leisey

October 10, 2009
Michael & Julie Sawyer

October 12, 1985
Jeff & Amy Weik

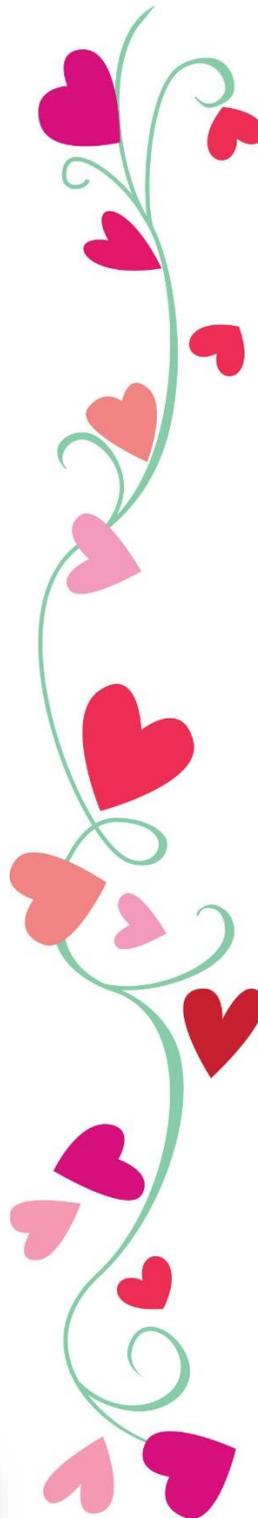
October 15, 1955
Nick & Pat Rampolla

October 18, 1986
Jeff & Cindy Gehman

October 18, 2003
Sherry & Jeff Gregory

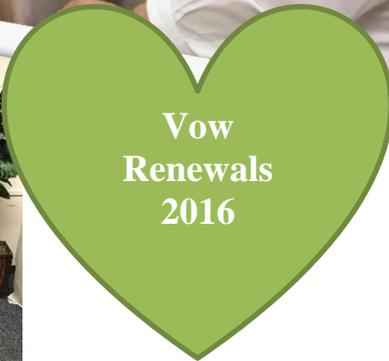
October 20, 1956
Donald & Nancy Hain

October 26, 2002
Andy & Kristi Leonhard



OCTOBER 31





FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.

What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____

2. Opposite of hate: _____

3. Opposite of yes: _____

4. Three minus two: _____

5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____

6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____

7. Opposite of up: _____

8. Opposite of death: _____

9. Best buds: _____

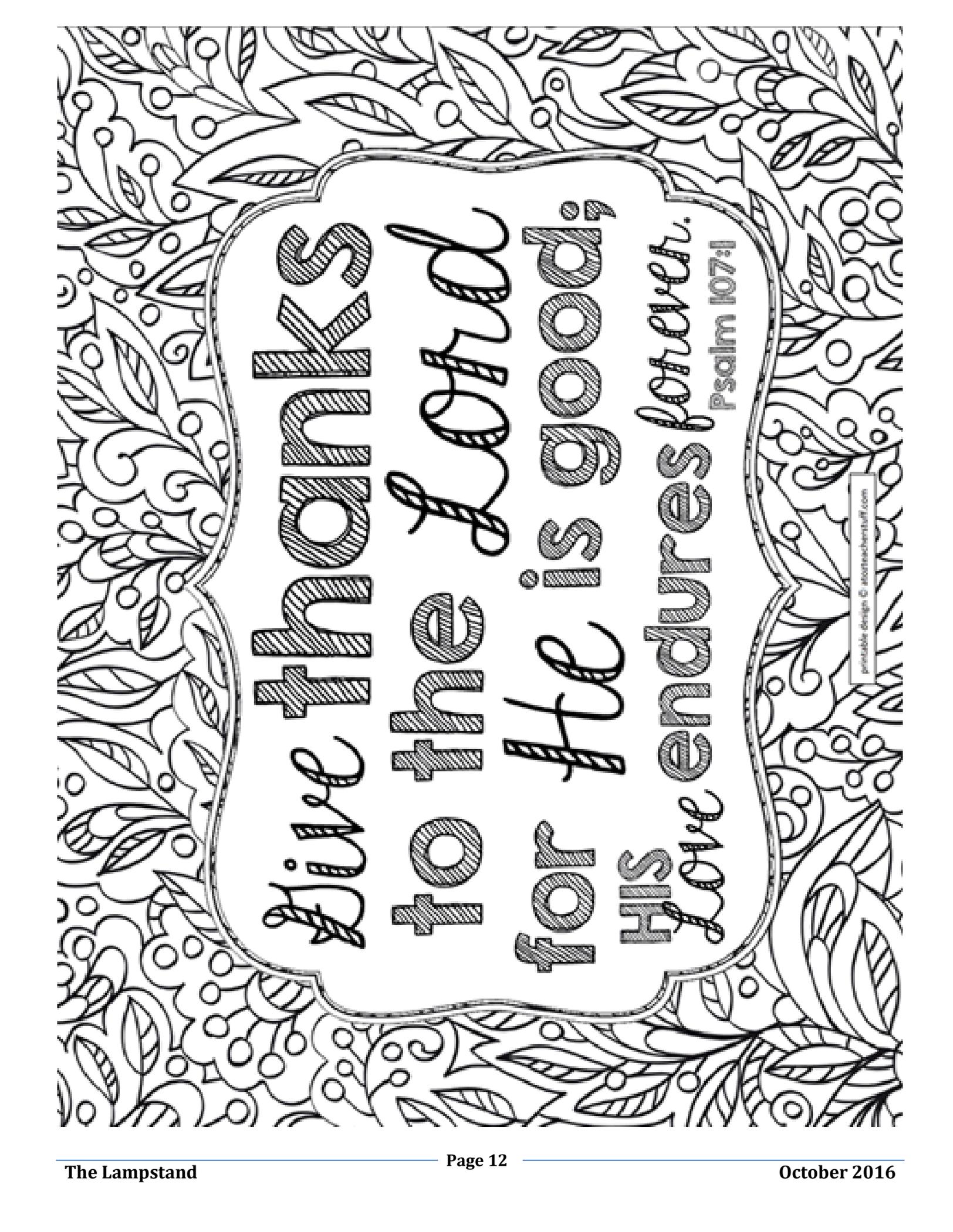
" _____₁ _____₂ has _____₃

_____₄ than _____₅: to _____₆ _____₇

one's _____₈ for one's _____₉."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answers: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV



Give thanks
to the Lord
for He is good;
His love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1

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