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St. Paul Lutheran Church - Postville IA

AUGUST 2017

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

**Please call the Parish Office
864-7643 for Pastor Lynn J. Noel,
Greg, Patience or Marsha
Please leave a voicemail if
we are not in.**

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**Saturday Casual Worship ~
5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**
Sunday Worship ~ 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

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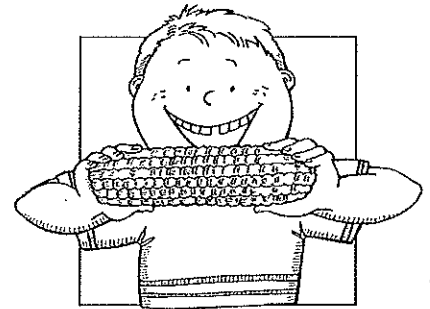
Please let the church office know if you have an
address change.

If you would like a visit...Call Pastor or the church
office at 864-7643. If you are
hospitalized...Please call and let us know if you or
a family member is hospitalized; also remember to
use the hospital chaplain if available.

If we can pray for you...Please let us know if you
or a member of your family would like to be
included in our prayers;
in the bulletin and in the prayers during worship.

Just a reminder that when you are fixing up your sweet corn this summer, the Spring Fest will need 22 gallons of sweet corn this upcoming year. If you are able to prepare an extra gallon or more for the church please sign the "Sweet Corn 2018" sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Part of our success was in having home grown freezer corn as many comments were made about this item. You can freeze the corn any way you would like but here is an easy recipe for you to follow.



Freezer Corn—White Lutheran Cook Book pg 146

4 quarts corn (raw cut off the cob)
4 c. water
¼ c sugar
2 tsp salt
Bring to a boil. Cool, package, freeze

If you need ice cream pails or containers to freeze in, check the church cupboards or contact Joyce Christofferson. If you need a freezer to put the corn in, you may use the church freezer. However, it would be ideal if everyone kept their corn at home and brought to the church the week of the festival. If you have an abundance of corn that needs taking care of, contact Paula Enyart at 563-380-3308 and she will line up help to complete the task.

Thank you for your support of this endeavor. We have great success when we work together for the overall benefit.

Spring Festival Committee



"WHEN WILL YOU VISIT ME?"

On August 1st, I will begin my second year of ministry with you all – it doesn't seem that it has been a year already. It has been a joy and a blessing to be with you all. I have enjoyed the relationships that have been formed with members of St. Paul and the people of the Postville community. I have been enriched by relationships with wonderful colleagues, as well the Bishop and his staff of the Northeastern Iowa Synod.

I have found that it takes time and patience to get acquainted with new surroundings and with people. Often, it takes me longer than I would like it to take; I may get names mixed up with faces. I ask you to please bear with me – I will eventually get there. However, there are things that you can help me with. A). Please share with me when a family member desires a visit, either it in the hospital or in the home – hospitals and care facilities do not always let the office know. This will help me tremendously. I have had people tell me that so and so is in the hospital or in a care facility and when I make a visit I find out that they are not there. B). If someone desires a communion visit please let the church office know and we can schedule a visit.

I would like to share with you about what has been my practice with visitations. What is visitation? What defines a pastoral visit? What visits have more importance than others? Is the pastor the only one who should visit? How we answer these questions shapes our understanding of visitation. Some place a high value on pastoral visits, others regard them as an intrusion into daily life.

Over the years I have drawn up this list of priorities for pastoral visits for my ministry. This list has often revolved over the many years that I have been in parish ministry.

1. Church member's traumatic experiences: serious illness, accidents, surgery, deaths and funerals
2. Traumatic events outside the Parish: Death, accident, serious illness of member's relative, community, pastor's acquaintance
3. Prolonged support of grieving people: after everyone goes back to their normal routines the grieving continues
4. Spiritual Care: support and guidance for members on matters of faith
5. Emotional Distress: marriage counseling, loss or significant change in employment, family crisis, depression
6. Sudden change in member's participation: may signal serious underlying problems
7. Homebound: members who cannot participate in the day-to-day life of the congregation, either long or short term
8. Short Term Illness: non-emergency and/or chronic illness, either hospital or home
9. Prospective Members: New people in the community
10. Evangelism: ongoing outreach to unchurched
11. Well Member: general, non-crisis visitation

I look forward as we begin our second year in ministry together here at St. Paul. May God continue to bless you all and our ministry that we share together.

In Christ,
Pastor Lynn



Our Sunday Morning Service is being shown twice a week on NEIT Cable TV on Channel 4 on Tuesday at 2:30 pm and on Thursday at 7:00 pm. This is a free service from NEIT.

We are also running a re-occurring add on Channel 3. The cost for this is \$27.50 a month. The first 4 months have been paid for by members as Memorials of loved ones. If you would like to help us continue this public service announcement please do so by contacting the office or donate to St Paul Media Mail. This is a great way for us to reach out to others.

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

by HAMMER

*When you thought I wasn't looking:

I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator; and my heart burst with love, because you liked it that much.

*When you thought I wasn't looking:

I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

*When you thought I wasn't looking:

I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things in life are the most special.

*When you thought I wasn't looking:

I heard you say a prayer to God, and I learned that He would always be there for me.

*When you thought I wasn't looking:

I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we have to take care of each other.

*When you thought I wasn't looking:

I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned it is better to give than to receive.

*When you thought I wasn't looking:

I felt you kiss me goodnight and tuck the blanket up around my neck and I learned what it felt like to be safe and secure.

*When you thought I wasn't looking:

I saw the tears in your eyes when you or one of us was hurting or someone else was feeling bad and I learned it was alright to cry.

*When you thought I wasn't looking:

I saw you care for me anyway you could, so I could grow up and be whatever I wanted to be and be responsible and thoughtful in whatever I do.



ONE GRANT DONE & ONE TO GO



BARNABAS UPLIFT
a mission of encouragement

The grant application to our national ELCA Domestic Hunger Division was completed, submitted online and mailed, as requested. If approved funding will be received next year and also potentially the following year. Since Barnabas Uplift's pre-application to Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation was approved, I will be attending their grant writing class later this month. Their application is due by the end of August.

Pr. Lynn and I did meet with NICC staff re: hosting a Fall CNA class here at St. Paul. NICC is requesting that we have 7 students Barnabas will sponsor prior to finalizing the schedule early in August.

Again, if you know of anyone, especially from Postville, who is interested in a career in health care and would make a commitment to the class, please tell them to get in touch with me. I have voicemail here at the church 563-864-7643. My work email address is barnabasuplift12@gmail.com. My cell phone number 563-379-6569. Please tell them to leave a message for me and I will return their call.

Again "thank you so very much" for your ongoing support of this program.

Marsha Ruby, M.S.W., Coordinator



Church Council Meeting ~ July 9, 2017 ~
 Overview of Minutes
 (not approved by council yet)

Roll Call: Mark Ziemann, Annette Frey, Paula Enyart, Sharon Dean, Duane Koenig, Andy Jacobson, Eric Meyer, Charlie Meyer, Sharon Drahn, Jessica Deering, Pastor Lynn J. Noel; **Absent:** John Brazell, Daryl Schultz, Theresa Johnson

Minutes: Regular Minutes in May were approved as read. M/S/C

Thank you from SOTH & Marsha Ruby

Pastor's Report: Pastoral Acts in June, was approved as printed. He also explained that the eighth-grade confirmation students will be presenting their Faith Statements on Sept. 17.

Funerals: None
Wedding: None
Baptisms: None

Worship Attendance – Weekend Averages

2017 to date	Last Month	2016	2015
174	174	175	174

Requests for Use of Church Facilities / Contact Info: M/S/C

Family Team Meeting – Sara Sullivan, Families First – 7/18/17 @ 4:30 pm – FR
 American Red Cross Blood Drive – 7/25/17 @ 2-6 pm – FH (fundraiser for Sr Youth)
 Club of the Hour Meeting – Cheryl Martins – 10/2/17 @ 6:30 pm – FR and Hidden in Plain Sight (drug room) open to public – set up @ 12 pm – FH or MR

Committee Reports:

FINANCE – Met July 6th. Finance committed to have funds available to pay bills. Receipts from garage sale was \$ 4492.61
GENEROSITY – Met July 6th. Skit from balcony on Oct. 3. Updating pictures on website; monthly videos to Facebook; Local Channel NEIT runs church announcements. Looking for televised services. Need memorials listed in either Voice or annual report. Look into having kids do a breakfast fundraiser for Houston trip at the end of generosity campaign.

Old Business: None

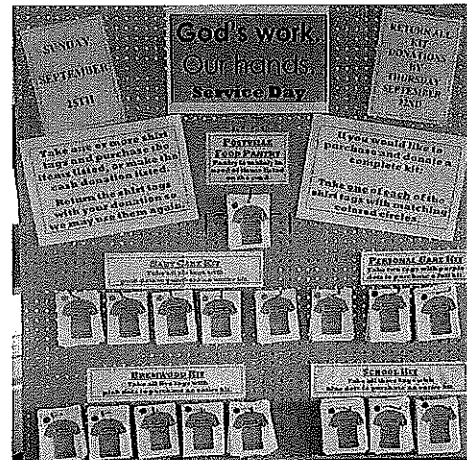
New Business:

- Neit – announcements \$27 / month
- Ask Jeanine Lenth to attend next meeting to give walk through on communion protocol.

Sharon Drahn, Secretary



School Supplies are still being collected, school starts on August 23rd. If you would like to donate there is a list of what is needed on the north table in the Fellowship Hall, donations may be left in the designated box. Thank you!



"God's work. Our hands." Service Day is Sunday, September 24th. The board will be brought out soon. May we work every day to make our community a better place as we continue doing this work together. **Thank you!**

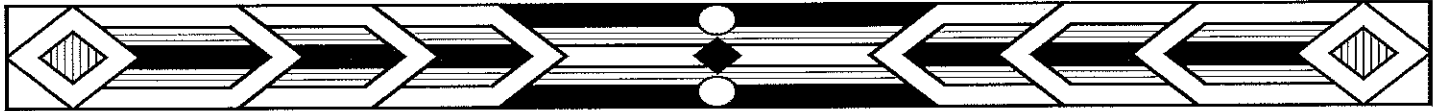


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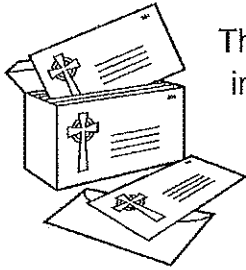
~ Attention: Thrivent Choice Members ~

Anyone who has a Thrivent account and goes online by the end of August will get an additional \$50 to designate toward Choice Dollars, this is free money to you. If you have any questions please contact your agent or the church office.

Also, if you haven't applied for the \$250 Community Impact Card (Action Team card) and would like to use it for something at the church but are unsure of what to do, call the church office and Patience can give you some ideas. With God's Work. Our Hands. Service Day coming up there may be several places to use them.



A NOTE FROM THE GENEROSITY COMMITTEE!!



The Generosity Committee has elected to order offering envelopes for all members in the 4-county area for 2018. If you are in this area and DO NOT wish to receive envelopes please notify the church office. If you are out of this area or out of state and DO wish to receive offering envelopes please notify the office as well. We would need this information before October 1, 2017.

Thank You for giving this your attention.

Your Generosity Committee



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS **CONFERENCE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER**

100 West Hill Street, PO Box 36, Saint Olaf, Iowa 52072-0036

Telephone: 563-783-2409 Fax: 1-563-783-2428 E-mail: shephill@netel.net

Hours: 9am-12 and 1-4 pm. Monday-Fridays

Greetings from the Hill:

Back to School Giveaway will be on **Aug 9, 2017**. For many, the giveaway will be held shortly after you receive this. Monetary donations can be mailed to the office, while physical donations can be dropped off at the office during business hours. For anyone wishing to volunteer, please phone or email the office ahead of time to inquire on times available. Once again, thank you for your continued to support of our Ministry!

We have had to purchase a new window air conditioner for the clothing center in recent weeks. After speaking with technicians, they felt it may have been a victim of a lightning strike. Thank goodness it was a relatively short wait.

If any Women in our conference attended the Triennial Women's ELCA Gathering in Minnesota recently, we would love to share your stories and/or photos with everyone!

Plans will be underway soon for our **Annual Hog Roast** to be held **Oct 1, 2017**. The Hog Roast is our Major Fundraiser for our Crisis Fund,



which assists families with emergency funding for rent and utilities. The Crisis Fund assisted 77 families right here in Clayton County during 2016!

In coming weeks, plans will also be underway, planning a joint **Commemoration of the Reformation/All Saints Service** to be held at the end of October, beginning of November. We are planning to have a joint Lutheran/Catholic Service as we have in years past. Be on the lookout for an official date, time and location!

Shepherd of the Hills' Needs

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies and salary for the Director.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families in need with rent, utilities or fuel assistance. Please prayerfully consider making regular donations to these funds in order to ensure its sustainability as a charitable organization for Clayton County.

Please utilize the memo line on your check to specify Crisis or Operating Fund!

Heather Crogan ~ Director

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

August 6 - 9:00 am

Worship / Holy Communion

Council: Sharon Dean & Charlie Meyer

Communion Servers: Mark Zieman

Reader: Lloyd Mathews

Video: Daryl Schultz

Acolyte: Monica Santoyo

August 13 - 9:00 am

Council: Annette Frey

Reader: Roberta Rodecap

Video: Ken Upton

Acolyte: Victoria Bacon

August 20 - 9:00 am

New Traditions / Holy Communion

Council: Andy Jacobson

Communion Servers: Youth

Reader: Youth

Video: Beth Snitker

Acolyte: Rubin Meyer



August 27 - 9:00 am

Council: Eric Meyer

Reader: Jeanine Lenth

Video: Sara White

Acolyte: Emilie Meyer

On Sunday, August 6th
 Deb Whitford from LSI along with several
 Bremwood residents will be visiting us. They
 will share some of their stories with us and
 there will also be a forum after the service
 for any questions you may have. It is very
 inspiring to hear what these young people
 are trying to overcome.

Saturday Night Worship - 5:30 pm

August 5

Worship / Holy Communion

Council: Mark Zieman

August 12

Council: Paula Enyart

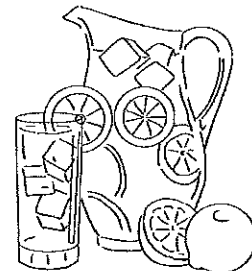
August 19

Worship / Holy Communion

Council: Duane Koenig

August 26

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August Usher Team:

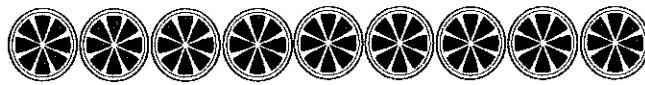
Jane Blumhagen (*leader*), Ron & Bunny Fox,
 Chuck & Kim Deering family, Bill Harris, Dennis &
 Sandy Koenig

August Tellers: Bunny Fox, Becky Fritz, Janet

Kuhse, Joan Moore

August Altar Guild:

Gwen Foels & Vivian Benjegerdes



Operating - General Fund		
May	2017	Y-T-D
Income	\$28,683.47	\$ 99,739.57
Expense	\$21,907.93	\$100,103.13
Difference	\$ 6,775.54	\$ (363.56)

****Deadline for VOICE****

Monday, August 15

Bulletins Deadline

Each Wednesday

Council Deadline

Friday, August 25

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

August Special Offering

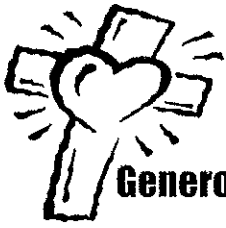
Shepherd of the Hills

Loose Quarters go to

World Hunger

Saturday, August 5 &

Sunday, August 6



GENEROSITY!!

³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. *Matthew 6:33*

God's Gifts – My Gifts

Generosity Page

August – Shepherd of the Hills

Through Shepherd of the Hills, located at 100 W Hill Street in St. Olaf, Iowa, area congregations and other organizations in ministries work together to support and strengthen the ministry of each. SOTH is guided by a nine-member board that meets every other month.

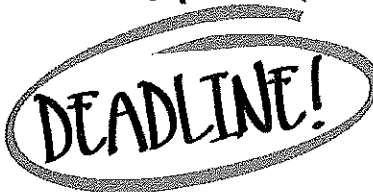
SOTH works with government agencies and churches in our conference to give aid through things like its clothing store and crisis fund. The store is supplied by donations from area families. Anyone can shop in the store - all items are \$1. The crisis fund is available to help pay utilities, rent, etc., depending on the fund balance. SOTH also provides school supplies for area families, and during the holidays families in need can get new toys, games, quilts, clothing, etc. All programs operate on a referral system.

SOTH welcomes visitors. Hours are 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. More information is available at: ph. 563-783-2409, e-mail shephill@netel.net, or PO Box 36, St. Olaf, IA 52072.

Special Monthly Offering

- Jan. – Postville Food Pantry - \$531.00
- Feb. – EWALU - \$340.00
- Mar. – Barnabas Uplift - \$423.00
- Apr. – Hospice - \$290.00
- May – Scholarships - \$320.00
- June – Black Hills Cares - \$342.00
- July – Campus Ministry
- Aug. – Shepherd of the Hills
- Sep. – Postville Child Care
- Oct. – Lutheran Services in Iowa
- Nov. – Camp Courageous
- Dec. – World Hunger

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Don't Miss the


August Special Offering
 Shepherd of the Hills
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The Evangelism and Membership Committee is inviting anyone who is interested in becoming a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church or if you know of someone, to please contact the church's office. Times & dates will be determined after a group has been established, however we would like to start in October. Let's reach out and welcome those who are looking for a place of worship. God Bless.





Any WELCA questions please contact
Pat Zidlicky, WELCA President at 864-3781

General Meeting

Thursday, August 10th @ 1:30 pm

Program: "All Anew" focusing on
Renewal of *Spirit & Creation*.

Convention Report:

"Hungering for Renewal"

Wartburg College, Waverly – June 17th

Mini Workshop

Thursday, August 17th @ 1:30 pm

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle in East Park Terrace

Thursday, August 31st at 1:30 pm

Esther Circle at Good Samaritan Center

Wednesday, August 30th at 3:00 pm

Eve Circle in Alcove

Tuesday, August 22nd at 9:00 am

Hostesses: *Myrna Jones & Joan Moore*

Priscilla Circle

Thursday, August 31st at 6:30 pm

Hostess: *Linda Schierholz's home*

Ruth Circle at Grand Meadow Glen

Thursday, August 31st at 1:30 pm

Hostess: *Jeanette Walch*



**Back to
School Month**

School is right around the corner! But imagine being a child or teen with an emotional or behavioral disorder. This time of year can be extremely stressful. They are afraid they won't be able to concentrate or fit in at their school. They worry about the transition adjusting to a new classroom routine.

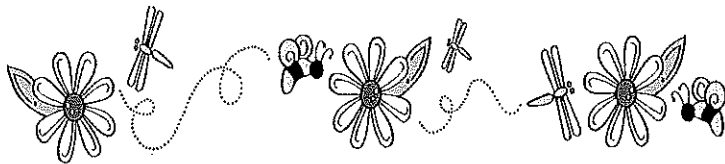
Did you know Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) partners with schools across the state to provide mental health services right in their communities? Our therapists can work one-on-one with children while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team is there to collaborate with families in their home and develop skills like anger management and decision-making.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift and support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org.



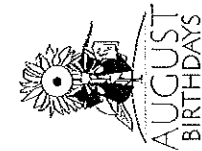
WORSHIPING AWAY

Harlan & Darlene and Sara White attended their grandson's (nephew) Baccalaureate Service on May 14th at Big Canoe Lutheran, Decorah. Also on May 14th, Ron & Bunny Fox attended Faith Lutheran, Monona, where their grandson Tristan was presented a graduation quilt. Dick & Sandie Helgerson visited their son Brock and family in St. Louis, MO and worshiped at St. John's Lutheran on May 14th. Darlene Lange visited her granddaughter & family at Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN on May 21st. Gerald & Vada Guyer worshiped at Life Church, Wichita, KS on May 21st with Aaron & grandson Carter for his High School Graduation. On May 28th Gerald & Vada worshiped at Lifepoint Church, Minden, NV, with daughter Nancy & family for granddaughter Clare's Graduation (she was 1 of 5 Valedictorians). Sandie Helgerson was visiting friends in North Carolina and on April 30th worshiped at Wilson's Mills Christian Church in Wilson's Mills, North Carolina. On June 18th Ardie Kuhse attended St. Peter Lutheran Church in Eldorado.



If you would like to order a God's Work. Our Hands. t-shirt (with St. Paul Lutheran Church on the back) please let the office know. The cost is \$15 each, sizes Youth Small – Adult 5x. Orders need to be in by Thursday, August 31st.

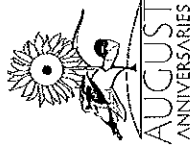




St. Paul Lutheran Church

(B)irthdays and (W)edding Anniversaries

AUGUST 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Karen Heins (b.) Corey & Debra Kirkestue (w.) Mervil & Lavonne Mabb (w.) Randy & Cindy Plaht (w.)	7 Barbara Duwe-Peterson (b.)	8 Koal & Ann Deering (w.) Chuck Deering (b.) Kirk & Lisa Kruse (w.) Nora Malcolm (b.) Alan Martins (b.) Grace Meyer (b.) Logan Timp (b.) Mark & Jennifer Ziemann (w.)	9 Elaine Doering (b.) Lee Doering (b.) Brian Lenth (b.) Hanna Linnigren (b.)	10 Robert Brandt (b.) Bailey Dean (b.) Nathan Meyer (b.) Dean & Laurel Chioff (w.) Christina Walleser (b.)	11 Ronald Fox (b.) Linda Smith (b.) Darrick Snitker (b.) Heidi Strohman (b.) Tanner Walker (b.) Nicholas Zuercher (b.)	12 Kaden Dean (b.) Dean & Clarifan Gunderson (w.) Debra Hilgerson (b.) Paul & Mary Jungblut (w.) Darrin Radloff (b.) Austin Upton, R (b.) Harper Winkler (b.)
13 Peggy Radloff (b.)	14 Annette Deering (b.) Clifford Hamack (b.) Kevin Kerr (b.) Douglas & Marilyn Lenth (w.) Roger Mathews (b.) Pat Nuehring (b.) Marjorie Schultz (b.)	15 Vivian Benjegerdes (b.)	16 Jeremy Hilgerson (b.) Geraldine Muchow (b.) Shawn Schultz (b.)	17 Taylor Anderson (b.) Ellen Kirkestue (b.) Terri & James Mackay (w.) Margaret Overland (b.) Daryl Schultz (b.)	18 John Krambeer (b.) Mark Martins (b.) Charles Meyer (b.) Teagen Schutte (b.)	19 Tyler Anderson (b.) Bryce Koenig (b.)
20 Terrance & Kaylene McNally (w.) Dwayne & Inez Moon (w.) Richard Turner (b.) Jeanette Walch (b.)	21 Gregory Benjegerdes (b.) Olivia Ultreras-Schultz (b.)	22 John Kittleson (b.)	23 John Foels (b.) Laura Ihde (b.) Ethan Snitker (b.) Mary Beth Snitker (b.)	24 John & Gwen Foels (w.) Jeffery Lange (b.) Hunter Radloff (b.) Carol Ruckdaschel-Price (b.)	25 Cory & Christina Bacon (w.) Cory Bacon (b.) Kent Bums (b.) Gwen Foels (b.) Austin Hangartner (b.) Shaunaye Hendry (b.) Judith & Jeff Huinker (w.) Justin & Tasha Knutson (w.) Spencer Kuhse (b.) Khloe Robbins (b.)	26
27 Wayne Alderson (b.) Emily Frey (b.) Brayden Lenth (b.)	28 David Anderson (b.) Hall Everman (b.) Marfesa Kruse (b.)	29 Colin Deering (b.) DuWayne Feickert (b.) Joann Martins (b.) Stacey Meyer (b.)	30 John & Judy Hyman (w.) Karia Miene (b.)	31 Christopher Althouse (b.)		

Remember in prayer these members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August.
Please let the office know if there are any errors or omissions. Thank you.

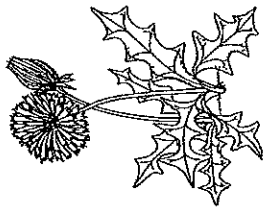
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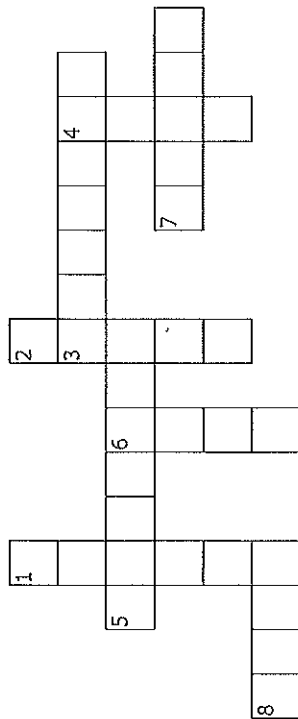
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The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Matthew 28:26 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Matthew 13: 24-29



ACROSS

3. The time for gathering crops
5. Stories told by Jesus to teach his followers
7. A plant that crowds out the good plants
8. A building used for storing grain and housing farm animals

DOWN

1. The place where God is
2. A grain that is ground into flour used in cooking
4. A small pod placed in the ground to grow a plant
6. To damage or destroy by fire

WEEDS	BURN	SEED	HARVEST
HEAVEN	WHEAT	BARN	PARABLE