



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

Since I started writing about worship in our August/September newsletter, I thought I could continue with a review of “why we do what we do” in worship. It is easy to just get into the routing of “doing” worship without thinking about or realizing what we are trying to accomplish through it. So periodically I try personally to review the various elements of our worship to get in touch again the richness and beauty of worship.

We generally begin our worship service with either the “Confession and Forgiveness” or “Thanksgiving for Baptism.” Both are pre-service rites, in other words they are not part of the liturgy proper. Prior to the reformation, the church required folks to attend confession with the priest in order to prepare themselves for worship and for communion. Martin Luther did not really change from this, he held to the teaching of private confession. He just felt it did not need to be done with a priest, but could be done in private, between the individual and God. During the mid-19th century however the church added public confession to the service before the formal liturgy began. This was done to enhance and encourage the private confession of sin, not to replace it. The purpose of starting with confession is more than just “cleaning the slate;” it is meant to prepare ourselves to receive the grace imparted by the “means of grace“-word and sacrament. Grace in our understanding is most properly understood and therefore properly received when we realize the depth of our sin and we acknowledge it before God and one another. That is not to say grace cannot be received in other ways, i.e. without formal confession, God can and does forgive based on God’s criteria. But it is most effectively received through confession.

The “Thanksgiving for Baptism” reminds us that we were made one with Christ through baptism, that we were washed clean and brought into the community of believers through the water and word. This past year we used the “Thanksgiving for Baptism” during the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time of year to celebrate baptisms and remember our own baptisms, as that is when the early church performed baptisms. It can be used at other times of the year too.

All worship is good in God’s eyes, but there is a richness and beauty to the elements of Lutheran worship that I hope we can appreciate. Next month I will remind of the role music plays in all of this.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jackie

Council Highlights



**September 7
10:10 a.m.**

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Harriet Demorest, Comique People,

Jambres Maximore, Darin Page, and Ed Kotajarvi.

Absent: Barb Laho.

Opening Prayer and Bible Study

The council discussed Acts 1:1-9 and witnessing unto the community.

Pastor's Report

Nathan Schleicher and his band will be performing November 24, 2013, for the 60th celebration.

Vice President's Report

Harriet Demorest and Darin Page's terms on the Church Council mandatorily ends next summer. Church members who would like to serve may contact any member of the Council.

Christian Education

Rally day is September 8 and the beginning of Sunday school. Bible study will begin the week of September 8, on Monday and Wednesday.

Worship and Music

Choir is going begin rehearsal on Thursday, September 12. The worship committee is going to be meeting the week of September 8.

Property

- A new cap was installed on the vent cap of the parsonage.
- The parking lot was vacuumed on August 30 by RJR Services for \$360. It was marked and repainted on August 31st with the help of several parishioners.
- Dennis spoke with John, chairman of the garden club, regarding removing the pile of dirt in the parking lot.
- Assisted Alfonso with the move of his vehicle off the parking lot.
- Inquiries – Several companies have been contacted for price to repair the sanctuary roof, repair the parsonage foundation and resurface the parking lot. No information has yet been received.
- Refrigerator repaired by All City Refrigeration for \$575.
- The Property committee would like to replace the parking signs as well as the flower pot with cigarette butts. There is also a request for funds to reseal the elevator enclosure, repair holes around basketball court, and paint the front and office railings. Motion to allocate \$1,500 for Property Committee improvements.

Stewardship

Temple talks are tentatively scheduled for November 3, 10, 17 and 24th (Pledge Sunday).

Outreach

Barbara Robertson, a missionary we have been supporting, is retiring.

Council moved to send \$500 to support Martin and Angela Zimmann and their work in Jerusalem.

Unfinished Business

AED Update – A church member has offered to match dollar for dollar any amounts collected for the AED machine.

New Business

- Pastor's Healthcare Benefits – The council discussed the new ELCA health plan options. The Council is considering the options available and tabled the decision until next month's meeting.
- Use of the Church – Pastor received a request to use the Church for adult day care services. The Council is looking into the requirements for such a service to operate.

For the good of the Church

The Council is also looking into other uses for the Church's largest material asset – the building.

Adjournment and prayer at 12:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jambres Maximore

October Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on October 27 2013. Anyone with an October Birthday is asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.

Time changes again!

Mark your calendar, we fall back on Sunday November 3rd!



Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee sincerely wishes to acknowledge a gift received in memory of:

ALBERT HENZE from the Wardell Family

Jill Bergstrom
Memorial Fund Committee



All Saints Day

All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3. Please submit names of those you wish acknowledged to Christina Wardell by Sunday, October 27.



Attention Snow Birds

Please give Christina Wardell, the Church Secretary, your winter address and dates as to when you will be there.

Stewardship 2014

Stewardship Drive begins, Sunday, October 27th. Temple Talks will be given on October 27th, November 3rd and November 10th by Ed Kotarjarvi, Sharon Hall and Darin Page. Commitment Sunday with Pot Luck Dinner following the Worship Service on November 10th.

Food Pantry

Please continue to contribute each week as there are still people in need in our community. Canned fruit, canned meat, sugar, shelf-stable milk, fruit juices, peanut butter and jelly are especially needed at this time. We currently have plenty of vegetables, pasta and cereal.

Reformation Sunday

Sunday October 27th is Reformation Sunday. Please remember to wear Red!

Samaritan Counseling Center Lay Caregiver Series presents:

Crying Out To God: The Place Of Lamentations In Lay Caregiving

Workshop on
Sunday, October 20, 2013

Too often we shy away from talking about and naming the suffering in our lives and in our world. There are normal human losses to lament, deaths, disappointments, and hidden depression with which to contend. There are broken marriages, catastrophic illnesses and violence among our children, hatred between groups, and debilitating poverty all around us. Caregiving requires that we listen and give witness to these experiences in order to come to a place of hope.

Dr. Robert Martin, Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center, will use the *Book of Lamentations* as a means to explore these realities. Using *Lamentations* five poems, which express pain, fury and despair in an intense struggle for life, participants will be invited into a house of sorrow where voices of loss and pain are honored and heard and where one finds a safe place for tears and the beginning of healing.

The workshop will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at Nardin Park UMC, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336 (on the south side of Eleven Mile just west of Middlebelt) from: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

You may call the SCC office at 248-474-4701 for more information or to reserve a spot in the October workshop. You must register by Oct. 17th if you plan to attend.

SCC website:

www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com

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info@samaritancounselingmichigan.com

What's New In The Mustard Seed Library

The Church is constantly grappling with being inclusive. Old-timers and new-timers may struggle with feeling on "different tiers of belonging". People who are comfortable financially and people who are on assistance may struggle with establishing a comfort level in being together, that absolves anyone of feelings of shame and guilt and/or failure. People who are of different sexual orientations may struggle with unnamed perceptions and stereotypes which lessen genuine feelings of community and being able to be "who a person is inside."

The Mustard Seed Library is constantly receiving new materials which we hope the congregation may find spiritually uplifting.

Regarding teaching and helping people to grow in their understanding of God and Jesus in their lives, we already had on the shelves Helping Youth and Adults Know Doctrine (1963), and How to Teach God's Story (1973). Our latest addition to the shelf is What Do You Seek? Welcoming the Adult Inquirer (2000 - August Fortress, Call #248)

Regarding human sexuality, we already had on the shelf Unprotected Texts: The Bible's Surprising Contradictions About Sex and Desire (2011) and A Year of Biblical Womanhood (2012). Our latest addition to the shelf is Torn, Rescuing the Gospel from the God-vs.-Christians Debate, by Justin Lee (2012 - Call #230).

For quite a while now, Emmanuel has been inviting people who use the food pantry, to request prayers. On Wednesday mornings, at our prayer time in the sanctuary, we lift up prayers to God for all the food pantry recipients and also now, specifically, for the concerns which they have communicated to us. In seeking to understand more deeply the needs of food pantry recipients, a book has been donated entitled Living Faith: Everyday Religion and Mothers in Poverty (2011 - Call #261.8) by Susan Crawford Sullivan, assistant professor of sociology and an Edward Bennett Williams Fellow at the College of the Holy Cross. She has also been a visiting assistant professor and research associate at Harvard Divinity School.

Emmanuel has a team of volunteers who participate in leading the worship at the

Fountains Assisted Living in Southfield. Pastor Jackie, Alfonso Hill, Pat Ochodnicky, Eddie People, Jerry Hall, Pat Hall and Sharon Hall have all helped and participated from time-to-time in presiding over the worship, distributing communion and also giving a message. Pastor Jackie, in her sermons, usually tells us outright, that she intends we hear the Gospel and it is towards the end of her sermons. A new book has been donated to the Mustard Seed Library, The Law-Gospel Debate, by Gerhard O. Forde (Fortress Press, 1969 - Call #230). He was Professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, and a chief articulator of "radical Lutheranism". I have asked Pastor to share a few of her thoughts here also as to why this book might be worthwhile to be in the Mustard Seed Library.

Pastor Jackie wrote -- "Law and gospel is the guiding principal for Lutheran and many other Protestant traditions' understanding of Scriptures. Luther says in the Apology to the Augsburg Confession "All Scripture ought to be distributed into these two principal topics, the Law and the promises. For in some places it presents the Law, and in others the promise concerning Christ, namely, either when (in the Old Testament) it promises that Christ will come, and offers, for His sake, the remission of sins, justification, and life eternal, or when, in the Gospel (in the New Testament), Christ Himself, since He has appeared, promises the remission of sins, justification, and life eternal." I haven't had a chance to read the book, but it sounds like an interesting read

on the development and debates surrounding this."

The Mustard Seed Library is one way in which the faith community at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Southfield can circulate books of common interest and help us to fulfill our Call to Mission, "We are called to proclaim Christ's Love and God's grace by inviting all into a spiritual relationship with God through worship, bible study, witness, service and fellowship." There is a very comfortable chair in the library and good lighting, please feel free to browse our collection of books and DVD's and check some out at any time.

Sharon K. Hall, volunteer, Mustard Seed Library

Rally Day

Our Rally Day, held on September 8 this year, kicked off our Sunday School program for the year. We thank Dennis Rau for flipping pancakes for us, Barb Klimkowski for leading music, Jane Kemppainen for leading the craft, and all of the teachers - Ann Dixon, Christina Wardell, Ed Wardell, Lisa Maximore, Renee Pollard, LaDonn People, Richard Chavanak, Cindy Anderson, Darin Page, and Pastor Jackie. The older kids enjoyed playing bible bingo while the younger kids searched around the church for various items in their treasure hunt game.

The grade school group is working through the stories of the bible starting with Creation while the Young Adults are looking at current events in light of scripture. Adult

Forum meets every Sunday during the Sunday School hour so join them if you can.





Meet Our New Missionaries

As you know, Emmanuel has helped support Barbara Robertson, a missionary in Tanzania, for the past several years. Barbara visited us in 2011 when she was back in the States on sabbatical and took an active part in our VBS that summer. Barbara has now retired and at its September meeting, our Council voted to transfer our mission support to pastors Martin and Angela Zimmann who are serving in Jerusalem.

Pastors Martin and Angela are from our own Southeast Michigan Synod and began their new call in February. Biographical information can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. In Jerusalem they are co-pastoring at The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (the English speaking congregation --- the church also has German and Arabic speaking congregations). In addition they serve as special assistants to Bishop Munib Younan of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, one of our companion synods.

The Zimmanns have two children, 14 year old Seth and 10 year old Chelsea. Though Pastor Martin has been to Palestine many times, Pastor Angela and the children had never been there. I know the family through my work with the Synod and attended their sending service in February. Then in March I just happened to be in Jerusalem with a group from our synod, and worshipped at Redeemer on the Sunday that they were installed. We had an opportunity later to visit with them at their home on the top of the Mount of Olives and were amazed at how well the family is adjusting to a very different culture.

The Zimmann family will be in the States for two months next summer and have promised to visit us here at Emmanuel to share their experiences. We can also follow their posts on Facebook (Zimmanns in the Holy Land). They're a dynamic family and they have taken on a challenging ministry in a sometimes volatile region of the world --- please remember to hold them in prayer.

Pat Ochodnický

Boo at the Burgh

Every year the City of Southfield holds a "Boo at the Burgh" at the end of October. Kids of all ages experience Halloween fun and collect candy. Community groups are encouraged to host a booth and hand out the candy. Emmanuel would like to host a booth this year on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. We would also need donations of candy. If you can help please let Pastor Jackie know.

Albert J. Henze

January 28, 1928 + September 17, 2013

Beloved husband of Geraldine Henze for 61 years. Loving father of Janis Heinrich (David) and Douglas Henze (Diane). Cherished grandfather of Elizabeth, Christopher, Scott and Brett. Dear brother of Gerald Henze (Maureen).

The funeral service was held at Thayer-Rock Funeral home on Saturday, September 21.

Margaret Clark Smith

Margaret A. Smith (Clarke) [néé Beyekian], of Rochester Hills, formerly of Berkley and Clewiston, Florida, passed away Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at Crittenton Hospital, Rochester Hills.

She is survived by her children, Margaret Ann (Robert) Baird of Cambridge, Ohio and Paul (Annette) Clarke of Rochester; sisters, Alice (William) Mortimer of Livonia and Mary French of North Providence, Rhode Island; nephew, Bruce (Kris) Mortimer; granddaughters, Kathy Baird, Julie Baird, Courtney Clarke, Kimberly Bonk, and Andrea Kamego; and great granddaughter, Emmy Baird.

October 2013

60th Anniversary

2013 marks the 60th anniversary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church's existence as a congregation! We are going to celebrate with a concert and light supper on Sunday, November 24th. Nathan Schleicher and his group "At Average" will lead us in music. Nathan tells us about At Average: "AT AVERAGE": an Indie-folk band that pairs lyrical influences from diverse subjects including history, cinema, God and the struggle to be greater than normal. Nathan is well known for his work in the modern hymn movement and has led worship workshops for mainline churches across the mid-west and Washington, and his modern liturgy has been used in contemporary worships throughout the US and in England. He has shared the stage many times with artists such as Lost & Found, Agape, and Rachel Kurtz. In 2012 he was selected as the worship leader for the state of Michigan at the ELCA National Gathering in New Orleans. Nathan also work with the youth at several of our Cluster 6 congregations. The concert will start at 5:00 p.m., with supper at 6:30 p.m. or so.

To find out more and hear tracks, visit - www.ataverage.com. To see video demos of Nathan's modern liturgy and hymns, visit - www.youtube.com/nathanscreation.

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Help Emmanuel See Double!

Participate in the Thrivent Choice® Double Direction Church Campaign and help our congregation in a big way!

During the campaign, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® is giving up to \$15 million to churches across the country through the Thrivent Choice program. Here's how you can help:

- Direct available Choice Dollars® to Emmanuel between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30, 2013.
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2013 Vacation Bible School

The week of August 12th Emmanuel had its Vacation Bible School. There were 20 children and 29 adults. There was excitement and enthusiasm the week of VBS. A meal prepared and was enjoyed before the activities started. The opening session had songs and skits. Then it was time to go to crafts or games or bible study. With the theme Jesus Family Reunion the children followed the Tillman family as they traveled to We believe, We forgive, We grow and We celebrate all in the name of Jesus.

There was a noisy collection with each class competing on who could collect the most money. \$96.00 was collected to be given to a charity.

I thank the great team who volunteer.. Job well done. We thank the Lord that we were able to have such a wonderful VBS.

LaDonn People

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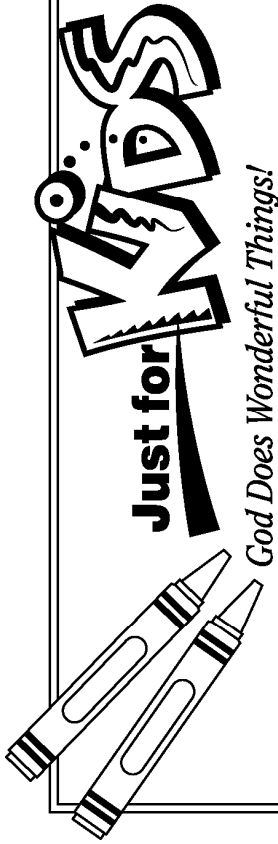
October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 29 19 Pentecost Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 AM Service of Worship, Healing, and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Crafts 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm First Communion 5:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	September 30 Bible Study 7pm	1	2 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	3 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	4	5 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Church Council Meeting 10 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
6 20 Pentecost Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 AM Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Sunday School Teachers Meeting 12:15 pm Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm First Communion 5:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	7 Bible Study 7pm	8	9 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	10 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	11 Youth Night 6:30 pm	12 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
13 21 Pentecost Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 AM Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Nurses Meeting 12:15 pm Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm First Communion 5:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	14 Bible Study 7pm	15	16 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	17 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	18	19 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
20 22 Pentecost Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 AM Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm First Communion 5:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	21 Bible Study 7pm	22	23 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	24 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	25 Boo at the Burgh 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	26 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm Boo at the Burgh 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
27 Reformation Sunday Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 AM Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Crafts 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	28 Bible Study 7pm	29	30 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	31 Prayer Walk 9 am Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	November 1	November 2 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Church Council Meeting 10 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

Sunday Servants • October 2013

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Day	20 Pentecost	21 Pentecost	22 Pentecost	Reformation Sunday
Color	Green	Green	Green	Red
Readings	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau			
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Ed Wardell	Michael Wright	Brittney Jones	Lisa Jones
Music Director	Valerie Felder			
Cantors	Youth Choir	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Barb Laho Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnicky Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest
Greeters Barb Laho	Renee Pollard	Gerry Henze	Margaret Vore Pat Ochodnicky	Dale Charneski
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Brittney Jones Maria Wardell
Altar Care Donna Page	Sharon Hall and Janet Kotajarvi			
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Donna Page Darin Page	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest
Adult Forum	Ed Wardell			
Sunday School	Barbara Klimkowski Richard Chavanak Cindy Anderson	Barbara Klimkowski Lisa Maximore	Barbara Klimkowski Ann Dixon Christina Wardell	Barbara Klimkowski LaDonn People
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Comique People Pastor Jackie Rau Dennis Rau	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	October Birthdays
Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	The Wardell Family	Donations needed	Donations needed
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell			
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell			

If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please arrange for a substitute and call the church office at (248) 357-1848.

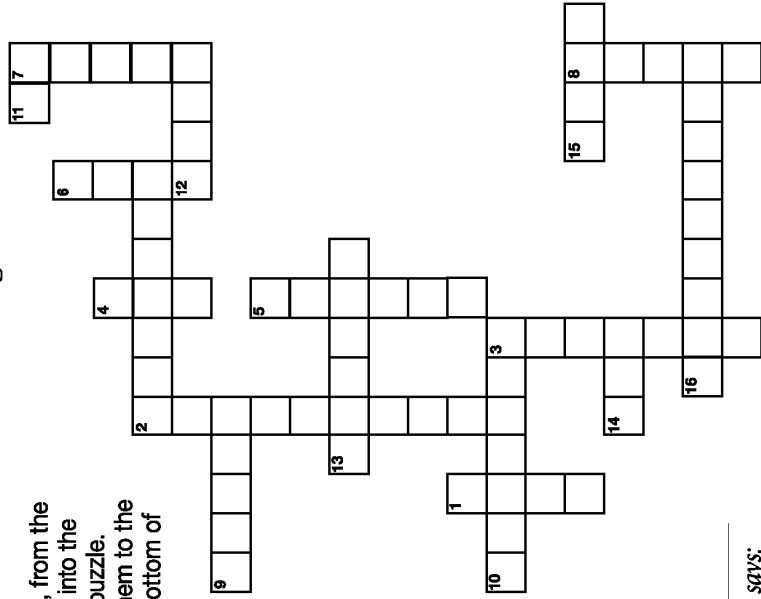


October is a season of change. God causes all things to change for his purpose. Find out some other things God does.

Fit these words, from the Book of Daniel, into the squares of the puzzle. Then transfer them to the blanks on the bottom of the page.

Word List

- up
- God
- his
- ever
- sets
- wise
- name
- power
- times
- kings
- praise
- wisdom
- changes
- seasons
- deposes
- knowledge
- discerning



Daniel 2:20-21 says:

" 13 → be to the 1 ↓ for 12 → and 12 →
 5 ↓ and are 14 → He 10 → and 3 ↓
 He 7 ↓ them.
 He gives 15 → and 9 → 2 → to the 2 ↓
 to the 6 ↓ 16 → "

Answer: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning."

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Address Service Requested

Sunday School and Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Coffee/Tea Fellowship: 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Meetings: 9 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 10 a.m.

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