



ST MARKS LION

August 2025

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Parents—if you have children or grandchildren ages 5 through 11 that will be attending Sunday School, please call the church office 920.674.2370 and register for the upcoming Sunday school year which begins at 10:15am on Sunday, September 7, 2025.



Our New
Confirmation
Students



First
Communion

Parents—if you have a child or grandchild that will be entering 6th grade this next school year, please call the church office and let us know.

Confirmation classes will begin on September 10, 2025 at 6pm for 6th and 7th grades. We will have a parents meeting after worship on Sunday September 7, 2025

St Mark's Lutheran Church

324 S Sanborn Ave, Jefferson WI, 53549

920.674.2370—stmarksjefferson@outlook.com

Come worship with us Saturday @ 5 pm and Sunday @ 9 am.



Praying the Lord's Prayer

In our Men's group we have been studying the Lord's Prayer. When we end our meetings here at St Mark's, we pray The Lord's Prayer together. Every worship service we join together and pray the Lord's Prayer. It is when we join together in praying to our Father in heaven, sometimes it sends shivers up my spine. To hear brothers and sisters in the faith, it's such a wonderful thing to hear Christians praying!

As I have been thinking and preparing my Bible study for each Tuesday, I ran across this in my files. This Lord's Prayer Dialogue was sent to me some time ago— maybe you've heard something similar. This can help remind us to think about what we're saying when we pray!

(person)- *'Our Father who art in heaven...'*

(God)---Yes?

(person) – Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.

(God)---But you called me.

(person) – Called you? I didn't call you. I'm praying. *"Our Father who art in heaven."*

(God)---There you did it again.

(person) - Did what?

(God) Called me. You said, *"Our Father who art in heaven."* Here I am. What's on your mind?

(person) - But I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good, kind of like getting my duty done.

(God)--- All right. Go on.

(person) – *"Hallowed be thy name..."*

(God)---Hold it. What do you mean by that?

(person) – By what?

(God)---By *"hallowed be thy name"*?

(person) - It means... it means... Good grief, I don't know what it means. How should I know? It's just a part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean?

(God)---It means honored, holy, and wonderful.

(person) - Hey, that makes sense. I never thought about what "hallowed" meant before. *"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

(God)---Do you really mean that?

(person) - Sure, why not?

(God)---What are you doing about it?

(person) - Doing? Nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there.

(God)---Have I got control of you?

(person) - Well, I go to church.

(God)---That isn't what I asked you. What about the way you belittle your peers? You've really got a problem there, you know. And then there's the way you spend your money---all on yourself. And what about the kind of books you read?

(person) - Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those people at the church.

(God)---Excuse me. I thought you were praying for my will to be done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.

(person) - Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably name some others.

(God)---So could I.

(person) - I haven't thought about it very much until now, but I really would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free.

(God)---Good. Now we're getting somewhere. We'll work together, you and I. Some victories can truly be won. I'm proud of you.

(person) - Look, Lord, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does. *"Give us this day, our daily bread."*

(God)---You need to cut out the bread. You're overweight as it is.

(person) - Hey, wait a minute! What is this, "Criticize me day?" Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden you break in and remind me of all my hang-ups.

(God)---Praying is a dangerous thing. You could wind up changed, you know. That's what I'm trying to get across to you. You called me, and here I am. It's too late to stop now. Keep praying, I'm interested in the next part of your prayer...(pause). Well, go on.

(person) - I'm scared to.

(God)---Scared? Of what?

(person) - I know what you'll say.

(God)---Try me and see.

(person) - *"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."*

(God)---What about Sheila?

(person) - See? I knew it! I knew you would bring her up! Why, Lord, she's told lies about me, spread stories about my family. She never paid back the debt she owes me. I've sworn to get even with her!

(God)---But your prayer? What about your prayer?

(person) - I didn't mean it.

(God)---Well, at least you're admitting it. But it's not much fun carrying that load of bitterness around inside, is it?

(person) - No. But I'll feel better as soon as I get even. Boy, have I got some plans for that neighbor. She'll wish she had never moved into this neighborhood.

(God)---You won't feel any better. You'll feel worse. Revenge isn't sweet. Think of how unhappy you already are. But I can change all that.

(person) - You can? How?

(God)---Forgive Sheila. Then I'll forgive you. Then the hate and sin will be Sheila's problem and not yours. You will have settled your heart.

(person) - Oh, you're right. You always are. And more than I want to revenge Sheila, I want to be right with you... (pause)...(sigh). All right. All right. I forgive her. Help her to find the right road in life, Lord. She's bound to be awfully miserable now that I think about it. Anybody who goes around doing the things she does to others has to be out of it. Someway, somehow, show her the right way.

(God)---There now! Wonderful! How do you feel?

(person) - Hmmm. Well, not bad. Not bad at all. In fact, I feel pretty great! You know, I don't think I'll have to go to bed uptight tonight for the first time since I can remember. Maybe I won't be so tired from now on because I'm not getting enough rest.

(God)---You're not through with your prayer. Go on.

(person) - Oh, all right. *"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."*

(God)---Good! Good! I'll do that. Just don't put yourself in a place where you can be tempted.

(person) - What do you mean by that?

(God)---Don't turn on the TV when you know the laundry needs to be done and the house needs to be picked up. Also, about the time you spend coffee-ing with your friends, if you can't influence the conversation to positive things, perhaps you should rethink the value of those friendships. Another thing, your neighbors and friends shouldn't be your standard for "keeping up." And please don't use me for an escape hatch.

(person) - I don't understand the last part.

(God)---Sure you do. You've done it a lot of times. You get caught in a bad situation. You get into trouble and then you come running to me, "Lord, help me out of this mess, and I promise you I'll never do it again." You remember some of those bargains you tried to make with me?

(person) - Yes, and I'm ashamed, Lord. I really am.

(God)---Which bargain are you remembering?

(person)-Well, there was the night that the children and I were home alone. The wind was blowing so hard I thought the roof would go any minute and tornado warnings were out. I remember praying,

"Oh, God, if you spare us, I'll never skip my devotions again."

(God) --Did you?

(person) - I'm sorry, Lord, I really am. Up until now I thought that if I just prayed the Lord's Prayer every day, then I could do what I liked. I didn't expect anything to happen like it did.

(God)---Go ahead and finish your prayer.

(person) *"For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever."* Amen.

(God)---Do you know what would bring me glory? What would really make me happy?

(person)-No, but I'd like to know. I want now to please you. I can see what a mess I've made of my life. And I can see how great it would be to really be one of your followers.

(God)---You just answered the question.

(person) - I did?

(God)---Yes. The thing that would bring me glory is to have people like you truly love me. And I see that happening between us. Now that some of these old sins are exposed and out of the way, well, there is no telling what we can do together.

(person) - Lord, let's see what we can make of me, OK? Amen!



St Mark's Prayer List

ST. MARK'S MEMBERS

Ed Andersen	Ron Kreklow	Brenda Moura
Darlene Carlson	Shirley Heitz	Jennifer Jaeckel
Chris Riess	Peggy Haas	Connie Gaugert-Moehling
Jerry Freson	Rita Bussian	
Kathy Hudson	Jane Parlow	
Scott Howard	David Stelse	
Leo Koebler	Donna Schwemmer	

FAMILIES & FRIENDS

Members family/friends: Barb & Larry Lee: son, Adam
Wayne & LaNita Sheil: friends: Dan Malone, Janet Cowley
Janet Nelson: sister, Jane; friends: Terry, Donna Casey & son, Scott
Sandy Eckhardt: niece, Lisa
Sue Van Den Einde: friend, Diane, Kathy & Don
Bob Haas: friend, Jami Newton
Rita Bussian: granddaughter
Wendi & Pastor Chris: Wendi's dad, Lanny Weiskopf
Dan & Linda Belzer: friend's grandson: Mason
Dick Kassner: father-in-law of grandson, Mike

St. Mark's Friends: John Radke, Cory Rubusch, Bob Lord, Jodi, Carol Rogers

Called Home to Heaven

Lenny McGinnis: 7-8-2025: brother of Brenda Moura
Wanda Russell: 7-9-2025: mother of Roxanne, Rhonda, Roxanne, Kathleen, Craig, Scott



St Mark's Announcements



St Mark's Office Hours

Pastor Christopher Raiford—Monday thru Thursday 8am—12pm

(or call to arrange an appointment time convenient for you)

Laurie Salerno—Office Administrator—Tuesday thru Thursday 8am—12pm

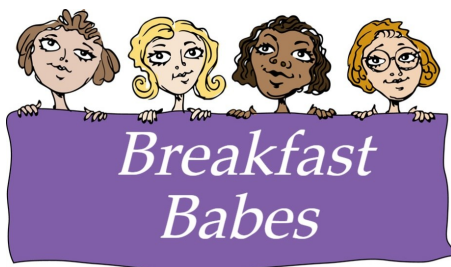
Scrip Gift Cards



Reminder to all: Purchase Scrip gift cards for your shopping needs. You can be making a contribution to your church whenever you use a Scrip gift card. Cards on hand include Walmart (2.5% return), Piggly Wiggly (3%), Pick N Save (4%), Kwik Trip gas (5%) grocery (15%). Each car wash card returns \$16 to the church and you get 5 washes for \$36.00. Many other merchants offer cards that can be ordered. The full list is at RaiseRight.com.

Since the program started in 2021, we have raised approximately \$6700.00. So far this year the total is about \$600.00. It's easy to shop with these cards so let's get out and buy a few and try it out. Contact Patty Heckart 712.490.7394 or pheckart94@gmail.com. Catch me at church, I always have cards with me.

Join us for breakfast



Gathering on Tuesdays at River Front Restaurant in Fort Atkinson—the Breakfast Babes are women from St Marks who just want to get to know each other. Come join us for conversation, fellowship and food.

If you would like to add something to St Marks Lion, please send your submissions to Pastor Raiford (Rev.Christopher.Raiford@Outlook.com) by the 15th of the month.



St Mark's Announcements



Looking for Sunday School Teachers

Pastor is looking for volunteers to teach Sunday school for the coming school year. We need volunteers to teach Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade, and 3rd thru 5th grades. We will also be looking for 3 substitute teachers that can fill in as needed. If you would like to volunteer please let pastor know or call Laurie in the church office.



Church Directory Photos

If you have not had your picture taken by Barb Lee for St Mark's church directory, please submit a photo of you (or family).

You can email the photo to stmarksjefferson@outlook.com

Thank you to Dale and Janet Gaugert, Bob Haas and Dan & Linda Belzer for their gifts to purchase a new video camera.

A belated thank you for the cards, prayers, thoughts and visits from Pastor Chris & Wendi after our surgeries. You all are a church family. ~Bill and Alice Pinnow

I would like to thank everyone who help me celebrate my 90th birthday. Thank you Breakfast Babe's for making my day. Thank you Wendi for the cakes. ~Jean Brawders

thank you



GriefShare® Seminar to Begin January 8

Community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to attend a GriefShare seminar sponsored by St Mark's Lutheran Church and Olsen-Gibson Funeral Home. This non-denominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 2-hour sessions will begin at 1:00 starting Wednesday, August 20, 2025 for 13 sessions ending Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at the Jefferson Area Senior Activity Center 859 Collins Road in Jefferson. This session will be followed by GriefShare for the Holidays on Wednesday November 19, 2025. There is no fee for the seminars and although not required you may register online at griefshare.org/findagroup. If you have questions, please contact Bob DeWolfe at 920-253-8035.



THE CHURCH SHOWS UP: NALC RESPONDS COAST TO COAST

Mary Bates NALC Disaster Response Coordinator

Across the United States—from western North Carolina and Texas to California—NALC Disaster Response is actively coordinating mission trips that bring tangible help and Gospel-centered hope to communities in crisis. Thanks to the dedication of our incredible volunteers, 15 mission trips have already been completed this year. The impact is remarkable: more than 40 homes repaired and six new homes built from the ground up.

Recent disasters in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, Oklahoma, and along the Ohio River have added to the urgent need. Our teams continue to serve where the need is greatest, offering the presence of Christ amid devastation. Yet as we approach hurricane season, our regional and national warehouses are nearly empty. These supply centers are critical for our rapid response efforts, and we need your help now to restock them with essential items like flood buckets, health kits, Bibles, and bedding.

If you or your congregation are ready to serve—whether by going, giving, or gathering—please reach out. Together, we embody the Church's calling to be Christ's hands and feet in times of disaster.





Bible Reading Schedule August

1. Nehemiah 12
2. Neh. 13
3. Psalm 90
4. Ps. 91
5. Ps. 92, 93
6. Ps. 94
7. Ps. 95, 96
8. Ps. 97, 98
9. Ps. 99, 100
10. Ps. 101
11. Ps. 102
12. Ps. 103
13. Ps. 104
14. Ps. 105
15. Ps. 106:1-33
16. Ps. 106:34-48
17. Haggai 1
18. Hag. 2
19. Zechariah 1, 2
20. Zech. 3, 4
21. Zech. 5, 6
22. Zech. 7
23. Zech. 8
24. Zech. 9, 10
25. Zech. 11
26. Zech. 12, 13
27. Zech. 14
28. Malachi 1:1-2:9
29. Mal. 2:10-3:6
30. Mal. 3:7-4:6
31. James 1:1-18

St Mark's Bible Study Opportunities

Men's Group Bible Study

Tuesday morning —8am at River Front Restaurant, Fort Atkinson.

T.B.A.

Thursday morning —9am in the Little Angels Room

St Paul's 2 Corinthians

Sunday morning—after worship in the Little Angel's Room

Come feast on the bread of life!



This Months Recipe Grilled Corn Salad

This grilled corn salad is perfect in the summertime. The recipe is quick and wholesome. It uses fresh sweet corn on the cob, tomato, cucumber, and avocado, but it's easy to tailor to your taste.

Ingredients

2 ears corn, kernels cut from the cob after grilling
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
1 cucumber, halved lengthwise and sliced
1 small sweet onion, finely chopped
1 avocado, diced
¼ bunch fresh cilantro, chopped, or to taste
1 green onion, green parts only, thinly sliced
1 drizzle extra-virgin olive oil
1 lime, juiced
salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Grill the corn or cook the corn as you prefer.

Mix together corn kernels, tomatoes, cucumber, onion, avocado, cilantro, and green onion in a large serving bowl.

Drizzle with olive oil and lime juice. Season with salt and pepper.

Tips

You can add some heat with finely sliced jalapeño or sweetness with blueberries. This dish is easy to play around with to make it your own!



SERVING ST MARKS IN AUGUST

Pastor

Rev. Christopher Raiford

Director of Music

Carroll Stevens

Small World Director

Bonnie Scholl

Office Administrator

Laurie Salerno

Church Custodian

Cindy Howard

Council Officers:

Patty Heckart - President

Scott Howard - Vice President

Tanya Stewart - Secretary

Dave Jurczyk - Treasurer

Council Members

Mark Schoenike

Kathy Dom

Mark Krenek

Tim Gaugert

Verna Stelse

Ushers

Sat August 2, 2025

Bill Pinnow

Sun August 3, 2025

Tim Gaugert

Sat August 9, 2025

Dale Meng

Sun August 10, 2025

Caleb Streich

Sat August 16, 2025

Elliot Madison

Sun August 17, 2025

Randy Gerstner

Sat August 23, 2025

Tyler Madison

Sun August 24, 2025

Dave Jurczyk

Sat August 30, 2025

Doug King

Sun August 31, 2025

Zane Geyer



Heavenly Father, forgive me all my sins, grant me to serve You rightly, and keep me on the path of salvation. Guide me to recognize in all humility that all good gifts come from You and help me to put my talents to work for You. Help me to share Your Word and assist others in their need. Help me to recognize those good deeds You have prepared in advance for me to do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SERVING ST MARKS IN AUGUST

Communion Helpers

Sat August 2, 2025	Dale Gaugert Mary Rueth
Sun August 3, 2025	Rita Bussian
Sat August 9, 2025	Dale Gaugert Bob Haas
Sun August 10, 2025	
Sat August 16, 2025	
Sun August 17, 2025	Sandy Eckhardt
Sat August 23, 2025	Mary Rueth Bob Haas
Sun August 24, 2025	Vicki Schicker
Sat August 30, 2025	
Sun August 31, 2025	

Readers

Sat August 2, 2025	Jo Clark
Sun August 3, 2025	Rita Bussian
Sat August 9, 2025	Jo Clark
Sun August 10, 2025	
Sat August 16, 2025	Jo Clark
Sun August 17, 2025	Sandy Eckhardt
Sat August 23, 2025	Kathy Dorn
Sun August 24, 2025	Vicki Schicker
Sat August 30, 2025	
Sun August 31, 2025	

Greeters

Sat August 2, 2025	
Sun August 3, 2025	
Sat August 9, 2025	
Sun August 10, 2025	Steve Streich
Sat August 16, 2025	
Sun August 17, 2025	
Sat August 23, 2025	Kathy Dorn
Sun August 24, 2025	
Sat August 30, 2025	
Sun August 31, 2025	

As for me
and my
household,
we will serve
the Lord.



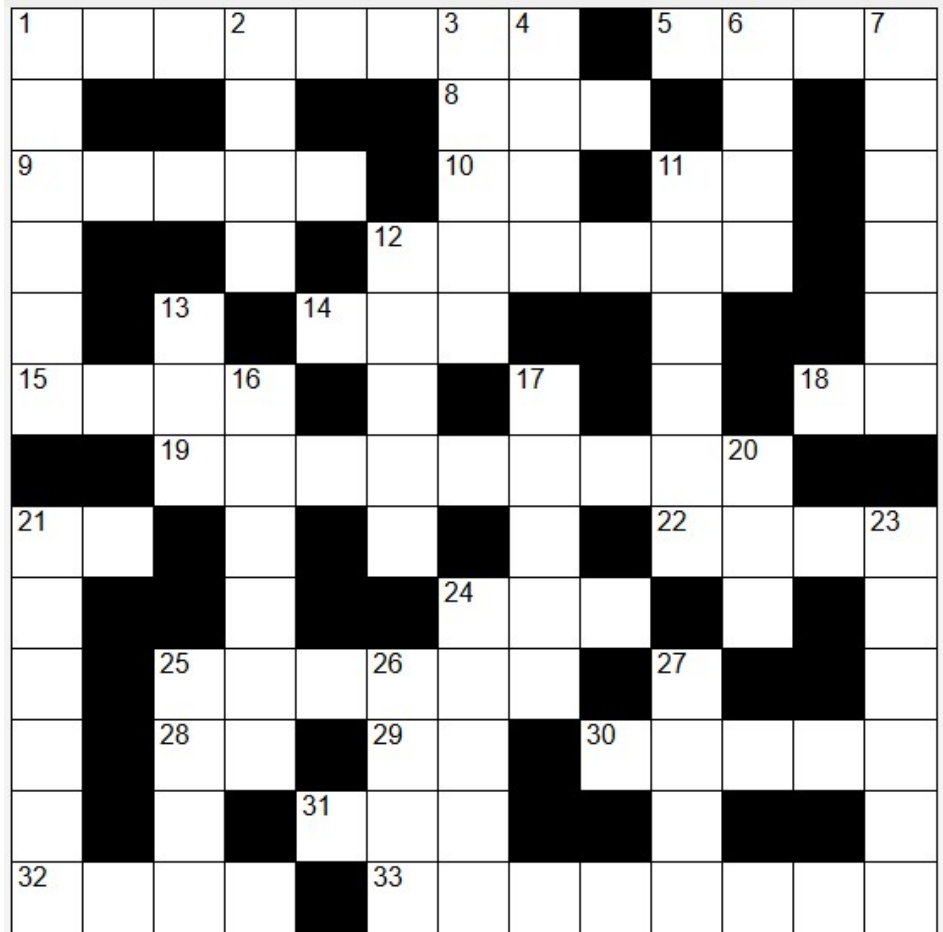
Joshua 24:15

If you would like to volunteer to serve, please use the sign up sheets in the narthex. Please choose an activity before the 15th of the month in order to be listed in the Lion.

August Bible Crossword

Across

- 1 The origin of life (8)
 5 The gathering together of the waters were called these (4)
 8 Made by a spider (3)
 9 The trees were created on this day (5)
 10 New Testament (abbreviated) (2)
 11 To exist or occur (2)
 12 This light was made to rule the night (6)
 14 Atmosphere (3)
 15 The first garden (4)
 18 An undefined action or object (2)
 19 One of the rivers originating in Eden (9)
 21 Thus (2)
 22 These were created on the fifth day (4)
 24 The apostle John wrote with this (3)
 25 The name of the firmament which God created (6)
 28 In the year of our Lord (abbreviated) (2)
 29 Alternatively (2)
 30 The whales were created on this day (5)
 31 Adam and Eve sewed leaves from this tree to make aprons (3)
 32 Darkness was on the face of this before light was created (4)
 33 God divided this from the light (8)

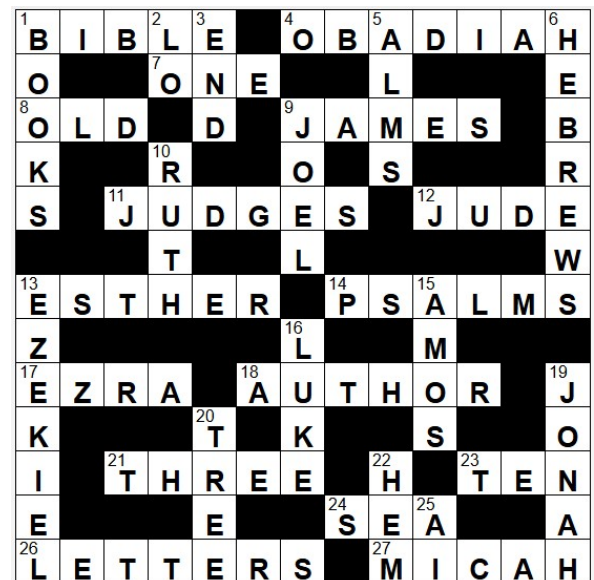


- 24 Paul visited here on his first journey (5)
 25 To possess (4)
 26 The earth was this in the beginning (4)
 27 The sun was to be this in the sky (4)

Down

- 1 These were created on the sixth day (6)
 2 An area of land (4)
 3 One who possesses (5)
 4 Used to catch fish (4)
 6 Always (4)
 7 This moved on the face of the waters (6)
 11 Faith (6)
 12 God created this on the first day (5)
 13 To observe (3)
 16 Cared for babies or children (6)
 17 Removed (5)
 20 To scatter seed (3)
 21 The firmament was created on this day (6)
 23 Two of these appeared on the fourth day (6)

July Crossword Solution



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Barbara Linse	August 1
Pete Nevins	August 2
Maddie Welter	August 7
Marcia Hood	August 10
Scott Welter	August 11
Jane Sayre	August 12
Jane Zweifel	August 15
Jason Brawders	August 16
Shirley Niederwerfer	August 16
Finn Radloff	August 17
Randy Brandt	August 19
Carrie Garity	August 20
Randal Gerstner	August 20
Marvin Kuntz	August 20
Hope Rohde	August 21
Robert Zweifel	August 22
Gordon Free	August 26
Lindsay Poredos	August 26
Terrie Szvec	August 26
Kevin Sheil	August 29

Anniversaries

David and Kathy Wiegand	August 11
Tim and Terre Gaugert	August 13
Allan and Annette Stelse	August 15
Greg and Heather Fetherston	August 23
Patty and Doug Heckart	August 26
John & Lori Pharo	August 28



If your birthday or anniversary is not on our list please call the church office at 920-674-2370

St Mark's—August 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Worship 5pm
3 Worship 9am Bible Study	4 Manna Monday 5pm	5 Bible Class 8am Breakfast Babes Quilters 9am	6 6:45pm Choir Practice 2:30pm Social Committee	7 Bible Class 9am	8	9 Worship 5pm
10 Worship 9am Bible Study	11 Manna Monday 5pm Evangelism Committee 6:30pm	12 Bible Class 8am Breakfast Babes Quilters 9am Council Meeting 6pm	13 6:45pm Choir Practice	14 Bible Class 9am	15	16 Worship 5pm
17 Worship 9am Bible Study	18 Manna Monday 5pm	19 Bible Class 8am Breakfast Babes Quilters 9am	20 6:45pm Choir Practice	21 Bible Class 9am	22	23 Worship 5pm
24 Worship 9am Bible Study	25 Manna Monday 5pm	26 Bible Class 8am Breakfast Babes Quilters 9am	27 6:45pm Choir Practice	28 Bible Class 9am	29	30
31 Worship 9am Bible Study						

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