

# TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

OCTOBER 2020



## DATES TO REMEMBER

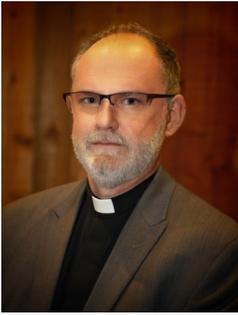
<b>Saturday, Oct. 3</b>	<b>5:30—7 pm—TRUNK OR TREAT</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 4</b>	<b>LWML SUNDAY</b>
<b>Monday, Oct. 12</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 17</b>	<b>LWML Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 18</b>	<b>Special Voter's Meeting (watch for further details)</b>

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

<b>Sunday's</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES</b>
<b>Sunday's</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes</b>
<b>Wednesday's</b>	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Word on Wednesday Bible Study / Pastor</b>
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Last Saturday/Month</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>All Things Motorcycle</b>

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***Rev. Daniel  
Brammeier***

## Pastor's Corner

### **A Shocking Business**

October 31, 2020, All Hallows Eve (Halloween), will be the 503rd anniversary of the Reformation. Sometime on the day of October 31, 1517 an obscure German Augustinian monk nailed ninety-five thesis (sentences) to the cathedral door in Whittenburg, Germany. Although, not part of the original document the ninety-five thesis came to be known as the "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences." There was no way the obscure monk, priest and professor would have known that his action that night would change the course of western church history forever and bring about what we call the Reformation. Some had tried to "reform" the church before Martin Luther, but were burned at the stake as heretics. Thankfully, for Luther, those in political power in Germany also wanted change in the church. Consequently Luther's life was protected from a fiery death at the stake.

What was going on in the church that was so bad? I'll let you Google the history that led up to the Reformation and the widespread abuses that were going on in the Holy Roman Catholic Church. To articulate everything that was going on in the church at the turn of the sixteenth century is way beyond the scope of this article. The "tip of the iceberg" so to speak, that made the Reformation train leave the station in October 1517 was the "sale of indulgences." Some of you are very familiar with the history surrounding the "indulgence" controversy, but for those who are not, let me explain.

In the Holy Roman Church there was, and still is, a system called "Penance." Penance is where a person makes confession of their sin to a priest, receives an absolution for the sin confessed (the Fourth Lateran Council of the church in 1215 pronounced that a sin could not be forgiven unless confessed), then the priest imposes what are called "satisfactions for sin." These consist of saying so many "Hail Mary's" or "Our Father's" or other things to do. Let's just say that "forgiveness" in the Catholic church is not "total". A person has to do "meritorious works" that MAY shorten a persons time in purgatory. Here's another aspect to all this. No Catholic goes straight to heaven when they die, they go to "purgatory" to make satisfaction for their sins. When the Church thinks the person has done enough time in purgatory they are "beatified" by the church. "Beatified" means that you've made it into heaven.

To cut a very long story shorter, the Church, that is the Pope, as Christ' Vicar-Representative on earth, could grant an "indulgence" for satisfactions. With an indulgence a person did not have to perform satisfactions. The Pope could grant indulgences for the dead in purgatory. The Church had the perfect "product." The product was easy to produce, just the price of a piece of paper. In 1506 the Church decided to attach monetary value to the "indulgence" product. Of course the more you paid for an indulgence the less you had to do by way of satisfactions, but the really great part of buying an indulgence was you could get one for your dead mom or dad and get them "a get out of purgatory" piece of paper!! Much of the sale of indulgences went to build St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

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**Kristin Freeman,  
Preschool  
Director**

**ECE Mission and  
Ministry State-  
ment**

***At Timothy Lutheran Preschool, we believe that "children are a gift from God; they are His reward." (Psalm 127:3)***

**Timothy Lutheran Preschool is a ministry of Timothy Lutheran Church. Its mission is to serve children and families by sharing Jesus' love with them through an academically excellent Christian Education in a safe, loving environment.**

# Preschool News

Greetings,

Aww, cool air and a crisp breeze must mean that Fall has arrived! Timothy Lutheran Preschool is in full swing and families have adapted nicely to the small changes that are in place to continue to remain healthy and open. Students are enjoying their days playing, learning and growing in God's love with us and the staff is exceptional in all that they do! We have found our new groove!

Once again, this month, we will be participating in the "Scarecrow Invasion" in downtown Woodstock. Our "We can't mask our love for Jesus" display will be on the corner of Main Street and Mill Street in front of the Woodstock Pharmacy. Make sure to check out our wonderful display! We are so grateful to the Evangelism committee for their help with this activity.

Our annual Trunk or Treat event with the Fellowship committee will be on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We are looking forward to a fun evening of fellowship, candy and treats with the church and preschool families together. We hope to see you there!

We will wrap up the month with our annual Costume Parade for our students. One of the most favorite days here at the Preschool where the children are able to wear their costumes to school and show them to their friends. This year's parade will be held outdoors.

I hope you were able to pick up one of our "prayer bookmarks" for our students in the preschool. Pastor B did a wonderful job of designing and prepping the bookmarks to connect our preschool children with the congregation. Please pray for your student each day and know that your love and support is felt in all that we do here during the week. We are so blessed to have such a loving and supportive congregation for this ministry.

Grace and Peace,

Ms. Kristin



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Name: Vic Jackson

Birthday: May 7th

Number of Years Serving: 8

Favorite Song: "Opera Chess"

Favorite Food: tacos

Favorite Saturday activity: hockey

Favorite Place to Visit: the beach

Dream Vacation: Caribbean

Favorite Holiday: 4<sup>th</sup> of July

If you can meet anyone in the world, it would be..... my children.





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The ladies of LWML met for the first time using Covid-19 guidelines on September 19th. It was wonderful to see faces and to join in Devotion, Bible study and fellowship. Our topic was "Working Together". The LWML society is looking forward to our LWML Sunday on October 4th. Mites will be collected at the early and late services. Please place your mites in a zip bag for collection. If you cannot attend and would like to send in your mites, please do! We would gladly accept them through the church office. Because of your generous donations our outreach goals are being met. Thank you!

Our October meeting is set for Saturday, October 17th at 10 A.M. in the fellowship hall. We follow Covid-19 protocols, so if you are comfortable joining us we would love to have you. We will be making edible candy cane sleds for our upcoming cookie sale. Yes! Our boxed and ready to bring holiday cheer cookie sale is planned for December!

Lastly, we would like to thank Kristen Blackwell for her service this past year to LWML. She brought her talent to our Historian chair with completing our scrapbook and bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Kristen is resigning as Historian chair due to work commitments. Thank you Kristen.



Wear your costume, bring your candy bucket, and get ready to have some fun Trick or Treating at Timothy Lutheran Church (lower parking lot) on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 5:30pm.

**\*\*Trunks Needed\*\*** - to make this a success, we need individuals or families willing to decorate their vehicle trunk and bring candy to pass out. Contact Christy Hopewell (574-274-6765 or [chris-tykhopewell@gmail.com](mailto:tykhopewell@gmail.com)) to sign up.



YOUTH GROUP is BACK!! We have so many opportunities to meet, fellowship and have fun – we hope to see you soon!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday at 9:45am in our NEW meeting area – near Pastor's office



PUMPKIN DECORATING!!

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm

TLC Fellowship Hall

Dinner, devotion, and pumpkin guts!



VIRTUAL FLORIDA GEORGIA YOUTH GATHERING!!

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-9pm

TLC Fellowship Hall

BBQ Dinner

Band: Bread of Stone, including a live 30-minute meet and greet with the band!

## STEWARDSHIP – SEPTEMBER 2020



Timothy 4.0  
... *the refreshing*



Living Our Faith Through Discipleship  
*2020 Stewardship Initiative*

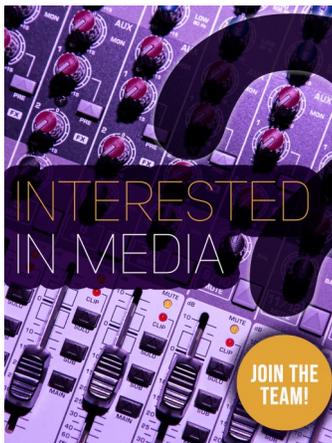
**If You Are a Veteran or Have Relatives that Are Currently Serving...**



**If you are a veteran:** If you served in the Armed Forces please check the list of veterans in the sign-up area next to the church mailboxes to ensure that you are on it. If not, please add your name, branch of service, and years of service to the list.

**New members that are veterans:** If you joined Timothy in the last year and are a veteran, please add your name to the list of veterans and *also provide a photo with your name on it to Gail Trimble*. One in uniform is best, but if you do not have a photo in uniform any photo will do. The photos will be used in our patriotic display on Sunday 11/8/20.

**If you have relatives currently serving:** If you have relatives that are currently serving and have not been already been emailed to verify their information, please add them to the list on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Include their name, rank, branch of service, current duty station (base and state, or country), and *provide a photo (preferably in uniform) to Gail Trimble*.



**Your Help is Needed**—additional Audio and video technicians are needed to provide our congregation and those joining us on-line, a great experience worshipping with us. Your commitment would be one Sunday per month—both services for audio and early service for video. Please contact Jack Basler at 404 680-8516 or Don Snyder at 770 337-5908 to volunteer. All training provided free of charge!



## Online Trivia Challenge

Login on any device and play our online trivia challenge games! Links will be available between 9/30/2020 and 10/19/2020. Winners will be announced in the November newsletter. HAVE FUN!!

kahoot.com

(Hit the 'Play' button, enter Game PIN and GO!)

Category: Random Trivia, Game PIN: **08726880**

**Category: Marvel Trivia, Game PIN: 04961253**

Category: Old Testament Overview, Game PIN: **08914583**

**Category: New Testament Overview, Game PIN: 03371840**

# TIMOTHY'S CUPBOARD

**Psalm: 118**

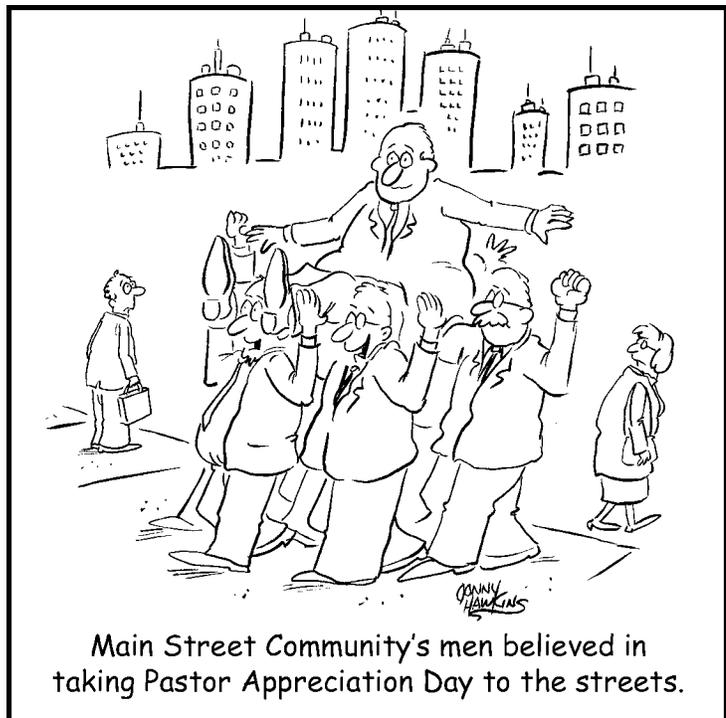
**“O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; because his mercy endureth forever.”**

September was an exciting month at the foodbank. We had a beautiful new sign designed and donated by Dean Torek. Jon Holbrook & Dean and Jeannie put it up. Then we decided it was too low and raised it up another 3 feet last weekend.

We also acquired another supplier of food for us. It is called “MidWest Food Bank” in Peachtree City. We are allowed to pickup once a month at no cost to us. Hopefully this will help obtain some much needed items that we haven't been able to get.

Our client numbers seem to be increasing steadily on Tuesdays, but not so much on Thursdays yet. Hopefully our new sign will solve this.

OCTOBER  
Is  
Pastor  
Appreciation  
Month



## BOARD OF ELDERS

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One of the most significant efforts going on this Fall at Timothy Lutheran is the work of the Long-Range Planning Committee and with it, one of its sub-committees, the Spiritual Growth Committee. As we look to 'bend the curve' on our congregation's Life Cycle chart, regaining a priority on Vision is our top priority. Each of us has a role to play in that process but the Spiritual Growth Committee and Pastor Brammeier have developed some outstanding ideas for engaging the congregation in its mission and ministry as "Servants to The Word."

One of those ideas is to better equip the congregation in the fundamental teachings of Holy Scripture and to challenge the congregation to become more deeply involved in regular bible study. To move toward this goal Pastor Brammeier has developed a sermon and bible reading plan to Read Through the Bible in One Year.

With a focus both on the most impactful portions of scripture for the congregation to understand as well as a plan to make those scripture passages relevant to the Worship Calendar, Pastor B. has chosen 52 topics he will preach on during 2021. Each week we will add a fourth reading from Holy Scripture into the service to serve as the basis for his sermon as we work through some of the most significant portion of God's Holy Word.

The Creation, the Flood, the Wilderness Journey; Moses, Abraham and Jacob; Esther and Ruth; Isaiah and Jeremiah. The four Gospels and Miracles of Christ; Peter and Paul, just to name a few. It is our prayer that this journey through the Bible will serve as an igniting of our Spiritual Growth as individuals and as a congregation.

### Special VOTERS' MEETING

A special voter's meeting will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 18**, at 9:45 AM. The purpose of this meeting is to notify congregation of proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws.



The Regular **November 1** meeting will be held to elect some officers and board chairs for the upcoming term, among other items. Watch your emails and bulletin for the time.



# Lutheran Coalition for Habitat for Humanity

The Lutheran Coalition Ministry has helped to build 32 homes for families in our community since its inception in 1994. We could not have accomplished this without the volunteer and financial contributions from our church family supporters.

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues its invisible presence and in an effort to ensure the health and safety of our supporters, we have regrettably decided to cancel the Taste of Habitat Fundraiser for 2020. The Taste has been our major fundraising event for the past 15 years. Without the funds raised at this annual event, we would not have been able to help 32 families move out of substandard housing and into a well-constructed home they will own after paying back an interest free mortgage. The Habitat homeowners also invest 200 volunteer hours in other Family Partners' home construction in addition to working on their own home.

We were pleased to be able to complete our 32<sup>nd</sup> Habitat home in Canton this year, conforming to the Covid-19 restrictions and financially supporting the build with \$45K. In 2021, we want to ensure we will be able to fund and build our 33<sup>rd</sup> home, and ask your consideration to continue your support of the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat for Humanity ministry through the:



## 2020 UN-TASTE of HABITAT



**September 18, 2020 (or anytime)**

To view the fruits of your support of the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat for Humanity visit:



2020 Tour of 2020 Homeowner's Home <https://youtu.be/IX04b5KfK-s>



Interview with 2020 Homeowner Kenny Ogundipe where she expresses her thankfulness for Habitat and your support <https://youtu.be/MscNkdnBgLI>



July 18, 2020 Home Dedication <https://youtu.be/CQFFLsXe1gg>

## 2020 UN-TASTE OF HABITAT DONATION

*Return to Don Snyder and place in the Snyder mail slot at Timothy or mail to Don Snyder at 3371 Fawn Trail, Marietta, GA 30066 (Call 770-337-5908 with any questions.) The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat is a 501(C)(3) organization.*



Buy a **\$25 Virtual ticket** to the Un-Taste; Stay at home on September 18, (or anytime) prepare and share your favorite foods with family & friends while you raise a toast to Habitat and the 2021 family whose life will be enriched by your support.

**Sponsor the 2020 Un-Taste;** Sponsorship Levels Listed Below. Visit the Coalition's website to view the homes we have built in our community: [www.lutheranhabitat.org](http://www.lutheranhabitat.org)



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Gold: \$1000  
Silver: \$500  
Bronze: \$200



Services available for a donation to the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat, Visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/lcservicesdirectory/home>

God's blessings,

Don Snyder - Lutheran Coalition Board Member

**Front**

**PLEASE  
PRAY  
FOR ME!**

Tuck this little bookmark into your Bible and say a prayer for your "adopted" child

Reid  
Name

06/16/2016  
Birthday

Ms. Carmen  
Teacher

Ms. Barb, Ms. Jen  
Assistants


**Starting Sunday October 5th**

Preschool Student and Teacher bookmarks will be available.  
Please consider taking one of the bookmarks and including the student, their family and teachers in your daily prayers

You **MAY** also:

Send the following through the church or school office:

Remember them on their birthday\*

Send them a Christmas and Easter card

**Back**

**WHAT TO PRAY FOR:**

That the student would do well in school, develop good character, stay safe and grow in faith.

That the child's family would be a safe place of love, nurture and support.

That God would bless the efforts of their teacher.

That God would use you to reach the child with the love of Christ.



**Pastor B**  
is only  
**"HALF CRAZY"**  
He's doing the



For years Pastor has dreamed of running a marathon.

He's working up to that goal with his first half-marathon.

The Silver Comet Half Marathon, on Halloween this year.

To make the run even more challenging I'm asking people to sponsor me to raise funds for our Preschool to purchase a die cast machine to cut paper/card shapes and playground picnic tables

You may sponsor \$0.25, \$.0.50 , \$0.75, \$1 or \$2 or even \$3 per mile, or a flat \$ amount.

All proceeds will go to Preschool.

Please do not give Pastor any money. All sponsorship money should go to the church or preschool office. Make checks out to Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool with "Half-marathon" in the memo.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!**

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By the time Luther came out with his ninety-five thesis, the Church had become the “biggest business” of the sixteenth century. When you hold sway over a person’s eternal soul it’s easy to convince someone to “pay” for their salvation.

Martin Luther’s conviction through Holy Scripture that salvation is the free gift of God through the shed blood and resurrection of Jesus Christ could not be tolerated by a Church that was making profit from dispensing the grace of God. Eventually Luther was denounced as a heretic and excommunicated from the Church.

The church will always be tempted to think of itself as a “business.” After all we “do” business with an electric company to keep the lights and power on in the church building. We hire and contract people to do day to day administration and cut the church lawn. In our church we DON’T hire pastors, we “Call” them, but we still pay them for what they do.

If the church is a “business” it should be a very poor one because it’s “product” is FREE. There’s not much profit to be made on a totally “FREE” product. St. Paul writes in Romans 6:

*21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;*

“Being justified as a gift by his grace” means salvation is totally free!!! Our righteousness before God comes from the righteousness of Jesus Christ for us, his suffering, his death and his resurrection for us. There are no strings attached to this gift, like “Oh, now you are saved so you better ‘pay up.’ NO!!! The church functions on the generosity of it’s redeemed members as a non-profit organization.

So while you’re freely handing out Halloween candy on the day we celebrate the Reformation, remember that salvation is totally a gift through Christ Jesus our Savior.

# OCTOBER

## Birthdays

Ingeborg Dingler	10/1
Chris Riefe	10/1
Susan Riefe	10/1
Christiane Broekemeier	10/2
Nancy Terrill	10/2
Marilyn Schaff	10/7
Tristan Morrison	10/8
Georgia Holko	10/9
Carol Taylor	10/9
Sally Koether	10/10
Tom Ganschow	10/12
Katie Goeddeke	10/13
Heidi Brammeier	10/15
Joy Pepitone	10/15
Sandy Hooks	10/16
Luke Hurst	10/17
Christy Hopewell	10/18
Casey Lovell	10/18
Jim Utych	10/18
Terri Greer	10/20
Chloe Hoffmann	10/20
Barbara Scharich	10/21
Guy Wemmer	10/21
Brendan Bennett	10/23
Jerry Erbe	10/24
Gerald Mueller	10/24
Ben Nye	10/24
LaFaye Wiese	10/24
Katy Erbe	10/27

# OCTOBER

## Anniversaries

Lee & Linda Mehlhop	10/4
Skip & Julie Nunn	10/7
Frank & Maria Beiner	10/8
Robert & Marcelina Sullivan	10/10
Brian & Michelle Roskovich	10/16
Peter & Nancy Samosky	10/27
Ken & Gail Goeddeke	10/28
Barry & Marilyn Smith	10/29



# KID'S CORNER

## SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



**What you need:**

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



## A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

*Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:** sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
3. To plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sharp part of a plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is harvested. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
6. To dry up and shrivel . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
7. Person who plants . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
8. The earth a plant grows in. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

“But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3 n.”

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

*Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil; seed, soil, crop, sow*

# October

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



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Read  
Psalm 23:6.  
Memorize this verse as  
a family.

5

Read  
Ephesians 2:4-5.  
Talk about how you are  
made "alive" with Christ.

6

Read  
Psalm 51:1.  
What is a transgression?

7

Read  
Isaiah 30:18.  
What was happening with  
God's people when this  
verse was written?

8

Read  
Hebrews 4:16.  
Draw a picture of what  
you hear in this verse.

9

Read  
Psalm 69:16.  
Write down your family  
prayer requests together  
this week.

10

Read  
James 3:17.  
Discuss the meaning of  
the word "wisdom".

11

Read  
Psalm 145:9.  
Have each person in your  
family share one thing  
they love about God's  
creation.

12

Read  
Jude 1:1b-2.  
Thank God for showing  
you mercy, peace, and love!

13

Read  
Jude 1:21-22.  
Ask a trusted adult to  
share about a time when  
they struggled with doubt.

14

Read  
Matthew 9:13.  
Say, "Thank you, God, for  
saving me!"

15

Read  
Lamentations 3:22.  
Memorize this verse.

16

Read  
Deuteronomy 4:31.  
Talk about a time when  
someone you know kept  
an important promise.

17

Read  
Psalm 57:1.  
Talk to God about some-  
thing that is bothering  
you today.

18

Read  
James 5:11.  
Look up the story of Job.  
What did he learn about  
mercy?

19

Read  
Psalm 145:8.  
As a family, make a plan  
for being slow to anger and  
steadfast in love.

20

Read  
Luke 6:36.  
How did God show us  
mercy?

21

Read  
Psalm 25:6.  
What stories from the Bible  
of God showing mercy  
come to mind when you  
hear this verse?

22

Read  
Luke 1:50.  
Ask the oldest person in  
your family to share a  
story about their faith.

23

Read  
Psalm 40:11.  
What does it mean for  
something to be  
"preserved"?

24

Read  
Isaiah 63:7.  
Have each person in your  
family share one way they  
have experienced God's  
love this week.

25

Read  
Psalm 116:1.  
Use as many silly voices as  
you can think of to say,  
"I love the Lord!"

26

Read  
Daniel 9:18.  
Ask each person in your  
family how you can pray  
for them today.

27

Read  
Psalm 123:3.  
Pray and ask God for a  
spirit of peace  
toward your neighbor  
today.

28

Read  
Zechariah 7:9.  
Make a list of kind ways  
to treat your neighbors.  
Do one idea from the list  
each day this week.

29

Read  
Matthew 18:33.  
Who is asking this  
question?

30

Read  
Matthew 23:23.  
Look up the words: justice,  
mercy, and faithfulness.  
Talk about how you can  
show those to your  
neighbors.

31

Read  
Psalm 119:156.  
Talk about the rules you  
think of when you hear  
this verse.