

# TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

**August 2023**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| <b>August 2-4</b> | <b>8:30 am—1 pm</b>  | <b>ECE Staff Orientation</b>           |
| <b>August 10</b>  | <b>6:30 pm</b>       | <b>Church Council Meeting</b>          |
| <b>August 12</b>  | <b>9 am—2:30 pm</b>  | <b>Bell Choir Workshop</b>             |
| <b>August 13</b>  | <b>11 am service</b> | <b>ECE Staff Dedication</b>            |
| <b>August 13</b>  | <b>Noon</b>          | <b>2nd Sunday Pot Luck Lunch</b>       |
| <b>August 14</b>  | <b>9 am—1 pm</b>     | <b>ECE Classes begin</b>               |
| <b>August 20</b>  | <b>Noon</b>          | <b>OWLS luncheon and Ben Hur Movie</b> |

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday's</b>    | <b>8:30, 11 am— SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES</b>           |
| <b>Sunday's</b>    | <b>9:45 am—Adult Bible Classes /Sunday School</b>     |
| <b>Wednesday's</b> | <b>10 am—Word on Wednesday Bible Study / Pastor</b>   |
|                    | <b>5:30 pm—Confirmation Class (Beginning Aug. 16)</b> |
| <b>Friday's</b>    | <b>12 Noon—4 pm—Card Playing</b>                      |

**Watch our services live (8:30 am) or On Demand at**  
**[www.tlcwoodstock.org](http://www.tlcwoodstock.org)**

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**Rev. Daniel  
Brammeier**

### **.Back to School; Back to Listening and Learning**

"We should hold on to the confession of our hope, resolutely, for the one having made the promise is faithful, and we should consider each other, how to stir up to love and good works, not abandoning our assembling together, as is the custom with some, but exhorting (each other) so much more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25

(Jesus said) "He who has ears, let him hear."  
Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 34

Summer break has ended, and a new year of school has started. Children move from one grade to another as they get older. Parents are amazed at how fast their children are growing and learning. I often counsel parents not to "blink," because in a "blink of an eye" children go from being precious preschool students to precocious teenage high schoolers.

We wouldn't have it any other way though. We want our children to grow and learn. One of the most important lessons we can teach our children is to LISTEN. Rambunctious children, who can barely sit still for five minutes, have problems listening. This is due to short attention spans that we hope will get longer as they grow up.

One of my favorite things to tell preschoolers at Timothy is, "Listen and learn." I encourage them to listen and pay attention to the grown-ups around them. The message is simple, "If you're not listening, you won't learn." What's amazing is that three-year-olds understand the message, although they have difficulties putting it into practice.

Isn't this true of ALL people, no matter what age they may be? We want to speak first and listen second. We want to teach, instead of being taught, because we think we have knowledge to impart. As "grown-ups" we need to take a break and "listen and learn." If we learn to listen, then not even a day will go by when we won't learn something. Everyday becomes a learning day as we listen.

# Pastor's Corner

Listening to God's Word is the most important thing we can do in life. God's Word gives eternal life through the message of Jesus' death and resurrection, and what can be more important than that! We need to hear God's Word that convicts of sins yet shows us the unfathomable grace of God in Jesus who earned the forgiveness of sins for us.

As children return to classrooms we should consider continuing in or getting back to the "classroom" of God's Word. Our classroom is the weekly gathering around God's Word and sacraments in Divine Service where our savior meets us in his Word and sacraments. He meets us to forgive us, renew us and teach us what he wants us to know about his grace and salvation. We dig a bit more deeply into his Word in Bible study on Sunday mornings as well.

I hope the simple message of "listen and learn" will stir you up to listen to the love and good works Jesus did for us. We hear about that love and those good works on Sunday mornings. So, come and listen and learn.

Pastor B





**Kristin Freeman,  
Preschool  
Director**

**ECE Mission  
and Ministry  
Statement**

***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

It's the First Day of School.... It's the First Day of School!!!

It is hard to believe it is August already.... Summer flies by when you are having so much fun! And what a fun summer we had here at Timothy Lutheran Preschool where we opened the school to summer campers for four weeks in June and July. Our "Summer Camp Days" under the leadership of Ms. Carmen Simmons, and staff of Vic Jackson, Tara Rice, Christy Ray, and Annie Brammeier, along with eight youth helpers (seven of which were TLP alumni!) worked with 30-40 students each week throughout the summer and what a blast they had! Each week was a different themed week of learning, fun, crafts and Bible stories from summer safety to bubbles and even a Shark Week! What a blessing to share this church space with the community during the summer months.

And now we prepare our hearts, minds and classroom space for another wonderful year of Preschool. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, it couldn't be at all possible without the support of the congregation and especially the hard-working Trustees. They have spent the last few months making improvements throughout the building to not only benefit the congregation overall but also our preschool community. Many thanks to Mike, Don, Bill, Suzanne, and John for all of your time and talent with helping to maintain such a great facility!

Once again, we have the pleasure to share the peace, love and joy of Jesus with the Woodstock community and they are so glad we are here! We are excited to welcome both new and familiar faces to our Timothy family.

Here are some fun numbers for the 2023-24 school year:

Years in Ministry: 38

Number of Staff: 18

Number of Years of Staff Serving (average): 7 years

Number of Students: 85

Number of Students Attending 5 days: 48

Number of Families: 73

Number of Returning Families: 52

Number of Years of National Lutheran Schools Accreditation: 18

Our first day of school will be Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and our Staff Dedication will be held on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the 11 a.m. service and I look forward to introducing the wonderful ladies of Timothy Lutheran Preschool to the congregation and for the blessing of another successful school year serving the Lord and the community of Woodstock. We hope to see you there! Please continue to keep the preschool ministry, the staff, students and families in your prayers for the 2023-24 school year! Thank you for all that you do to help support our program!

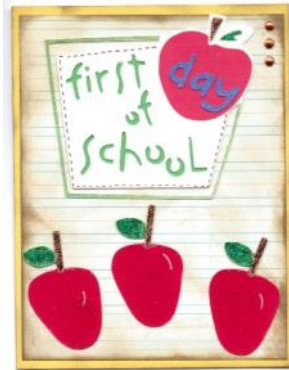
Grace and Peace,

Ms. Kristin

## **Preschool Calendar**

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| August 2-4       | Staff Orientation and Training           |
| August 7-9       | Staff Pre-Planning Days                  |
| August 10 & 11   | Meet & Greet Days                        |
| August 13        | Staff Dedication Sunday: 11 a.m. Service |
| <b>August 14</b> | <b>First Day of School!!</b>             |

Our first day for the 2023-24 school year will be  
Monday, August 14, 2023!!



## **ECE Staff 2023-24 School Year**

Director: Kristen Freeman

Operations Assistant: Maria Ferguson

Music Teacher: Barb White

2's class: Christy Ray, Tara Rice and Jessica Leonard

3's class: MaryAnne Valkenburg, Evelyn Shaw and Annie Brammeier

3's class: Victoria Jackson, Isabela Black and Jen Britton

Pre-K 4's class: Carmen Simmons and Caleigh Moore

Pre-K 4's class: Melissa Blick and Caleigh Moore

Kindergarten K5 class: Becky Williams, Laura Gill and Jen Britton

## Fundraiser: Spirit Rock!



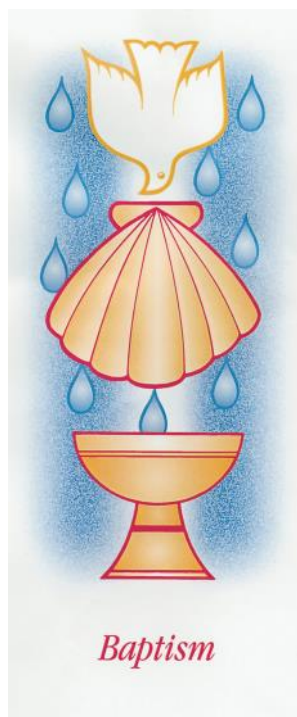
You may have been wondering what that painted rock out front is all about... it's our very own "Spirit Rock" for Timothy Lutheran Preschool. Many area schools have launched these fun and decorative rocks as a fundraiser for their schools, and while we are working on improving our playground for the children, we joined in on the fun! Our parents and congregation members are able to "rent the rock" for a small fee of \$15 and decorate it for their children. All monies collected from the Spirit Rock will be used towards our playground improvement project. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b45abaf2aaafa7-the> to rent the rock for your family.



Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool was honored as "First Place Winner" in the Family Services - Preschool category in the "Around Woodstock" magazine's annual Reader's Choice Awards. This is our first time in many years our little "hidden gem" was honored as "First Place."

We are grateful for the love and support of Timothy's Preschool program.





We welcomed Virginia Lee Greene to the family of God through Holy Baptism on June 11,, 2023. Proud parents are Josh and Sarah Greene, and Tommy Greene is Virginia's loving big brother.



LOVE  
THAT  
HAIR!!



### Kids Joyful Praise

Kids, preschool age to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are welcome to gather near the piano, in the sanctuary, on Sunday, August 27, 9:25am to sing songs that offer praise to our God, for approximately 20 minutes, just before Sunday School begins at 9:45am. We plan on meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, contact Marlene Snyder.

### Summer Special Music

The entire month of August is available for youth and adults to enhance our worship services with their musical talents. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the member mailboxes.



**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on August 22 at 6205 Hickory Flat Hwy Ste 112 Canton, Ga 30115 Our handsome escort (Landon Blackwell) sits at the head of the table! Check out sign-up bulletin board for additional info as it is obtained.

Plan to join us next month.





## **SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD – AUGUST 2023**

*Serving Jesus by serving the least (based on Matthew 25:40)*

*Our purpose is to address the immediate, one-time hardships of people living in Cherokee County, specifically with essential, necessary expenses. We also work with similar organizations in Cherokee County or the larger community.*

### **2022-2023 Assistance Recap:**

We ended the 22-23 budget year with \$0 in our line item budget and \$102.94 in the '17' account. We served the community as follows:

10 requests approved – 6 utility bills, 4 rent assistance  
 3 requests declined  
 2 were referred out  
 19 provided no or incomplete documentation  
 34

### **2023-2024 Assistance Recap:**

So far we have served the community as follows:

1 request approved – utility bill  
 0 declined  
 0 referred out  
 0 incomplete/inadequate documentation received or no further response from applicant

### **Policies & Procedures – Revisions:**

We have requested time on an executive committee agenda to discuss the revisions to our policies. *Until they are approved we continue to operate under the original document.*

### **HOW HOT IS IT???**

It is so hot I am baking bread in the mailbox.

It is so hot outside it would make the devil sweat.

It's so hot, the birds are blowing on the worms to cool them off before they eat them!

its so hot out that the earth worms volunteered to get onto my hook just to get into the water

Hotter than the hinges on hells gates.



## THE LORD IS WITH YOU

*“God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’ So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:5b-6).*

Why are we so timid when it comes to sharing the Gospel with others? Would-be witnesses often cite rejection as a fear. Do you think Jesus has sympathy for us in this area? Isaiah wrote, *“He was despised and rejected by men.”* (Isaiah 53:3) Jesus knows what it’s like to suffer rejection. He lived the phrase, “Been there, done that.” Others are afraid that they will be inadequate for the task; they do not know their Bibles well enough and their defense of the Gospel is weak. Again, is Jesus unaware of our state? Read the interchange between God and Moses in Exodus 3-4. Yes, we are inadequate; yes, there are mysteries in the Scriptures that we will not understand till we’re in Heaven; and, yes, we won’t have the proper words to say. Jesus said, *“Do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time [the time when you need it] you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you”* (Matthew 10:19-20)

God loves us so much that He gave His only Son to die for us. That Child was born into a powerless family living in an unstable world. Yet the will of God was accomplished. Will He not also accomplish His purpose through us, powerless and inadequate as we are? It is **His** plan and **His** work, not our own, as He reiterated His promise to be with us to accomplish His will through us. So **give it all you’ve got!**

**Read Joshua 1:5-9. Use your Bible helps to list as many times as you can find where God promises to be with us in all kinds of situations.**

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, forgive us for our excuses. Help us to learn through the lives of Moses and Joshua and the prophets and disciples that You never forsake Your people and that You are present to help us carry out Your will on earth. Thank You for the opportunity to be stewards of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.



### PENELOPE SAYS—

Join us for Sunday School, Bible Classes, and Church services next Sunday—Our Air Conditioner is working very well!





**Our new officers are**

President: Carol Taylor  
 Co-President: Teresa Jarmick (continuing her term)  
 Treasurer: Sue Flinchum

Secretarial duties will be shared among members.

**Many thanks** to Gail Trimble and Joan Mueller who served the TLC LWML graciously over the past few years.

**Thanks also** to Sue Flinchum for auditing the books before accepting the Treasurer positions.

**Ladies: Mark your calendars** so you can attend the next meeting:

August 19 at 10 a.m.

Program: Touring Israel

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Through your generosity, TLC has submitted \$684 in 2023 and \$4000 since October 2019

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH



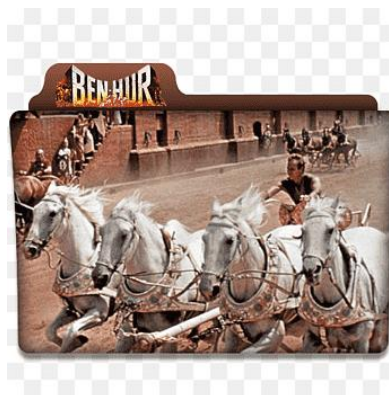
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# Growing Together in Faith

| Christian Education  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>"Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so"</p> <p>– Acts 17:11</p>   |   |
| <u>Enduring Faith Bible Study</u>  | <u>(NEW!) Study of Galatians</u>  |
| <p>Adults, Youth, and Children are invited to join Pastor B in the Sanctuary for an opening</p> <p>Each age group then has a breakout session for 30 minutes then followed by a short closing in the Sanctuary with Pastor B</p> <p><u>Upcoming Lessons</u></p> <p>08/06/2023<br/>Deborah</p> <p>08/13/2023<br/>Samson</p> <p>08/20/2023<br/>Ruth</p> <p>08/27/2023<br/>Saul</p> | <p>Study St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Led by Lee Clark</p> <p>Need a Lutheran Study Bible? Please let us know and we can provide one!</p> |
| <u>Upcoming Events</u>   | <u>Sunday School Offering</u>   |
| <p>Yes, it is early, but if you are interested in contributing to the Christmas Program, please let us know!</p>   | <p>Thanks to everyone for the continued giving!</p>   |
| <p>"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."</p> <p>- Luke 24:27</p>  |   |
| <p>"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."</p> <p>-Isaiah 40:8</p>  |   |



The first half of Ben-Hur was shown in June, now the exciting second half will be shown on August 20 after second service. We OWLS invite all to come have lunch, watch the movie, answer a few trivia questions related to the movie - prizes given to whoever answers the most questions.

What a relaxing way to spend a hot August afternoon with your TLC family!

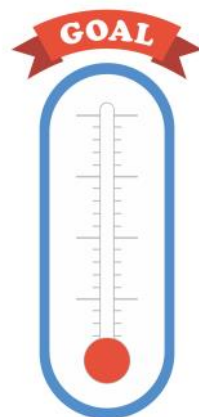
Basically, the first half prepares you for what's to come. Ben-Hur is an epic religious drama about a Jewish prince, Judah Ben-Hur, who is enslaved by the Romans, specifically Ben-Hur's former best friend Messala, and becomes a galley slave for 3 years. His story parallels the unfolding story of Jesus, who is from the same region and around the same age. Ben-Hur survives the galleys and returns to Jerusalem to find his mother & sister who were also imprisoned. He also intends to seek revenge against his onetime friend Messala.

Who remembers the chariot race? That starts the second half of this movie. We hope to see y'all on Sunday, August 20 after second service.

### Utility Building Update

We are making good progress on the trailer replacement or Utility Building, referred to on the drawings as a storage building. The trailer has been removed, Architectural drawings are complete and are currently out for quotes. By the time you read this we expect to have received the quotations and have recommended a contractor. We have also begun applying for the building permit to build the building. Please take the opportunity to review the drawings located on the table outside of the sanctuary and feel free to donate to this project. Please contact Mike Lawson or Don Snyder for more information.

**WATCH FOR OUR THERMOMETER TO TRACK PROGRESS FOR FUNDING THE UTILITY BUILDING.**




## Fall Habitat House Build

This fall we will be building our second home in Marietta starting September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with Northwest Metro Atlanta Habitat who have received some funding from the city of Marietta as well as the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat. This program is for low-income city employees to qualify for a Habitat house and live within the city limits rather than live far out and must travel a long distance to go to work. Our build, which we will be sharing with the Catholic Coalition, will be at 617 Frasier St. in Marietta. Please consider joining us for the build this fall. Below is the work schedule and watch for more details to follow.

| 617 Frasier Street, Marietta |        |                        |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Date                         | Week # | Main Task              |
|                              |        |                        |
| 9/9/23                       | 1      | Exterior Framing       |
| 9/16/23                      | 2      | Interior Framing       |
| 9/23/23                      | 3      | Siding/Insulation      |
| 9/30/23                      | 4      | Exterior Paint         |
| 10/7/23                      | 5      | Interior Paint Prep    |
| 10/14/23                     | 6      | Interior Paint Day One |
| 10/21/23                     | 7      | Interior Paint Day Two |
| 10/28/23                     | 8      | Punch                  |
| 11/4/23                      | 9      | Landscape              |

Timothy is part of a Coalition of eleven Lutheran Churches in the NW Atlanta metro area working together to build Habitat homes for deserving families. Please contact Charlene Yde or Don Snyder for more details.



ALWAYS REEMBER  
THATYOU ARE UNQUE—  
JUST LIKE EVERYONE  
ELSE.



## Taste of Habitat

The 19th Annual Taste of Habitat will be held at The Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta on September 22nd from 7 to 9pm.

Our goal this year is to raise \$35,000 to build **Habitat** homes in Metro Atlanta. More than 60 fabulous chefs from the **Lutheran Coalition for Habitat** churches will be sharing the foods they love to make. It's a fun "**date night**" (**adults only**) with outstanding food & drink, great fellowship and most enjoyable live music. There will also be a **Silent Auction and trivia contest!**

### *How can you participate?*



**Volunteer to be a chef**—All you have to do is prepare 150 "tastes" of your specialty! Appetizers, salads and entrees served from 7-8 and desserts served from 8-9.



**Contribute** a special item, artwork, dinner or theatre tickets, gift package etc. for the **Silent Auction**.



**Be a sponsor** or **ask your workplace to sponsor the event**. Businesses appreciate the opportunity to market their support for community charities such as Habitat for Humanity. Sponsorships are **Bronze \$250, Silver \$500, Gold \$1000 and Platinum \$2,500**.

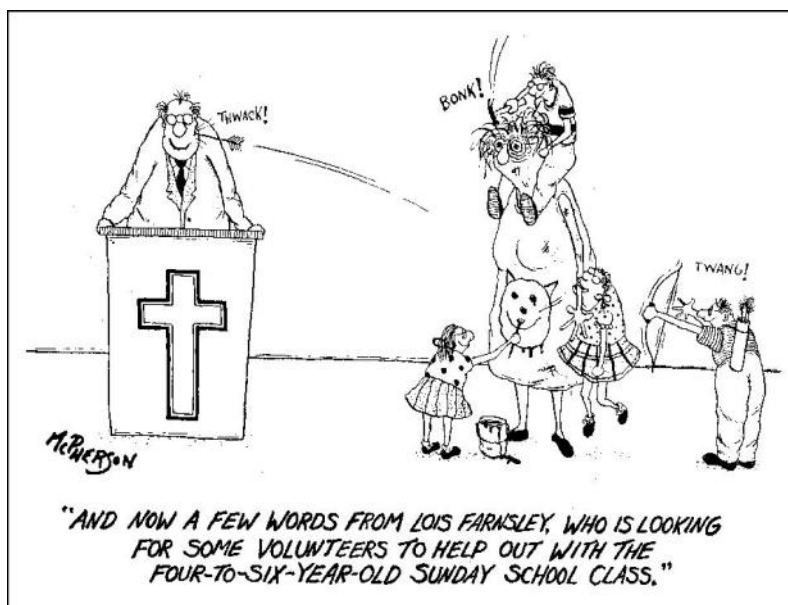


**Buy** individual tickets for \$40.



8/3 Elfrieda Allen  
 8/4 Gail Trimble  
 8/6 Janice Porter  
 8/6 Coriander Pins  
 8/8 Susie Bishop  
 8/8 Lynn Knox  
 8/9 Margaret Cehanovich  
 8/10 Hayden Townsend  
 8/10 Timothy Furnish  
 8/13 Thomas Greene  
 8/13 Linda Basler  
 8/13 Abigail Infante  
 8/17 Connie Williams  
 8/17 Don Snyder  
 8/18 Aiden Infante  
 8/19 Nancy Samosky  
 8/20 Gwendolyn Bisher  
 8/22 Carol Beene  
 8/25 Jeannie Bernerth  
 8/29 Suzanne Kastens  
 8/30 Ethan Young  
 8/31 Paul Fostvedt

8/1 Jerry & Doreen Erbe  
 8/15 Markham & Kimberly Peykoff  
 8/26 Don & Marlene Snyder  
 8/27 Rich & Faye Wiese  
 8/28 Lee & Emily Clark  
 8/29 Frank & Sue Plunkett



## Kid's Corner



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

### What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

### What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



## Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

*Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.*

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

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The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

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What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

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God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

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God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

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The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

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The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

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The heave\_\_s declare the \_\_lory \_\_f \_\_od;  
the ski\_\_s \_\_roc\_\_aim the wo\_\_k of his ha\_\_ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV

# August

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Read  
Colossians 2:13-15.  
Shout, "Thank You for  
forgiveness!"

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Read  
Colossians 2:16-17.  
Look up Leviticus 11  
to see what the Bible says  
about ceremonial law.

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Read  
Colossians 3:4.  
Pray, "Amen. Come,  
Lord Jesus"

14

Read  
Colossians 3:5-6.  
Is there anything you  
need to confess?

15

Read  
Colossians 3:7-8.  
Read the explanation of the  
Eighth Commandment in  
Luther's Small Cate-  
chism with Explanation.

16

Read  
Colossians 3:9-10.  
Look up **sanctification**  
in the Bible

17

Read  
Colossians 3:11.  
Go to LCMS partner  
churches to learn more  
about missions.

18

Read  
Colossians 3:12-13.  
What does it mean to bear  
with one another?

19

Read  
Colossians 3:14.  
How can you show love to  
your family today?

20

Read  
Colossians 3:15.  
Have each person in your  
family choose one reason  
to thank God.

21

Read  
Colossians 3:16.  
Choose a song from last  
Sunday's worship to sing  
to thank God.

22

Read  
Colossians 3:17.  
Memorize this verse:

23

Read  
Colossians 3:18.  
What does it mean to  
submit?

24

Read  
Colossians 3:19.  
How was Joseph a good  
husband to Mary?

25

Read  
Colossians 3:20.  
Where else does the Bible  
say to honor your parents?

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Read  
Colossians 3:21.  
Discuss a way parents  
can encourage you.

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Read  
Colossians 3:22.  
What is the danger of  
people-pleasing?

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Read  
Colossians 3:23.  
Pray for your school

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Read  
Colossians 3:24.  
Write on a sticky note,  
"You are serving the Lord  
Christ." Place it somewhere  
you'll see it every day!

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Read  
Colossians 3:25.  
Pray the Lord's Prayer.

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Read  
Colossians 4:5-6.  
Ask an adult about a time  
he or she shared his or  
her faith.