

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Letter

September 2021

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month, we continue exploring the Ten Commandments, focusing on the Third Commandment:

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? Answer: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Luther makes an interesting point about this commandment in his Large Catechism when he says, "This commandment, in its literal sense, does not apply to us Christians." Keep in mind the Sabbath Day was a command given by God to ancient Israel. They were to set aside the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as a day of rest because ***on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation*** (Genesis 2:2-3). So, the Sabbath command was a specific command given by God to ancient Israel which no longer applies to us Christians in its literal sense.

Wait—why doesn't it apply to us in its literal sense? That's a good question. If you have a Lutheran Service Book near you, take a moment to open it up to page 162. This is the middle of the Service of the Sacrament in Divine Service Setting 1. At this point in the Service of the Sacrament, there are two options to follow (thus the two columns). I want to direct your attention to the prayer in the left column under the Proclamation of Christ. It says: *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, **Your rest in the tomb**, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment...* Look at the words I put in bold again. Your **REST** in the tomb. What day was Jesus resting in the tomb? The day after he died...Saturday...the Sabbath Day.

By his rest in the tomb on Holy Saturday, Jesus fulfilled the legal requirements of the Third Commandment (in the same way that his perfect life fulfilled the legal requirements of the Law as a whole). We are no longer required by God to keep the Third Commandment in a literal sense because of what Jesus has done for us. This is why the early Christians stopped gathering for worship on Saturdays (as was the Jewish custom) and began gathering for worship on Sundays—to celebrate the day when Christ rose to new life, as new life which he invites all Christians to join him in.

As with all the commandments, we are not required to keep them for the sake of our eternal salvation, BUT we are invited to keep them in their spiritual sense. The Ten Commandments express the Will of God for us humans. They invite us into the fullness of life in the way that the creator of the universe designed it to work.

As Luther said, the Third Commandment invites us to take time to cease from our labors, to stop pretending that we uphold the universe by the power of our work ethic, and to rest in the God who actually upholds the universe. We do this by gladly hearing and learning from the Word of the Lord, by gathering with other believers around that word, by turning to the Lord in prayer, and in many other ways.

I pray that you would find ways in your life to treasure this invitation to rest in Jesus. There are so many distractions in this world fighting for our attention and energy. (Then there's that glowing rectangle so many of us carry around in our pockets which constantly fights for our attention and invites us to believe we are at the center of reality, which is a topic for another time...) True rest can only be found in Jesus. I pray that you would make an effort to prioritize regularly resting in him.

Peace in Jesus,
Pastor Akers

Notes from your Deaconess

Sometimes the Way turns--
We fear that we will stumble.
He will lift us up.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

The one who is the Way (John 14:6) guards and directs our steps. I take comfort from these promises when I face uncertain times of traveling in this life.

*You are the way; through You alone Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed His heart and will and mind.*
(LSB 526:1)

The Psalmist David wrote: “*Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth*” (86:11a), and the Isaiah prophesied about the Way of Holiness (35:8). In the New Testament book of Acts, the believers in Jesus even were known as a Jewish sect called “the Way” (24:14). We do know the way to the Father—Thanks be to God!

The daily lectionary readings will continue in Old Testament historical books. These include accounts of later kings of Israel and Judah, the ministries of Elijah and Elisha, the rebuilding of Jerusalem’s wall *after* the exile, the prophet Malachi, and we’ll start into Deuteronomy during the last few days. Through most of September we will read from various epistles of Paul in the New Testament. Then we will begin reading the gospel of Matthew.

I do plan on holding a women’s Bible study on September 11 at 8:30am—we’ll likely be finishing up the prophet Hosea. The following Saturday a women’s retreat will be taking place—look elsewhere in the newsletter for details on that. I’ll let you know if I also plan to hold a study the last Saturday of the month.

Under his mercy,
Sharon

Sunday Morning Schedule

- **8:00am** - "Precautionary" Service of Word & Sacrament**
- **9:00am** - Divine Service
- **10:15am** - Fellowship
- **10:45am** - Sunday School (beginning September 12)

**This service a half-hour, fully spoken service which is intended for those who are in an "at risk" category, work closely with "at risk" individuals, or simply desire more precautions in worship. Masks and Physical Distancing are required at this service.

Sunday School

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, **September 12**, with a special presentation from a visiting missionary, Rev. Tyler McMiller (church planter and theological educator in Italy).

Beginning **September 19**, "regular" Sunday School will begin in the Fellowship Hall. All ages will meet together as we engage in prayer, small & large group discussion, craft time for kids, deeper study for the adults, and closing prayer and song. Our focus for this year will be Luther's Small Catechism under the theme: *Students of God's Life-Giving Truth*.

Thursday Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study will resume on **September 16**. We will meet at 10:30am in Room 201 or 6:00pm via Zoom. The topic of the class will be St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Please contact Pastor Akers if you would like to be added to the email list.

Women's Retreat

LADIES - Mark your calendars!! Join us for a time of fellowship, fun, and devotion **September 18** for this fall's Women's Retreat! The retreat is graciously being hosted at the Huesers' camp from 9-4. Brunch will be provided. Closer to time we will send out a signup sheet to all those who have RSVP'd for those who would like to make snacks to share. There will be indoor and outdoor activities, as well as, kayaks, paddle boards, and a paddle boat. PLEASE RSVP to Amber Akers at amberakers9812@gmail.com. She will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have and will also send out the address to camp for the attendees who need it.

Men's Retreat

The Fall Men's Retreat will be back to "normal" this year as we gather at the Huesers' Camp in St. Albans for a time of fellowship, study, and, of course, corn hole. The date is set for **October 1 and 2**. More information will be available soon. In the meantime, contact Pastor Akers or Chris Batson if you are interested in attending.

The Library Corner

You'll find various CD's, DVD's, and even old video tapes in our library which might be of interest. One series available for listening comes from Mars Hill Audio. These contain interviews with various individuals examining the ideas, institutions, practices, and fashionable assumptions that shape our cultural lives, and specifically for Christians to enlarge their perspective. You'll find discussions of composers, philosophy, science, media, literature, and more.

LWML Meeting

There will be an LWML meeting on Thursday, September 23, at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

LWML-NED FALL RETREAT

“BE THOU MY VISION (In such a time as this)”

Bible Study by Donna Snow



You must hear Donna: she's been an inspiring speaker at our Conventions
AND
we will have slide presentations from many of our supported missions.

WHEN: November 5-6, 2021
Friday evening 7:00 PM -
Saturday at 3:00 PM

WHERE: DoubleTree at Bradley Airport
16 Ella Grasso Turnpike
Windsor Locks, CT 06096
860-627-5171 (call)

Defending the Faith

Sometimes the Best Defense is a Good Defense.

In much of my Christian education growing up, I was taught, “The Big Bang is wrong. That’s evolution. Evolution is bad.” As I have learned and grown, I have realized that the world isn’t always so black and white. Yes, the evolutionary (atheist) worldview is a direct assault against Christianity. We need to be wary of it and to “always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). At the same time, we don’t need to be afraid of science. If science is truly a quest for the truth, then it will ultimately point us to God. That’s why I appreciate Charlie’s Apologetics articles so much—they help us to embrace a Christian worldview in a secular world.

I would ask you to keep this in mind as you read Charlie’s article for this month. When he says that scientists agree the world began with a big bang, that’s not embracing of an evolutionary worldview. It’s simply allowing science to agree with what we already know about God—the universe started with God saying “Let there be...and there was.” (I have to imagine those moments of God creating elements of the world were a lot like a “big bang.”) I pray that you will read Charlie’s article through this lens and with a mind ready to learn yet another “reason for the hope that is in you.” — Pastor Akers

Voice: “Knock, knock”

Me: “Who’s there?”

Voice: “Nobody”.

Me: “What do you mean nobody?”

Voice: “Nobody. The knock just knocked itself.”

Well, that doesn’t make any sense, does it? Knocks don’t just happen, do they? No, of course not. Someone or something causes the knock.

Defending the Faith (cont.)

And that, my friends, is proof of the Creator of the universe!

“Right”, I can hear you saying. “Charlie’s gone off the deep end this time. He needs professional help”.

Well, I’ll admit that might be true, but let me show you how this all points directly at a strong argument for the existence of God.

There is literally no disagreement within the scientific community that the universe had a beginning 14+ billion years ago, starting with what we call the Big Bang. Multitudes of satellite and telescopic measurements have confirmed it.

Store that in memory for a minute and let’s now take a step back and talk about a form of discussion called a syllogism.

A syllogism normally takes the form of at least two premises and a conclusion that follows from them.

Premise 1: All humans breathe air.

Premise 2: Governor Mills is a human.

Conclusion: Governor Mills breathes air.

In a properly constructed syllogism, if the premises are true, the conclusion must follow.

Try this one.

Premise 1. All things that come into existence have a cause.

Premise 2. The universe came into existence.

Conclusion: The universe had a cause.

We know that cause as Almighty God. Genesis 1:1 - *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* And Colossians 1:16 *“For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.”*

Or to put it another way, a Big Bang needs a Big Banger.

When you talk with your atheist or agnostic friends, you might ask them what, in their opinion, caused the Big Bang. To add a little fun to the conversation, ask how the random interaction of matter achieved consciousness. (And watch them squirm!)

Here’s the inescapable conclusion: Given the fact that time, space and matter all came into existence at the moment of the big bang, the cause of it had to exist outside of time, space and matter. Given that there had to have been a decision to push the metaphorical “create” button, the decider had to be a being. A person of some sort.

So what best describes a being who is timeless, spaceless, immaterial and personal? While the atheist fumbles around looking for a solution, we already know the answer. All of these characteristics are explained by God.

This is one of many examples of why I’m a Christian. The Christian worldview simply has the best explanations for the way the universe really is.

- Charlie MacPherson, SDG

Defending the Faith

I’m always open to comments, discussion and/or criticism. Email charles.j.macpherson@gmail.com.

Members of the Month

The story of Ruth and Ray Milhous and Sharon Conover is one of un-wavering faith and dedication to caring for people. It begins in Oceanside, CA in 1937 when twins, Ray and Ken Milhous were born. When their mother died five years later, they were added to the family of their Uncle Francis and Aunt Elsie Harvey—who already had three children—and moved to the East. “Dad” Harvey was a store manager and moved every few years to open new stores. When Ray was in 8th grade, the move was to Albany, New York.



Ruth Hoeldtke was also born in 1937. Her father was pastoring churches in Buffalo, NY until he became an army chaplain during WWII. Following the war, Pastor Hoeldtke took a church in Albany that he pastored for many years. Eventually, there were five Hoeldtke children.

In Albany, Ray and his family worshipped in the very church where the Hoeldtke family was. The five Hoeldtke children and the five Milhous/Harvey children became life-long friends. A couple of them even married!

Eventually, “Dad” Harvey was moved to Pennsylvania, and while sophomores in high school, Ray and Ken were offered “Ford Foundation Scholarships.” (The Ford Foundation was evaluating whether students who had only up to a tenth grade education could do well in college.) So, Ray and Ken went to Lafayette College and graduated in 1957 at 20 years old—with all tuition and fees paid for by the Ford Foundation. Ken went on to seminary and served as a missionary in Japan for 40 years. (Ken now lives and is a chaplain for a retirement center in CT.) Ray went to the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine where an anonymous donor made a gift to Penn to pay for all four years of Ray’s medical education—and he never learned who his generous donor was.

Meanwhile back in Albany, Ruth graduated from high school and was accepted into a five-year program affiliated with Wheaton College—combining a nursing and a college education. First Ruth became an RN, then worked her way through college as a nurse.

Ruth graduated from Wheaton College in 1960 and Ray from Medical School in 1961. They reconnected when Ray was still in medical school: He said he’d dated a couple of other girls, but wished they were more like “that Hoeldtke girl” he’d known. As we know, the Lord works in mysterious ways: Ruth, graduated from Wheaton, was going to Philadelphia to be in her college roommate’s wedding. She knew Ray was still there, so wrote to let him know she’d be in town--suggesting they might get together for a few hours. And so they did! Ray took her to see Ben Hur—and the rest is history, as they say!

The couple married in 1962 and immediately went to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to work in a Mennonite Hospital for two years. This is where they learned to live together in marriage, how to practice medicine with few resources, how to appreciate the long-term Mennonite missionaries, and especially to love the Congolese people.

In 1964, the Milhous’ returned to the U.S. where Ray began a three-year residency for training in the medical specialty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Penn. In 1968 Ray accepted a position in the Rehabilitation Medicine Department at the University of Vermont (UVM) College of Medicine—where he continued until retirement in 2002. There, he integrated his faith with his medical practice while leading a team of rehab professionals in a secular setting. The Milhous’ used their home to minister to others: Friends, neighbors, visiting missionaries, and people needing a place to stay—the longest guests being a Congolese family for a year! They also gave their home for Bible studies and prayer meetings and did three different short-term mission trips with church groups—twice to Costa Rica and once to Alabama following the devastation of hurricane Katrina.

They had four children, and Ruth never gave birth in the same city twice! Sharon was born in the Congo; Joy in Philadelphia, PA; Steve in Burlington, VT; and Peter in Montreal. The Milhous' came to live in Waterville in 2019 to be near Sharon and Charlie. They joined LCR and appreciate the love and acceptance they have received here.

Ruth and Ray share the lessons they've learned along the way in their earthly journey: 1-God is faithful in meeting needs and answering prayer. 2-God is our refuge and strength as we grieve deaths of loved ones. 3-God does forgive our blunders and sins. 4-God blessed them to be able to worship with Christians from many denominations (Evangelical United Brethren, Mennonite, Evangelical Friends, Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Anglican, Calvary Chapel, and most recently the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod). 5-Prayer and the study of God's Word become increasingly important as we are separated from many family and friends. 6-Friendships can be lasting—as with people from Africa, Japan, and Canada. 7-Roles can be reversed—becoming health care recipients as well as health care providers. (After heart valve surgery in 2016, Ray was a patient at the rehab center where he had served for thirty years). We can learn to accept/enjoy assistance from others as we age. *"The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away."*—Psalm 90:10. However, now in their 80's, Ruth and Ray say they have found life to be filled not only with "trials and troubles," but also with "joys and blessings."

Nine years ago, on their 50th wedding anniversary, they returned to the Congo to visit the church where they worshipped, the hospital where they served, and the house they lived in. They even reunited with two African nurse practitioners who they worked with *and* who remembered them from 1962-64. It was here that Ruth and Ray developed a love of long-distance train travel: They've taken Amtrak many times to California and Seattle, and once even trans-Canada from Toronto to Vancouver.

And just to surprise us all, Ray shares this little gem: The Milhous' attended family gatherings in Washington, D.C. during the inaugurations of President Richard *Milhous* Nixon (1969 and 1973). (Nixon's mother's maiden name was *Milhous*—Ray was a first cousin of RMN!

The Milhous' daughter, Sharon, has been a member of LCR since 2004. She continues the Milhous/Conover family story by recalling her faith journey: "I grew up in Vermont in an evangelical Christian family"—attending church, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, other Bible clubs, and youth groups as well as having regular evening devotions in the family with Bible reading, praying, hymn sings, hymn memorization— and always being shown how to provide Christian hospitality to others. Sharon continued her faith life in college with worship, choirs, and a Christian student group connected to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. She helped lead large group meetings and Bible studies as well. She also did a mission trip to Nigeria. Sharon says she was not baptized until after her senior year of college, but believes that she truly had been a Christian for many years at that point.

Sharon met Charles Conover when they were freshman in college. They became closer as years went by—beginning a dating relationship in their senior year of college. Charles was also active in worship and the Christian student group. Their marriage, in 1986, was a year after college graduation (Sharon with a B.A. in Biology). They moved to Virginia for Charles' graduate studies—moving to Maine in 1990. Beatrice was born in Maine in 1992 and Arthur was born in Michigan in 1995, during a sabbatical time for Charles. During these years, Sharon stayed very active in the church. (Today Bea is an elementary school teacher and Arthur is working on his Ph.D. in physics.)

By 2004, Sharon felt the churches she had been worshipping in were not as strong in the Word as she knew they should be. She came to LCR and felt she'd "come home"—meaning that the Catechism, the liturgy, and the focus on Christ and the cross pulled together all the strands of her Christian upbringing and journey. Upon completing Inquirer's Class, she, with Bea and Arthur joined LCR. Beatrice and Arthur were both confirmed and both carried their Christian faith into their college years. Sharon has always served LCR—

lifting her voice in song; doing Bible studies; treasurer for many years, served on Altar Guild, led Sunday school opening; and met with women for prayer.

Sharon worked as a teen in babysitting, then office assistance, camp counseling; and after graduation from college in a day care center, and even volunteering in a nursing home. Following marriage, she worked for a few years as a lab assistant in a university biology lab studying genetics of fruit flies. Upon moving to Maine, she took a similar laboratory job at Colby College where her husband is a professor of physics. Just before Beatrice was born, the lab job ended and Sharon was blessed to be able to remain in her true vocation of wife, mother, and homemaker.

Sharon states, “I have so enjoyed the vocations of wife and mother. She and Charlie enjoy canoeing walking/hiking, traveling, visiting museums, cooking/baking—exploring new cuisines/good restaurants. They delight in good wine, beer and sometimes even Scotch whiskey. Music is also a mutual pleasure—genres shifting through the years to include folk and more frequently classical concerts. They’ve loved parenting together—teaching the children to be honest, kind, and respectful with proper use of money/possessions as they work whether in academics, music, or sports. Sharon has worked to instill clear direction to their need to know and love Jesus and orient their thinking about others, keeping in mind God’s love for all. She has tried to remind them they have been blessed in order to be a blessing to others. And even during this busy life, Sharon was employed to lead weekly classes for small children and their caregivers called “Creative Movement” which included singing, playing instruments, dance, learning rhymes and songs with motion for several years.

In years prior to studying for the Deaconess role, Sharon studied privately the writings of influential and challenging Christian writers: C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton, Jacques Ellul, Marva Dawn, Robert Farrar Capon, Dorothy Sayers, St. Augustine, and others. She began remote study at Concordia Seminary (with scheduled on-campus sessions) in 2014, received her Master’s in Deaconess Studies in 2016, and was subsequently installed at LCR as Deaconess a few months later. Her duties at LCR include: Visiting parishioners (especially women); leading women’s Bible studies; encouraging more connections within the church body; other opportunities as they arise.

Sharon just wouldn’t be Sharon if she didn’t giggle and say, “I’m not sure if others might be interested, but I think it’s kind of fun that three summers in my life I’ve spent on different continents: Asia (Thailand) 1980 visiting missionary relatives; Africa (Nigeria) 1984 for a college missionary trip; and Europe (Netherlands) 2000 with family during Charlie’s research/sabbatical year. And, YES, of course we’re interested, Sharon!



September Stewardship

	<u>September 3</u>	<u>September 12</u>	<u>September 19</u>	<u>September 26</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Andrew Farr	Hayley Farr	Evan Farr	Allison Farr
<u>Worship Assistants</u>	Charlie MacPherson Brian Watson	Chris Batson Glenn Carlson Sr.	Brad Fitzpatrick Charlie MacPherson	Mark Larsen Brian Watson
<u>Ushers</u>	John Ayotte	Jeff Sammons	Mo Cote	Glenn Carlson Jr.
<u>Greeters</u>	Dorthy McAllister	Sharon Klipp	James Breslin	The Akers Family
<u>Altar Care</u>	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Sasha Fitzpatrick
<u>Flowers</u>	The Pelletiers	The Cotes	The Cotes	Julie Kohl
<u>Fellowship</u>	Becky Cote	Dorthy McAllister	Open	Open



Monthly Worship

September 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 146

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Epistle: James 2:1-10, 14-18

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 116:1-9

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10

Epistle: James 3:1-12

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 54

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Epistle: James 3:13—4:10

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

September 26, 2021

St. Michael and All Angels

Psalm: 91

Old Testament: Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3

Second Reading: Revelation 12:7-12

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:17-20

BIBLE QUIZ

1. How will God destroy His enemies in the absolute final battle on earth?

A) flood the world with the waters of the sea B) devour them with fire from the heavens (C) annihilate the world with the gases of the sun going supernova (D) eradicate the world with technological “beings” from space

2. In Proverbs, how is wisdom portrayed?

A) a talking lamb B) a talking owl C) a woman pleading in the streets for people to follow her ways D) a man shouting from the hilltop

3. For whom did the crowd scream to be released during the annual Passover tradition?

A) Barnabas B) Barabbas C) Bartholomew D) Benjamin

4. What did David do in the presence of a fearsome Philistine king?

A) fell at the king’s feet and begged for mercy (B) betrayed Israel by giving out two minor military battle plans (C) spoke a rare foreign language so no one would understand him (D) acted mad, drooling down his beard and scratching on the city gate

5. In the wheat and tares parable, what do the tares represent?

A) the world B) children of the kingdom C) children of the wicked one D) devil/Satan

6. Who penned the words to this psalm: “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us”?

A) David B) Moses C) the sons of Korah D) anonymous

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

We have many new members and others may need a bit of a refresher, so I decided to “go through” what is needed when you sign up to host Sunday Fellowship. It doesn’t have to be anything elaborate—just coffee and “store bought” cookies (or whatever) is fine! (I tend to go a little overboard because I like to bake.) The purpose of fellowship is to catch up with those whom we only see once a week, not the refreshments. I suggest that two or three of you buddy up, so there isn’t much work for one person.

That being said, here are a few guidelines:

1. Goodies should be pretty much set up before the service, and the coffee started.
2. All paper goods and coffees are provided for you. The paper goods are in the large cabinet to the left of the sink and the coffee, sugar, etc. are in the cupboard to the left of the refrigerator.
3. You are asked to provide half & half and some sort of juice for the kids. If possible, check in the refrigerator the Sunday before you host, as there may be a surplus of the above items and you won’t need to provide them.
4. I usually leave church right after I’ve had communion to do “last minute” setup. This is your choice off course, but I find that I’m better prepared, if I do this.
5. There is a list on the bulletin board to the right of the serving “window” of things to do, coffee directions, etc.
6. Please launder any towels or dishcloths you may have used and return them to the kitchen.

I hope this helps a bit and encourages all members to occasionally sign up to host and/or co-host. There are plenty of open Sundays for 2021!!!! If you have questions, please feel free to contact me!

Thanks,
Sharon Klipp

Worldly Wealth

A rich man was near death. He was grieved because he’d worked so hard for his money, and he wanted to be able to take it to heaven. An angel heard his concern and appeared to him. “Sorry, but you can’t take your wealth with you.” The man pled with the angel.

Later the angel reappeared and told the wealthy man that he could take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man found his largest valise and filled it with gold bars.

When he finally died and showed up in heaven, St. Peter saw the suitcase and said, “Hold on, you can’t bring that in here.”

The man explained to St. Peter that he had permission. Sure enough, the saint checked the record and verified the man’s story. But, St. Peter added, “I’m supposed to check the contents before letting you through.”

So, St. Peter opened the suitcase to discover what was too precious to leave behind. He couldn’t believe his eyes. “You brought pavement?”

O-O-O-O-O

Where Jesus is

Four -year-old Brianna was at the pediatrician for a checkup. When the doctor looked in her ears, he asked, “Do you think I’ll find Big Bird in here?” Brianna only giggled.

Next, the doctor took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. This time he asked, “Do you think I’ll find the Cookie Monster down there?” Brianna giggled again.

Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heartbeat, he asked, “Do you think I’ll hear Barney in there?”

“Oh, no!” Brianna replied. “Jesus is in my heart. Barney’s on my underpants.”



9/2 Chris Batson
 9/4 Adolph Galonski
 9/12 Becky Cote
 Andrew Farr
 9/18 Frankie Ouellette
 9/19 Olive Grierson
 9/22 Alarik Morris
 9/26 Richard Kubeck



Confirmation

Anniversary

9/17 Therese Carter

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New Beginnings



BAPTISM BIRTHDAY

9/3 Nathanael Batson
 9/15 Marie Kubeck
 9/20 Lois Doran
 9/21 Chris Batson
 9/30 Frankie Ouellette
 9/?? Sharon Klipp

Each Chapter that is ending
 Leads us to a new beginning,
 The past that we are leaving
 Means a future we are winning.
 Each change that fills the present
 Sets the stage for our tomorrow,
 And how we meet each challenge
 Helps determine joy or sorrow.
 In every new beginning
 Spirit plays a vital part,
 We must approach tomorrow
 With a strong and steady heart.
 So as we turn the corner
 Let all apprehension shed
 And fill our hearts with confidence
 As we proceed ahead.

Bruce B. Wilmer

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9/1 Charlie & Jenifer MacPherson
 9/8 Pastor Ben & Amber Akers
 9/17 Pastor Paul & Deb Nielsen
 9/19 Fred & Amy Ouellette
 9/22 Richard & Marie Kubeck
 9/27 Jared & Amanda Goldsmith

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. B (Revelation 20:9)
2. C (Proverbs 1:20)
3. B (Mark 15:9-11)
4. D (1 Samuel 21:13)
5. C (Matthew 13:38)
6. A (Psalm 103:12 and attribution)

The Daily Lectionary

September 2021

9/1	1 Kings 18:1-19 / Ephesians 1:1-23
9/2	1 Kings 18:20-40 / Ephesians 2:1-22
9/3	1 Kings 19:1-21 / Ephesians 3:1-21
9/4	2 Kings 2:1-18 / Ephesians 4:1-24
9/5	2 Kings 2:19-24; 4:1-7 / Ephesians 4:25-5:14
9/6	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37 / Ephesians 5:15-33
9/7	2 Kings 4:38-5:8 / Ephesians 6:1-24
9/8	2 Kings 5:9-27 / Philippians 1:1-20
9/9	2 Kings 6:1-23 / Philippians 1:21-2:11
9/10	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 / Philippians 2:12-30
9/11	2 Chronicles 29:1-24 / Philippians 3:1-21
9/12	2 Chronicles 31:1-21 / Philippians 4:1-23
9/13	2 Chronicles 32:1-22 / Colossians 1:1-23
9/14	2 Chronicles 33:1-25 / Colossians 1:24-2:7
9/15	2 Chronicles 34:1-33 / Colossians 2:8-23
9/16	2 Chronicles 35:1-25 / Colossians 3:1-25
9/17	2 Chronicles 36:1-23 / Colossians 4:1-18
9/18	Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 / 1 Timothy 1:1-20
9/19	Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6 / 1 Timothy 2:1-15
9/20	Nehemiah 4:7-23 / 1 Timothy 3:1-16
9/21	Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-16 / 1 Timothy 4:1-16
9/22	Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18 / 1 Timothy 5:1-16
9/23	Nehemiah 9:1-21 / 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
9/24	Nehemiah 9:22-38 / 1 Timothy 6:3-21
9/25	Malachi 1:1-14 / Matthew 3:1-17
9/26	Malachi 2:1-3:5 / Matthew 4:1-11
9/27	Malachi 3:6-4:6 / Matthew 4:12-25
9/28	Deuteronomy 1:1-18 / Matthew 5:1-20
9/29	Deuteronomy 1:19-36 / Matthew 5:21-48
9/30	Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15 / Matthew 6:1-1

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Some helpful habits for home devotions:

- *Do one reading in the morning and the other in the evening.*
- *Keep a journal or make a mental note of one thought that you would like to remember from this reading.*
- *Read and discuss the daily reading with a family member or friend.*
- *Choose one verse to commit to memory, reciting it through the day.*
- *Speak to God in prayer about something from the reading that impressed or confused you in this reading.*
- *If you miss a day or two (or three) and fall behind, don't worry and don't quit! Either set aside some time to catch up or skip those readings and move on.*
- *If you're using another reading schedule or guide, stick with it. The important thing is to be in the Word daily.*