



GraceNet

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July 2021

Summer Bible Quiz

How well do you know the Bible? Take this fun quiz and let's see where you stand. The answers can be found on page 7 of this newsletter. Email me if you have a perfect score—no cheating!! Here we go:

1. The third son of Adam and Eve was named _____.
2. _____ was Abraham's nephew.
3. Moses' brother was named _____.
4. Joshua and _____ were the only two trustworthy spies.
5. King David's first wife, _____, mocked him for the way he praised God.
6. Job had _____ children.
7. The longest Psalm is: _____.
8. He is called the "Weeping Prophet": _____.
9. The last book in the Old Testament is: _____.
10. Jesus was born in Bethlehem but was raised in _____.
11. What disciple walked on water with Jesus? _____.
12. What book of the Gospels is different from the rest? _____.
13. Jesus raised _____ from the dead. His two sisters, Mary and _____ were close friends of Jesus.
14. He was set free and Jesus was crucified. His name was _____.
15. Who the first woman to see the resurrected Jesus? _____.
16. The main character in the book of Acts is _____.
17. In the book of Romans it is most clear that we are _____ by faith.
18. In Galatians 5:22, it spells out the _____ of the Spirit.
19. In I Thessalonians 5:16-18, it says: Be _____; _____ continually and give thanks in all _____.
20. _____ and Jude were written by Jesus' half brothers.
21. The book of Revelation is a message to the _____ churches. To the Church of Laodicea Jesus says, I know your _____ that you are neither _____ nor _____ . . . because you are _____, I am about to _____ you out of my mouth.



~ Pastor Rich

LWML News

The LWML has a NEW Name! The women's group was established in 1947 as the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, which is often shortened to LWML. In recent times, the new name Lutheran Women in Mission is used to further explain our mission to serve others with gladness. We appreciated your gifts to MITES to help around the world with over \$2 million in 2 years. In June, women met from all over the globe in Lexington, Kentucky, to select the new grant recipients for 2021-2023. Eight ladies represented Grace at this nearby gathering, and we are proud to note that our own Susanna Beeler was selected to be a Young Woman Representative for this Convention. You will still see the LWML name and the Lutheran Women in Mission, which includes all the ladies who help and serve in the name of our Lord.



New Adult Inquiry Class to Begin

Please join Pastor Rich for the upcoming Adult Inquiry Class (or as we lovingly call it—AIC) on **Thursday, July 15**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Grace Fellowship Hall. This is an exciting 10-session class that will teach you all about the Lutheran faith. Come and see for yourself! You can let Pastor Rich know you plan to attend, but you can also just show up! Visitors, regular attenders, Grace members, and repeat AIC attendees are all invited to join! Child care is provided.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Church offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, and there will be no service or dinner on Wednesday, July 7.

Grace Prayer Team Welcomes Requests



The Grace Prayer Team is constantly at work! If you have a prayer request that you would like prayed over by the Grace Prayer Team, we welcome your requests. Please contact **Kristin McGee** at kdmcgee08@gmail.com (865-384-9834) or **Ev Brown** (evbrown@gmail.com (865-870-5603)). The request will then be passed on to the team. We continue to welcome Prayer Team members as well. If you are interested in praying for the needs submitted by our church family, please contact Kristin or Ev with your interest.

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GRACE STEWARDSHIP

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Good Stewards for our Good Shepherd

Psalm 24:1 Summer Workshop Series

The Mission of the Stewardship Ministry is to equip God's people at Grace to effectively and efficiently use the resources God has entrusted to us for His purposes. Our team is here to provide informative, practical workshops that will help members serve God with the time, talent and treasure He has blessed us with. This summer, we will focus on addressing common challenges that often hold us back from fulfilling service: not enough time, not knowing where we fit in ministry, or not enough money. Join us as we explore ways to jump these hurdles and better understand how you were uniquely made to Connect, Grow, and Serve at Grace, and live out the mission God has given us!

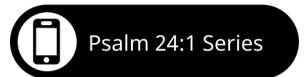
Save the Dates!

July 18 Spiritual Gifts: Getting started on using the unique talents God has given you.

When someone says "serve God" do you want to hide in a corner because you're afraid you'll be asked to do something you're not good at or don't enjoy? It's time you find out how to serve God in a way that utilizes your unique skills and interests.

August 22 Budgeting Basics: Getting started on telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went.

Are you constantly concerned about money? Come learn how to make it work for you and bless others instead of letting it worry you.



Vacation Bible School 2021

July 26-29

9:00 a.m. — Noon

Ages 3 years old—5th grade

We need children to attend and people of all ages to volunteer. For volunteers, we need story tellers, music leaders, craft leaders, and a decorator. Childcare is available for volunteers. To register, please go to www.visitgrace.org For more information, you may contact Frieda Guthrie at childrensmin@visitgrace.org



7/1	Dina Augustus	7/14	Alex DeTrana
7/1	Elizabeth Baker	7/16	Eleanor DeTrana
7/1	Harvey Booher	7/16	Michael Ivens
7/1	Jesse Smithey	7/16	Todd Roisler
7/2	Carrie Cleland	7/16	Paul Wittke
7/2	Genevieve Elseroad	7/17	Donna Bueckman
7/2	Craig Emerson	7/17	Eric Schmidt
7/3	Emberlyn Harper	7/17	Cai Shafer
7/3	Eric Horlbeck	7/17	Rachel Stock
7/3	Sandi Larson	7/18	Tommy Colwell
7/4	Tom Cruise	7/18	Jamie Newell
7/4	James Ray	7/19	Tom Theilmann
7/4	Ivonne Robertson	7/20	Larry Granquist
7/5	René Mackley	7/20	Ralph Harness
7/5	John Stegner	7/20	Joyce Holcombe
7/6	Ralph Ferraro	7/20	Pam Rogers
7/6	Benjamin Muench	7/20	Antonio Smith
7/6	Amy Teague	7/21	Freia Micha
7/6	Bernard Wrasman	7/24	Douglas Butzine
7/7	Megan Kleckley	7/24	Linda Roberson
7/7	Kristen Reinke	7/26	Elizabeth DeTrana
7/7	Ella Ross	7/27	Everett Bloom
7/8	Daniel Augustus	7/27	Joseph Harper
7/8	Daniel Schmidt	7/27	Jackson List
7/9	Jamie Duenckel	7/27	Alexandra Roettger
7/9	Rick Jones	7/28	Reagan Haase
7/9	Bryan Payne	7/28	Jeff Jaekel
7/9	Amy Williams	7/28	Christine McCay
7/10	Eleanor Anderson	7/28	Holly Mings
7/10	Jani Farr	7/28	Byron Strickland
7/11	Chip Hannah	7/29	Holly Blankenship
7/11	Lew Stoner	7/29	Breanna Frizzell
7/12	Wendy Butzine	7/29	LaTina Haynes
7/12	Wendy Manley	7/29	Paul Price
7/12	Al Streufert	7/30	Cheryl Pipe
7/13	John French	7/30	Laura Smithey
7/13	Henry Hannah	7/30	Amy Spradlin
7/14	Brennan Cleland	7/31	Matthew Dreke

7/1	Larry & Sylvia Belt
7/1	Rick & Jane Jones
7/1	Charles & Lois Robinson
7/3	Mike & Kelly Masters
7/4	Michael & Morgan McCay
7/4	Bernard & Becky Wrasman
7/6	Everett & Pat Bloom
7/8	Ralph & Margaret Ferraro
7/8	David & Kemper Smith
7/10	Peter & Mary Belle Early
7/12	Paul & Andrea Muench
7/13	Kevin & Erin Kragenbrink
7/15	Philip & Traci Roth
7/16	Mitch & Carrie Fisher
7/20	Jim & Ev Brown
7/20	Mike & Kathy Murphy
7/20	Scott & Brittany Pafford
7/22	Jeff & Amy Spradlin
7/24	Tom & Susan Lewis
7/30	Jon & Cathy Callies



July Scripture of the Month

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another humbly in love.

~ Galatians 5:13, NIV

?? Bible Quiz ??

What was the name of the queen who refused to appear before the king of Persia and his guests and, as a result, was deposed?

- A. Esther
- B. Jael
- C. Vashti
- D. Milcah



Answer: C (See Esther 1:12.)

July Children's Curriculum Themes

In an attempt to connect the adults and children of Grace just a bit more, I will be letting people know the theme and verse of the week in our children's Sunday school classes. I would love it if the adults would join in memorizing or at least talking about it to the children as they see each other in the halls. Listed below are the themes and scripture for July.

~ Frieda Guthrie

DATE	THEME	VERSE
July 4	Show Jesus' love in our families.	<i>A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)</i>
July 11	God wants us to do what's right.	<i>Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:18)</i>
July 18	We can serve God anywhere.	<i>Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for man. (Colossians 3:23)</i>
July 25	God wants us to forgive.	<i>Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13)</i>



Operation Christmas Child

Since COVID so rudely interrupted this year, we are revamping our "20 in 20" campaign for 2021. Boxes can be donated year round, there are updates on how to pay, and we are ready to help with any questions you may have about this ministry. Don't feel like packing a shoebox? We will gladly accept donations for any items you would like to donate towards a box. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Frieda Guthrie at childrens-min@visitgrace.org or Paul Guthrie at pgvint3@gmail.com

~ Blessings,

Paul and Frieda Guthrie



America's Powerful Document



Several years ago, one of the few remaining copies of the Declaration of Independence was put on display in Phoenix, Arizona. A reporter for The Arizona Republic asked 11 citizens why the document was still relevant. Here is a summary of their comments:

"It is like a Bible that has been in the family for generations."

"It is one of the world's most precious documents."

"It is a living breathing document with basic values underlying it."

"It began with some rabble-rousers who believed we should be free, that we should be able to choose our own destiny."

The document is very much alive. It's organic. It is not archival material. It's real."

"I think the overwhelming message of the declaration is that it's okay to disagree with the government."

"It is one of the greatest documents that has ever been written about people seeking freedom from an oppressive power."

While political and personal freedoms are not the equivalent of spiritual freedom in Christ, they are blessings that should be available to all. Jesus, after all, identified himself as one coming to "proclaim release to the captives" (Luke 4:18)

Summer Youth Opportunities

High School Mission Trip

July 11-17, 2021, Copperhill, TN

Our High Schoolers will be doing renovation and repair work in impoverished communities. We will be staying at a high adventure camp and enjoying fun activities between serving others. If you would like to sponsor a student or make a donation, please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo line.

Please pray for our students as we prepare to serve!!



HealthLine

Please note that everything written in this column will be backed by research, various studies, and facts. There will be no personal opinions.

~ Sheila Wittke

Sunscreen Chemicals Absorbed By Body



A recent study showed that after only one application, six chemicals in sunscreens were absorbed into the body, and seeped into the bloodstream in amounts more than the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) deems safe. The study, conducted by the FDA, examined the main active ingredients in sunscreen lotions and sprays, and found that one chemical was present in concentrations 360 times greater than the FDA allows. Each of the ingredients (avobenzone, oxybenzone, octocrylene, homosalate, octisalate, and octinoxate) was above the maximum threshold seven days after use, and two were still above the limit after 21 days. Although the FDA says the chemicals for sunscreens are safe and that people should not stop using sunscreens, other studies have linked them to liver and kidney failure, as well as hormone disruption.

Why Be a Christian?

Sooner or later everyone looks at life, even one's own life, and asks, "What is it all about?" Just under the surface there are four very related questions: "Who am I?" "Where did I come from?" "Why am I here?" "Where am I going?"

Some make no sense of life and see only futility. They may self-medicate with adventure and fun, but aging or an injury or a very serious illness can change everything. Some who look for meaning in fun and adventure later realize such a pre-occupation with one's own self leaves us empty.

Some look for meaning in achieving success or in gaining coveted possessions, including wealth. These things are like a wonderful birthday gift we received in the past. They excite us for a time, but we soon become bored with them. When everything becomes meaningless and futile, there is personal pain and suicide becomes an increasingly attractive option.

One need people have is to be loved in their good and bad times without condition or qualification. People pursue religions and religious philosophies to find meaning in life. There are many good religions by which to live. Most teach some version of The Golden Rule (Treat others as you wish to be treated.) We imagine we have increasing merit because of how we have treated others. But, sooner or later we see a glimpse of ourselves that reminds us of big failures in which we looked only to save ourselves, even if it meant using others for our own purposes. There can be a lot of guilt at how we violated even our most carefully crafted values and betrayed others near to us. We protest that it will never happen in our lives, but it eventually does and the guilt can be crushing.

The Christian Gospel is about God Who made us to live in fellowship with Him and about how He loves us even when we are completely unlovable, about how He provided His own Son to bear our failures and to bring to us complete and unconditional forgiveness of our selfish failures to be what we know we should be and also not to be what we know we have become.

Our society has often been called a death denying culture. People go to great effort and expense to stay young, to avoid death. For the Christian death is a curse of sin, but also the gateway to eternal life with Jesus. "Lift up your heads and rejoice! Your redemption draws near!" and, "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." says the Bible.

Life as a Christian becomes a matter of joyfully serving God and others in our daily vocations because God first loved us in Jesus. We become like beggars telling other beggars where to find bread. We are never free of all personal troubles and trials, but finally we have something bigger and more meaningful than ourselves, and it is very good.

~ Rev. Phil Bohlken

Summer Bible Quiz Answers

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Seth | 12. Gospel of John |
| 2. Lot | 13. Lazarus, Martha |
| 3. Aaron | 14. Barabbas |
| 4. Caleb | 15. Mary Magdalen |
| 5. Michal | 16. Paul |
| 6. 10 | 17. Justified |
| 7. Psalm 119 | 18. Fruit |
| 8. Jeremiah | 19. Joyful, pray, circumstances |
| 9. Malachi | 20. James |
| 10. Nazareth | 21. Seven, deeds, cold, hot, spit |
| 11. Peter | |

Scoring

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|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 21-19 correct: | On your way to becoming a Biblical scholar |
| 18-15 correct: | You've been reading your Bible |
| 17-14 correct: | You are just getting started. |
| 13-9 correct: | You haven't read it in awhile. |
| 8 and under: | It's time to open up your Bible!! |

Save the Date!!!

"The Come Back Event"

Saturday, August 21, 2021

10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Fun ~ Fellowship ~ Food ~ Inflatables ~ Train Rides ~ Music ~ Games

*Watch your bulletins, website, and newsletter for more details and
information in the coming weeks! Make plans now to join us!*

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Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and
9:30 a.m. (Blended)/11:00 a.m. (Contemporary)
Wednesday Worship: 6:30 p.m. (Blended)
Sunday School & Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.

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TO:



"Connect ~ Grow ~ Serve"