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THE LORD IS ALWAYS LABORING FOR US

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In 1894 the United States Congress established Labor Day on the first Monday in September of each year as a national holiday. The day was promoted by the labor movement as a tribute to American workers and their achievements. Undoubtedly many Americans today don't give considerable thought to the intended purpose of Labor Day. More likely they view it mainly as a day off to enjoy some leisure time with family or friends.

But even if we don't give a lot of attention to American laborers, there is One whose labor we should never forget: the Lord! After all, our God never takes a day off. The Lord is always laboring for us! "Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." *Psalm 121:4* The Lord is constantly awake and on the job for our blessing.

We remember with thanksgiving the work the Lord has done for us in ages past, for example: creation; His incarnation, holy life, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and sending of the Holy Spirit – all for our forgiveness and everlasting life; the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, and so much more.

We should recall with equal gratitude the Lord's *ongoing* labor – how He is working for our blessing every day. Jesus once said, "My Father is always working to this very day, and I, too, am working." *John 5:17* These words are still true today and every day. Consider some of the ways the Lord is working for our good:

He is constantly taking care of His creation, providing all the things we need to live, and protecting His people from all sorts of harm and danger. "O Lord, You preserve both man and beast." *Psalm 36:6* "The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul." *Psalm 121:7*

The Lord is ruling the whole world for the good of His believers. Jesus Christ, who is seated at the right hand of the Father, is working to control everything that happens in the universe in such a way that it all ultimately turns out for the blessing of His church. "God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be Head over all things for the church." *Ephesians 1:22*

The Lord is also at work every day to apply His gifts of salvation through the Means of Grace. As people hear the good news of Jesus Christ, read the Bible, receive Holy Baptism, partake of the Lord's Supper, and listen to the Absolution, God Himself is actively working to distribute His life-giving pardon and all the blessings that accompany it. For the gospel is His "power unto salvation for everyone who believes." *Romans 1:16*

Through this same gospel the Lord is laboring to bring forth the fruits of faith in the lives of His Christians. Jesus is the Vine who is bearing much fruit through His branches, as He describes this figuratively in John 15:1-8. The works of love we do are in reality the works of the Lord in us. Similarly, the Holy Spirit is daily bringing forth the fruit of the gospel in us, namely, godly Christian virtues, such as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control." *Galatians 5:22-23* Whatever good is evident in our lives is truly the Lord's labor in and through us.

The Lord continues to work for our blessing also by His intercessions. It's mind-boggling for us to think of the Lord praying for us – God talking to Himself! Yet we know the Lord is three distinct Persons, and He clearly tells us in the Bible that He does this for us. "The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us." "Christ... also makes intercession for us." *Romans 8:26,34* By this work the Lord supplies whatever is lacking in our prayers, which is undoubtedly plenty!

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Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Christian Education
Sunday School

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL
PERFECT ATTENDANCE

June, 2020

None

July, 2020

None



**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Sept 3

Jodi Schmick

Sept 4

Ellen Hill
Thomas Theleritis

Sept 5

Leslie Weyhrich

Sept 6

Katie Gaitros
Roberta Hudson
Michael Mauer
Ashley Schmidgall
Maesyn Theleritis
Robert Williamson III

Sept 7

Mitchell Hansen
Hazel Nichols

Sept 8

Mary Ashbaker
Christa Wilson

Sept 9

Lori Svendsen
Ian Terrell

Sept 10

Joseph Bonnette
Quest Dobbelaire
JoAnne Ferree
Jenna Heisel
Keisha Williamson

Sept 11

Scott Hall
Keturah Harley
Tanya Rahn

Sept 12

Bradley Hoover
Joseph Schiavone

Sept 13

Kevin McCammon
Leslie Norman

Sept 14

Cody Wilson

Sept 15

Kay King

Sept 16

Peggy Patten
Robert Watson

Sept 17

Jaylah Dalton
Erin Theleritis
Kethry Whitlatch

Sept 18

Leia Stewart
Zachary Webb

Sept 19

Althea Geiser
Wallace Hammond
Brian Lundeen

Sept 21

Jamie Buckman
Quinn Theleritis
Tyson Winstead

Sept 22

Kathryn Emery

Sept 23

Debra Dant
Ashley Jones
Olivia Oliverius

Sept 24

David Kesselmayr

Sept 25

Gabrielle Dagit
Laura Dagit

Sept 26

Carter Miller

Sept 27

Tonya Burris
Chad Swibold

Sept 29

Adam Bollinger
Ella Friedinger
Shelby Reese

Sept 30

Luke Morgan
Brenda Sayles



**SEPTEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

Sept 4

Patrick & Melissa Flatley

Sept 5

Rick & Kay Aulenbach
John & Christine Neumann

Sept 6

James & Tracy Glass

Sept 7

Eric & Michelle Dupent

Sept 9

Daniel & Kathryn Heisel
Robert & Ruthanne Scott

Sept 11

William & Mary Ashbaker

Sept 15

Douglas & Melanie Tiona

Sept 17

Terry & Lynda Adkins

Sept 25

Daniel & Laura Dobbelaire

Parish Notes



Church Attendance

June 2020 **262** 9 services
June 2019 **721** 15 services
June 2018 **585** 12 services

July 2020 **404** 12 services
July 2019 **533** 12 services
July 2018 **727** 15 services

Y-T-D Sunday School Attendance

June 2020 **393**
June 2019 **1,119**
June 2018 **1,040**

July 2020 **393**
July 2019 **1,256**
July 2018 **1,239**

Videographers

Quest & Zane Dobbelaire

Worship Chairman

Julie Wagner

Ushers

8:00

Ray Barnes
Daryl Dagit
Dave Kesselmayr
Garret Kesselmayr
Dan Rees

10:30

Brian Lundeen
Mike Nauth
Dan Watson
Mike Wilson

ACOLYTES SCHEDULE

09/06 8:00 Carter Miller
10:30 Ella Friedinger
09/13 8:00 Lilly Daniels
10:30 Ava Friedinger
09/20 8:00 Carter Miller
10:30 Ella Friedinger
09/27 8:00 Lilly Daniels
10:30 Ella Friedinger

ELDERS COMMUNION ASSISTANCE

09/06 8:00 Joe Szadkowski
10:30 Brian Umbach
7:00 Tom Ivey
09/20 8:00 Del Beibeck
10:30 Aaron Miller
7:00 Tom Ivey

Camp CILCA: Due to COVID, the annual Camp CILCA Auction Fund-raiser, usually held on the same day as the Chicken Fry, will be conducted a little differently this year. It will be online on FACEBOOK ONLY! You do not need to be a Facebook user to participate in the Auction. Along with that list will be instructions as to how to bid, etc. The ending date for bidding will be announced soon. Visit Camp CILCA (www.cilca.org), Events/Retreats, Auction Items. Keep checking the list of Auction items (new gifts will continue being added) and keep bidding!

Camp CILCA's Chicken Dinner, Sun Sept 6, 2020, 11:30am - 2:00pm. Meals are \$10 each and include a 1/2 roasted chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, desserts, and drinks. **Meals must be ordered in advance by September 1.** You can call the camp office (217-487-7497) or order online at <https://nelsonscatering.com/camp-cilca/>

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Think on this, as well – how much work the Lord does in listening to the prayers of His people, and in answering them! This is His promise. “The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears.” *Psalm 34:17* And Jesus said, “My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.” *John 16:23* Night and day the Lord hears His people throughout the world, and responds with wisdom and mercy.

Of course, we could never exhaust all the ways our Lord is laboring for us. It would be a full time job even to try to tell of all the good work He does for us day by day. It is for us simply to receive the gifts of the Lord's labor with humble thanksgiving, and to live in those gifts, serving one another with our labors of love.

- Pastor Bishop

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS resumes September 2 at 7:00 in the church basement. We will continue our reading and discussion of Old Testament narratives with the account of the great flood, recorded in Genesis 6:1-9:17.

Tables and chairs are arranged in the church basement for proper social distancing.

Transferred To The Church Triumphant

Dawn R. Hoerr
5-14-69
7-1-20

Delores L. Rees
12-30-38
8-1-20

TREASURER'S REPORT—JUNE, 2020



TREASURER'S REPORT—JULY, 2020

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
INCOME	40,211.77	175,812.21
EXPENSES	<u>26,422.51</u>	<u>169,977.72</u>
INCOME-EXPENSES	<u>13,789.26</u>	<u>5,834.49</u>
<u>General Fund Accounts</u>		
General Fund		(30,496.29)
PPP Checking Account		<u>2,925.88</u>
General Fund Total		(27,570.41)
<u>Educational Fund Accounts</u>		
Educational Grant Fund Checking		4,727.56
Educational Grant Fund CD #1		103,681.64
Educational Grant Fund #2-Vanguard		<u>70,553.27</u>
Educational Fund Total		178,962.47
<u>East Bluff Property</u>		
East Bluff Property—Vanguard		42,978.26
East Bluff Property Fund CD		107,492.84
Cat Stock at FMV		<u>46,679.50</u>
East Bluff Property		197,150.60
Building Fund Checking		55,797.04
Sunday School Fund Checking		11,555.25
Memorial Fund Checking		<u>30,960.30</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$446,855.25</u>
<u>Checking Account Balance</u>		
Checking Account Balance		75,470.04
TOTAL		<u>75,470.04</u>
LIABILITIES		
Note Payable		22,671.98
PPP Loan		24,900.00
Payroll Liabilities		1,567.69
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund		<u>(15.00)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		49,124.67
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Building Improvements		(299,680.34)
Net Income (Loss)		5,834.49
Capital Accounts		<u>691,576.73</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		397,730.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		<u>\$446,855.55</u>

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
INCOME	42,155.80	217,968.01
EXPENSES	<u>25,651.99</u>	<u>195,629.71</u>
INCOME-EXPENSES	<u>16,503.81</u>	<u>22,338.30</u>
<u>General Fund Accounts</u>		
General Fund		(20,137.95)
PPP Checking Account		<u>2,925.88</u>
General Fund Total		(17,212.07)
<u>Educational Fund Accounts</u>		
Educational Grant Fund Checking		4,727.56
Educational Grant Fund CD #1		103,681.64
Educational Grant Fund #2-Vanguard		<u>71,384.95</u>
Educational Fund Total		179,794.15
<u>East Bluff Property</u>		
East Bluff Property—Vanguard		43,483.72
East Bluff Property Fund CD		107,492.84
Cat Stock at FMV		<u>49,033.72</u>
East Bluff Property		200,010.28
Building Fund Checking		56,672.04
Sunday School Fund Checking		11,555.25
Memorial Fund Checking		<u>30,960.30</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$461,779.95</u>
<u>Checking Account Balance</u>		
Checking Account Balance		86,703.38
TOTAL		<u>86,703.38</u>
LIABILITIES		
Note Payable		21,095.00
PPP Loan		24,900.00
Payroll Liabilities		1,565.56
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund		<u>(15.00)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		45,642.20
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Building Improvements		(299,680.34)
Net Income (Loss)		22,338.30
Capital Accounts		<u>691,576.73</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		414,234.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		<u>\$461,780.25</u>



ORGANIZATIONS

FELLOWSHIP CLUB *By Veva Martin*

At this time the Fellowship Club is not meeting.

YOUTH GROUP

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 20th, for your next get together at 4:00 p.m. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

WOMEN'S GUILD *By Jackie Nauth*

The Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. We will be observing social distancing. Deanna Bishop and Shantel Tackmann will serve.

All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

LIBRARY CORNER *By Eileen Tiona*

"The gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come," Matthew 24:14



I haven't any new books to report on this month, but you are welcome to come into the library and check out all the other wonderful books that are available for your enjoyment.

SHUT-INS of the MONTH: Even though some of our members cannot attend church, we want to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and let them know they are not forgotten.

Please send a card or pay a visit to these shut-ins this month. Shut ins for September are: Florence McClure, Timbercreek, 2220 State St., Room 301, Pekin; Darlene Meyer, Hallmark House, 2501 Allentown Rd., Room, 115, Pekin; Ellen Morrison, Villas of Holly Brook, 2720 S. 14th St., Apt. 19, Pekin and Loretta Newman, St. Francis Woods Supportive Living Community, 3507 N. Molleck Dr., Apt. 309, Peoria 61604.

Thank you from your St. John's Ladies Guild.

Simple do's and don'ts for Recycling:

Recycling Do's

- Do recycle all empty bottles (not glass), cans, paper and cardboard.
- Do keep food and liquid out of recycling.
- Do keep plastic bags and film out of recycling.

Recycling Don'ts

- Don't bag recyclables or include loose plastic bags, plastic film or strapping, Plastic bags and film get tangled in the machinery.
- Do include food and liquid—they can ruin an entire load of good recyclables.
- Don't add sharp or dangerous materials like needles and electronics—they can cause injury to our workers.
- Don't toss in "tangles" like rubber hoses and wires—they can shut down an entire recycling center!
- Don't include bulky items like propane tanks or construction debris.

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in being a substitute teacher at GSLs, please contact Dan Rees at 309-347-2020 or email at drees@goodshepherdpekin.com.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL also in need of a Preschool Teaching Assistant. Interested and qualified applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to: Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 3201 Court Street, Pekin, 61554 or email to drees@goodshepherdpekin.com. Questions and inquiries: Contact Dan Rees at 347-2020 or drees@goodshepherdpekin.com.

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CHRISTIAN CIVIC OUTREACH

September is St. John's month to provide non-perishable items to Christian Civic Outreach.

Donations will be collected in the designated boxes on the stage in the gym throughout September.

Boxed foods, peanut butter, instant mash potatoes, cookies, crackers, pasta, spaghetti sauce, shortening, etc.

Toiletries: razors, powder, shampoo, etc.

Confirmand Class of 2020

Alexis May Daniels
 Daughter of Tisha Daniels
 Born: May 25, 2006
 Baptized: June 2, 2006

Bradley Robert Hoover
 Son of Trent & Jamie Hoover
 Born: September 12, 2006
 Baptized: November 19, 2006

Zachary Keagan Webb
 Son of Stephen & Amanda Webb
 Born: September 18, 2005
 Baptized: November 20, 2005

We observed the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:30 service on July 19, 2020. The three confirmands acknowledged the gifts God gave them in Baptism, confessed their faith in Him, and promised their lifelong faithfulness to Him.



In Our Prayers

If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

All our shut-ins

Adam Jackson - member of Armed Services
 (grand-nephew of Lila Lisenbee)

Pastor Niemann	Pastor Kesselmayr
Mark Reeder	Lois Becker
Bob Watson	Cheryl Williams
Bernice Mack	Robert Scott
Stacie Kendall	Bob Funk
Tim Johnston	Donna Bollinger
Pat Proehl	Billie Jackson
Donna Corso	Lynda Adkins
Flo McClure	Joe Goodin
Sam Kendall	Sandy Morgan
Rick Jarvis	Rita Lakamp
Ellen Morrison	Herb Groenwald Vince
"Buzz" Oltman	Shirley Williamson
Wilmadean Habberfield	Debee Pitchford
Joyce Wertz	Christian Bouche
Peggy Patten	Carolyn Urish
Ray Barnes	Larry Turner
Robert Gregory	Lucille Benker
Marian McDaniels Allen	Marcille Frevert
Barb Thompson	Joyce Long
Jerry Guengerich	Pam Nutter
Veva Martin	

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 7 – No school for Labor Day
 Tuesday, Sept. 15 - School Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
 Thursday Sept 17 – PTL meeting at 6:30 pm (Online voting)
 Friday, Sept. 13 – early dismissal @ 12:30 pm

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY POSTPONED:

Like you, COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on the way we are able to connect with one another and our ability to provide photography services. Out of deep respect for the core work you do in bringing communities together and caring for their spiritual needs while protecting one another and helping to slow the spread of the virus, we are putting all Lifetouch Church Photography on hold. We have made the difficult but necessary decision to postpone all upcoming photography programs this Fall.



THANK YOU - The Peoria Area Lutherans for Life Chapter #268 would like to thank your congregation for its participation in the 2020 Diaper Shower. Thanks to the generosity of you and several local Lutheran churches, we collected 1553 baby diapers, 190 adult diapers and 80 diaper wipes. They were distributed to Empower Life Center, Living Alternatives, and the Washington Christian Village. We really appreciate all of your support and prayers as we serve the Lord of Life together! Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 28th, 6:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Road, Morton, IL. Please contact LFL Chapter President Bob Wegner at cbwegner@outlook.com if you would like more information. We welcome everyone to come, learn, and serve the LORD of Life.

Camp CILCA Golf Outing: Bring your foursome or join one! It's on! Come play golf with us and support CILCA! Contact Pastor Daniel Smith via email to get more details. revdms@gmail.com

When: September 25th, 2020
 Where: Hickory Pt. Forsyth, IL
 Time: 1 PM
 Cost: \$60 (While \$60 will cover your basic cost, you are free to give more with the knowledge that it Will go for betterment of Camp CILCA.)

Registration deadline: 9/21/20

Make checks payable to: CID Golf Fundraiser
 Grace Lutheran Church
 P.O. Box 493
 Paris, IL 61944-0493

Carts: There will be limited single rider carts available. If you do not wish to ride with a partner, please get your request in soon with registration.



We are humbled and heartened to have received your recent \$104.16 offering.

Thank you for your Gospel-motivated voice For Life. And thank you most of all for your ongoing fellowship and support of our life-affirming labors. Have you standing, speaking and acting alongside us enhances our joys in this mission and eases its sorrows. From Lutherans for Life

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$416.68 to Concordia Seminary! Your donation, in the midst of these unprecedented and uncertain times, is a special blessing, as is your partnership in the Seminary's mission of preparing students for the Holy Ministry.

I thank you once more for your caring gift to Concordia Seminary. May God bless you richly in your support of this vital ministry.

From Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

To the Saints of St. John, Thank you for your on going giving. We currently have about 30 in summer greek and more to come in the full for fall Greek. We also have a mated fund for our International Students.

May the Lord God bless you and keep you in His grace, mercy, and peace.

Rev. Paul Hopkins

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne

We thank you for supporting the mission of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation with your gift, given through the Central Illinois District of the LCMS. Thank you for sharing the Gospel message, that we are all a chosen people, chosen by our God who loved us and sent His Son Jesus to die for our salvation. May the Lord bless and keep you and your loved ones in His care!

Thank you! God's blessings to you all!!

Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise

Lutheran Heritage Foundation.



FUNERAL DINNERS:

The **FELLOWSHIP CLUB**

oversees funeral dinners with assistance from Guild members.



◆
We also welcome assistance from all church members.
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The Fellowship Club will provide: chicken, relish tray, potato salad, Cole slaw, potato chips & dips, drinks, & dessert.

Contact Val Dobbelaire at 346-8903 or Veva Martin at 346-3101 .

If a full meal is requested, names of catering services will be made available.



Suggested donation:
\$7 per reservation made
Price subject to change

Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 14th ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION COMMITTEE

is pleased to finally present our totals for this year's ONLINE auction. Our committee met on Sunday, August 16 to prepare Thank You notes for mailing, but the simple words, "THANK YOU", seem almost inadequate to express our gratitude to all of our supporters who made this very unique year a resounding success.

Thanks to all who supported our efforts, the NET AMOUNT RAISED FOR GSLS was incredible: \$87,714.32! The Building Fund will receive \$49,844.32 of this amount which is almost 5 mortgage payments. Fund-An-Item will receive \$37,870.00—the new Science Curriculum can be purchased! Praise be to God! THANK YOU once again to all of you who allowed us to keep your ticket purchases, donated, sponsored, and prayed for the school. God provided as He always does; He is Good—all the time! And, we are humbled and amazed and grateful beyond words. The total raised for the school from the past 14 Auctions is an astounding \$1,162,987.88!

And now, we will enter "extra innings"! Please SAVE THE DATE for our 15th Annual Benefit Auction which will be held—God willing—on Saturday, March 20, 2021, at the Par-A-Dice Hotel Ballroom. We will hopefully enjoy a sports-themed evening as we "Take Ewe Out to the Ball Game!"

LWML Women in Faith

will meet Saturday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement. After our meeting, we will assemble personal care kits. (See below)

PERSONAL CARE KIT

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

Have you every wanted to tell someone the wonderful story of Jesus and his love but did not know how to make the approach?

Sharing the Gospel with others is the goal of our Lutheran Layman's League Fall Retreat. Lutheran Hour Ministries together with Barna Research has developed a Spiritual Conversations Workshop to better prepare us for that opportunity. Evangelism has changed in the past 25 years. The ways Christians engage in spiritual conversations and sharing faith are different. Technology and rapid cultural shifts have redefined the ways we communicate. Join us in exploring your EAGER Profile and Spiritual Conversation Curve, in having faith conversations with others.

Central Illinois LLL District Fall Retreat

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020

Location: Camp CILCA, 4124 Camp CILCA Rd., Cantrall, IL 62625

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The workshop will be made available via Zoom for those who desire to remain at home or gather in small groups at their church. The event will be entirely virtual if the ability to assemble is limited by government regulations.

Registration \$15 per person for those attending at Camp CILCA which includes a box lunch and social distancing, \$5/ per person including email instructions and training materials for Zoom attendance. All students are free. **Send Registration with applicable fee to Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Phone: 309-361-1461 or email delorisblessman@yahoo.com**

Virtual Workshop leader is Illinois native Rev. Peter Kirby, LHM Regional Director:

Pastor Peter Kirby was raised in Dwight, IL, and attended the University of Illinois-Urbana, where he met his wife, Carla. He worked 5 years in engineering, then attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. After seminary he has worked 8 years as a church planting missionary in Kingston, Jamaica, 8 years as a parish pastor at Zion Lutheran, Carlinville, and now 5 years as Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia with the Lutheran Hour Ministries. He travels to support LHM centers in Jamaica, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Russia, Turkey and Mongolia and partnerships in Europe. The Kirbys have 2 grown children and live in St. Louis.

(Address Service Requested)

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 230

Matt. 1:1-13

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L	T	R	N	J	I	R	D	E	B	O	C	A	J	S
Y	A	I	O	E	H	K	E	Z	E	R	E	P	S	E
B	H	S	M	C	J	E	E	H	B	O	A	Z	A	J
A	E	T	A	O	E	G	P	Z	T	R	E	A	L	U
B	S	A	T	N	N	R	O	M	E	A	A	B	M	D
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O	M	H	V	A	A	R	U	L	M	H	S	O	R	I
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Genealogy of Jesus

ABIJAH	ABRAHAM
ABIUD	BABYLON
AHAZ	BROTHERS
AMON	CHRIST
ASA	ELIAKIM
AZOR	FATHER
BOAZ	HEZEKIAH
DAVID	HEZRON
EXILE	JECONIAH
ISAAC	JEHORAM
JACOB	JOSIAH
JESSE	JOTHAM
JESUS	MANASSEH
JUDAH	MOTHER
KING	NAHSHON
OBED	RECORD
PEREZ	REHOBOAM
RAHAB	SALMON
RUTH	SOLOMON
ZERAH	UZZIAH

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