



THE FLOCK

The Official Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR:

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him.—Hab. 2:20

God is ever breaking into our world to bring the gift of his salvation to us. Where does this happen? It happens in the worship service when God is in his temple. This is why the Israelites approached the temple with reverence. It is why we need to come before the LORD in this same reverence as we come to worship.

When I was a little kid, my grandmother was the lady at church who always set up the trays for communion. When she was setting up for the Lord's Supper, she always took me in tow. As she carried the trays to the front and placed them on the altar, she always approached the altar area with such reverence. I asked her why she was so quiet when she did this. "This is God's house, and he is here," was her answer. She bowed before the altar. For her, she was bowing before God. How can you not bow before the Lord of heaven and earth? Church was a holy place where you acted differently, even if you were alone setting up communion and nobody else was watching. Well, one was watching, God. She was ever aware of that.

One of the sad things that has happened in our world is that so many people no longer hold anything to be sacred. It has been disastrous for our world. People today do not fear the LORD. They sin so easily, as if God does not exist. As the people of God, we need to be different. We are commanded to fear the LORD, and this reverence must be evident in our lives. We need to teach our children to fear the LORD. Where does this begin? In God's temple, the church.

As the prophet Habakkuk considered the LORD in his temple, he wrote, "Let all the earth be silent before Him." What does he mean by this? Well, it is kind of like being in a courtroom. When the judge walks in, all voices hush. All focus turns to the business at hand, the trial. The matter is far too important for anything else to be even mentioned. How much more the worship service! The Judge of all mankind, the LORD of heaven and earth, is present. A trial to determine life and death is taking place as all is taking place, one that will determine eternal life and death. The Word of God is being shared, which is God's own judgment on sin.

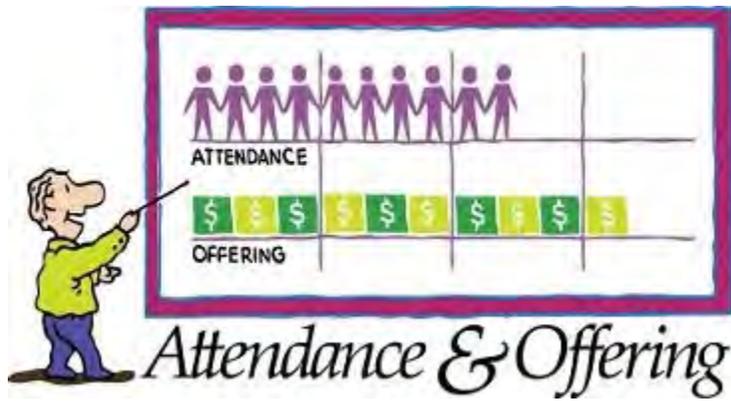
The Word of God is shared, which is God's judgment for those who repent, "Hear my judgment, your sins are forgiven, and you are freed from death." What should happen to all earthly conversations in this house as we come to his house? "Let all the earth be silent."

Does this mean that we should not be talking at all? No. Obviously, we are called to sing praises to God. We, in fact, are called to be witnesses in this place and tell the world of God's judgments. However, what should cease is thinking about earthly things. God calls upon us to focus our minds on the heavenly things. God is present. Here is where we begin to practice reverence for the LORD. This is where we let the world know we "fear the LORD." This is what we need to teach our children. If we and our children do not learn this within the house of God, do we really think that we and our children are going to walk out the doors of the church and live a life of holy reverence for our holy God?

What an amazing God of grace we have; he allows us as sinners to come into his presence. What a God of love we have that he is so ready to forgive and heal us. This love should lead us to revere him as the Holy God that he is as we look at what had to be done to secure our forgiveness, the death of his Son. This love should never be used as an excuse to wink at sin and not fear our God merely. As we come to worship, let us revere our God. Let us teach our children to do the same. Let the world walk into our midst as they come to visit and see how we respect our mighty Savior whom we call our Lord. If this country can stop in silence as soon as politicians and judges enter a room, should we not all the more ponder the heavenly in God's sanctuary? As we come to worship, let us pray. Let us worship our God and lead our children to join with us. Let us encourage the person next to us by our example to set his mind to the LORD who is in his temple.

In Our Lord's Service and Yours,
Pastor Sheets





Attendance & Offering

ATTENDANCE LAST MONTH:

Mar. 30/31: GP- 88, T- 125, C- 137
 Apr. 6/7: GP- 42, T- N/A, C- 76
 Apr. 13/14: GP- 45, T- 68, C- 60
 Apr. 20/21: GP- 45, T- 77, C- 70
 Apr. 27/28: GP- 46, T- 73, C- 68

*OFFERINGS LAST MONTH:

Weekly Offering Need: \$9,924

Mar. 30/31: \$8,222
 Apr. 6/7: \$7,543
 Apr. 13/14: \$5,847
 Apr. 20/21: \$11,212
 Apr. 27/28: \$10,335

*OFFERINGS & EXPENSES

(Fiscal YTD as of March 31, 2024)

Budgeted Offerings: \$396,962 - Actual: \$375,975
 Budgeted Expenses: \$394,524 - Actual: \$384,327

*SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES

(Fiscal YTD as of March 30, 2024)

Savings: \$278,907
 Checking: \$54,126
Total Funds: \$333,033

Unrestricted Mem. Funds: \$0.00
 Thrivent Choice: \$3,954

Total Current Liabilities: \$3,954

Designated Funds: \$120,592

Total Avail. General Funds: \$208,487

Other Funds:

Vanguard: \$293,218
 Thrivent: \$4,860

***TOTAL CASH BALANCE: \$631,111**

*Cents are rounded.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!



Online Giving

Visit gslcflock.org/give to learn more about all the ways you can give online.

Mobile Giving

Use our Church App to give on your mobile device. Search for REALM CONNECT in your APP store.

Text Giving

Text "goodshepherdlutheran" to 73256 followed by a gift amount.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship

"More Than A Negative"

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

Kingdom Kids Events



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY CALENDAR 2024

MAY 09	CLUB 56 SPRING EVENT @ 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room
JUNE 07	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT @ 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Dinner, Snacks, & Movie
JUNE 21	KINGDOM KIDS VBS NIGHT @ 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



club 56 Romans 12:2
May 9th @ 6:30

A new GSLC youth ministry program for 5th & 6th grade students

Bible Studies & Activities + Seasonal Events + Snacks + Music + More!

Have a question or need to meet with our DCE, Katie Baumann? You can call the youth office number [423-698-8336](tel:423-698-8336), send her a text [864-784-8120](tel:864-784-8120), or send her an email at dce@gslcflock.org and she'll find a time that works for you. *Katie is always open to meeting with you in your home as well, if that is something you would prefer!*

DCE OFFICE HOURS:

M, T, Th: 9:30 am-5:30 pm.
(typically in-office from 9:30-3:30).
Wednesdays: 2:00 pm-9:30 pm.
Fridays: 9:30 am-12:30 pm.
Sundays: 8:30 am-1:00 pm.

MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th --Club 56 @ 6:30 *15th -- Coolidge Park Outing @ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. <p>BCA 8th Grade Graduation May 24 @ 5 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7th -- Family Movie Night Shelll Haynes' youth group visiting from Maryville 21st -- VBS NIGHT @ 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



GET INVOLVED WITH

SURGE YOUTH

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP START UP OUR 5TH & 6TH GRADE MINISTRY GROUP!
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GETTING PLUGGED IN, PLEASE CONTACT OUR DCE: DCE@GSLCFLOCK.ORG



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5/5- Ellen Abillie
5/12- Family Sunday!
5/19- Ellen Abillie
5/26- Family Sunday!
6/2- Malinda Hunter
6/9- Volunteer Needed

KINGDOM KIDS

5/5- Barbara & Eric Eades
5/12- Ruud Family
5/19- Glenda Heintz *Helper Needed*
Kingdom Kids will take a break after 5/19 for the summer and will resume in August.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



CHATT Foundation

Center for Homeless Advancement for Today and Tomorrow

East Ridge Food Pantry:

This month we will continue collecting healthy choices!

Anything that is heart and/or diabetic friendly. Low-Sodium, No-Salt added, Sugar-Free, No sugar added, etc.

The ERFP is open to all on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.

East Ridge United Methodist Church
1601 Prater Road,
East Ridge, TN 37412

April Needs List

Clothing Program

- Underwear & Socks
- T-Shirts
- Full Length Blankets

Community Center

- Deodorant & Razors
- Ponchos
- Single Packs of Wipes

MacLellan Shelter for Families

- Toddler Pull-Ups
- Baby Wipes

Case Management

- Unused Pillows
- Bed Linens

Respite

- Trash Bags
- Twin Fitted Sheets

Kitchen

- Grits
- Butter
- Paper Products
- Coffee

chattfoundation.org

Since school is out for summer at the end of May, we will resume collecting donations for East Ridge Elementary school in August.



BABY BOTTLE
boomerang



MOTHER'S DAY - FATHER'S DAY

Your coins, dollars, and checks will help cover the cost of a free pregnancy test, life-affirming counsel, baby supplies, and even a life-saving ultrasound.

CONTACT INFO

- Contact Heather at hwhitfield@choiceschattanooga.org to get your church signed up!
- team.choiceschattanooga.org/events

Your change will make a difference for life!

As in years past, we will have empty baby bottles available for members and friends on Mother's Day to fill with coins, bills, and checks to turn in shortly after Fathers Day. Funds raised will be donated to Choices. If you have any questions, please contact the name above or GSLC member, Ann Skidmore at askidmore3@yahoo.com



COMMUNION IS SERVED AT ALL SATURDAY & SUNDAY SERVICES!

Bulletin Announcement Deadline:
Tues. by 12 Noon

Prayer List Deadline:
Thurs. by 9 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 Traditional Service- 9 am Biscuits- 9 am Sunday School- 10:10 am Handbell Practice- 10:30 am Contemporary Service- 11:15 am Crossways- 2 pm	6 Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm Square Dance Class- 7 pm	7 Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm Bible Class- 10:30 am	8 BCA Chapel- 8:30am Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm Choir- 6:30 pm Youth- 6:30 pm Orchestra- 8 pm	9 Ascension Day Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm Club 56- 6:30 pm (rescheduled from May 2)	10 Fearless Women- 10 am Stuff Bulletins- 10 am	11 MITES Bible Class- 3:45 pm Grace Place- 5 pm
<i>BCA Staff Appreciation Week BCA Staff Appreciation Week BCA Staff Appreciation Week</i>						
12 MITES Mother's Day Traditional Service- 9 am Sunday School- 10:10 am Handbell Practice- 10:30 am Contemporary Service- 11:15 am Crossways- 2 pm	13 Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm BCA School Board- 6 pm Youth Team- 6:30 pm Square Dance Class- 7 pm	14 Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm Bible Class- 10:30 am	15 BCA Chapel- 8:30am Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm Choir- 6:30 pm Youth- 6:30 pm Orchestra- 8 pm	16 Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm	17 Fearless Women- 10 am Stuff Bulletins- 10 am	18 Bible Class- 3:45 pm Grace Place- 5 pm
19 Traditional Service- 9 am Biscuits- 9 am Sunday School- 10:10 am Handbell Practice- 10:30 am Contemporary Service- 11:15 am Crossways- 2 pm	20 Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm <i>(Last day until June)</i> BO Comm. Service - 6 pm Square Dance Class- 7 pm	21 Blessing Place- 9 am-2 pm <i>(Last day until June)</i> Bible Class- 10:30 am BO Stewardship- 6:30 pm	22 Choir- 6:30 pm Youth- 6:30 pm Orchestra- 8 pm	23 BCA 8th Grade Banquet- 6 pm	24 BCA Chapel- 8:30am Fearless Women- 10 am Stuff Bulletins- 10 am BCA Last Day of School- 11 am dismissal BCA 8th Grade Graduation- 5 pm	25 Bible Class- 3:45 pm Grace Place- 5 pm
26 Traditional Service- 9 am Sunday School- 10:10 am Handbell Practice- 10:30 am Contemporary Service- 11:15 am Crossways- 2 pm	27 Memorial Day CCC Closed Office Closed	28 Bible Class- 10:30 am Servant Council- 6:30 pm	29 Choir- 6:30 pm Youth- 6:30 pm Orchestra- 8 pm	30 BO Lay Ministry- 6:30 pm	31 Fearless Women- 10 am Stuff Bulletins- 10 am	JUNE 1 Bible Class- 3:45 pm Grace Place- 5 pm

PRAYER list

GSLC CONGREGATION

LONG-TERM: Sheila Arnold, David Brownlee, Joanne Brownlee, Debi Cate, Mia Clark, Autumn Clark, Hope Crawford, Kay Dintsch, Barbara Eades, Brandon Earnshaw, Christie Edgeman, Pattie Henze, Skip & Karin Hubby, Terry Humphrey, Leona Hunter, Theresa Johnson, Penny Jordan, Sherry Klepatz, Jeremy Maurtizen, Frances Mayfield, John McCullough, Doris & Gene Morris, Michael Morris, River Polley, Shannon Shoaf, Kevin Skidmore, Linda Slaven, Desiree Sorrells, Pam Sosna, Mark Sosna, Ethan Whisenant, Yolanda Wicknick

OUR HOMEBOUND: Sandy Babb, Gloria Bevill, Bill & Linda Brown, Janet Loscudo, Clint Luehrs, Blanton & Linda Maples, Bernard Meinert, Sara Newman, Ethel Ruck, Joanne Shilling, Virginia Smith, Bertie Wise, Jane Williamson.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

LONG-TERM: Howard A., Sue A., Wilma A., Linda B., Linda B. & Family, Nancy B., Sam B., Wayne B., Harold C., Junior C., Emmaline D., Garry D., Pam D., Kim D., Howard E., Father Dan F., Barbara G., Carma G., Helen G., Susan

G., Susan G., Betsy H., Bill H., Darrell H., Elizabeth H., Jean H., Judie H., MaryAnn H., Mildred H., Rich H., Robyn H., Roger H., Terri H., Shirley J., Susan & Jack J., Wyatt K., Nancy & Jerry L., Neal L., Amade & Jewell M., Caroline M. & Family, Chuck M., Kim M., Reba M., Rodney M., Anita N., John N., Dewayne R., Lee R., Melissa R., Tonja R., Anne S., Corinne S., Dennis & Karen S., Diane S., David S., Jamie S., Joyce S., Kelly S., Lindel S., Melissa S., Ryan S. & Family, Susan, Judie T., Roger T., Alice W., Donna W., Lydia W., Tom W.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR

All unspoken prayers in our hearts. All marriages & families. All those unemployed. All those battling addictions. All those who are homeless. Our Pastors and DCE. All teachers, students, and our school, Belvoir Christian Academy. Our MDO program. All those actively serving in the Military – Aaron Wagner, Kevin Phillips, Chris Phillips, Kyle, Peter & Sunny Hinders, Kate & Andrew Dunn, Regan Sirois, Shamus Shoaf, Ansley Charlton, Wes Morris, Matthew George, Corey Brown, Christian Warnock. All public servants who protect our neighborhoods and its citizens, Our Political Leaders. The nation of Israel. All those persecuted, and for all Missionaries around the world.

Please Note: NEW and SHORT-TERM prayer requests are printed in the weekly announcements. LONG-TERM requests are printed here, in the Flock. To keep our lists current, New/Short-Term requests are listed for 3 weeks. After those times, requests are removed. If you have a prayer request, let the office know by 9 am Thursdays.



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| 1– Brogen Baker | 14– Ed Robertson |
| 1– Devin Sirois | 14– Kathy Daugherty |
| 2– Bill Thomas | 14– Frank Sorrells |
| 4– Kaitlyn Brannan | 14– Randy Plank |
| 5– Barbara Smith | 15– Kirsten Humble |
| 5– Chuck Rankin | 15– Nicole Norey |
| 6– Gail Meyer | 15– Emslee Jeffers |
| 6– Tyler Meyer | 16– Emily Patton |
| 7– Shirley Shidler | 17– Michael Morris |
| 8– Mark Steele | 18– Tiffany Mosby |
| 9– Gene Ebert | 22– Joanne Shilling |
| 9– Brenley Baker | 26– Karen Lumpkin |
| 10– Ruth Ebert | 28– Dick Sperley |
| 12– Frances Mayfield | 30– Rev. Ed Rosser |
| 12– Scott Jarvis | 31– Sharon Sperley |
| 13– Andrew Swain | |
| 13– Toni Overby | |



- 6– Skip & Karin Hubby (1955)
- 10– John & Shannon Donahey (2013)
- 12– Robert & Peggy Alsop (1990)
- 14– Jeff & Donna Henson (1988)
- 15– Stephen & Carol Humble (1993)
- 16– James & Shannon Shoaf (2003)
- 20– Bill & Donna Thomas (1978)
- 21– Wayne & Shana Baker (1994)
- 26– Paul & Jan Ruud (1995)
- 27– Tim & Christina Fuller (2023)



- May 5 - Craig Mullinax
- May 12 - Mark Steele
- May 19 - Ruth Ebert
- May 26 - Dan Jacobs
- June 2 - Daryl Massengill
- June 9 - Philip McCall
- June 16 - Edith McCall
- June 23 - Karen Hundt
- June 30 - Lorna Duderstadt

WE HAVE THREE SERVICES EACH WEEK! EACH IN A DIFFERENT STYLE.

There is a place for you!

WORSHIP with us

GRACE PLACE- Saturdays @ 5 pm

Casual and comforting, Grace Place neatly blends traditional & contemporary styles for a unique worship experience led by Associate Pastor Ed Rosser. This service is held in the sanctuary, but is more informal than our Sunday morning services. We use a shorter, simplified version of our liturgy with hymn arrangements led by piano and acoustic instruments. Holy Communion is offered every Saturday during this service.

TRADITIONAL- Sundays @ 9 am

Love that historical, "old school" feel to worship? Then you'll feel right at home in our pews! Senior Pastor Chris Sheets leads our Traditional Service, which is held in our beautiful church sanctuary. While all of our services use some portion of the [LCMS] Lutheran liturgy, this is the most liturgical service we offer. Historic, traditional hymns from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are led by a gorgeous pipe organ along with a talented group of orchestral and choral musicians in our choir loft. Holy Communion is offered every Sunday during this service.

CONTEMPORARY- Sundays @ 11:15 am

Need a more laid-back space to gather with your church family? Our Contemporary Service, which is held in our downstairs Fellowship Hall, might be the spot for you. This service is led by Senior Pastor Chris Sheets, along with our team of dedicated facilitators. We are also blessed to have a very talented and energetic Praise Band that helps bring a modern vibe to this more casual time of worship. Pieces of our liturgy are still practiced here, and Holy Communion is offered every Sunday during this service.



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The Roar is a monthly supplement to The Flock Newsletter featuring news from our Christian day school Belvoir Christian Academy. — bcalions.org

Dates to Remember

- May 6 - 10 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 21 - PK4 Graduation - 9 a.m. in gymnasium
- May 22 - Field Day for PK3 - 8th grade - lunch provided
- May 23 - K - 2nd Grade "Play Day Party"
- May 23 - 8th grade banquet - 6-8 p.m. at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall
- May 24 - Chapel- 9 a.m., last day of school, dismissal at 11 a.m. for K - 8th.
- May 24 - 8th grade Graduation at Good Shepherd, 5 p.m., upstairs Sanctuary



Congratulations to recent Chapel Whopper Winner, Callie, 5th grade, for working extra hard in class to improve her grades over the past several weeks.



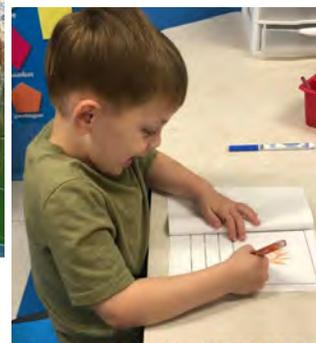
Mrs. Barber's fourth graders took a geography field trip to Point Park on Lookout Mountain.

They loved being outside to learn about the wide variety of geographical features in Chattanooga, as well as how to read a compass.

They also designed maps of the area along with learning Civil War history.



Budding Authors! Mrs. Sara's Pre-K4 and Mrs. Wares' kindergarteners created special keepsake books, complete with their own words and illustrations.



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Weekly STEM class with Mrs. Randall - "Pollen Collectors" -

The second and third graders constructed a handheld pollinator to see how they can transfer the most pollen to a flower, constructed with coffee filters, Kool-Aid mix and other common items to help them be creative!



Spring intramural volleyball with fourth grade teacher and Athletic Director, Mrs. Barber



Solar Eclipse Day!

Earth Day Celebration at BCA! Our kindergarten - fourth graders spent most of the day outside to do all sorts of Earth Day activities! Kindergarten planted flowers in the garden outside the infant room with Mrs. Meissner. She and her husband, Ralph, have worked on the garden over the last several weeks to get it ready for our infant room to enjoy this spring! The first and second graders read "What if Everybody Did That" and did a writing exercise to list ways they can recycle, reduce and reuse. Next, they went on a measuring hunt using rulers as well as a scavenger hunt for nature items. They also made a house for their neighborhood, planted flower seeds and ended the day with chalk art and snow cones! The third and fourth graders also took part in a nature measurement scavenger



EARTH DAY CONTINUED...

hunt, estimating and testing accuracy with standard and non-standard unit. To relax and enjoy nature, they chose a "sit spot" to wonder and observe, using all senses to write about their experience.

We thank God for the amazing weather He offered to enjoy so many of the wonders of nature, just in our backyard here at BCA!



Mrs. Bolden's first grade classroom "Neighborhood!" They're patiently waiting for their wildflowers to grow in their "yards."



THANK YOU TEACHERS!

"Space Week" in Pre-K4! To end an amazing week of fun and learning all about space, Mrs. Sara's kiddos tie-dyed shirts!





MY Mommy IS THE BEST LOVE...

My mom is the best because:

My mom's name is _____

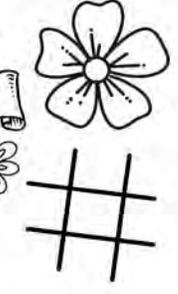
Her favorite color is _____

Her favorite food is _____

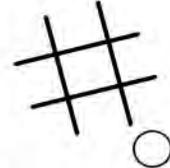
WORD SEARCH

- SPECIAL FUN MOTHER BEST
- LOVE GENEROUS KIND FRIEND

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 P E U R L R F M W R
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 C U K D U M I T H K
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TIC TAC TOE



Color and cut out the bookmark!



Finish the garden for your mom!



Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

MOTHERS

- Eve
- Sarah
- Rebekah
- Rachel
- Leah

CHILDREN

- Cain, Abel and Seth
- Isaac
- Jacob and Esau
- Benjamin and Joseph
- Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah
- Gad and Asher
- Dan and Naphtali
- Moses
- Mahlon and Kilion
- Obed
- Samuel
- Solomon
- John the Baptist
- Jesus
- Timothy



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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
822 BELVOIR AVENUE
EAST RIDGE, TN 37412



Calendar Quick Glance!

- National Day of Prayer, *May 2*
- BCA Staff Appreciation Week, *May 6-10*
- Ascension Day, *May 9*
- Mite Collection Days, *May 11 & 12*
- Mother's Day, *May 12*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 18*
- Pentecost, *May 19*
- BCA 8th Grade Banquet, *May 23 @ 6 pm*
- BCA 8th Grade Graduation, *May 24 @ 5 pm*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 26*
- Memorial Day, *May 27*

A PRAYER FOR ROOTS

O God, we thirst for you, as dry tree roots thirst for water in hot, dusty soil. Help us send spiritual roots down deep into the grace and knowledge of the One who is the same yesterday and today and forever, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gives us stability when the earth shakes and the storms of life swirl about us.

Rooted and grounded in your love, and strengthened and comforted by your grace and your Spirit who gives us hope, may we be steadfast and immovable in the work Christ gives us to do, until he comes again. Amen.



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