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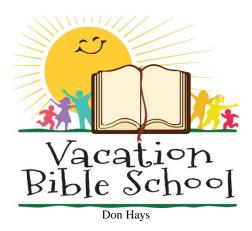
# June 8





Jesus with the Coxes at Monument Valley

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Plans are taking shape for our summer Vacation Bible School, tentatively scheduled for the week of July 14-18. We will have a morning program, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We have had a great response to our request for help; Our biggest need is for teachers, nursery and  $4^{th} - 5^{th}$  grade, and someone to head up snacks. We could also use individuals who are willing to plug in wherever needed.

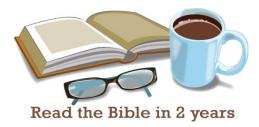
Your prayer support is greatly appreciated! If you can help out in any of the other ways listed above, please call or text me at (760) 881-1925, or email at <a href="mailto:haydk@outlook.com">haydk@outlook.com</a>.



Jesus with the Gauldins in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

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But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31



#### Today's Light

Lani Sanders

Week 75 begins June 2 with Matthew 1 Week 76 begins June 9 with Matthew 14 Week 77 begins June 16 with Matthew 26 Week 78 begins June 23 with Mark 9 Week 79 begins June 30 with Mark 19 (For more information contact Lani Sanders.)



Linda Bowers

The Community Service Board will be collecting spaghetti sauce, pasta, and canned tuna, chicken or beef, and Ziplock® bags and paper towels during the month of June.

The Homeless Shelter has expressed a need for diapers and baby wipes. Donations of these items will be delivered there.

Thank you!

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It is great to gather after church for coffee and conversation with our church family. We're looking for families to host our Coffee Time on the first Sunday of each month. Families would help setup (coffee would be prepared), provide a simple treat, and clean up afterwards. Here is a simple way to serve here at Zion. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.



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**Sunday School** is on summer break through August 10. Your teachers are wishing each of you a very blessed summer.

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for the week of June 14-18 this year, and will be held in the mornings, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please prayerfully consider helping with snacks or teaching.

Check out the **inspirational books available** in the meeting room. The book table is a take a book, borrow a book, or donate book table. Check it out!

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"This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

— Luke 24:46-49

As we conclude our Easter celebration our focus turns to the ongoing work of God. In the first half of the Church year, we see the love of God in time and history as, in Jesus, God recon-ciles the world to himself. (Cf. 2 Corinthians 5:19) In Pentecost, and the season that follows, we see the ongoing work of God through the Holy Spirit. Our God not only purposes our salvation but he accomplishes it through Jesus and then applies it to us through the work of the Holy Spirit. (Cf. Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles Creed) Truly, it is by grace we are saved. (Cf. Ephesians 2:8-9)

Jesus, in the passage above, focuses in on this gospel saying: 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.' Jesus then tells his followers that they are 'witnesses of these things' (v48) and that, through them, 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all nations.' (v47) Finally Jesus speaks of the power that will be at work through them saying: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' (v49)

Truly it is God at work. (Cf. John 3:16-17) God at work through us. (Cf. 2 Corinthians 5:20) This is our calling. This is our privilege. This is God's desire. We reflect what we've experienced and our lives are invitations to those around us. (Cf. Romans 12:1-3) God is with us wherever we go. The contemporary Christian song 'Build My Life' puts it this way: 'Holy, there is no one like you. There is none beside You. Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are. Fill me with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.'

Pastor Busch

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#### **More Zion Family Adventures with Flat Jesus**





Jesus at the capital of Wyoming in Cheyenne



Jesus at the Wyoming state museum with Guy



Jesus at Mexican Hat Utah with the Coxes



Jesus in Colorado with the Perrys and family

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Lani Sanders

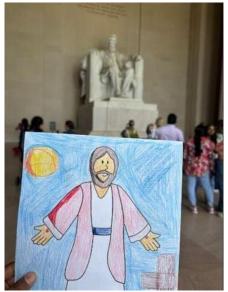
#### Please remember...

- ...M'Less Tripple, undergoing radiation...
- ... Rich Shibley (father of Noel Duffy), recovering at an acute rehab facility in Pomona...
- ...Lisa Portiss recovering from hospital stay...
- ... Nathaniel Perry (son of Fred and Charlene), recovering from eye surgery...
- ... Hazard Perry (grandson of Fred and Charlene), recovering from shoulder surgery...
- ... Maria (Norma Gomez's aunt), recovering from surgery for stage 3 cancer...
- ... Marty Hershman, recovering from a car accident at daughter Lisa's home...
- ...Lisa Clayson, (Marty's daughter), recovering from the same car accident...
- ...Diane (Marty's granddaughter), recovering from colon cancer surgery...
- ... Walter, son of John and Joann Asta, re-hospitalized in the ICU in Kingman, Arizona...
- ... Amy Knapp, recovering from surgery...
- ...Diane Mahan, recovering from surgery for bone cancer...
- ...John Asta, recovering in rehab in Redlands...
- ... Maxx Martyn (son of Leigh Hannon), for strength and a continued assurance of God's presence during this season as he serves in Jordan...
- ...the **family of Cozelle** (M'Less Tripple's mother) as they care for her...
- ...Bob Dunnerman, on hospice and suffering with heart problems...
- ... Norman Garritt (son of former member Alberta Gray), hospitalized at Loma Linda ICU...

We ask for the Lord's comfort and peace for the family and friends of Hildi Seymore at her passing...

Names on our prayer list will remain for two months. If you need ongoing prayers, or if you have a prayer request, please contact the church at 760-245-9725, or email secretary@zionvv.org.

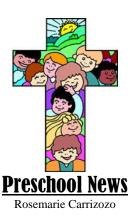
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Jesus in Washington DC with one of our second graders and his family



A Lutheran school provides so much more than a standard education. Academics thrive as life is lived intentionally in faith and trust in God.



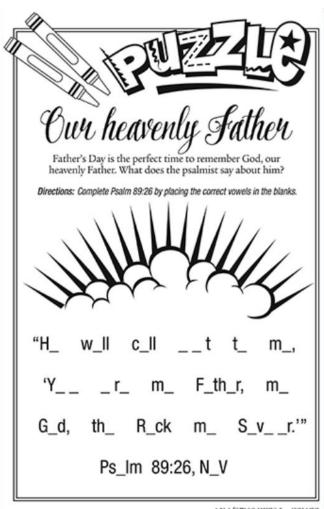
June is here and it's time to start summer activities!

We will start this month off talking about sea life—asking questions like "What animals live in the ocean?", reading books, and making sea life crafts. June 20<sup>th</sup> is the first day of summer and we're celebrating by eating ice cream sundaes. June is also the time to start our water play days, which the children enjoy every year. We are excited to step into summer!

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Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior." Psalm 89:26, UIV

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Parents are the primary shapers of faith and life in their children... ~ Ben Freudenburg

Recently I saw an article titled *The 'Superpower' of Good Manners*. The title did its job. I read the article.

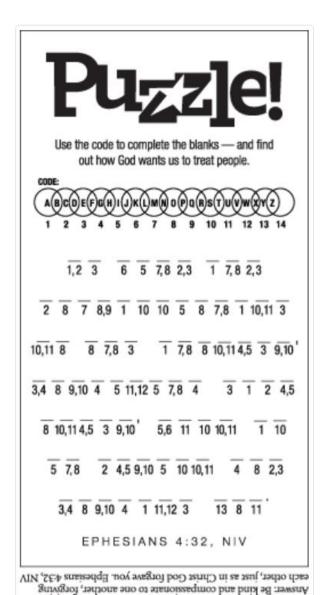
"When you practice good manners on a regular basis, it becomes like a superpower, and people will treat you differently. Doors will open for you. Opportunities will arise. You'll stand out from the crowd in a good way. Manners are not irrelevant. They're a superpower, and when you use them, you go really far in life," says Jennifer Scott (author of "Connoisseur Kids: Etiquette, Manners, and Living Well for Parents and Their Little Ones"). She reminds us of the reason behind polite behavior: "The essence of good manners is thoughtfulness and thinking about others as well as yourself, and being a good citizen—basically a citizen of your own family, a citizen of your community—and that really just stems from thoughtfulness."

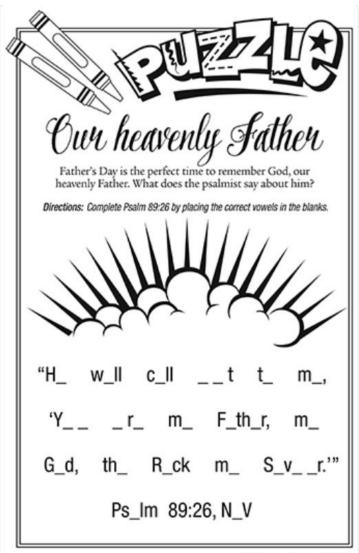
The article reminded me of a film I used to show my classes during my years teaching junior high school. It was about table manners, and featured a brother and sister in high school. The brother was very nervous about taking a girl to dinner at a nice restaurant for his first date. His sister was coaching him about how to eat and behave so he wouldn't embarrass himself. They demonstrated eating spaghetti and chicken, explained about flatware placement, etc. She summed everything up by telling him if he remembered two things—two "rules"—he should be fine: first, think of the comfort of others, and second, do not draw attention to yourself.

The "superpower" of good manners; when you are thoughtful you are treated differently because people feel respected and relevant in your presence.



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Jesus in the beautiful flowers with Jim & Conni



Jesus on the Shark Fin Rock Trail with the Waiwoods



Jesus with the Coxes at Yellowstone



Jesus in Fillmore, Utah, with the Coxes



Jesus with the Coxes at Mount Rushmore Resort

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#### **Wet Pants**

Author Unknown

Come with me to a third grade classroom..... There is a nine-year-old kid sitting at his desk and all of a sudden, there is a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never happened before, and he knows that when the boys find out he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again as long as he lives.

The boy believes his heart is going to stop; he puts his head down and prays this prayer, "Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'm dead meat." He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered.

As the teacher is walking toward him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap. The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!" Now all of a sudden, instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else - Susie. She tries to help, but they tell her to get out. "You've done enough, you klutz!"

Finally, at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie and whispers, "You did that on purpose, didn't you?" Susie whispers back, "I wet my pants once too."

May God help us see the opportunities that are always around us to do good.



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Sharing Life in Christ



Tristina Rodriguez

#### **MEETINGS:**

(Every Sunday during Sunday School—no SS in June and July)

#### ACTIVITIES:

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

July 2025 - LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA

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