

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Newsletter Deadline

All items for the monthly Newsletter must be submitted in writing no later than the *Monday after the second Sunday* of the month and are subject to editing. No exceptions.

October Celebrations



- 2 Savanna Conner Eva Edwards
- 5 Ernie Wolf Nevaeh Peters
- 10 Tammy Johnson
- 12 Tim Smock
- 14 Dave Frick

- 16 Charlotte Fitch
- 17 Kayla Bresee
- 21 Kristine Edwards
- 24 Rich Alaniz
- 28 John Needham



"Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit."

- 1 Dave Wilson
- 20 Al Schell
- 9 Winifred Gardner
- 26 Candy Sprouse
- 17 Kay-Leigh Conner





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Numbers 22-24

2 Chronicles 21-24

Psalms 120-121

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Proverbe 31

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1	Nullibels 22-24	10	FIOVEIUS 31
2	2 Chronicles 11-15	19	Nahum
3	Psalms 117-118	20	Acts 7-8
4	Proverbs 28	21	Hebrews 11-13
5	Jonah	22	Numbers 31-33
6	Acts 3-4	23	2 Chronicles 25-28
7	Hebrews 5-7	24	Psalms 122-124
8	Numbers 25-27	25	Ecclesiastes 1-2
9	2 Chronicles 16-20	26	Habakkuk
10	Psalms 119	27	Acts 9-10
11	Proverbs 29-30	28	James 1-3
12	Micah	29	Numbers 34-36
13	Acts 5-6	30	2 Chronicles 29-32
14	Hebrews 8-10	31	Psalms 125-127
15	Numbers 28-30		



"Bless them so that all may see in their lives together within the community of your people a vision of your kingdom on earth."

From the Nuptial Blessing in the Marriage ceremony

- 5 Al & Pat Schell
- 6 Brad & Lori Bresee
- 8 Mark & Pam Van Horn
- 10 Steve & Linda Porada
- 12 Don & Patricia Kent
- 22 Art & Cindy Anderson
- 24 Marilyn & Steve Rizzo
- 30 Jeff & Kíra Brown

If we missed your Birth, Baptism, or Marriage
Anniversary we apologize.
Please contact the church office to provide us with
that information.

Messiah Messenger

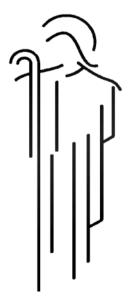
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Our Mission:

Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service, and our support

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ



Worship

BLESSING OF PETS



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

2:00 P M

AT
MESSIAH LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN THE NORTHSIDE
PARKING LOT

2025 Eastern Avenue Wesleyville

PETS OF ALL
KIND ARE
INVITED
(WITH THEIR
HUMAN)



Remembering the Children

ELCA congregations have been asked to support and show solidarity with the American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association in honoring and remembering the children of the First Nations people whose remains were discovered in a mass grave. The 215+ children of the Kamloops Residential School were from the Rosebud Sioux.

Our Church Council approved the recommendation from the Worship and Music Team to hang an orange banner in our Sanctuary beginning Sunday, October 17, for 225 days in remembrance and lament of each child that was thrown into those graves, and those yet to be discovered.

We grieve with our Native sisters and brothers as they journey through this very sad and heartbreaking time in their collective psyche.

On October 17 you are invited to wear something orange to worship if you can. We will also be providing an orange carnation for each person to wear.

Thank you for your participation in this remembrance!

Covid-19 Public Worship Guideline Update

For those who are fully vaccinated masks are optional. For those who are not fully vaccinated masks are requested, but not required.

Physical distancing has been removed as have capacity limits.

Holy Communion will continue to be distributed by station.

Online Worship Update

We are currently streaming the worship services on Facebook Live.

Please share this live stream on your own Facebook page!

The video will then be uploaded to our YouTube channel



The Altar Guild is a very important "behind the scenes" ministry!

The people in this ministry make sure that our worship space is properly prepared for Sunday Worship and other special services.

To be part of this welcoming ministry please contact: Linda Voigt at 899-8618

Assisting Ministers and Lectors

The blank schedule for **November** will be in the **Narthex** through **October 17**Please schedule yourself.

If you do not indicate your availability it will be presumed that you ARE available.

Assisting Ministers are DESPERATELY needed for the 8:30 Worship Service!

Contact Pr. Jeff if interested! Training will be provided.



Videographers needed

Would you like to help with videotaping the worship services on Sunday?

We need volunteers for both the 8:30 & 11:00 services.

Contact Pr. Jeff or the Church Office!



Worship Ministry Team

The next meeting of the Worship Ministry Team will be Tuesday, October 5 at 6:00PM in the Study Lounge.

To be part of this vital ministry at Messiah, Contact Tammy Johnson at 434-3386

Onl	line Service Attendance		
Date	8:30	11:00	Total
Aug 29	*	66	66
Sept 5	65	93	158
Sept 12	37	43	80
Sept 19	57	50	107

In-Pe	rson Serv	ice Attend	dance
Date	8:30	11:00	Total
Aug 29	33	26	59
Sept 5	22	24	46
Sept 12	28	23	51
Sept 19	26	32	58

Stewardship/Finance

The goal of our Stewardship/Finance Ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances that God has entrusted to them.

Year to Date Financial Picture

(Through September 19)

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		Actual	YTD
	Sept	YTD	Budget
Env. Giving	\$9,159.00	\$118,752.00	\$112,500.00
Other Reg. Giv.	130.00	6,172.00	6,562.49
Misc. Income	<u>3,255.61</u>	19.228.49	<u>24,532.47</u>
Total Income	\$12,544.61	\$144,152.49	\$143,594.96
Expenses:	\$ <u>8,472.93</u>	<u>\$134,028.49</u>	\$152,160.30
Net	\$ 4,071.68	\$10,124.00	(\$8,565.34)

Thank you for your continued
Financial Support.
Your generosity is most
appreciated!

Memorials

Memorials are special gifts to the Church in memory of loved ones who have passed, given by friends and family. The names of the givers are displayed in the Memorial Book kept in the Narthex of the Church. The funds are used for a permanent or semi-permanent items needed for the ministry of the Church, such as banners, vestments, paraments, candles, or other designated items.

Memorial gifts may be made at any time throughout the year.

Memorial Gifts Received

In Memory of Ernest Fryer Charles Fryer

^{*} Service was not live-streamed

Attention Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Members...

Thrivent Members can designate Messiah
Lutheran Church as a recipient of the charitable
giving that Thrivent offers through Choice Dollars.
Visit their website, www.thrivent.com, or call
your Thrivent representative, for more
information.

To those that have designated Messiah as a recipient of Thrivent Choice Dollars, we gratefully thank you!

As of Sept 19 we have received \$52 for 2021 through your designating Messiah as the recipient of your shares.

For more information about Thrivent Financial for Lutherans contact Vince Kremer, Financial Associate, at 814-878-5727 or visit Thrivent.com

Are YOU shopping on line? Use your Amazon purchases to help Messiah!

Follow the link on our webpage or go to: http://smile.amazon.com

Choose Messiah Lutheran Church as your charity and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Messiah!

As of September 14 we have received \$14.54

Shop at AmazonSmile

and Amazon will make a donation to:

Messiah Lutheran Church



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2ND MILE GIVING APPEAL

2nd Mile Giving is that support we offer above and beyond our regular giving.

Our 2nd Mile Giving recipient for **October** is:

THE HIGHMARK CARING PLACE

You may contribute through your regular envelope marking how much to designate to 2nd Mile on the "other" line on your envelope, or by sending a separate donation.

Through **Sept 19, \$50.00** has been donated for **The Trinity Center!**

Thank you for your generosity!

The Stewardship/Finance Ministry Team
will next meet on
October 12 at 1:00pm
in Fellowship Hall
Contact Pr Jeff
if you would like share your talents
as part of this important work of the
congregation.





2021 Sponsorships

The completed form, and payment, are due prior to date of sponsorship

Altar Flowers: \$25/1 vase

\$40/2 vases (for same day)*

Vigil Candle: \$3/week

Worship Aids: \$7/service/week*

* (except Easter & Christmas)

Counter Ministry

Become part of the team of people who count the weekly offerings and take them to the bank.

Time commitment is about 30 minutes after worship.

Training will be provided! Contact the Church Office if interested.



Wesleyville Food Pantry

Please consider a financial gift for the Food Pantry.

Checks should be made payable to

Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line

Food Pantry Distribution:

Tuesday, Oct 5, <u>5-6:00pm</u> - Country Fair Items Only Tuesday, Oct 19, <u>10-11:30am and at 5-6:00pm</u>

Thank you for your generosity!

DID YOU KNOW...

that your offerings to Messiah Lutheran Church can be made electronically while you're on vacation or if you prefer the convenience of scheduling a monthly/ weekly automatic withdrawal from your account?

It's easy to set up the following option:

Electronic transfer from your bank account

For more information, call the Church Office, 899-6386.



Main Office | 2607 Buffalo Road | 814.899.7656 Nancy E. Dusckas, FD Supervisor

www.dusckasfuneralhome.com

October Sponsors

	8:30 WA	11:00 WA	Flower (1)	Flower (2)	Candle
10/03	Ron Martucci		Ron Martucci	Carol Ann Wolf	Ron Martucci
10/10	Anonymous	Jean Parker	Joyce Ross	Joyce Ross	Anonymous
10/17		Candy Sprouse	Messiah	Messiah	
10/24		Cindy Anderson	Helen Ramsey	Helen Ramsey	Cindy Anderson
10/31		Mary Rush	Helen Ramsey	Pr Jeff	Jean Parker

Please consider sponsoring the Worship Aids and/or Vigil Candle during the year. Every sponsorship helps to defray the cost to the congregation. Thank you!

Rewards

When was the last time you did anything without expecting something in return?

When we go to work, we expect to get paid. When we accomplish something we consider important or difficult, we expect praise, or at least generous compliments. If we make a sacrifice of any kind, we expect to be thanked. When we speak, we expect people to listen. If we are an inspiration to someone, well, we darn sure expect to be acknowledged. Of course, if we give generously to our church or any charity, we are certain to declare it on our tax returns.

If a surgeon gives one a chance for a longer life, surely one will thank him (or her). If one goes far beyond one's expectations to give life to another, we call that person a hero. If a person gives many gifts to many people we call it philanthropy.

If we feed the hungry, we are a good person. If we can paint flowers, forests and waves on the ocean, we are an artist. If we can create new plants, we are a botanist.

Read that again, and again if you need to.

God worked to create our world. How do we thank God? By trashing God's creation (and each other)? God accomplished more than any human could ever dream of doing. Do we praise God for everything? Do we listen when God speaks? Do we acknowledge God at all? Do we thank God for the sacrifice of God's own flesh?

Is not God a master surgeon? Is not our God a hero? Is God not a philanthropist? Has God fed the hungry? Does God not paint the sky, the leaves, the flowers with colors that we cannot recreate? Has God not created life in the plants, animals and humans of this world and in heaven?

We tend to give rewards to other frail humans without thinking. What is a football player's real accomplishment? To throw a ball or to catch it, and to run like the wind! Think our God may have given the player his talents? Doesn't God give the talent to the actor, the singer or the writer? Yet how often do we give the credit (any of it) to our God?

Human beings have come to expect rewards for everything we do. It is rare to hear of someone doing a favor for another without wanting to be thanked, paid back or given something in return. Yet God does things for us all the time. God loves us to love. Some of us don't even want to acknowledge that God exists.

Like a loving parent, God has set up rules to live by, ten to be exact. And an eleventh that Christ called the "greatest commandment", to love thy neighbor as thyself. No reward, except for the graciousness of salvation. Isn't that enough?

Start every day and end each evening with praise and thanksgiving. Make God's word come from your mouth, acknowledge that God is the giver of life, the source of life eternal. Being with God is our reward.

From my family to you and yours, have a blessed October.

Your servant in Christ,

Marilyn DiLuzio Rizzo



Pennies for Poverty

An ongoing project of the NWPA Women of the ELCA.

Consider dropping your spare change, or even bills, in the container in the narthex for this project.

Each year a charity is selected to receive the money collected by the participating churches.

Church Life

Our Next Event is the Thanksgiving Prayer Service & Dinner on November 13

Contact Cindy Anderson to be part of the planning and facilitating!

Cindy Anderson at 881-2161



Servant Outreach

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Due to the Corona Virus, the Messiah Prayer Shawl group will not meet until it is safe to return. However, our group is working from home and doing the best we can.

Right now we are in need of more volunteers who are talented or willing to learn to knit or crochet shawls from their home.

During the pandemic it can be a blessing to you and to the person who receives a mantel.

If you are interested in helping us out with this ministry, please call Shirley Damon at 814-899-8805 with any questions or concerns. We can provide patterns, instruction if needed and yarn. Thank you!

Prayer Shawls are available at the Church office. Please contact Shirley Damon or the Church office.

So far our Sewing Group has made over 20 Project Linus blankets for children!! Contact Joyce Hauser if you would like to help make blankets for children!

The Sewing Group will also be working on some guilts for the Upper Room. The quilts are hand tied. They will meet in the sewing room. Date and Time to be determined.

> **Contact Joyce Hauser if you are** interested in helping!

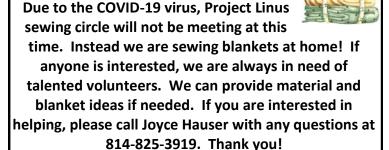
Bethany Outreach

The collection box for donations has been removed from the Narthex, but you can still drop off men's and boy's clothing!

CLOTHING

Clothing can be dropped off at the office or in the Narthex. Talk to Anna Mae or Karen Pistner if you have any questions.

Sewing Circle



Do you like to sew? Need something to do? The sewing group is working on lap robes or blankets for the City Mission and Project Linus from home.

Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry Team will meet Oct 3 at 9:45am in the Study Lounge.

Women ELCA ** ** THEYPROJECT



The Women of the ELCA need donations of items for The Lily Project. The Lily Project helps women and girls who have been sexually assaulted. Often, when they go to the hospital, their clothing is kept as evidence and they need clean clothes to leave in. The Women of the ELCA is partnering with St. Vincent's Hospital to fill this need.

If you would like to help with this project, we will be collecting the following NEW items: camisoles or cotton sports bras-size small to 2XL, cotton underwear (no thongs please)-size small to 2XL (the younger girls appreciate these not being "granny panties"), socks, loose athletic or sweat pants-size small to 2XL, gift bags-8" wide, plain tissue paper, purse size packets of Kleenex, prayer squares-one size fits all. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Curtis or Anna Mae Van Dyne.

Dates of Collection: September 12 through October 3



Parish Health Ministry

I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you. 2 Kings 20:5

Medications

"...the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

Revelation 22:2 NIV

Medications are used to maintain a certain level of health, prevent an illness, or cure a physical condition. For example when your doctor orders a drug for blood pressure or diabetes, a specific level of that drug needs to be in your system to attain the desired outcome. Therefore in order to reap the most benefit, it is important to understand why you need the medication, how to take it, how to store it, and what to expect from it.

Don't be afraid to ask questions because the more you know, the more compliant you will be with your treatment. Consider some of these questions. Why are you taking the drug? How will it affect you? Are there any side effects? Should you drive when you are taking the medication? How quickly will you see results? Do you need to take the entire prescription? Can you take the pill with something other than water? If you have difficulty taking pills you might even ask if it comes in another form.

Medications do not last forever so take them as directed and if the prescription is not to be completed, ask about an expiration date. Over-the-counter medications will have an expiration date printed on the box and bottle so check the cough medicine you bought last year before taking any this year. Out of date medicine will have lost its strength to combat your illness so check your cupboards regularly and dispose of old medications.

Also be aware of possible interactions that can occur between some foods and other drugs. Taking medication with hot drinks may change its chemical structure while alcohol will change its absorption. With certain cholesterol, blood pressure, or cardiac medications, you should never eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice as it will increase the blood level of the drug and cause adverse side effects. To be sure you do not create potentially harmful interactions, talk with your pharmacist about any items you should avoid.

Medications are to be helpful not hurtful. Learn as much as you can to get the greatest benefit from them. (Source: US Food and Drug Administration, www.fda.gov/drugs)



Property Team

Do you have an interest in helping to keep our church property in top condition?

Join the Property Team!

Next meeting will be Sunday, Oct 10 at 9:45am in the Study Lounge

To get information about any project for the church or to Inform us of something that needs to be repaired, please contact Art Anderson at 881-1680



Mowing and Weeding

Volunteers are needed to keep our grounds looking nice throughout the spring and summer months.

Volunteer to mow the grass or pull some weeds!

Weeding can be done anytime by anyone who has the



to all who helped on the last landscape workday:

Art Anderson, Gene Jones, Cindy Anderson, Jean Parker, Anna Mae Van Dyne, and Pr. Jeff



Children, Youth & Family Ministry/Faith In Action Team

Guided Meditation on Monday's is now a "traveling" group. Please call Anna Mae Van Dyne to find out where they are meeting!

Every Monday - 6PM



BOUND TOGETHER

(BOOK REVIEW CLUB)

Wednesday, October 6 at 1:00pm in the Study Lounge

Our October book is:

Lost Roses - *by Martha Kelly* (Bonnie M.)

Our November book will be:

The Beekeeper of Aleppo - *by Christy Lefteri* (Candy S.)

COME AND JOIN US!

In order to make a Prayer Chain request, please email or call the Church Office



In the event of emergency situations, contact Pr. Jeff and he will pass on the information!

Thank You for your cooperation!

CYFM/Faith in Action Team

Will next meet Thursday, October 7 at 12:00PM In the Finance Room

Care Group #4 Bible Study Mondays, October 11 & 25 at 1:00PM



All are welcome!
Working through Ray Vander Laan's
"The Path to the Cross",
Discussion is guided by a workbook
which will be provided; please let us
know if you plan to attend.

Contact Linda Fryer or Jean Parker with questions.

BYOB(ible) Study

"Significant Women of the Bible" Wednesdays, through Oct 20



at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom in Fellowship Hall

Sign up in the Narthex or Contact Pr. Jeff if you are interested!

The Grateful Prayer Group



THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM

MEETS IN THE STUDY LOUNGE

CONTACT JEAN PARKER AT 814-528-5817

OR LINDA FRYER AT 814-899-6899.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Church Council

Church Leadership

Council:

Briana Alaniz-Secretary(1) Art Anderson .-V-Pres (2) Tammy Johnson-Pres (3) Eugene Jones (1)

Steve Porada (2)

Brian Rogala, Sr (3)

Mary Rush (2)

Anna Mae Van Dyne (1)

Conference I Reps:

TBD

Food Pantry Board Rep:

Mike Mikotowicz

Team Chairpersons:

CHURCH Life: Cindy Anderson
CYFM: Candy Sprouse

Mutual Ministry:

Jim Van Dyne

Property: Art Anderson

Servant Outreach:

Anna Mae Van Dyne

Stewardship/Finance:

Craig Cunningham

Worship: Tammy Johnson

Unofficial Highlights

- Reviewed the Minutes of the May Council meeting;
- Previewed the Financial Reports, Pastor's Reports and Committee Reports;
- P Reviewed how our on-line worship services are working out; still have a hick-up now and again;
- ☼ Nominating Team reported that they have secured three nominees for Church Council, with a possible fourth; also have secured one nominee for Alternate Synod Delegate;
- Received an update on the plans for the Lifetime Recognition Banquet;
- ☼ Reviewed and accepted proposed updates to Ministry Team purpose statements from Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry, Mutual Ministry, Worship and Music Ministry, and Church Life Ministry
- ☼ Decided to participate in this year's Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Iroquois Elementary School; it will be held on October 28 from 6-7:30pm at the elementary school
- Previewed and approved the request for membership from Sean Kennedy;
- ❖ Set the Fall Congregational Meeting for Sunday October 31 beginning with lunch at 12:15pm; the meeting will be help in the Fellowship Hall and offered on Zoom

Fall Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 31

In Fellowship Hall & on Zoom Lunch to be served at 12:15pm (Chili & Salad)

Meeting to start at 12:30pm

Contact Information



Find out what is going on in the ELCA:

Church-wide - www.elca.org

NWPA Synod - www.northwesternpasynodelca.org

Lifetime Recognition

The following were honored at this year's Banquet:

2020: Earl Caylor, Jay and Lois Hollenbeck,

Jim and Anna Mae Van Dyne, Ernie and

Carol Ann Wolf

2021: Pamela Griesbach, Steve and Linda

Porada, Mary Rush,

Church Office Hours

Monday Closed

Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm **Friday** 10:00am-5:00pm

Messiah Lutheran Church

Contact Information

Church Office: (814) 899-6386

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Dir. Of Music Ministry: mlcmusic@messiah-erie.org

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey J. Piccirilli

pastorjeff@messiah-erie.org
In the event of a pastoral emergency,
please call Pastor Jeff at 431-5879

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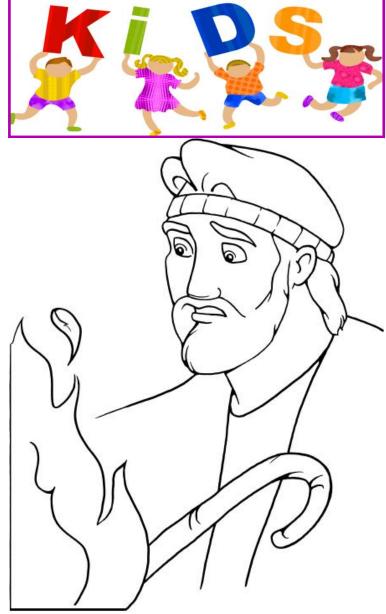
Notes of Thanks

Thank you to all who donated items to Foster Care of Erie! They were grateful and overwhelmed by your generosity!

Thank you to all who walked in the heart walk and the crop walk. Thanks to all who donated to either/or both causes.

Thank you to all who helped on the God's Work, Our Hands cleanup days!
Our small part in taking care of creation!

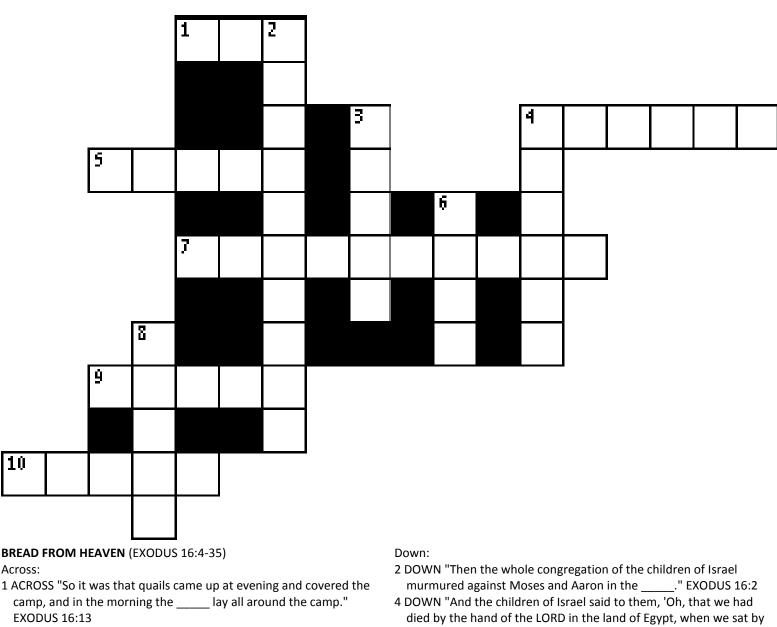




The Burning Bush



Samuel is Called



Across

- 4 ACROSS "Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Behold, I will rain bread from for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day.' " EXODUS 16:4
- 5 ACROSS "And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, 'This is the which the LORD has given you to eat.' " EXODUS 16:14-15
- 7 ACROSS "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'I have heard the of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be fill with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God." ' " EXODUS 16:11 -12
- 9 ACROSS "Some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred and stank." EXODUS 16:20
- 10 ACROSS "And it shall be on the _____ day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily." EXODUS 16:5

- the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with .' EXODUS 16:3
- 3 DOWN "Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the ." EXODUS 16:10
- 6 DOWN "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives _____ to the world." JOHN 6:33
- 8 DOWN "And the children of Israel ate manna _____ years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of Canaan." EXODUS 16:35