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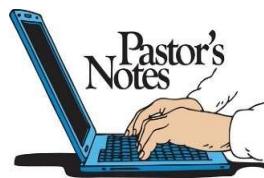


2018

IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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If a tree falls in the forest, does it make a sound?

What is more difficult: Knowing the details about something, or taking the initial steps to change the course of history? Maybe you're in deep thought right now trying to think of different scenarios or maybe you're trying to figure out what I mean and hope I simply get to the point. Sometimes we do not want to know what is around the corner, sometimes we know but we might not care, other times we might want to keep the world outside, so we do not have to think about what might come down the road for us later.

Last month I asked part of our staff to look at the attendance numbers for our congregation for the year 2017. The numbers were compiled looking at who signed the registry books in the pews; each week those names are entered into a database and staff members looked to find out the age demographics of our attendance during the year 2017. We did not filter for the number of times someone was in church on Sunday, but the basic breakdown was the same if someone was in church once in 2017 and someone who attended every Sunday morning.

The purpose of this chart is to give everyone a visual as to the age of the people in the pews. If the numbers are correct (and we are only using people who signed the book) the largest group of people in Sunday morning worship services are those 80 years of age and older. A quick look at the pie chart reveals that over 60% of our church population is 60 years of age and older. If you dish on top of these numbers that a portion of our congregation is out-of-town on the summer weekends, especially some of the younger members taking vacation time, we have some interesting questions to consider.

Do you hear the tree falling in the forest?

Why would I want these numbers and why would I want to publish them? I wanted everyone in our congregation to have in their hands the information that the staff has when we make decisions. What happens to the church newsletter when it is removed from the mailbox (read, burned, immediately trashed, etc). Now that you have not trashed this article and have read this far what kind of thoughts go through your mind after looking at the following pie chart: would you like to see something done to stem the tide of young people in church, do you think you might not live long enough to see a change occur so what's the use of trying anything new, do you want to see more new people and young families at church as long as they do not sit in your spot?

SERVING GROUPS

We have monthly serving groups and a list is posted on the church office window. Please check your phone number for accuracy or if you're not on the list and would like to be, contact the church office.

SEPTEMBER

Dee Erpelding – 320-235-0788
Ronda Hunt – 320-235-1621

Rob & Jan Baker
Myron & Myra Behm
Katherine Bolstad
Scott Bolstad
David & Susan Chase
Ron & Dee Erpelding
Travis & Christine Foster
Jim & Marcia Gilman
Paulette Hentz
Ronda Hunt
Ron & Colleen Kassel
Joy Landin
Glen Lothammer
Larry & Helga Miller
Matt & Jodie Nelson
Anita Petersen
Linda Rhoades
Gary Schroeder
Steve & Melanie Schultz
Jaimee Scoblic
Dan & Susan Spieker
Todd & Kim Swartz
LaVonne Van Zee
Marilyn Worke

OCTOBER

(If you would consider serving as a co-chair, please contact the Fellowship Board)

Jerome & Kristine Bengtson
William & Pamela Borcherdt
Adam & Julie Bush-Gregory
Rev Matt & Kim Canion
Mike Christensen
Michael & Irmgard Dahlke
Myrt Elsing
Sergio & Kelly Fernandez
ElRoy & Lavonne Gast
Tyler & Michelle Hanson
Brian Heveron
Frank & Carmelina Johannes
Jeff & Darla Kimpling
Joanne Koep
Ray & Linda Landin
Cindy Lubenow
Gary & Nila Mogard
Jennifer Rasanen
Christy Ruegge
Bonnie Rhoda
Dan & Michelle Schanus
Mel Schwartz
Amy Uken
Dick Zetah

NOTE: Please remember to contact your co-chair and ask them how you can be of assistance or just to let them know you are available!

| Sunday | Attend | Adults | Sr. High | Sunday School | Comm | Private |
|--|------------|------------|----------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| Aug 5 | 174 | 100 | - | - | 178 | |
| Aug 12 | 190 | 15 | - | - | | |
| Aug 19 | 175 | 25 | - | - | 157 | |
| Aug 26 | 200 | 28 | - | - | | |
| TOTALS | 739 | 168 | - | - | 335 | 27 |
| In by affirmation of faith: Alizabeth Cordes, Ted Wurm, Donald & Dianne Sampson Out by death: Larry Eisenlohr | | | | | | |

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS For **SEPTEMBER** we will be collecting previously viewed DVD's (comedy and action), paperback novels, games-board games, car games, electronic hand-held games, crossword and word find books, and journals. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

PRAAYER REQUESTS can be dropped in the prayer box located in the narthex. This is a great way for the congregation to inform the staff about upcoming surgeries and rehabilitations.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOES YET? If so, then you will have some old ones to get rid of! Bring the shoes and boots (any type of boots—snow boots, work boots, rain boots, etc.) you no longer want to church and place in the collection bin (no flip flops please) by the Fellowship Hall. These shoes are used to help support our Lutheran Island Camp. We would appreciate it if you would tie or bind your shoes together in pairs.



ALTAR GUILD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 5:15 PM



THE QUILTERS will be winding up their bobbins on Monday, September 10th at 12:30 pm. Join them in the Fellowship Hall for some knot tying, sewing, fellowship, laughs and treats!

QUIZ ANSWERS:

- 1 (a) Genesis 6:5-7
- 2 (c) Genesis 6:15
- 3 (d) Genesis 7:2-3
- 4 (d) Genesis 7:6
- 5 (c) Genesis 7:13
- 6 (b) Genesis 7:4,7:17
- 7 (d) Genesis 8:4
- 8 (d) Genesis 8:3-17
- 9 (b) Genesis 8:8-11
- 10 (b) Genesis 9:8-15
- 11 (c) Genesis 9:29

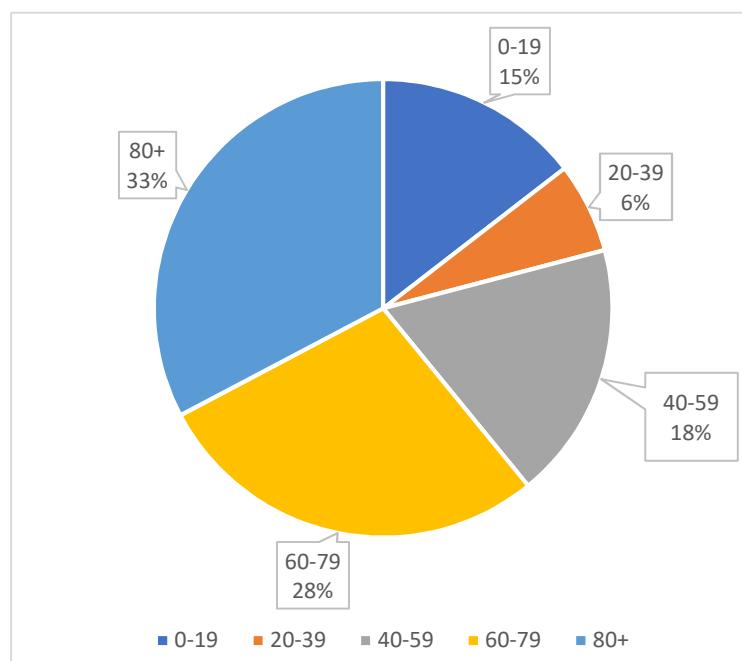
Do we have an interest or care if the tree falls?

If the church closes in ten years will it matter what kind of worship service we used? If the pews are empty what good will a sermon be if no one is here to hear it? Where will our grandchildren learn about Jesus and His death on the cross and the free gift of eternal life; or will that be absent in their lives (Bueller?).

This Fall we would like to explore these numbers and what the future holds for this congregation in the next ten to twenty years. Sermons on Sunday morning will contain a reminder of what our Mission statement is and how it relates to why the church (brick and mortar) exists in the first place. During the Family Education Hour, we will be talking about key concepts found in the book of Acts. As I have finished typing these words I have my own questions inside my head; is this newsletter on its way to the recycling bin now, or will it find its way to church on Sunday morning so that the contents can be discussed. How many reading this newsletter would like to see the power of the Gospel change just one more person's life?

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:15-17

Pastor Matt Canion



ATTENDANCE DEMOGRAPHIC OF SUNDAY MORNING

| AGE | PERCENTAGE |
|-------|------------|
| 0-19 | 15 |
| 20-39 | 6 |
| 40-59 | 18 |
| 60-79 | 28 |
| 80+ | 33 |

The Power of a Song

Last Saturday I volunteered at the One-Way festival put on by Atlas and the Fortress ministries in Willmar. It was such a beautiful day to listen to some great music and enjoy tasty ribs during the rib competition. Listening to the headliner artist, Jason Gray, was well worth the wait till the end of the evening.

What a wonderful blessing it is to have music like this to listen to throughout my life. I love how I can turn on a Christian Radio station or set a playlist on my phone and it never fails that somehow God speaks truth to me when I'm mindlessly loading the dishwasher or folding laundry. There has been a lot that has happened in my life this summer, some of which has affected me directly and some indirectly through the DCE community, but it always amazes me how God speaks to His people through songs. There have been times in my life when I feel like I am walking in the desert wasteland or struggling with something and a song from the radio, worship on Sunday morning or song I happen to hear at an event like One Way just has a way of speaking into my life at the right moment. Don't get me wrong there are a lot of songs that I hear that are not Christian and I enjoy those as well some even remind me of God working in our lives.

One of the songs Jason played last weekend was called "The Wound is Where the Light Gets In", he talked about how life events that hurt us or leave us feeling broken are often a way for God's light to seep into our lives and change us for the better. Like a real wound needs cleaning for it to heal properly our spiritual-emotional wounds need God's Light for us to heal properly.

We have such a great opportunity to live in an area where there are multiple Christian Radio Stations that play praise and worship music. I challenge you to listen to one of the local stations listed below for an entire week and let God's light in the wounds of your life where you need to be healed. Just see what amazing impact it can have on your life.

**92.9 The Spirit
91.9 Praise FM**

**92.7 KTIS
103.3 Refuge Radio**

Don't forget to join us September 9th for our FALL KickOFF as we start a new school year of Sunday school, confirmation and youth events. Check out the rest of the September Newsletter for all the details on all these events. Can't wait to see "God's Kingdom come with every act of Love" (sorry last music reference) as we start a new year.

God's Blessings,
Cassie Drenkow
Director of Christian Education

†† SEPTEMBER 2018 ††

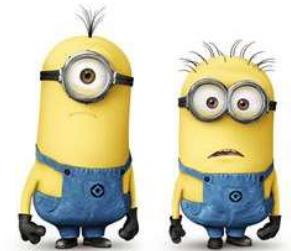
| | ELDERS | GREETERS | ACOLYTE | SOUND | LIBRARY |
|---|--|--|---|---|--------------------|
| <u>Sept 2</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM | Jeff Pitt Mark Sellmann Neil Buboltz Wayne Dahlke | Jim & Marcia Gilman Gayne & Marvelle Stone Troy & Lisa Anderson Jerry & Betty Schleh | Payton Freiberg Henry Johnson | Wayne Dahlke Art Bolland | Anita Petersen |
| <u>Sept 9</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Jeff Kimpling Neil Buboltz | Jeff & Cheryl Pitt Lyle & Vera Ehrenberg Alice Beckmann, Carol Dahlke Todd Swartz, LaVonne Van Zee | Eric Sellmann Adrianna Rodriguez | Mark Boeschen Sarah Jeppesen | Marcia Gilman |
| <u>Sept 16</u> 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM | Dave Runke Doug Jorschumb Matt Akerson Stan Skaro | Ken Behm Rolf & Joyce Standfuss Jack Kuppich, Bonnie Rhoda Doug & Renee Jorschumb | Jay Marcus Mackenzie Schoumaker | Mike Mikkelsen Kolby Lindquist | LaVonne Van Zee |
| <u>Sept 23</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Jeff Pitt Paul Meyer | Jeff & Darla Kimpling Deb Arnold, Mike Botzek Gary & Mary Hillenbrand Leon & Carole Schultz | Malinda Petersen Mitchell Nelson | Brad Marcus Darrell Hoekstra | Michelle Marcus |
| <u>Sept 30</u> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Jeff Kimpling Brandon Kopacek | Brad & Suzanne Skindelien Luther & Peggy Dykema Marlin & Cheryl Niss Loren & Judy Schultz | Nicholas Mohr Evan Friton | Wayne Dahlke Kolby Lindquist | Sarah Fosso |
| USHERS | | 8:00 AM *Rolf Standfuss, Joyce Standfuss, Beau Standfuss, Jon Barber 10:30 AM *Neil Buboltz, Jack Kuppich | | | (*Head Usher) |

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

Redeemer Church and Preschool is HOSTING
Friday, September 21 - 6:00 pm at Robbin's Island

Help Needed:

to serve popcorn and pop
to greet
watch bouncy houses
do a craft
play a game



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Sign up on the Office Window

ATTENTION LADIES! A seven-week Bible Study starting on Thursday, September 20th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm on “Armor of God” by Priscilla Shirer.

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny.

But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.

The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

Evenings will be spent going over what you worked on during the week in the study book as well as a great video of Priscilla speaking on the focused piece of armor from that weeks study.

Workbooks are \$13 each, please sign up on the sheet on the office window by September 16th so we know how many books to order and don't forget to invite a friend or two to join us as well! Please pay for your book when you sign up or give to Julie Danzeisen. If you have any questions, please direct them to either Julie Danzeisen or Anna Barber (they will be facilitating this study) Hope to see many of you in September!!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE With the busy start to our fall events here at Redeemer, we are looking for some volunteers who are willing to help in the office for a couple hours each month to put packets and mailings together for different happenings here at Redeemer. If you are willing to give of your time, please contact the church office.

JOY BELLS! It's time to think about ringing again! We have a couple of places in our Joy Bell choir that need a ringer. There are several very strong ringers in the group, so learning to ring is pretty easy! We meet Wednesday nights at 5:30 in the balcony, September-mid May. This year we will start on September 12th. If you would like to join us or need more information, contact Anna at abarber@redeemerwillmar.org. We would love to have you ring with us!



COME AND SING WITH US! Jubilation choir is always looking for those who love to praise God through vocal music. Each section has a strong singer and knowing how to read music is a plus, but it is not necessary! Jubilation choir meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the balcony, September through early May. We will start on September 12th this year. Grab a friend and come sing with us! For more information or questions, contact Anna at abarber@redeemerwillmar.org.



What are the most important traits of a strong parent?

This list is taken from Child Care Exchange and authored by Bonnie Neugebauer

- A strong parent is patient, knowing that crises pass, emotions ebb, and behaviors change.
- A strong parent is honest. He does not always do the best thing and seldom knows everything & that's ok.
- A strong parent is gentle with power and uses opportunities to empower children.
- A strong parent has a sense of humor and can enjoy the moment.
- A strong parent understands the importance of risk-taking and stands back as often as possible. Failure and disappointment are important learning opportunities. When something doesn't work, we try again.
- A strong parent knows her own limits and is able to ask for help or create a personal time-out.
- A strong parent believes in himself, trusts his instincts, and engages in life-long learning.
- A strong parent lets go of her vision of who her child should be and learns to celebrate who the child truly is.
- (my addition) A strong parent nurtures the faith-life of his children.
- (my addition) A strong parent realizes she is a forgiven child of God.

What makes a nurturing Grandparent?

- A strong grandparent supports his child as a parent. Words are used carefully to build, nurture, and love; and the rest of the time his thoughts are kept to himself.
- A strong grandparent is with her grandchildren as much as possible, holding, touching, talking and reading to them.
- (my addition) A strong grandparents nurtures the faith-life of his grandchildren.
- (my addition) A strong grandparent realizes she is a forgiven child of God.

Preschool News

Teachers: Gretchen Fauskee, Michelle Corti, Rachel Jeppesen

Assistant Teachers: Madison Fauskee, Amanda Lindquist, Jodi Elliott

Substitutes: Renee Jorschumb

Theme: All God's Critters Have a Place in the Choir!

Watch for our first Dramatic Play area by the courtyard door later in September - The Farm. It goes with our chapel project for this fall - buying animals for families in Third-world countries to help start their farms. Lutheran World Relief is the sponsor for this project. If you would like to donate to this project both the preschool and Sunday school are participating in, earmark an offering envelope with LWR.

Preschool Director, Rachel Jeppesen

Join Us As Redeemer Members Travel To Ames Center in Burnsville To See...



Sunday, November 4
Cost: \$44.00
(includes ticket & bus ride)

Bus Loads in the North Church Parking Lot at 11:00 am

Sign Up and Pay in the Church Office by Friday, October 5

Call 235-4685 to sign up
(tickets nonrefundable after that date)

Limited Number of Tickets Available

Invite Your Friends, too.

From the basement to the barn, your beloved Church Basement Ladies are back and getting busy with life outside the kitchen. After the last of the hotdish is served, the coffee pot is emptied, and the Jello molds are put away, these steadfast, sturdy women head to their farms, peel off their good girdles, and get on with their daily chores. In between picking eggs, milking cows, and dusting knickknacks, they congregate with some of the other lovable folks who inhabit this rural community: Earl, who delivers the mail up and down Rural Route One; Fergus, the hired man; and Tillie, who chronicles the action for the Fish County Weekly. With plenty of crazy antics, loads of fresh laughs, and spanking new original songs, YOU SMELL BARN celebrates rural life in the 1950's. And, at the center of it all, are your favorite Church Basement Ladies.

Trip Sponsored by Redeemer Fellowship Board
Lunch -- No Stops -- Pack Your Lunch
Supper -- We will stop at Red's Café in Montrose

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING Join us Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 pm or Saturday, September 9th at 9:30 am as we prepare for the upcoming Sunday School year. We will go over curriculum and safety training for Sunday mornings.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH is the start of Redeemer's 2018-19 Sunday School year. Our theme this year is "All God's Critters got a place in the Choir".



REDEEMER KIDS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Redeemer kids ministry is beginning to look for teachers and volunteers for many areas starting September 9th. Contact Cassie Drenkow if you are interested in helping out in any way or would like more information.

Sunday Morning Shepherd/Teacher Preschool-4th Grade: 5 Needed

Sunday Morning Large Group Leaders: 2 Needed

Sunday Morning Drama Team: 2 Needed

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH Here is an opportunity to serve our community! We will be hosting a congregation wide service project to support and care for teachers in our community. We will be collecting the following items for this project in the coming weeks. Please bring your donations to the church office. Then join us during the Family Education Hour on the 9th as we create care packages and cards for community teachers. **Bite Sized Wrapped Chocolates/Lifesaver Mints – Travel Sized Lotions/ Hand Sanitizers – Post-Its or Small Notepads – Travel Sized Kleenex – Pencils – Sharpies/Highlighters.**

FALL YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Youth ministry is beginning to look for mentors and volunteers for many areas starting September 12th. Contact Cassie Drenkow or Melissa Mord if you are interested in helping out in any way or would like more information.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS: 11 needed

SR HIGH YOUTH ADULT LEADERS (Sun & Wed): 7 needed

5TH-8TH LEADERS AND AIDES SUNDAYS: 4 needed

YOUTH FAMILY MEAL LEADER: 1-2 needed (6-8 families to provide meals second Wednesday of the month)

THE 2019 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING is in our very own backyard next summer in Minneapolis, MN. All 8th-12th grade youth are eligible for next summer's gathering. There will be an informational meeting October 14th, following second service, for parents of youth interested in attending next summer's gathering. If you are interested in traveling to NYG next summer, applications and information about the trip are posted outside the youth room. Adult leader applications are due September 30th.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 7-12th grade youth, join us for our B2SB (Back 2 School Bash) at the Big Kahuna in Spicer from noon to 2:00 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Last Name: _____ Parents First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Alternate Adult*: _____ Alt Phone: _____

YES! Add us to the Sunday School e-mail list! Our E-mail is: _____

* Alternate Adult are adults over 18 years old who may pick up your child from Sunday School in an emergency.

We are Members of Redeemer: Yes No, but would like to become one No Thanks.

| Child's Name (First, Last) | Child's Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY) | Grade in School | Baptized? |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| | | | Y/N |

Allergies or Medical Conditions we should know about (put child's name by respective issue):

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

YES - I am the parent or legal guardian of the above listed children under 18 years of age and I give permission for their images to be used within the church building, in church publications, in news releases, community awareness programs and on the church website. I also give permission for the use of their images on the websites of those charitable organizations we serve with the church's permission.

NO - I am the parent or legal guardian of the above listed children under 18 years of age and I DO NOT give permission for their images to be used

NOTE: Photos and Video used on the Redeemer website or social media will NOT contain your child's name. However, the newsletter is published with a copy on the Redeemer Website and it may contain your child's name.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____



Participant Registration Form

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Email _____

Contact Phone _____

Child One _____

Child Two _____

Child Three _____

Child Four _____

Child Five _____

| 1 st -2 nd | 4 th Grade | 5 th Grade | 6 th Grade |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Advent Wreath | Mary | Wiseman | 2 Wisemen |
| 3 rd Grade | Joseph | Camel | 2 Camels |
| Stable | Baby Jesus | Shepherd | Cow |
| | Angel | 2 Sheep | |
| | Donkey | | |

_____ Catch Up on Pieces Please list missing piece _____

Please return this form with payment no later than Sunday, September 30, 2018 to the Church Office. Make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church (memo: ADVENTure School). Please list the number participants in each grade level participating.

Bible Quiz: Noah's Ark

1) Why did the Lord decide to destroy mankind in a flood?

- a. They had become wicked and had evil in their hearts.
- b. They had built idols to false gods.
- c. The number of men was too great for the land to support.
- d. They had broken the Ten Commandments.

2) How big was Noah's ark?

- a. 100 cubits (150 ft, 46 m) long, 20 cubits (30 ft, 9 m) wide, 10 cubits (15 ft, 5 m) high
- b. 200 cubits (300 ft, 91 m) long, 50 cubits (75 ft, 23 m) wide, 20 cubits (40 ft, 12 m) high
- c. 300 cubits (450 ft, 137 m) long, 50 cubits (75 ft, 23 m) wide, 30 cubits (45 ft, 14 m) high
- d. 300 cubits (450 ft, 137 m) long, 100 cubits (150 ft, 46 m) wide, 50 cubits (75 ft, 23 m) high

3) How many pairs of each "clean" animal did Noah take on the ark?

- a. One pair
- b. Two pairs
- c. Three pairs
- d. Seven pairs

4) How old was Noah when the flood began?

- a. 80 years
- b. 120 years
- c. 200 years
- d. 600 years

5) How many people rode on the ark?

- a. Two people
- b. Four people
- c. Eight people
- d. Sixteen people

6) How long did the rain last?

- a. 20 days
- b. 40 days
- c. 150 days
- d. 365 days



7) Where did the ark come to rest after the flood?

- a. Mount Sinai
- b. the Mount of Olives
- c. Mount Zion
- d. the mountains of Ararat

8) How long did Noah stay on the ark before the Lord told him it was time to get out?

- a. 40 days and nights
- b. 150 days
- c. Over seven months
- d. Over one year

9) What animal did Noah send out to see if the land was dry?

- a. an eagle
- b. a dove
- c. a lamb
- d. an owl

10) God made a covenant with Noah and his sons to never again send a flood to destroy the earth. What was the sign of this covenant?

- a. A dove
- b. A rainbow
- c. A cloud
- d. A star

11) How old was Noah when he died?

- a. 650 years
- b. 850 years
- c. 950 years
- d. Over 1000 years

(Answers on following pages)



SCRIP ORDER FORMS can be found in the wooden rack in the narthex or the church office. September scrip orders are due on the 10th. Over 150 stores and restaurants to choose from! Don't miss out on an easy way to receive gift cards for yourself or to give as gifts to family and friends!