



Words of Peace June 2024



Growing In the Faith...



Green season is green lit...

Southern Californians know this all too well: after a fire, new growth sprouts. We've all seen it: the bright green blades of infant grass popping up against the dark, charcoaled backdrop of the fire's scorched earth. It's like an innocent babe entering a big, cruel world! Does this little sprout have any idea of what it's getting itself into?

"Taking captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5), we can take a deeper look at this contrasting scene and make spiritual connections—specifically, with Messianic prophecy. Isaiah 11:1 comes to mind: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit." That "Shoot" is Jesus—the Christ. From the time Jesus was born, the jealous anger of evil men (like Herod) burned with hatred against God's Anointed. Such burning "fire" reveals the dark, destructive side of fire.

But in the end, despite the evil in men's hearts, three days after His crucifixion, Jesus arose triumphant over sin, death, and the devil's schemes! Jesus tamed and turned man's worst enemies into tools for God's own purposes. The Christian's grave has been domesticated into the body's dormitory until Heaven's trumpet signals Christ's return and the instantaneous glorification of all those baptized bodies that were "asleep in Christ" (1 Thessalonians 4:14).

Another example comes from our recent celebration of Pentecost Sunday. There, we heard about the "tongues of fire" that rested above the disciples' heads, signifying the Presence of God the Holy Spirit. These flames, far from destroying their "human host," enlivened and empowered them to bear witness to Christ's atoning sacrifice and resurrection victory over death for all sinners. It is that same promised Holy Spirit who is now bestowed in the waters of Holy Baptism; and, just this last Pentecost Sunday, it is the same Holy Spirit Whom we witnessed embolden our two confirmands, Marshall and Blake, to publicly bear witness to their growing faith in Christ. Now, as communing members, their faith will be sustained & strengthened through the Holy Supper, as well as the Word.

The Church now enjoys feeding on the juicy green pastures continually sprouting God's Word during this long, growing "Green Season" of the Church Year. Pentecost's red tongues of fire indicate that the light has turned green for "Go... and Grow." I hope you have a nice Bible study to be a part of this summer and the discipline of attending church every Lord's Day. The Divine Service is where God's sheep find the "meat and potatoes" of green pastures and Holy Sacraments. We even have a new connection tool for those rare occasions when you can't make it out to services (or for those who are homebound): "Dial-A-Podcast" works like any ordinary phone call on your smartphone or landline. Just dial +1(805) 500-7552, and you can catch the latest sermon! If you are homebound, please call the office to have Pastor Mike arrange a home visit.

Let's grow in Christ together, **Pastor Mike**



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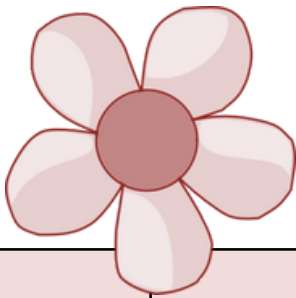
What good is it . . . if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

— James 2:14

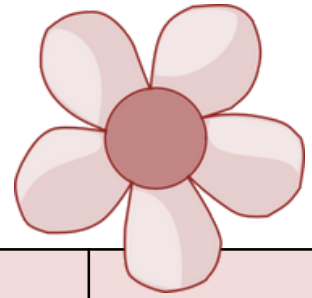
Many of us have heard the old saying “Actions speak louder than words.” But this statement is not always true. Sometimes a few careless words spoken in anger or frustration can cause irreparable damage. Like a spark that can set a whole forest on fire, words can be incredibly destructive (James 3:1-12). However, in many cases actions do speak louder than words. This is James’s point when he says that faith without deeds is dead. Faith that does not lead to doing good deeds is useless, says James. A fruit tree that does not produce fruit only takes up space in an orchard. It is cut down and burned, and a new tree is planted in its place (Matthew 7:15-20). Paul makes it clear in Ephesians 2:8-10 that we are saved by grace and not by works. Yet James points out that all who are saved by grace will begin to produce good works. That is why in Matthew 7:15-20 Jesus says people can be known by their fruit—revealing whether they are citizens of the eternal kingdom of God or citizens of this world, which is passing away.

This is the time of year where we look for volunteers to use their talents to serve God’s kingdom here on earth. We need many volunteers to serve on the various boards and offices. So, if you are asked to join a board or become an officer please prayerfully consider your answer. Better yet, seek out Pastor Mike, an elder, or any board member or officer and let them know you would like to serve. You can also ask Diana Wanke or Irene Hutchison where help is needed and match your talents to open positions.

Help me today, Lord, to examine my life to see if I am producing fruit that shows I am a child of yours. Help me to put off my old sinful nature and to live for your glory alone. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



June Servers



Date	Elder	Ushers	Altar	Readers	Greeters	Acolytes
June 2 Communion	Dave Hutter	Gary Taylor Bill Young	Linda Young Marta Shamblin	Don Haven	Luci Pommers	Noah Ylizaliturri
June 9	Dave Hutter	Blaine Wanke HenryAndermann ToddHarter	LindaYoung MartaShamblin	Blaine Wanke	Cindy Klittich	Gavin Nava
June 16 Communion	Dave Hutter	Dave Schmidt* Roy Poehler	Linda Young Marta Shamblin	Al Bosman	Charlo Stuart	Marshall Denninger
June 23	Dave Hutter	Glenn Benitz Scott Ehlers Steve Rusch	Linda Young Marta Shamblin	Dave Schmidt	Connie Morris	Samuel Williamson
June 30 Communion	Dave Hutter	Mike McCracken Rick Poore	Linda Young Marta Shamblin	Roy Poehler	Donna Pickler	Blake Williamson

PEACE OF THE PAST



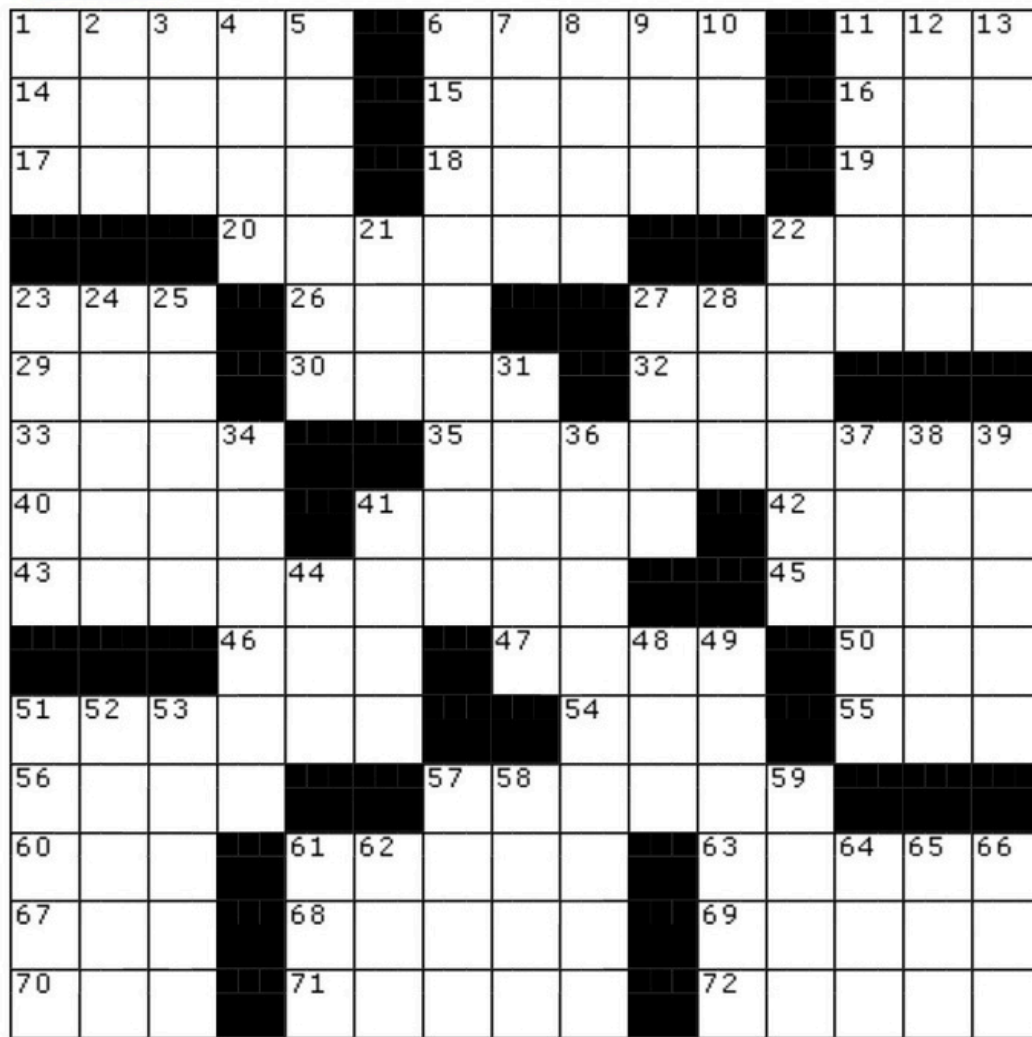
VBS 2009

Happy Anniversary

Craig & Peggy Frye	6/3
Lothar & Eveline Schmidt.	6/4
Kevin & Rachael Ylizaliturri	6/12
Don & Sandy Haven.	6/18
Gene & Beulah O'Neal.	6/26
Marshall & Lisa Denninger.	6/27
Rick & Belinda Poore.	6/28
Doug & Janice Swanson.	6/30

Happy Birthday

Enrique Tiongson	6/2
Sharon Fraser	6/3
Bob Hutchison	6/4
Jonathon Adams	6/4
Lothar Schmidt	6/6
Conner Stevenson	6/10
Daniel Stevenson	6/10
Cindy Fox	6/17
Beulah O'Neal	6/18
Adele Lourenco	6/22
Rick Medina	6/24
Don Haven	6/25
Ron Martin	6/25
Andy Klittich	6/29
Beverly Lusk	6/29
Belinda Poore	6/30

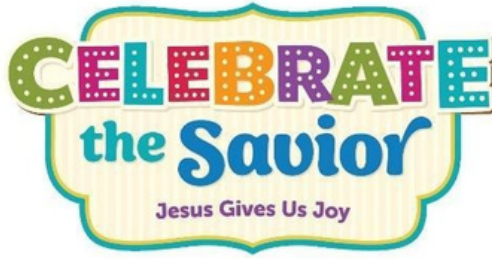


ACROSS

- 1 Get ready
- 6 Capital of Bangladesh
- 11 Computer type
- 14 Rustic
- 15 Electronic mail
- 16 Infirm
- 17 Last letter of Greek alphabet
- 18 Corrupt
- 19 Boxer Muhammad
- 20 Lizard
- 22 Sign
- 23 A name of God
- 26 Ship initials
- 27 Musician (3 wds.)
- 29 Resort hotel
- 30 Food
- 32 Dined
- 33 Put on __
- 35 King a.k.a. Xerxes I
- 40 Continent
- 41 Trunks
- 42 Sturdy

DOWN

- 1 Affirmative
- 2 Spirits
- 3 Anger
- 4 They visited Jesus
- 5 Affliction sent against Egypt
- 6 Ravage
- 7 Last word of a prayer
- 8 Jesus turned water into wine here
- 9 Central Intelligence Agency
- 10 Entire
- 11 Florida City
- 12 Ethan that led the Green Mountain Boys
- 13 Cohere
- 21 America
- 22 Painter Georgia ____
- 23 Son of Abraham
- 24 Imitative
- 25 Santa ____
- 27 Type of guitar
- 28 British thermal unit
- 31 OT abode of the dead
- 34 Boy called as prophet
- 36 Pardons
- 37 Sits in a car
- 38 Goads
- 39 Small fish
- 41 Luge
- 44 Airport abbr.
- 48 Tree
- 49 Inhabits
- 51 Hold onto
- 52 Jeopardy
- 53 Jewish teacher
- 57 Otherwise
- 58 Wall support
- 59 Part of a house
- 61 Least amount
- 62 Wield
- 64 French "yes"
- 65 Baby fox
- 66 South southeast
- 43 Color changer
- 45 Brim
- 46 North American Indian
- 47 Heavy metal
- 50 Moray
- 51 Open
- 54 Compass point
- 55 Fast plane
- 56 Bluish green
- 57 Cousin of Mordecai
- 60 Sphere
- 61 Many
- 63 Gazes
- 67 Body part
- 68 Publish
- 69 France's "Sun King"
- 70 Samuel's mentor
- 71 Requires
- 72 Strike (KJV)



2024

VBS REGISTRATION

\$20 per child \$40 max/family

Peace Lutheran Church

71 Loma Dr Camarillo

(805) 482-3313

Child's Name _____

Gender _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____ Grade just completed: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Alternate phone: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Emergency contact person: _____

Relationship to student: _____ Home phone: _____

Alternate phone: _____

People who will pick up child at 12:00 Noon: _____

Food allergies? _____ List: _____

Medical concerns: _____ Explain: _____

Family doctor: _____

Church affiliation: _____

Is your child baptized? _____ Would you like information on baptism? _____

Other siblings attending? _____ Their names: _____

VBS leaders have permission to photograph the minors designated above for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program. Advise if not ok. * mail-in this form with a check to "Peace Lutheran" (address above) or drop it off at the church during office hours beginning 5/26/24.

PEACE PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP!

SET SAIL FOR SUMMER CAMP!

July 2- July 31 (no School July
4th) Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday 3 days a week
8:30AM- 11:30 AM



Captain Miller will lead a crew of able-bodied preschoolers on a pirate themed adventure.

Some of the special activities included are:

- * digging for buried treasure
- * deep blue sea-water day /swimsuits
- * island obstacle course
- * pirate dress-up day / last day pizza party



Summer camp will be held Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-
11:30am.

Join us for a swashbuckling good time!!

Registration Opens April 15th \$50 Registration fee
(non refundable)

The cost is \$450 for the whole month of JULY summer camp
session

