



P.C.A. Witness

(Preaching Christ Always)

Hoping to help keep you informed about what's happening in our Presbytery, here is a brief summary of some of the highlights of our most recent meeting.

The Siouxlands Presbytery, made up of the PCA churches from Duluth, MN, to Spearfish, SD, met for our regularly stated meeting on September 23-24th in Bloomington, MN at Grace Covenant Church. Before the meeting began, there was an evening of Koinonia/Fellowship, in which Jon Medlock and Donald Guthrie, presented the findings of a recent denomination-wide study on Pastoral Wellbeing. Their study showed that 70% of pastors say the demands of ministry inhibit or challenge their spiritual maturity, and 50% of pastors struggle to experience intimacy with Jesus and rarely receive care from his Body. The presentation encouraged the pastors and sessions to work together to build and sustain healthy spiritual environments for the long term good of the church and its leaders. More can be found at <https://pcarbi.org/resources/wellbeing-report-2021/>.

Much of the Presbytery business had to deal with the receiving and dismissal of Pastors from the Presbytery. Rev. John St. Martin announced his resignation from Resurrection Church, Fargo, SD, and long-time missionary of the Presbytery, Rev. Paul Meiners, was designated as Honorably Retired before his membership was transferred to the presbytery where he currently resides. Rev. Bart Moseman, formerly the pastor of CityLife Church, St. Paul, MN, was designated as a minister without a call, as he has accepted a full time position outside of Pastoral Ministry.

The Presbytery received into its membership Rev. Matt Ryman, who has been called to serve a non-denominational church plant in Wayzata, MN, who comes with the hopes of shepherding this plant into the PCA. Matt comes to the Presbytery from Orlando, FL, where he served as senior pastor of University Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery also approved the request of Covenant Life Church in Minneapolis (an Asian American congregation that had been under the oversight of the Korean Central Presbytery, but had never been particularized, and is currently without Pastoral leadership) to be received as a Mission Church of the PCA.

Finally, the following amendments to the PCA Book of Church Order, which had been approved by the General Assembly, were approved by the Presbytery for a final vote at the next General Assembly. There is a link to the full text of the amendments on the Church Website.

- ITEM 1: Amend BCO 12-6 and 13-4 to allow Presbyteries and Sessions to establish rules for holding virtual meetings.
- ITEM 2: Amend BCO 16 by adding a clause that prohibits ordination of men who self-identify as "gay Christians," "same sex attracted Christians," "homosexual Christians," "or like terms."
- ITEM 3: Amend BCO 20-4, 24-3, and 24-4 regarding election of pastor, associate pastor, and officers.
- ITEM 4: Amend BCO 21-4; 24-1 clarifying moral requirements for church office.
- ITEM 5: Amend BCO 22-2 regarding process for Assistant to Associate Pastor.
- ITEM 6: Amend BCO 24-1 to clarify that a session has discretion on the timing of some parts of the exam of officer nominees.
- ITEM 7: Amend BCO 32-20 regarding time considerations for offenses.
- ITEM 8: Amend BCO 38-1 regarding confession document for case without process.

Please continue to pray for your Church and Presbytery, that we may work together for the sake of the gospel and the building up of Christ's Church.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Ethan".

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If you are unable to attend the morning service, you may watch it on cable 19 or 98 or you may Livestream the service by going to the website and clicking the link.

October



Anniversaries

- 5 Larry & Sandy DeVries
- 14 John & Karen Mossefin
- 17 Alan & Brenda Ratliff
- 20 Bruce & Joyce Olson



Birthdays

- 1 River Vannorsdel
- 3 Kathy Day
- 4 Hailey Spoonemore
- 6 Karen Andernacht
- 8 Elroy Bruns &
Jonathan Pien
- 9 Alexander Carlson
- 10 Andy Haan
- 13 Darla Cramer &
Berdine Kock
- 14 Cooper & Jack Luvaas
- 15 Jim Bruns &
Erin Valentien
- 16 Amy Lundquist &
Kelly Wulf
- 18 Karen Mossefin
- 19 Ethan Marts
- 20 Richard Lounsbery
- 21 Deb Hanssen
- 23 Ken Shaffer &
Mark Steever
- 24 Jessica Luvaas
- 25 Denise Hanisch
- 29 Kolby Reinke



Arlis Poppens lives at 916 S Elm St, Lennox, with her daughter, Marla. Arlis was born in Lennox, to Walt & Kate Kuhlmeier. She grew up in Lennox with her siblings and attended school here. Arlis married Donald Poppens on May 23, 1948. They lived on a farm a quarter mile south of the junction of Hwy 17 & 271st St, by Tea. Donald was injured in a farming accident on November 1, 1979, and was called home to be with the Lord on December 6th of that year. Shortly following Donald's death, Arlis moved into Lennox. Arlis was the church secretary at Ebenezer for 22 years. She and her sisters (Dorothy & Eleanor) also owned and ran a Christian Bookstore, "Our Place," in Lennox for several years.

Arlis' children are: Daughter Diane Mammenga, who is retired & lives on a farm near Canistota, her 3 children: Pam Cwach, a teacher at Canton Schools, and lived in Canton with her husband, Kyle, who works for the City of Canton; Monte, who was called home to be with the Lord earlier this year; and Angela Herrmann, a physical therapist who lives in Yankton with her husband, Chad, who works at HSC in Yankton, & their 2 children, 13 year old Alyssia & 7 year old Amelia; Son Duane, who is retired, and his wife Karen, a teacher at Roosevelt High in Sioux Falls, they currently live in Sioux Falls, but are in the process of moving to Harrisburg; and Daughter Marla, who is a daycare provider in Lennox, and her daughter, Marissa, who lives in Denver, CO.

Arlis' favorite past-time is reading. She was the church librarian at Ebenezer for many years, sang in the choir & a ladies sextet, was a founding member of the JOY group, and was also involved in Women in the Church. Arlis was born into & raised in Ebenezer, being baptized here as an infant. **"Ebenezer has always been Home!"** She enjoys the people of Ebenezer and missed everyone during the time we were apart the last year and a half. "We have always had good pastors. I so enjoy Dave Strasser's Sunday School class & I'm a strong believer in the power of prayer."

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FAMILY CORNER

Christian Education News



Adult Sunday School Class #1 continues

with the video study of "Christianity--It's Not What You think."

Adult Sunday School Class #2 will continue their study of Proverbs this month using the Sunday School Guide publication.

Your Particular Grief, a class for adults dealing with grief, meets at 11:00 in the Library.

Children's Sunday School classes will begin at 10:50 am, when the bell is rung.

Mid-Week Activities for 1st - 8th grades are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

The High School Youth Group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm.

Rise with the Guys will meet on Saturday morning, **November 6th**, at 7:00 am at the Church. They are continuing with the study of the Gospel of Mark.

The Women's Bible Study Group will also meet on Saturday morning, **November 6th** at 8:30 am, at the church. They are continuing with the study on Revelations.

The Rachel Bible Study will meet on Monday evening **November 8th**, at 7:00 pm, at the church, studying Lesson 12.

The Fourth quarter S.S. Mission project is for Brandon Haan, serving with RUF at the University of Minnesota.

The amount given for RUF is at \$277. This is above the amount for Ishimwe, who is our Compassion Child we support each month.

MISSION NEWS



Brandon & Erin Haan ~ RUF University of MN

Ways to Pray

We've been working hard to reach new students and to find new avenues to bring the gospel message to the campus. Would you pray for these requests?

- As a staff and a leadership team, we're tired from the big push at the beginning of the semester. Pray that God would sustain us as we continue to minister to those within our ministry.
- While our numbers have grown, we still struggle to gather all the students in our ministry together for large events, which is vital for our health and outreach. Pray that we can help students connect with one another, and that they would see the importance of Christian community.
- Students are having more difficulty dealing with problems or adversity than in years past. For us it means that we do more counseling than normal, and students stop coming to events more easily. Pray that we would have the stamina to meet with students personally, and they would hear the challenge to continue to prioritize their faith in Jesus.

Haan Family Update

This is the first year both of our boys have been in school! Theo started kindergarten, and so far has been loving it. He enjoys learning (just like Erin), but his favorite part of school is gym (just like me, ha!). Everett is in Preschool two mornings a week, which means that Erin gets a total of 4 hours to herself! Erin is doing well with the change in schedule as a stay at home mom. She continues to do well post-treatment, although she still has some neuropathy in her feet, which can flair up sometimes. I have been preaching regularly at our home church while we are without a pastor, and I've also been asked to fill in at two other churches who are searching for their next pastor.

Pete & Esther Errington ~ Beyond ~ Plano, TX

After months (and sometimes years) of walking with people through applying, joining Beyond, pre-field training and partnership development, it's exciting when they get close to launching. Brittney signed up for Perspectives, a 15 week long class looking at God's heart for all people groups and the spread of the gospel. It changed her perspective! She realized she needed to be all about making disciples of unreached peoples. She also met some Beyond members at the class and applied. One of the first things we asked her to do was Phase 1 training: learning how to make disciples who reproduce disciples here. Even though she felt inadequate at times, she reached out to strangers at Walmart and connected with Muslims at an Islamic Center in her town, beside making disciples in her own network of relationships. Now she's ready to move to South Asia, home to more unreached people and unreached people groups than any other region in the world.

Prayer requests:

- Brittney's travel, adjustment to her new country, language and culture learning so she can be an effective disciple maker
- For favor for Shawn and Catherine's visa application so they can enter their new country.
- Three new workers from the June Exploratory--Seth, Dillon, and Aubrey--as they began four weeks of training at MTI on October 25th. Pray for teachable spirits and no Covid outbreaks.
- For the Exploratory Conference November 14-17, for participants preparing to come, for our team as we handle logistics, lead sessions and assess people fit in Beyond

Union Gospel Mission

The next Lamplighters meeting will be November 19th at 2:00 pm, at the First Baptist Church, 1033 N Jackson St, Luverne, MN. The Love Gift is winter clothing & gear. Hooded sweatshirts, hats, gloves and men's socks. All items must be new. Please bring your gifts for this ministry to the church by Sunday, November 14th.



Adult Choir Practice

Regular practices will take place on Wednesday evenings, November 3rd, 10th & 17th, at 7:45 pm, in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to join us as we prepare to sing praises to the Lord and make a joyful noise!

We will sing during the Sunday morning worship service on November 21st, and will practice at 8:45 am that morning, prior to the service.

Brenda Sinning, Director

Operation Christmas Child

I know several of you have or are planning to complete shoeboxes for our Operation Christmas Child project.

The completed boxes may be dropped off at the Sunday School bulletin board area **beginning Sunday, November 7th through Sunday, November 14th**. I will take them to the collection location after that.

Karen Mossefin

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7:00 pm on the 24th. An offering will be taken for the PCA Mission to North America Mercy Ministries. Funds from this offering support future pastors & lay ministry leaders in on-the-job training that will equip them to meet the needs of our ever-diversifying communities and churches in North America.

Officer Meetings

The Session will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7:00 pm**.

The Deacons of Mercy & Finance and Building & Property will meet on **Tuesday, November 9th, at 7:00 pm**.

Daylight Savings Time

Remember that DST ends at 2:00 am on **Sunday, November 7th**. Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday evening.



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LENNOX
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November 2021

*With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord:
 "He is good; his love to Israel endures forever."
 And all the people gave a great
 shout of praise to the Lord.
 Ezra 3:11*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 The Exchange is open every Monday from 2:00 - 3:00 pm	2 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	3 Wednesday Evening Activities 7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice	4	5	6 7:00 am Rise with the Guys 8:30 am Women's Bible Study
7 Communion 6:00 pm Communicants Class	8 7:00 pm Rachel Bible Study at the Church	9 1:00 pm Women's Connection 7:00 pm Session Meeting	10 Wednesday Evening Activities 7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Wednesday Evening Activities 7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 Deacon's Fund Offering 8:45 am Choir Practice 6:00 pm Communicants Class	22	23	24 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	25 Thanksgiving Day Church Offices Closed Today	26 Church Offices Closed Today	27
28	29	30	Every Wednesday 3:30-4:30 pm Exchange is open Wednesday Evening Activities 6:30 pm 1st through 8th Grades 6:45 pm High School Youth			The Exchange is open from 9:00 - 10:00 am every Saturday.

Taste and See That the Lord is Good

Chicken Tortilla Soup

Candice Osborn

1 c chopped onion

Black olives, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

Shredded cheddar cheese

3-4 Serrano peppers (to taste)

Sour Cream

3-4 c diced cooked chicken

Tortilla Chips

2 - 12-oz cans mushroom soup

2 - 12 -oz cans cream of chicken soup

1 1/2 qts chicken broth (6 cups)

1 Tbsp chili powder (to taste)

2-3 10-oz cans Rotel tomatoes

1 can black beans, rinsed and drained (optional)

6-8 flour tortillas cut into strips (small tortillas)

In a large kettle sauté the onion, garlic, and Serrano peppers (optional) in a small amount of butter or olive oil. Add chicken, soups, broth, chili powder, Rotel tomatoes and black beans (optional). Heat almost to a boil. Turn down to simmer. Stir frequently. 5-10 minutes before serving add the tortilla strips. (A pizza cutter works great for this). Place soup in bowls and garnish with black olives, shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream, and crushed tortilla chips as desired. This is a delicious soup for those cold days coming soon!! This makes a large batch of soup. So each time Candice heats this up, she adds a few more tortilla strips. Candice would make this often for her husband Darrell as it was a favorite of his. Her son-in-law and grandson also list this as a favorite of theirs.

Food for Thought

"Do not have your concert first and tune your instruments afterwards.

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD." --Hudson Taylor

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Psalm 143:8

Kids Korner

Esau Sells Birthright

Read Esau's story in Genesis 25-27. Then find the words below hidden in the puzzle.

REBEKAH

BIRTHRIGHT

BLESSED JACOB

SORRY

ISAAC

OLDEST SON

CLOTHES

DREAM

TWIN SONS

HUNGRY

TRICKED

PROMISE

ESAU

PORRIDGE

GOAT'S SKIN

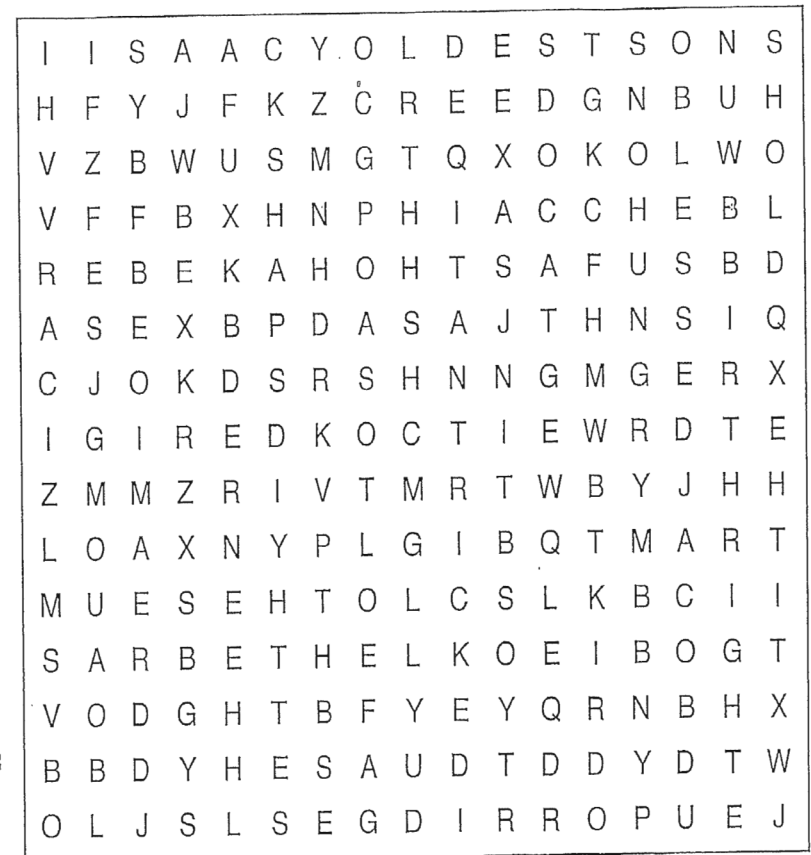
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JACOB

BLIND

DEER

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The Deacons of Mercy & Finance and Building & Property met on October 5, 2021, in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Present: Ken Shaffer, Jim Kickland, Mark Van Ruler, David Strasser, Aaron Bartscher, Jeff Rippentrop, Pat Miller, Justin Carlson, Mike Covais, Billy Welch and Pastor Ethan Saylor. Excused: Adam Aesoph, Ryan Strege, Cliff Wulf, Andy Haan, Randy Dump, Bryce Strasser, and Ron Hanssen.

Ken Shaffer opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Pastor Saylor presented proposed by-law changes to the group. Ken Shaffer moved that the proposed changes be tabled until the November meeting.

Pat Miller reported that the carpets were cleaned by Intek. The bid was for \$1,800, which is what was charged. At this time, the Deacons of Building & Property left the Fellowship Hall to hold their separate meeting.

A need was discussed. The Deacon's Fund has a balance of \$8,333.07.

Communion will be served on Sunday morning, November 7th. Jeff Rippentrop will prepare the juice and Aaron Bartscher will prepare the bread.

Treasurer Brenda Sinning presented the expense report for October. There was a total of \$13,500 collected in the 5th Sunday offering from August for the HVAC system repairs. The CCLI invoice, for \$534.00, will be paid from the Music Ministries fund in October.

Aaron Bartscher closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Van Ruler

Secretary

Deacons of Building & Property meeting was continued in the High School classroom.

The MPR, hallway, sanctuary, fellowship hall and the high school classroom were cleaned by Intek. MSA to have the carpets professionally cleaned every year. Next year, the hallways, offices and classrooms will be cleaned. In 2023, the MPR, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and hallways will be cleaned. The hallways will be done each year, as they are high traffic areas.

The east end exterior lights by the bell have been fixed. An exterior light was installed above the west end Fellowship Hall door.

Bids are now open for the two Janitor positions and should be turned into a Building & Property Deacon by December 6th. Printed job descriptions will be available on the Information Center in the narthex.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Carlson

Secretary



The stated meeting of the session of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church was convened by Pastor Saylor on October 12, 2021, at 7:00 pm in the youth room. He opened the meeting with devotions on Psalm 99 followed by prayer.

Those present were Pastor Saylor, Marlyn Bunger, Jim Wipf, Gene Valentien, Brock Rops, and Bob Steadman. A quorum was present.

MSA the minutes of the September 14, 2021 stated meeting.

Church statistics:

Communion was served on October 3, 2021.

Candice Osborn, Deb Moreman, Sandi Moreman, and Sheryl Moreman came before the session desiring membership in Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. They each shared their testimony and walk of faith and answered the membership vows in the affirmative.

MSA to receive them as new communing members of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church per BCO 57-6. Candice Osborn, Deb Moreman, Sandi Moreman, and Sheryl Moreman come by reaffirmation of faith.

Bob Steadman prayed for these new members.

Pastor Saylor reported for the Deacons that giving to the general fund has been steady.

The Deacons had a question about the proposed By-Law changes that needs to be resolved.

Gene Valentien will be the session member on the Budget Committee. The Deacon members are yet to be determined.

Church committees:

Church use committee: Requests to use the church building were shared and approved.

Christian Ed: December events are being planned.

Outreach & Fellowship: They are planning some events for December

Missions: They are starting to look at what our missionary support will look like for 2022.

Marlyn Bunger prayed for the ministry of the church.

Pastor Ethan shared a report on the September Presbytery meeting and the arrangements for the January 2022 meeting.

Pastor Saylor will be at Grace Presbyterian Church in Sioux Falls on October 17th. Brock Rops will open the worship service for Ebenezer and Dan Reed will give the message.

The next Session meeting will be November 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Various health concerns of the congregation were expressed.

Pastor Saylor closed the meeting in prayer at 9:15 pm.

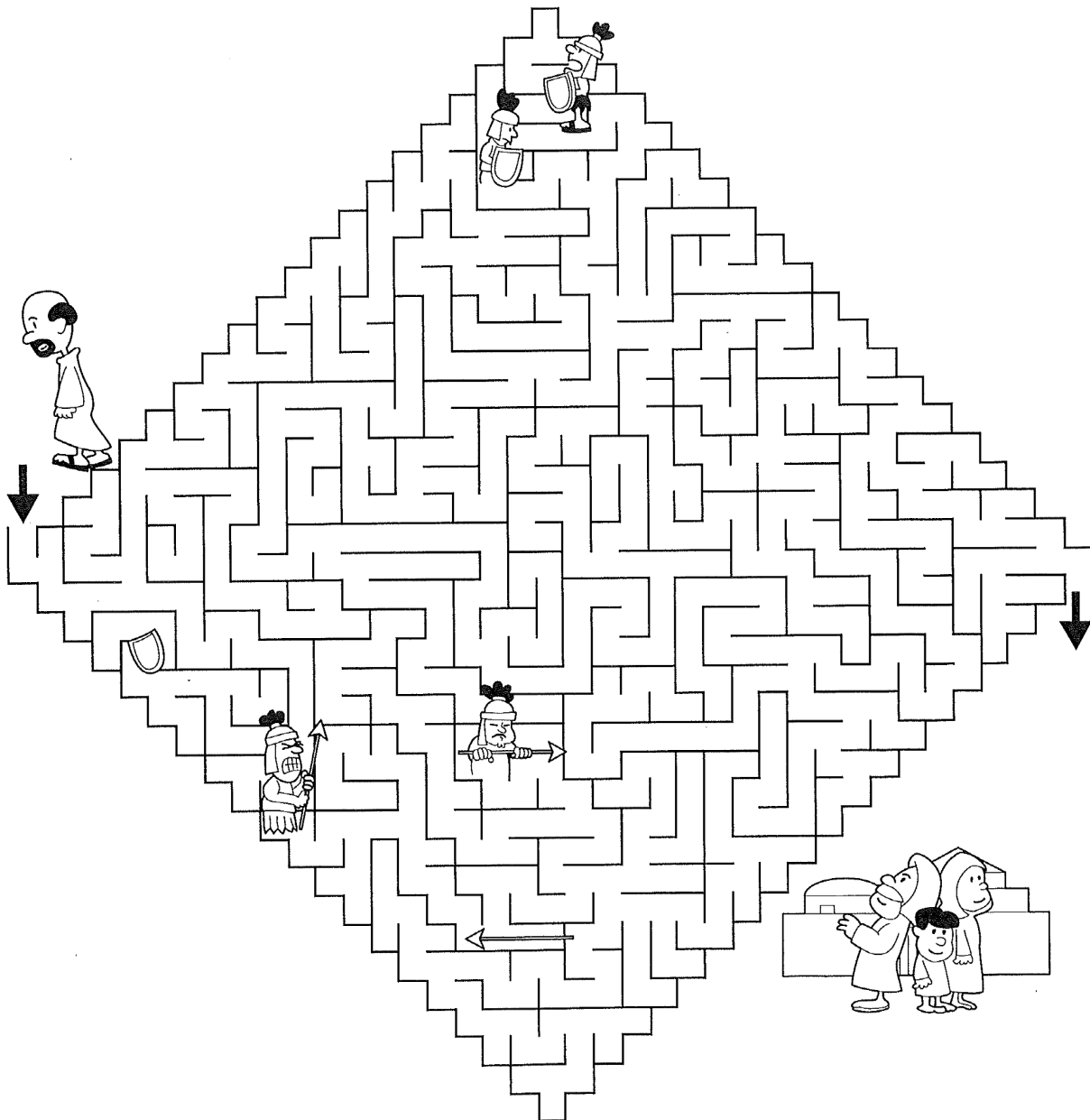
Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Bunger, clerk

Paul's A-MAZE-ing Change

Paul was an A-MAZE-ing missionary in Bible times. But Paul didn't always believe in God. In fact, earlier in his life, Paul's name was Saul. He hated Christians and even stoned and persecuted them! One day, when Saul was on a journey, he saw a bright light that blinded him. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, why do you persecute me?" It was Jesus speaking to Saul! From that day on, Saul believed in Jesus. He traveled the world, telling thousands of people about Jesus' love.

Help Paul find his way to Jerusalem to preach to the people. Watch out for the soldiers along the way who want to arrest Paul!



Christian Education

Director's Column



Nov. 7 #18 (Gen 28: 3-22) *Jacob's Dream* Find a step-ladder and set it up in the garage or outdoors. On the bottom of the steps, put a paper that says "earth" and on the top step, put a sign that says "heaven." On the ladder, put the name "Jesus", for He is the person who connects earth to heaven. Imagine angels going up and down the ladder, some sending messages to earth, some heading back to heaven having completed their task.

Nov. 14 #19 (Gen 29-30) *Jacob and Rachel* Jacob lied to his father Isaac so he could get the birthright. Laban lied about who he was giving to Jacob as his wife. Relationships are harmed when lies are said. Share a time when a lie hurt you and those around you.

Nov. 21 #20 (Gen.31) *Jacob Flees from Laban* It always goes the way that God wants. The word that is used to help us understand this is sovereignty. God is sovereign over all things. Research the definition of this word and share how it fits with this story.

Nov. 28 #21 (Gen. 32: 1-32) *Jacob's Wrestling Match* Jacob wrestles with a man throughout the night. At dawn, the man renames Jacob to Israel. Name as many ways as you can how the name Israel is used throughout the Old and New Testament.

Kids & Parents:

An opportunity to give glory to God through artistic talent is upon us again this Christmas. Pre-Kindergarten – 6th grade students who would like to draw and color a picture for the Christmas season bulletins are encouraged to participate. For better printing, please use markers (not crayons) and cardstock (8 ½" x 11 ½ ") that can be found in Judy's wall file or in the church office. Remember to put your name on the back. You may give your picture to Judy, a church staff person, or put the picture in Judy's wall file near her office door. Students may submit more than one picture. We look forward to you sharing your gifts!



Parents: The words and music for the Christmas program are in the mailboxes of the Pre-K - 6th students. If you were missed, please let Judy De Wit know. Some of the songs and words can be found on YouTube. We are inviting students who want to play a Christmas song for the prelude to speak to Judy about the name of the song and instrument. Prior approval by Judy is needed. Group practice is Sunday December 5th and Sunday December 12th, during Sunday school time. The Christmas program at Ebenezer is December 12th, at 6:30 pm, with the prelude beginning at 6:20 pm.