



THE VINE

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

JUNE 2024

"Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, His followers, and His world."

Called, Commissioned and Installed **Joy Dahl and Justine Rollin**

Two of our teachers completed the process of becoming commission ministers of religion (teachers) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Preschool Director Joy Dahl and Fourth Grade Teacher Justine Rollin have now been called as teachers of St. John's Lutheran Church. They will be formally commissioned and installed during worship on June 2.

For the past two years, Joy and Justine have been installed in a process known in the LCMS as "Colloquy." This is a process by which teachers who did not graduate from one of our Concordia Universities receive the same certification that teacher candidates receive when completing the education program at one of our affiliated Concordia universities. As called commissioned teachers, our Church body and our congregation are declaring that they are teachers of the faith, called to ministry in the Church.

Justine has taught fourth grade at St. John's since 2017. Joy Dahl is a graduate of St. John's, and began serving as a preschool teacher 12 years ago. She has served as preschool director for the past two years.

We are blessed to have Joy and Justine as teachers and leaders in our school ministry. May God bless them in them in their service to Him and His mission among us.

Francisco Hurtado Retires

Deacon Francisco Hurtado has led our Mision de Jesus ministry for the past six years. During that time, he has also received ongoing theological and ministerial training through Linc Bay Area. As of June 1, Francisco is retiring from this ministry. We are thankful for the blessing that His leadership and teaching brought to the people of Mision de Jesus, and pray God's blessings upon him in his retirement.

Mision de Jesus

With the retirement of Francisco Hurtado, the Mision de Jesus ministry will be shut down. Throughout the past year, we have been seeking to locate a leader to continue this ministry, but have been unable to find one. Therefore we have no choice but to close the ministry.

We give God thanks for the blessing of Mision de Jesus for the past 23 years. May God bless and guide the people of Mision de Jesus, and lead them to follow after Him always.



Mission India Partnership

We give thanks to God for the generous offerings for Mission India which will enable us to partner with Mission India in the coming year.

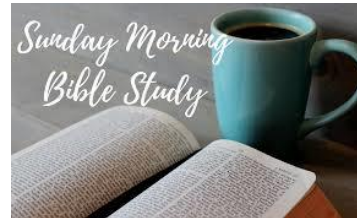
Our partnership this year will fund these ministries:

- 7 Church planters
- 4 Children’s Bible Club Projects (20 After-school clubs)
- 2 Literacy Projects (10 classes)

Our partnership also involves our prayers support. Please remember our Mission India partners in your prayers.

Sunday Bible Classes

Pastor Mike’s Bible meets in Room 8. We are continuing our series “Citizens of Heaven,” looking at important issues facing our country and seeking wisdom from God’s Word.



Congregational Budget and Election Meeting

The congregational meeting will be on Sunday, **June 9, 2024**, following the service, in the Sanctuary. At this meeting, we will be electing five people to serve on the Board of Directors. We will also be voting on the 2024-2025 Ministry Plan and Budget.

Worship in June

A Generous Life

We have a generous God. He has graciously given to us all that we have and all that we are. God is the generous giver who never runs out, whose generosity knows no limit. His generosity is seen most dramatically in the cross and resurrection of Jesus, where our Savior graciously gives Himself for us in order to give salvation to us.

We are called to follow our generous God in living generous lives. This series focuses on three aspects of the generous living to which we are called, especially regarding the call to generously support God's mission through His church. We will be focusing on 2 Corinthians 8-9 in which Paul writes about the offering of the Corinthian Church to support God's mission in Jerusalem.

June 9

“Reflecting God’s Grace”

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to generously support God's mission as a reflection of the grace that they have received. This is not an optional add-on to the Christian life, but an essential part of following and imitating Jesus. Paul wrote: *“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”* (2 Corinthians 8:7)

June 16

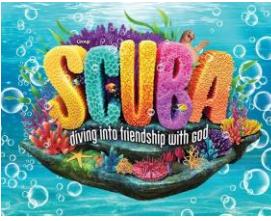
“Living By Faith”

Giving is an act of faith. It is declaring that we trust the Lord's promise to provide for us in so that we can be generous in supporting His work. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, *“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”* (2 Corinthians 9:11)

June 23

“Partnering in Mission

Through our offerings, we partner with each other and the Church at large to accomplish God's mission in what we could never do ourselves. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, *“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”* (2 Corinthians 9:12)



It's officially summertime! Okay, not really, but it is time to make your summer plans. This year we will be diving deep into the fun with Scuba VBS! The kids will learn and be reminded each day that God is a friend that loves them forever! You will not want to miss this adventure into the wonderful water world full of marine life and color! Mark your calendars for **June 17-20, 2024**.

Volunteer Registration will open next week. Please consider working with us to make this week a week to remember for each one of our campers! We can't do it without you! If you have any questions regarding volunteering, please get in contact with Kevin Mathison. kevin@stjohnsnapa.org

LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

To God be the Glory!



National Law Enforcement Week ...

Thank you to all who helped Team Aaron honor our law enforcement heroes during National Police Week. Look at all the “grab-and-go” treats that were collected! A special thank you to our students at SJLS who brought treats and made pawsome cards and posters, and also to those who participated in our thank you video!

If you would like to see the video, email the church office for the link.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, and our website for all the latest news. napavalleycomfortdogs.org

Aaron Comfort Dog



Children's Ministry:

- It's time to SCUBA! Volunteers are still needed!! The VBS date is set, June 17-20. Please check out the [website](#) to see if there is a role for you.
- CHILDREN'S CHURCH WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER! It's so exciting that we have so many kiddos each week that we simply can't take the entire summer off! If you would like to find a way to get involved with Children's Church, even if it's just once every couple months, please get in contact with Kevin Mathison.

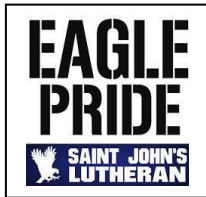


Surge

- Mark your calendars for our Summer Surge Movie Series, June 11th & 25th, & July 16th. Each of these will begin at 6pm in the gym.
- District Youth Gathering! The CNH District is hosting an event on Saturday, July 13th, in Rocklin! Students entering 6th, 7th, & 8th grade are all invited to attend. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Mathison by June 30th.

High School

- High School Hang out! This is the place to be if you are in 8th grade or high school! We will meet in Room 10 after church each Sunday in June! Join us for some food, fun games, & Bible Study.
- The National Youth Gathering is just 13 months away now! We are gearing up for what is sure to be a humid trip to New Orleans! Our Youth will soon begin fundraising for this big trip. Stay tuned for some of the fun events that we will be hosting!



SJLS Admissions News

SJL is excited to announce that we are anticipating full enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year, with the exception of a few openings in **6th grade**.

If you know anyone who might be looking for the opportunity to begin **middle school at SJL**, please encourage them to contact Admissions (kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org) or the School Office at 707-226-7970.

Thank you!

By and large all the summer crops are planted and growing like weeds! Ouch . . . hate to admit it, but the weeds you have with you always, and that's another reason why we need lots of helpers at the Mission Farm. However, the food crops themselves are looking really healthy, and portend a good harvest. Another reason why we need lots of helpers at the Mission Farm. Of course, harvesting is the fun part.

But then there is also the prepping of the produce for sending to the CANV Food Bank. That is yet another reason why we need lots of helpers at the Food Bank. Planting, tending, weeding, harvesting, prepping, delivering . . . all contribute to a great work of service we are able to offer to our community, helping to feed families facing food insecurity.



That is especially what makes what we do out at the Farm a truly satisfying activity. Good fellowship too, while we work together. We are out there every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday morning, 9 to noon. Come whenever you can, and stay as long as you are able. No prior gardening experience required. We will teach. Bring a floppy hat, work gloves, and water. We provide the tools.

Submitted by Farmer Ted



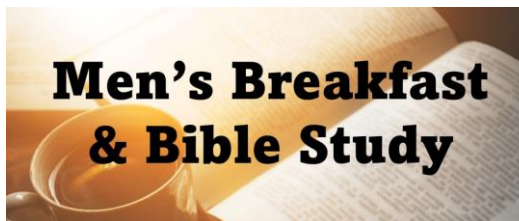
Hello Ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church!

With all the work that is being done in the sanctuary, we will be taking a break until September. We will start off our Women's Study in the Fall with 2 Peter, and then on to the book of Jude. Hope you have a wonderful summer. Please pray about joining our group next Fall. If you have any questions, please call me (Judi Rock) at 707-748-6707!

Love and Blessings to you all!!!



The Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study is currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Join us for fellowship at 7:30 AM and Bible Study from 8-9 AM.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



DATE COUPLE YEARS

2	Ben & Amy Wilson	34
2	Craig & Karol Underhill	40
5	Robert & Doris Klein	53
5	Robert & Kari Perna	30
9	Christopher & Beth Vecera	12
12	Tim & Christy Kramer	42
13	Cliff & Ellen Burmester	32
14	Bill & Susan Clark	55
15	Carl & Linda Hammond	61
15	Chad & Jennifer Alexander	22
16	Lucy & David Franklin	33
18	Richard & Karol Bruechert	64
18	Katie & Brett Wedding	13
18	Gerald & Midge Schneider	59
18	David & Rebecca Hudgins	54
20	Brad & Shannon Lloyd	3

20	Herbert & Nancy Heil	59
23	Dan & Cathy Bunnell	45
24	Martin & Eva Meissenhalter	24
25	Dana & Christine Zanone	52
25	Jacob & Sarah Bartelt	8
26	Scott & Autumn Zimmerman	31
26	Rev. Ted & Elaine Zimmerman	59
26	Karl & Rachel Frisinger	20
27	Brent & Jessica Koen	9
28	Pastor Mike & Teresa Schmid	39
28	Gary & Marlen Virkus	56
28	Joel & Dawn Wahlers	27
29	Christopher & Heidi Newman	11
29	Erika & Andrew Boudreaux	10
30	Michael & Janelle Newton	45
30	Michael & Patte Quinn	23



**Large Print Ministries
Meets in Room 10
the second and fourth
Mondays, Tuesdays
of the month
9:00-11:00 am
Please come join us!**



Congratulations Graduates!

Michael Bonfante

Austin Broyles

Jaxon Canavasio

Troy Carzy

Charles Ciabattari

Quinn Coughlan

Rylan Dalessi

Aiden Frisinger

Nicolas Gallo

Tiago Girardo

Andrew Greenberg

Stella Hall

Abigail Hardy

Kelly Hodges

Preston Jamson

Lukas Johnson

Morgan Knell

Ruby Kreps

Natalie Mathison

Gina Gnom

Fynnigan Nieves

Lucia Soto

Emma Steward

Robert Valluzzo

Pierre Zaninovich

We are excited to see where God leads each of our graduates and pray that, as said in the words of the prophet Isaiah in Chapter 40, verse 31, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Once a St. John’s Eagle, always a St. John’s Eagle! Soar high!

Dr. Christy Wood
Principal



The Give+ Mobile App from VANCO shut down 1 Oct 21 and is longer be available for download as a mobile app. The new app is called **VANCO Mobile**.

Giving through Vanco Mobile is easy! Just download the new app and create a new user profile in VANCO Mobile.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Brent Koen
2	Matthew Seiter, Stephanie Diviak
3	Kelsey Rodriguez, Rebecca Newman, Shannon Lloyd
4	Barbara Miller, Sandee Schachner
5	Joel Wahlers, Bob Harvey
6	John Van Hofwegen
9	Kristin Goller, Dean Ehlen
10	Bennett Goller
11	Abigail Zimmerman, Ken Tews
13	Haley Cremen, Brian Wood
14	Tyler Lamb
15	Abriana Helfrich, Darlene Elia
17	Tyler Koen
18	Bailey Loban
19	Jaxson Uffmann
20	Jessica Bresee, Ezekiel Anderson, William Smith
21	Pam Foottit, Elaine Hoff
22	Ellen Burmester, Tyler Morgenlaender
23	George Clark
24	Amy Smith, Brian Bresee, Lenora Balsiger
25	Brian Youngblood, Grace Bouchet, Carolyn Fruchtenicht
26	Thomas Commander
27	Dustin Messner, Lisa Walter
28	Gunnar De Young, Aaron Eisberg
29	Tracy Cushing
30	Jeffery McFarland-Johnson



OFFERING UPDATE

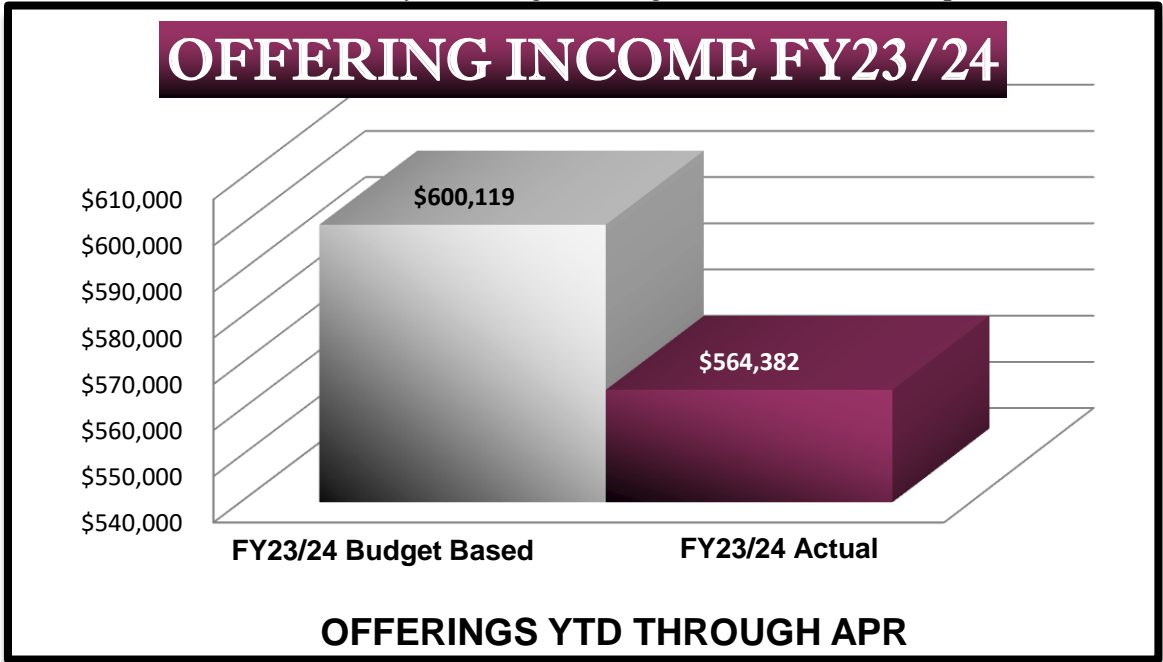
Actual Offering Income for Apr:

\$54,192.

Total Offerings for FY23/24 (as of 30 Apr 24):

\$564,382 which is **5.96%** or **\$35,737** below our budgeted offering income.

Total expenses are in line with our budget and we paid all bills received. *The budget amount shown below is based on the ten-year average offering received for that time period.



Meditation:

“They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that He has given you.” (Deuteronomy 16:16-17)(ESV)

Giving Proportionately

God directs us to give in proportion to our blessings. *“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum in keeping with his income . . .”* (1 Corinthians 16:2). Through faith, we willingly surrender our proportionate gifts from our income to the Lord. In both the Old and New Testaments, the standard proportion of a person’s income to give was the tithe or ten percent. By grace, Scripture gives us examples of believers who even gave beyond the tithe. Zacchaeus gave 50 percent (Luke 19:1-10) and the poor widow 100 percent (Luke 21:1-4). The Macedonians, who were poor and distressed, gave sacrificially beyond their ability to give. After they gave themselves to the Lord, they gave their resources joyfully and freely to help the poor (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

Whether God gives us little or much, we are to give from the blessings that God provides. Our blessings come from the Lord, so His gifts to us will determine what we have available to give. If, in God's sovereignty, He chooses to give us little, we will be able to give only a little. However, if He gives us much, we have the responsibility to give much. *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked"* (Luke 12:48). When we faithfully give in proportion to the blessings that we receive, a gift of \$1,000 from \$10,000 of income is just as God-pleasing to God as a \$10,000 gift from \$100,000 of income.

The proportion that we give is determined more by our faith than our financial condition. As our faith grows, we are empowered to increase the proportion that we give. *"For Christ's love compels us"* (2 Corinthians 5:14) to give generously. Through faith, we grow in our giving to the Lord through our churches. Rather than giving our leftovers, our giving becomes a priority. The two or three percent that we gave in past years is no longer satisfactory because we know that God deserves our first and best. As we grow in our proportionate giving, we see God's grace at work in us as He gives us even more to give (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Discussion thoughts:

1. Read 1 Kings 17:2-24. What portion was the Widow of Zarephath asked to give?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Why did the Macedonians give so generously?
3. Why is proportionate giving fair to the rich and to the poor? Is there an amount of income that giving only a tithe would be selfish?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, You are so generous with me. Grant me a faithful and giving heart so I can be generous with You. Help me to hold onto my things loosely. Empower me, Lord, to use my time, talents, and treasures in Your service. In Your precious name I pray. Amen.

Adapted from *"12 Months of Congregational Stewardship"* by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors, Inc.

Bible Class for people with special needs
meets the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
at 9:30-10:15 a.m. in classroom #10



Contact information:

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Rebecca Vitkus at havegoalstomeet@gmail.com or 775/685-6201



BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Blessed are you who take the time to listen to difficult speech, for you help me to know that if I persevere I can be understood.

Blessed are you who never bid me to “hurry up” and take my tasks from me and do them for me, for I often need time rather than help.

Blessed are you who stand beside me as I enter new and untried ventures, for my failures will be outweighed by the times I surprise myself and you.

Blessed are you who asked for my help, for my greatest need is to be needed.

Blessed are you who understand that it is difficult for me to put my thoughts into words.

Blessed are you who, with a smile, encourage me to try once more.

Blessed are you who never remind me that today I asked the same question two times.

Blessed are you who respect me and love me as I am, and not like you wish I were.

New Email Addresses for the Church

Please make a note that we are changing the email addresses for the church. Please use the following email addresses for correspondence.

- Church Office: churchoffice@stjohnsnapa.org
- Pastor Mike: pastormike@stjohnsnapa.org
- Kevin Mathison: kevin@stjohnsnapa.org
- Tim Kramer: tkramer@stjohnsnapa.org



What is different? The domain “stjohnsnapa.org” instead of “stjohnslutheran.net.” We are moving away from the “stjohnslutheran.net” so that all emails, church and school, will be “stjohnsnapa.org.” The old emails will remain active for a time to make sure we don’t miss anything, but please update your address books accordingly.

Stephen Ministry: The After People

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13



People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the ***After People***.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the phone call you hoped you’d never get.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”

Stephen Ministers are there...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”

Stephen Ministers are there...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away – and the house suddenly seems empty.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

Stephen Ministers are there...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

Stephen Ministers are there...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you – or your friends or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long ***after*** as needed.

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about connecting with a Stephen Minister, please contact Penni Cremen (707-483-9321) or Pastor Mike in the church office (707-255-0119).



We are blessed to have so many young kids with us each Sunday, but we are running low on Children's Church leaders. If you are looking for a place to serve here at St. John's, I ask you to consider working in Children's Church. It's an awesome way for the kids to hear the Good News of Jesus delivered in a way suitable for them to understand and hold on to. Please get in contact with Kevin Mathison if you have any questions about getting involved. We would love to have you join the team! kevin@stjohnsnapa.org

Biblical Counseling at St John's The Biblical Counseling Center of Napa Valley

Psalms 119 is the longest psalm in the wisdom literature of the Bible. It covers 176 verses of poetry that directs the reader to see the absolute value of the Word of God through a collection of prayers and meditations. Verse 105 brings us to the personal value of knowing and meditating on the Word of God. **"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."** Earlier in the psalm, verses 9 thru 11 establish the Word of God as the means to renew the mind through meditation. The Word of God keeps your way guarded. It asks the reader to seek God and His Word with a whole heart, which is being fortified to see and avoid sin in our lives.

If you ever wonder why your walk with the Lord feels a little off, and that the pressures of life seem a little overwhelming, just do a quick self-evaluation and see if the guidance equipment you're using to interpret the situation of life are aligned to God's Word. With God's living Word hidden in your heart, your path forward will be straight and very well illuminated. (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)

If you are struggling right now in your walk with the Lord, please reach out and contact the Biblical Counseling Center. You're not alone. There is help available.

Dr. Steven Rock, Ph.D.
707-738-5306 (*please leave a detailed message*)

Daily Bible Readings for June

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 71:18b-24	Numbers 21:10-22:6	Mark 15:21-32
2	Psalm 81:1-10	Deut.5:12-15	2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
3	Psalm 72:1-11	Numbers 22:7-41	Mark 15:33-47
4	Psalm 72:12-20	Numbers 23	Mark 16:1-13
5	Psalm 73:1-12	Numbers 24, 25	Mark 26:14-Luke 1:4
6	Psalm 73:13-20	Numbers 26:1-24	Luke 1:5-25
7	Psalm 73:21-28	Numbers 26:25-56	Luke 1:26-38
8	Psalm 74:1-9	Numbers 26:57-27:23	Luke 1:39-45
9	Psalm 130	Genesis 3:8-15	2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
10	Psalm 74:10-17	Numbers 28:1-29:6	Luke 1:46-56
11	Psalm 74:18-23	Numbers 29:7-40	Luke 1:57-66
12	Psalm 75	Numbers 30:1-31:12	Luke 1:67-80
13	Psalm 76	Numbers 31:13-47	Luke 2:1-20
14	Psalm 77:1-9	Numbers 31:48-32:27	Luke 2:21-32
15	Psalm 77:10-15	Numbers 32:28-33:9	Luke 2:33-40
16	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	Ezekiel 17:22-24	2 Cor. 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
17	Psalm 77:16-20	Numbers 33:10-56	Luke 2:41-52
18	Psalm 78:1-8	Numbers 34	Luke 3:1-20
19	Psalm 78:9-16	Numbers 35:1-30	Luke 3:21-38
20	Psalm 78:17-31	Numbers 35:31- Deuteronomy 1:18	Luke 4:1-13
21	Psalm 78:32-39	Deuteronomy 1:19-46	Luke 4:14-21
22	Psalm 78:40-55	Deuteronomy 2	Luke 4:22-30
23	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	Job 38:1-11	2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
24	Psalm 78:56-64	Deuteronomy 3	Luke 4:31-44
25	Psalm 78:65-72	Deuteronomy 4:1-31	Luke 5:1-11
26	Psalm 79:1-8	Deuteronomy 4:32-5:21	Luke 5:12-26
27	Psalm 79:9-13	Deuteronomy 5:22-6:25	Luke 5:27-39
28	Psalm 80:1-7	Deuteronomy 7	Luke 6:1-11
29	Psalm 80:8-11	Deuteronomy 8:1-9:6	Luke 6:12-26
30	Psalm 30	Lamentations 3:22-33	2 Cor.8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43



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