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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many of you, I imagine your summer plans are getting into full swing as we enter the month of July: vacations, sports, grill outs, family time, summer camps, and the list goes on. Summer is often seen as a time to take a much needed break and get away from the stresses of work and the like. And so it's great to get a chance to step away for a time to refresh and recharge.

We see this very thing happening in the story of Elijah. He prevailed over hundreds of the prophets of Baal, and then, cast out and worn out, Elijah runs away and comes to rest under a broom tree. There we find him in 1 Kings 19:

“And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again.” - 1 Kings 19:7-8

I can't help but think of a snicker's commercial when I read this passage. Someone is whining and complaining and a friend hands them a snickers bar and suddenly they're back to normal. Elijah needed a break and a meal. Essentially Elijah went on vacation. But on that vacation, Elijah doesn't get away from God.

Right after this story of Elijah being fed by the angel and taking his rest under the broom tree, Elijah arrives at a cave and there the Lord promises to speak to him. Elijah could run as far away as he wanted, but he wasn't getting away from the Lord. I'm reminded of one of my favorite passages from the psalms:

“If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.” Ps. 139:9-10

The psalmist recognizes, there's no where he can go to get away from the Lord. And so it is for us. We may go away on vacation, we may even travel to the other side of the world, but we can't leave the Lord behind.

And so with that in mind, though we are in the midst of our summer vacation, don't leave the Lord behind. Stay in His Word. God gives us so many opportunities and different ways to be in the Word. We can read it in our Bibles or even through apps on our phones. We can hear it preached on Sundays (or any other day of the week through the technologies available to us). We can study it and learn it through Bible Study, whether that's personal study or in a group.

Of course, for our children, though Sunday School has ended for the year, we look forward to celebrating Vacation Bible School this month. Remembering the command Jesus gave His disciples in Matthew:

“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”” - Matthew 19:14

You can even be a part of this ongoing sharing of God's Word as there is always need for more volunteers for VBS and Sunday School.

So as your summer heats up and your schedule fills up, no matter where you are, remember to make time for God's Word. Study it. Hear it. And share it whenever and wherever you can.

May God bless your summer,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

**Green**, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year.

*Lutheran Service Book* calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons. The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!

SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
PENTECOST	July 2 (Prop. 8)	Fifth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 28:5–9	Psalm 119:153–160	Rom. 7:1– 13	Matt. 10:34 –42
	July 9 (Prop. 9)	Sixth S. a. Pentecost	Zech. 9:9– 12	Psalm 145:1 –14	Rom. 7:14 –25a	Matt. 11:25 –30
	July 16 (Prop. 10)	Seventh S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 55:10–13	Psalm 65:(1 –8) 9–13	Rom. 8:12 –17	Matt. 13:1– 9, 18–23
	July 23 (Prop. 11)	Eighth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 44:6 –8	Psalm 119:57–64	Rom. 8:18 –27	Matt. 13:24 –30, 36–43
	July 30 (Prop. 12)	Ninth S. a. Pentecost	Deut. 7:6–9	Psalm 125	Rom. 8:28 –39	Matt. 13:44 –52

GREEN



### **Main Street Living — Local Lutheran Worship**

“This is the Life,” followed by Lutheran Worship Service, led by local LCMS pastors airs at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning on KCAU Channel 9. You can also watch these programs on demand at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

The Good Shepherd Hour airs every Sunday morning on the following radio stations.

KSCJ — 1360 AM & 94.9 FM — Sioux City at 8 a.m. KLEM

1410 AM & 96.9 FM — Le Mars at 8 a.m. KAYL

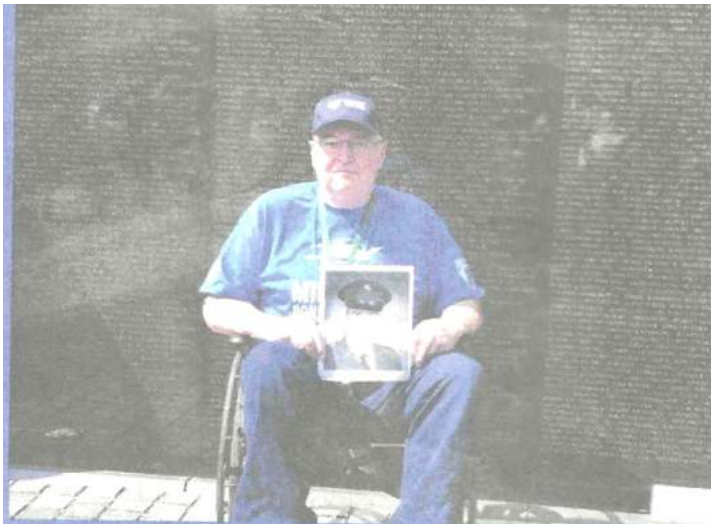
101.7 FM — Storm Lake at 8:30 a.m. KVFD

1400 AM — Fort Dodge at 8 a.m

### Altar Guild for July

Altar	Maxine Thies
Altar Guild	Kay Elmquist
Altar Guild	Janeal Holmes

# God continues to bless our Members.



PHOTOS COURTESY  
 Dennis Muckey of Mapleton was selected to go on Elsie Honor's Flight Mission 15 on May 31. Pictured is Muckey at the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C.



Dennis Muckey with his Gardian Molly Buettner Petersen.



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### SERVICE AREA



- Stowland Regional Transit System
- Geographic Information System
- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Transportation Planning
- Housing



Jon Winkel, SIMPCO Chair/Mayor of Sergeant Bluff (left) and Michelle Bostinelos, SIMPCO Executive Director (right) present Marilyn Hamann, Rodney City Clerk the Community Leader Award.



Marilyn Hamann, City Clerk, Rodney, Iowa, is a recipient of the 2023 Community Leader award. SIMPCO has worked with Marilyn over the years on various projects, from budgets to grant applications. Marilyn is always on the lookout for ways to improve community facilities and mindful of available resources to maximize opportunities. SIMPCO recognizes Marylin for her leadership role at the City of Rodney and commends her for her drive, determinization, and dedication to the city.

## **MY FAVORITE: Jeans Bars (you eat these your jeans won't fit!) RECIPE**

Crust:                   1c butter  
                              1c flour  
                              1/4 c sugar

Cut together & press into a 9 x 13 ungreased pan. Bake at 350 \*  
For 10 min.

Filling:  
                              1c graham crackers  
                              1/2 c choc. Chips  
                              1/2 c. nuts  
                              1 tsp. baking power  
                              1/4 tsp salt  
                              1 can 14 oz. sweet cond. Milk

Mix all together spread over baked crust. Bake at 350\* 15-20  
min. (BE CAREFUL NOT TO OVERBAKE)  
Frost with powder sugar frosting

# **VBS**



# WORKING HARD

Many members have been working on the parsonage to get it ready for John Stacy's arrival. A big thank you to them and their energetic hearts. Many items have been donated for his use. A big thank you and God Bless you all.

## QUILTS AT THE PARK ON THE 4TH

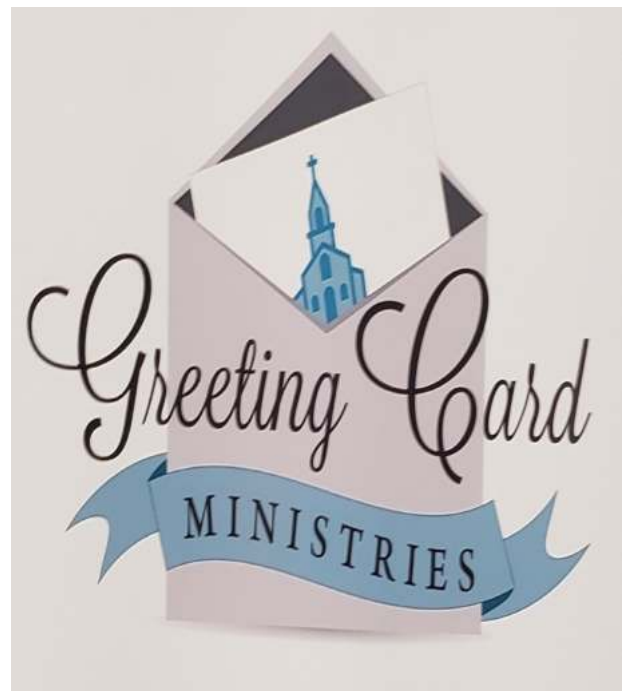


A very nice booth was displaying the Helping Hand quilts was at the park on the 4th of July. It was made and manned by Wayne & Zola Kafton, Mardelle Vandevanter, and Rita Lafrentz. The quilts were beautiful and had many good comments. Thanks to them for their time.



Greeting cards are available in the back of the sanctuary compliments of the “Card Ministry of St. Matthew.”

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# July Birthdays



# July Baptisms

Tosha Bridgeman	1987-07-04
Autumn Brodersen	2006-07-27
Monica Brodersen	1977-07-22
Carol Burton	1948-07-04
Jackie Cardwell	1996-07-16
Jeffrey Creswell	1960-07-18
Kris Dale	1961-07-21
Toni Elmquist	1960-07-20
Kevin Forbes	1962-07-17
Bryan Fritz	1968-07-18
Sarah Goslar	1983-07-20
Christopher Gray	2011-07-26
Duane Hamann	1944-07-08
Marilyn Hamann	1945-07-14
Roger Hinrickson	1950-07-16
Marla Hogan	1960-07-18
Jacy Jochims	1991-07-27
Nazaria Kaderabek	1963-07-02
JILL Madson	1987-07-21
Donna Mau	1945-07-21
Allen Melby	1967-07-20
Dennis Namanny	1944-07-24
Stacy Pithan	1983-07-26
Charlie Riesberg	2013-07-16
Nicholas Riesberg	1981-07-31
Ron Rotnicke	1960-07-02
Bert Schauer	1956-07-25
Caden Scheer	2009-07-28
Kolby Scott	2004-07-09
Shirley Stoll	1950-07-15
Natalie Streck	2010-07-26
Karla Uhl	1962-07-23
Benjamin Weber	1995-07-06
Andy Wray	1988-07-30



John Arndt	1960-07-04
Nathan Brodersen	1981-07-19
Brenda Brown	1963-07-14
Jared Bruhn	1986-07-13
Barbara Bumsted	1955-07-14
Carol Burton	1948-07-25
Gary Dose	1956-07-01
Toni Elmquist	1960-07-21
Phyllis Fick	1928-07-06
Kevin Forbes	1963-07-21
Zachery Goslar	1993-07-17
Katelynn Hamann	2000-07-23
Kerensa Hamann	2014-07-05
Brittany Hesse	1992-07-02
Cari Jon Hinrickson	1975-07-13
Peg Jacobson	1956-07-01
Nazaria Kaderabek	2019-07-07
Sandra Kruse	1961-07-02
Karen Kueny	1948-07-11
Liam Lamb	2005-07-10
Durene Marsh	1960-07-21
Freda Means	1927-07-03
MaKenna Meseck	2006-07-16
Randi Meseck	1948-07-22
Daniel Miller	1958-07-18
Sharon Pope	1940-07-21
James Rickert	1959-07-05
Ron Rotnicke	1960-07-17
Scout Rotnicke	1998-07-19
Bert Schauer	1957-07-11
Brian Scott	1980-07-13
Mavis Skow	1953-07-28
Natalie Streck	2016-07-31
Dorothy Wessling	1942-07-26

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

## 80+ Birthday God's Blessings

Kay Ingram	83	1939-07-12
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Nathan and Betsy Brodersen	2003-07-19
Calvin and Jessica Bruhn	2006-07-22
Darren and Sarah Goslar	2004-07-24
Mark and Mary Greiner	1976-07-03
Roger and Kay Ingram	1957-07-12
Craig and Abby Riesberg	2011-07-16
Ernest and Dora Witzel	1956-07-01

# Thoughts from members...



Science says we need 4 things to survive:  
Air, water, food and light

What the Bible says about Jesus:

He is the breath of life.(Genesis 2:7)

He is the living water. (John 4:14)

He is the bread of life.(John 6:35)

He is the light of the world.(John 8:12)

Jesus is all we need to live!

Bonnie Banks

Another thought-When you can't sleep, don't count sheep,  
talk to the shepherd.

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## Worship Your Glorified Christ

This bible reading is referenced in chapter of a book I'm reading: "Where Do We Go From Here?" By Dr David Jeremiah. The question was raised in the chapter regarding the future of globalization of our planet and about the future and what the bible says regarding how we should live and what sort of people we should be. This reading answers those questions.

**Acts 1:6-11**

*From Me: This is a response from the chapter that I wanted to share. Makes me think of today's world fears and concerns. Just wanted to share this paragraph with you. I love it!*

We too should be caught up in the joy of worshiping or glorified Savior, and our joy should be contagious. Oh, that our children will want to worship our Lord by seeing our example! In uncertain times, we can either worry about the headlines or we can worship Him who is head overall. Just as the disciples gazed into heaven, astounded at their ascended Lord, so we should do the same.

From childhood to old age, a life of praise is a life of peace, for when our eyes are on Jesus Christ, we know it is well with our souls.



Q: A: Found on pg. 11 What was the name of Moses 2nd wife? (Ex. 2:21)

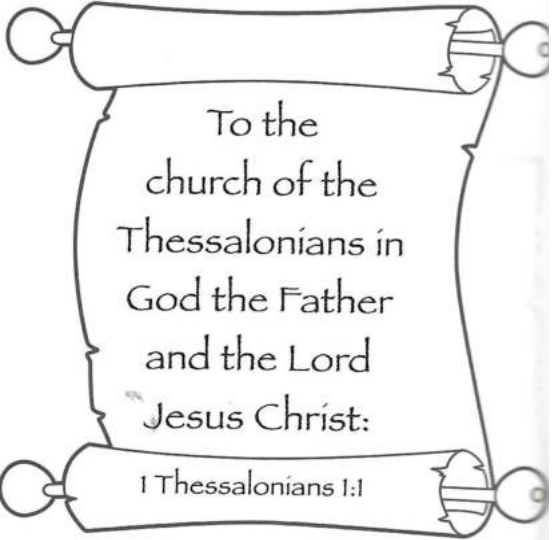
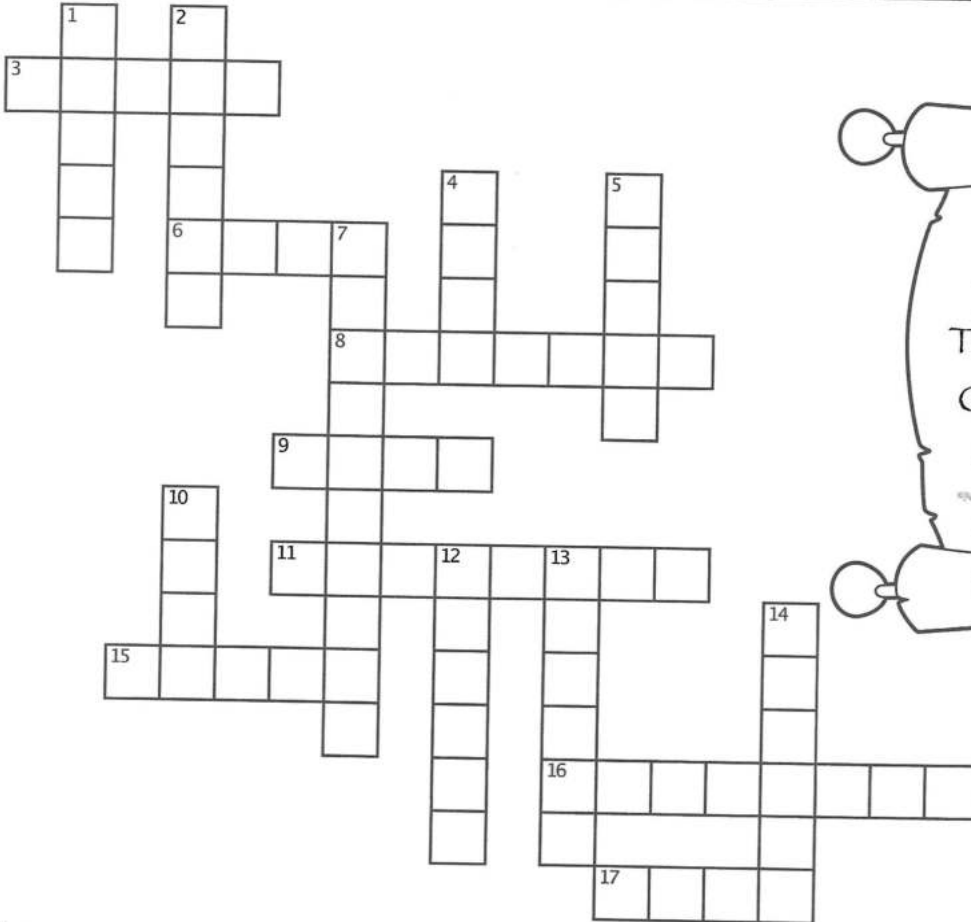




Name \_\_\_\_\_

# 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Look up these verses in 1 & 2 Thessalonians to learn some of Paul's teachings to the believers in Thessalonica. Then, answer the clues to complete the puzzle.



### Across


- 3. Make it your ambition to lead a \_\_\_ life. (1Th 4:11)
- 6. Never \_\_\_ of doing what is right. (2Th 3:13)
- 8. The Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud \_\_\_. (1Th 4:16)
- 9. God is \_\_\_. (2Th 1:6)
- 11. But the Lord is \_\_\_. (2Th 3:3)
- 15. May God Himself, the God of \_\_\_ sanctify you. (1Th 5:23)
- 16. May the Lord make your love increase and \_\_\_. (1Th 3:12)
- 17. Avoid every kind of \_\_\_. (1Th 5:22)

### Down

- 1. Therefore, encourage one another and \_\_\_ each other up. (1Th 5:11)
- 2. May He strengthen your \_\_\_. (1Th 3:13)
- 4. So then, brothers, stand \_\_\_. (2Th 2:15)
- 5. Make sure that nobody pays back \_\_\_ for wrong. (1Th 5:15)
- 7. We were \_\_\_ about you because of your faith. (1Th 3:7)
- 10. Do not put out the Spirit's \_\_\_. (1Th 5:19)
- 12. Give \_\_\_ in all circumstances. (1Th 5:18)
- 13. You ought to \_\_\_ our example. (2Th 3:7)
- 14. Be \_\_\_ always. (1Th 5:16)



# JULY 2023 ST MATTHEW CALENDAR

SUN: Pick up 7am Take home after service	MON	TUES: Pick up 8am Take home: 3:30 pm	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><b>25th</b> Sun. a. Pentecost services w/HC 8 a.m.            Uber: Kay Johnson            Elder: Mark Witzel            Reader: Mark Witzel            Screens: Dennis Muckey            Bible Cl. after services</p>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm            Uber: <b>Holiday</b></p> 	<b>5</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8.</b>
<p><b>9 6th</b> Sun. a. Pentecost services 8 a.m.            Uber: Brian Brown            Elder: Ryan Paulsen            Reader: Ryan Paulsen            Screens: Joe Hogan            Bible Cl. after services</p>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm            Uber: Rita Lafrentz            pickup / Sue Kruse take home  <b>In the Word 10 am</b>            VBS from 6pm-8pm</p>	<p><b>12</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm             VBS from 6pm-8pm</p>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<p><b>16 7th</b> Sun. a. Pentecost services w/HC 8 a.m.            Uber: Mark Greiner            Elder: Ryan Paulsen            Reader: Ryan Paulsen            Screens: Mark Witzel            Bible Cl. after services</p>	<b>17</b>	<p><b>18</b> Rev. N. Peitsch <b>NOT IN OFFICE</b>             Board of Elders 7pm            Uber: Mark Witzel</p>	<p><b>19</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm</p>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<p><b>23 8th</b> Sun. a. Pentecost services 8 a.m.            Uber: Karen Kueny            Elder: Mark Witzel            Reader: Mark Witzel            Screens: Dennis Muckey            Bible Cl. after services</p>	<b>24</b>	<p><b>25</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm            Uber: Janeal Holmes            Board of Directors 7pm            Uber: Mark Witzel</p>	<p><b>26</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm</p>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<p><b>30 9th</b> Sun. a. Pentecost services 8 a.m.            Uber: Alan Dale            Elder: Joe Hogan            Reader: Joe Hogan            Screens: Mark Witzel            Bible Cl. after services</p>	<b>31</b>					

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*The prayer of a righteous man  
is powerful and effective.”*



Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek	Myrna Gosch	Selma Schrader	Marlene Phillip
Fred Fletcher	Mary Greiner	Freda Means	Roberta Conyers
Ann Schmidt	Shirley Scoles		

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

**Ron Kraffle** (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Beth Weber**, cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber; **Randy Colshan**, (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Suzie Jacapello**, (sister of Nazaria Kaderabek); **Tim Sanderson** friend of Dennis Muckey; **Morgan Bailey** (baby of Sharell and Dillon Bailey, neighbors of Kay Johnson is home on oxygen and gaining!) **Jerri Hainfield** (Marilyn and Duane Hamann's daughter.) **Doug VonWeihe** (Uncle to Sarah Schmidt). **Delores Uhl** 826 5th St Hampton, IA 50441 (641-425-440)(former member and friend of Kay Johnson); **Kristin Webb**; Sarah Schmidt's best friend's sister diagnosed with the rarest form of leukemia AML, she is only 39. **Jenikka Schaffer**, former member, (friend of Zola Kafton).

Military

**Ryan Trucke** serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson)

**Jackie Cardwell** serving U.S. Airforce at 17728 Margo S. Omaha, NE 68136 (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen)

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A: (Ex. 2:21) Zipporah



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*In His Footsteps: It is not in receiving but in giving that you will find lasting joy of living. For share your heart with God's love.*

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Dear Lord, Your holy Word commands me to pray without ceasing. In all things great and small, at all times, whether happy or sad, let me seek Your wisdom and Your strength in prayer. Amen. ✝